



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY



SYLLABUS FOR THE Ph.D ENTRANCE TEST-2025

- **Philosophy of History:** Causation in History, Historians and their sources -Philosophy of History: critical, speculative and imagination in historical reconstruction - Bias in History: subjective & objective, Uses and abuse of History.
- **Religious, and Economic Exchanges:** Trade and the transmission of Buddhism through land trade and maritime routes, Cultural interactions in Eurasia: The case of the Porcelain Trade. Growth of Islam and trade networks in Asia and the Mediterranean.
- **Global History:** Theories of World History - Total History -World Systems Approach. Evolution of global connectivity-migration and trade- Cross-cultural trade.
- **Asia and Africa in Global History:** Connected History, Transnational History, Maritime History, Oceans and History: The Ming Dynasty and Zheng-He-Trading Diasporas -Atlantic slave trade after 1750 -scramble for Africa–decolonisation in Asia and Africa.
- **Anti-Colonial Movement in the Northeast:** Anglo-kuki WAR 1917-1919, Khongjom War, The Lushai Expedition, The Khampti Rebellion 1839.
- **The Making of Modern India:** The Aftermath of Partition – The Integration of Princely States - Making of the Constitution –Reorganization of States - Indian Emergency – Emergence of Coalition Governments.
- **Economic Policies, Progress in Science &Technology:** Beginnings of Planned Economy – Five Year Plans - Land Question - Industrial Policy – Green Revolution - Progress in Science and Technology in the Nehruvian and post-Nehruvian Era–Liberalisation of Economy – Economic Transformation.
- **Social Change & Transformation:** Land Marks in the Progress of Education - Hindu Code Bills - Changes in Family Structure, Caste and Stratification - Assertion of Dalits and Backwards Castes- Civil Society Activism: *Bhoodan*, *Chipko* and *Save Narmada Movements*.
- **Contemporary Issues &Challenges:** Regional Separatism – Identity Politics in India – Left Wing Extremism and Insurgency – Corruption in Indian Public Life: Scams and Scandals- Women and Personal Laws.
- **Revisiting the Great Divergence and Convergence in the 21st Century, AI and History.**
