



Course Title: Military History of India.

Credit Units: 04

Course Code: DSS604

Course Level: PG

L	T	P/S	SW / FW	No. of PSDA	TOTAL CREDIT UNITS
2	0	0	4	4	4

Course Objectives: As a Foundational course, it helps students learn the popular and as yet less researched aspects of Indian history and the art of Indian military warfare.

Pre-requisites: *Knowledge of Indian History.*

Course Contents/Syllabus:

	Weightage (%)
Module I: Military History of India.	20%
Descriptors/Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defining Military History of India (Sub-continental to Modern India).Basic Concepts of Military History - Wars/ battles.Institutions, Principles, Philosophy.Techniques, Weapons, Doctrines, Strategies and Tactics.Historiography of the Military History of India (Approaches).A Brief survey of the Military Tradition/s of India. Tribal warfare of the North East & Central India.	
Module II: Military History of Ancient India.	15%
Descriptors/Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vedic period; Ramayana; Mahabharata; Myths and Truths of Seafaring in the Harappan Period (Indus Valley Civilization).Gangetic India in the 1st millennium. Expansion into Assamese territory.Wars/ battles, on land and at sea (Impact of Riverine versus Sea-going Thought and Strategy) Satavahanas; The Manikyas of Tripura; Pandyas; Cholas; Kalingas; Mauryas.Maritime Imperatives of Trade as a driver for imperial constructs.Maritime Relevance to Contemporary Military Strategy	

Module III: Military History of Medieval India.	15%
Descriptors/Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rajputs; The Turkish Invasion of India; The Delhi Sultanate; Impact of the Slave Dynasty upon the Maritime Outlook of the Pandyan. • The Sangama Dynasty –Vijayanagara empire; The Mughals; The Marathas and the Sikhs. • The Monpa (Manyul) dynasty of western Arunachal Pradesh; Sutiya dynasty of eastern Assam; Nagas; Meitis; and the Mizos. • The Portuguese Empire and Indian Resistance - Rani Abakka of Ullal. • The Battle of Diu (1509) - Loss of Indian independence. 	
Module IV: Military History of Pre & Post independent India- I.	30%
Descriptors/Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armies of the British East India Company & the British Indian Army (recruitments based on ethnicity). • Indianization and Nationalization of the Indian Armed Forces. • Indian Army in World Wars; in independent India's conflicts. • Indian Air Force in World Wars; in independent India's Conflicts. • Indian Army & Indian Air Force in UN Missions. • Indian Armed Forces in HADR missions - National & International. 	
Module V: Military History of Pre & Post Independent India II.	20%
Descriptors/Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Evolution of the Indian Navy. The British East India Company at Sea. • Nationalization of the Indian Navy. • The Indian Naval Uprising • Indian Navy after Independence • Development of a 'post-modern' Indian Navy. 	

Course Learning Outcomes: After completion of the Course the students will be able to:

- **Comprehend** facts and organization of Indian and World History.
- **Understanding** of Historiography and its significance in strategic formulations.
- **Apply** their knowledge for addressing contemporary challenges.
- **Analyze** issues raising security concerns at the national and sub-regional levels in India.

Pedagogy for Course Delivery:

- E-Content and Four Quadrant Model.
- Flip mode, lecture mode.
- Most modules will use Peer learning.
- Blended learning.
- Differentiated learning.

List of PSDA:

1. Essay Writing
2. Presentation
3. Review of Literature and Gap Analysis
4. Group Discussion

Lab/ Practical details, if applicable: Not Applicable

Theory Assessment (L&T):

Components (Drop down)	Continuous Assessment/Internal Assessment/PSDA (50%)						Attendance	End Term Exam (50%)
	Essay Writing	Presentation	Review of Literature and Gap Analysis	Group Discussion	Quiz/ Class Test			
Linkage of PSDA with Internal Assessment Component, if any	PSDA1	PSDA2	PSDA 3	PSDA4				
Weightage (%)	10	10	10	5	10	5	50	

Text Reading / References/ Additional Readings/ Additional Resources:

Text Reading:

1. Tharoor, Shashi. (2016). *An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India*. New Delhi: Aleph book company.
2. Bose, Saikat. (2015). *Boot, Hooves and Wheels: And the Social Dynamics Behind South Asian Warfare*. New Delhi: Vij Books.
3. Bose, Saikat K. (2018). *Framing the Mahabharata: Against the Evolution of Early South Asian Society*. New Delhi: Vij Books.
4. Singh, Upinder. (2009). *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century*. New Delhi: Pearson Education India.
5. Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. (2014). *From Plassey To Partition and After*. New Delhi: Vikas books.

References:

1. Marston, Daniel P. and Chandar S. Sundaram (Eds.). (2008). *A Military History of India and South Asia: From the East India Company to the Nuclear Era*. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press.
2. Sarkar, Sir Jadunath. (1960). *Military History of India*. University of Virginia: Orient Longmans Digitized.
4. Subramaniam, Arjun. (2016). *India's Wars: A Military History, 1947-1971*. New Delhi: Harper Collins.
5. Thapliyal, Uma Prasad. (2018). *Military History of India*. New Delhi: Rupa Publications.

Additional Reading:

1. Cardozo, Ian. (2007). *The Indian Army: A Brief History*. New Delhi: Centre for Armed Forces Historical Research, United Service Institution of India.
2. Praval, K. C. (2009). *Indian Army after Independence*. New Delhi: Lancer Inter Consult.
3. Sandhu, Gurcharan Singh. (2000). *A Military History of Ancient India*. New Delhi: Vision Books.