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**375 - MILITARY HISTORY**

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NIOS project for Indian Army (NEPIA) has been specifically designed for you to upgrade your educational qualifications while working as an army personnel in Indian Army. This programme aims at enabling you to develop in depth knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to make learning more effective. It also aims to make you more confident on your jobs and enhance your employability after your service in the army. Under the NEPIA project, three courses have been specially designed for you, i.e. Military History, Military Studies and Physical Education and Yog. Remaining two subjects you can choose from the bundles of subjects offered by NIOS.

Military History is one of the subject offered under NEPIA project. This course discusses about armed conflicts in the history of humanity and its impact on the societies. The essential topics of Military History are the cause of war, leadership, technology, strategies and tactics used and how these changed over the time.

This course has been divided in two parts and has 06 modules divided upto into 22 lessons. The first module is "Military History of Ancient India". This module talks about the warrior system of ancient India and militaries till Gupta empire. Second module is "Military History in Medieval India". It explores the military systems in India from Delhi sultanat to Mughal period.

Module three "Military history of Colonial Era narrate the changes in the military system after the occurrence of colonialism in India. Module four "Armed Forces Today talks about the new establishment in Indian army after independence. The next module five is on 'Major Wars-Post Independence. It describes the various wars faught by India after Independence. The last module six. 'Insurgency and Terrorism' explores the challenges of terrorism and insurgency in India.

**Please note** that out of 22 Lessons, 06 Lessons have been kept for you to study and be assessed through Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA) only. These are **Military Ethos** (Lesson no 3), **Battles of Mughal Army** (Lesson no 7), **Rise and fall of the Mughal Army** (Lesson no 8), **Colonial Era and the Indian Sepoy** (Lesson no 9), **Battles Sought in the Colonial Era** (Lesson 10) and **Indo-Pakistan war (1947-48)** (Lesson no 16). The public examination (PE) or final exam shall have the lessons other than those earmarked for TMA.

The Self Learning Material has been designed to keep you motivated in learning the content. Easy and simple language has been used to make learning friendly. Intext Questions and Terminal Exercises have been given in each lesson to assess your progress. The lessons are also equipped with Graphics and Maps to explain the concepts and information.

We fully believe, that you will like this SLM and will learn a lot from this. I wish for your bright future ahead. Any suggestions for improvements in the SLM are welcomed.

With Best Wishes!

*Chairman*  
*NIOS*

## How to use the Study Material

Congratulation! You have accepted the challenge to be a self-learner. NIOS is with you at every step and has developed in the material with the help of a team of experts, keeping you in mind. A format supporting independent learning has been followed. If you follow the instructions given, then you will be able to get the best out of this material. The relevant icons used in the material will guide you. These icons have been explained below for your convenience.

**Title:** will give a clear indication of the contents within. Do read it.

**Introduction:** This will introduce you to the lesson linking it to the previous one.



**Objectives:** These are statements that explain what you are expected to learn from the lesson. The objectives will also help you to check what you have learnt after you have gone through the lesson. Do read them.



**Notes:** Each page carries empty space in the side margins, for you to write important points or make notes.



**Intext Questions:** Very short answer self check questions are asked after every section, the answers to which are given at the end of the lesson. These will help you to check your progress. Do solve them. Successful completion will allow you to decide whether to proceed further or go back and learn again.



**What You Have Learnt:** This is the summary of the main points of the lesson. It will help in recapitulation and revision. You are welcome to add your own points to it also.



**Terminal Exercises:** These are long and short questions that provide an opportunity to practice for a clear understanding of the whole topic.



**Do You Know:** This box provides additional information. The text in boxes is important and must be given attention. It is not meant for evaluation, but only to improve your general knowledge.



**Answers :** These will help you to know how correctly you have answered the questions.



**Activities:** Certain activities have been suggested for better understanding of the concept.

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**Web site:** These websites provide extended learning. Necessary information has been included in the content and you may refer to these for more information.

## Military History Course

### Overview of the Learning Material

Module	Lesson No.	Name of the Lesson	Mode of Assignment TMA/PE	
<b>Module 1 :</b> Military History of Ancient India	1	Warrior System in Ancient India	TMA	PE
	2	Armies in Ancient Age		PE
	3	<i>Military Ethos</i>		
	4	Maurya and Gupta Armies		PE
<b>Module 2 :</b> Military History of Medieval India	5	Establishment of the Delhi Sultanate	TMA	PE
	6	Military System of the Mughals		PE
	7	<i>Battles of Mughal Army</i>		
	8	<i>Rise and Fall of the Mughal Empire</i>		
<b>Module 3 :</b> Military History of the Colonial Era	9	<i>Colonial Era and the Indian Sepoy</i>	TMA	
	10	<i>Battles Fought in the Colonial Era</i>		
	11	Revolt of 1857 and Reforms in the Indian Army		PE
	12	Indian Army in World War I & II		PE
<b>Module 4 :</b> Armed Forces Today	13.	Indian Army	TMA	PE
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	15	The Indian Air Force		PE
<b>Module 5 :</b> Major Wars Post Independence	16.	<i>Indo-Pakistan War (1947-48)</i>	TMA	
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	19.	India - Pakistan War - 1971		PE
	20	Kargil Conflict 1999		PE
<b>Module 6 :</b> Insurgency and Terrorism	21	Insurgency	TMA	PE
	22	Terrorism		PE

**Total Lesson** : **22**  
**Lesson for Public Examination (PE)** : **16**  
**Lesson for Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)** : **6**

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