CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN THE LIFE, THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY OF SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH

SEMESTER-1

DPBST-3- REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN INDIA AND THE HSRA

MAX.MARKS:100
PASS: 40%
INTERNAL: 30
EXTERNAL: 70
CREDITS: 6

OBJECTIVES

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of revolutionary movements in India, with particular emphasis on the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA). The objective is to help students examine the origins and development of revolutionary nationalism, the formation and transformation of the HRA into the HSRA, and the strategies adopted by revolutionary organizations in the struggle against British colonial rule. The course also seeks to analyze major revolutionary actions, colonial responses, ideological debates with Gandhian nationalism, and the historical significance of revolutionary movements in shaping Indian nationalism.

CO	Course Outcome
CO1	Understand the origins and development of revolutionary movements in India, including the activities of Anushilan Samiti, Jugantar, the Ghadar Movement, and the role of expatriate nationalism.
CO2	Examine the formation of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA), its objectives, leadership, organizational structure, and its transformation into the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA).
CO3	Analyze the strategies, methods, and major revolutionary actions of the HSRA, including political propaganda, mobilization efforts, the Kakori Case, Saunders assassination, and the Assembly bombing.
CO4	Evaluate the British response to revolutionary activities, the ideological debate between revolutionary nationalism and Gandhian non-violence, and the historical impact and historiographical assessment of revolutionary movements in India.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/ EXAMINER:

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.

2. The Question Paper will have 70 Multiple Choice questions (MCQs) and four choices of answers will be there covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 1 mark. All questions will be compulsory; hence candidates will attempt all the questions.

3. Paper-setters/Examiners are requested to distribute the questions from section A and Section B of the syllabus equally i.e., 35 questions from section A and 35 questions from Section B.

4. The examiner shall give clear instructions to the candidates to attempt questions.

5. The duration of each paper will be two hours.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS

The question paper shall consist of 70 Multiple Choice questions. All questions will be compulsory and each question will carry 1 mark. There will be no negative marking. Students are required to answer using OMR (Optimal Mark Recognition) sheets.

SECTION A

Unit 1: Early Revolutionary Movements

Revolutionary activities in Bengal and Punjab; Anushilan Samiti; Jugantar; Ghadar Movement; Role of expatriate nationalism.

Unit 2: Formation of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)

Background and objectives; Kakori Conspiracy Case; Leadership and organizational structure.

Unit 3: Transformation into HSRA

Ideological shift towards socialism; Manifesto and objectives; Leadership under Chandrashekhar Azad; Role of Bhagat Singh in restructuring the organization.

Unit 4: Strategy and Methods

Armed struggle; Political propaganda; Use of print and pamphlets; Mobilization of students and workers.

SECTION B

Unit 5: Major Revolutionary Actions

Kakori case; Saunders assassination; Assembly bombing; Significance and political messaging.

Unit 6: British Response and Repression

Legal measures; Special tribunals; Surveillance and intelligence mechanisms; Colonial justice system.

Unit 7: Revolutionary Nationalism vs Gandhian Non-Violence

Ideological debate; Differences in strategy; Public perception; Contribution of both streams to independence movement.

Unit 8: Historical Assessment

Successes and limitations of revolutionary movements; Long-term political impact; Role in shaping nationalist consciousness; Historiographical debates

Suggested Readings

1. Chaman Lal (Ed.). *Bhagat Singh: The Jail Notebook and Other Writings.*
2. Noorani, A. G. *The Trial of Bhagat Singh: Politics of Justice.*
3. Habib, Irfan. *Inquilab: Bhagat Singh on Religion and Revolution.*
4. Chandra, Bipan, et al. *India's Struggle for Independence: 1857–1947.*
5. Sarkar, Sumit. *Modern India.*
6. Kothari, C. R. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques.*
7. Creswell, John W. *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches.*
8. Bryman, Alan. *Social Research Methods.*
9. Selected Writings of Bhagat Singh (including essays, letters, court statements, and political pamphlets).
10. HSRA Documents and Manifestos.
11. Archival Records of the Lahore Conspiracy Case.