MILITARY HISTORY CURRICULUM



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SENIOR SECONDARY COURSE

Introduction

Military history is a humanities discipline within the scope of general history, recording of armed conflict in the history of humanity, and its impact on the societies, their cultures, economies and changing intra and international relationships. The essential subjects of military history study are the causes of war, the social and cultural foundations, military doctrine on each side, the logistics, leadership, technology, strategy, and tactics used, and how these changed over time.

A country can take pride in the present and its citizens can seek a glorious future only when they are told about the magnificent past. Citizens need to carry the truthful perception of matters military.

Rationale

Military history is a study about the armed forces of a country, its origin, its transformation over a period of time and changes in the art of warfare and weapons brought about by science and technology. This subject will cover the military aspects of Indian History. Our ancient scriptures describe the importance of military, its composition and the battles and wars that have occurred. The earliest recordings are found in the Rig Veda.

The curriculum aims at bridging the gaps in knowledge about the country's military power and distinguishes between the various aspects of providing security to the people and the country. An understanding of military history becomes a stepping stone to understanding strategy and warfare.

Course Objectives

The main objectives of the course are to:

- promote an understanding of the necessity of army as a pillar of strength of a nation;
- impart an understanding of why nations go to war, the evolution of armies over the ages and structural changes to its organization, the way battles were fought and the weapons used by the armies;
- enable learners to imbibe the military ethos and explain with examples that bravery and courage are synonymous with army;

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- develop in the learners the basic knowledge of tactics and strategy, and application of weapons of war;
- assimilate the post independence origin and history of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force
- discuss participation of Indian troops and battles fought during WW-I and WW-II and the wars fought by India post independence.
- impart rudimentary knowledge and thought with contemporary trends of 'Terrorism' and 'Insurgency'.

Target Group

The Target group includes the following:

- (a) Combatant and Non-Combatant (tradesmen) members of Armed Forces who have studied up to Class 10.
- (b) Civilian students, pan India, who opts for NIOS model of schooling.

Approach

Being a new subject and the fact that there is no precedence of learning the contents in early schooling, there is a definite necessity to structure it in a logical sequence. Therefore, the modules will be designed to answer the basic questions of What?; Why?; And How?

Pre-Requisites

This course is designed for those who have passed 10th standard and would like to continue the education for senior secondary education from NIOS.

Equivalency

This course leads to senior secondary level (equivalent to intermediate) on par with those by other boards like state board, CBSE, ICSE.

Medium of Instruction

English (The Course shall be translated in Hindi and regional medium)

Duration of the course

The duration of the course shall be one year, with a maximum of 5 years to complete the course

Weightage

Theory: 100%

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TMA: 20% of Theory

Teaching Methodology

Theory: Printed self learning material with face-to-face contact sessions for academic support.

Assignment : One assignment shall be administered for continuous assessment.

Evaluation Procedure

Theory Paper: 100 marks

TMA: 20% of the Theory

Pass Criteria: 33%

Course Structure:

Distribution of Marks and Study hours for each module are as follows:

Sr.	Name of the Module	Marks	Study Hours
1.	Military History of Ancient India	10	24
2.	Military History of Medieval India	10	24
3.	Military History of the Colonial Era	15	36
4.	Armed Forces Today	25	60
5.	Major Wars Post Independence	20	48
6.	Insurgency and Terrorism	20	48
	Total	100	240

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