

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

SYLLABUS FOR

VAC - Understanding India

FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP)

(as per NEP 2020)

VAC (1 - 2 Paper 4 x 2 = 8 Credit)

SL	S E M	PAPER	Paper Code	PAPER LEVELS	PAPER DESCRIPTION	Programmes	Full Marks	Marks in THEO	Marks in PRC	Marks in Tutorial
1	I	VAC	ENVEVAC 001	100	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	One Major One Minor	80	60		20
2	I	VAC	UNDIVAC 002	100	UNDERSTANDING INDIA	Three Discipline Specific Multidisciplinary Course	80	60		20
3	IV	VAC	ENVEVAC 001	100	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	Three Discipline Specific Multidisciplinary Course	80	60		20
4	IV	VAC	UNDIVAC 002	100	UNDERSTANDING INDIA	One Major One Minor	80	60		20

Course Objectives:

- To expose the students to the background of India's culture heritage, to acquaint them with our struggle for independence and provide them adequate knowledge about the Indian Constitution and pattern of economic development in independent India.

Course Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, the student will be able to have a knowledge regarding:

- Geographical features of India and The people of India
- Contemporary India with its historical perspective
- India's struggle for freedom
- Indian Constitution
- Constitutional obligations: fundamental rights and duties.
- An overview of Indian economy

➤ **All examinations of Value-Added Courses and Inter Disciplinary Courses will be conducted in OMR sheets.**

VAC - UNDERSTANDING INDIA

UNIT I

- i. Physical Features of India: Landscape, Mountains and Rivers
- ii. Population, its growth, distribution and migration
- iii. People and Culture of India: Major Festivals, Culinary traditions and Costumes

UNIT II

- i. Religious Tradition of India: Vedic Age, Buddhism, Jainism, Bhakti, Sufi, Social Reform Movement and Revivalism.
- ii. Art and Architecture of India: Indus Town Planning, Rock Cut Architecture, Styles of Temple of Temple Architecture, Indo-Islamic Architecture, Colonial Architecture, Ajanta Painting and Bengal School of Art.

UNIT III

Freedom Struggle: Revolt of 1857, Formation of Indian National Congress, Swadeshi Movement, Gandhian Movements, Subhas Chandra Bose and INA, Independence and Partition of India.

UNIT IV:

Constitution of India

- i. Preamble
- ii. Salient Features
- iii. Fundamental Rights
- iv. Fundamental Duties

UNIT V

Indian Economy

- i. Mixed Economy
- ii. Planning Commission
- iii. Liberalization after 1991

Suggested Readings

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Hussain, Majid. *Geography of India*. Edited by Tasawwur Husain Zaidi. Noida: McGraw Hill, 2022.

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