



**SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY**  
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat  
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Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

**Master of Arts: History**  
**M. A. History: Semester II**

Course Code	PA02EHIS54	Title of the Course	Tribals in Indian History
Total Credits of the course	4 + 1	Hours per Week	5

Course objectives:	The tribals form a large chunk of Indian population. They have until very recently been hidden from history or featured in it against the dominant classes of Indian society. This paper introduces the students to the problems of writing tribal history, its method, their history, their contribution to Indian history, and some of the prominent scholars who worked on the tribals.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tribal history: concept, scope, method</li><li>• Tribal as category: the missionary, Orientalist and Indian discourse</li><li>• Tribals history: sources and historiography</li></ul>	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tribes in ancient India</li><li>• From tribe to caste debate</li><li>• Tribes of Gujarat</li></ul>	25%
3.	Some prominent tribal movements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Mangadh Massacre</li><li>• The Bhagat Movement</li><li>• The Devi Andolan</li></ul>	25%
4.	Scholars among the tribals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarat Chandra Roy</li><li>• K. S. Singh</li><li>• Bhagwandas Patel</li></ul>	25%

Teaching-learning Methodology	Direct lectures, quizzes, seminars, tutorials, home assignments, audio-visual media (movies, documentaries, ppts, slides, etc.)
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written Exams (as per CBSC R. 6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (as per CBSC R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Exams	70%





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Course outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	learn the history of the tribals on its own right
2.	how the history of tribals can be written in absence of written evidence
3.	understand the debates regarding the tribals and the contributions of those who took part in it.

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
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5.	Majumdar, D. N. and T. N. Madan. 1957. <i>An Introduction to Social Anthropology</i> . Mumbai: Asia Publishing House.
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8.	Singh, K. S. 1998. <i>Antiquity to Modernity in Tribal India: Tribal Movements in India</i> . Delhi: Inter-India Publications.
9.	Singh, K. S. Various volumes of <i>People of India</i> Series.
10.	વાઘેલા, અરુણ. ૨૦૧૨. આઝાદીના જંગલો આદિવાસી રંગ. અમદાવાદ: અક્ષર પબ્લિકેશન.
11.	વાઘેલા, અરુણ. ૨૦૧૯. સાંસ્થાનિક ગુજરાતની આદિવાસી ચળવળો. અમદાવાદ: યુનિવર્સિટી ગ્રંથનિર્માણ બોર્ડ.

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material
On-line Resources
Relevant entries in Wikipedia ( <a href="https://www.wikipedia.org/">https://www.wikipedia.org/</a> ) and Encyclopaedia Britannica ( <a href="https://www.britannica.com/">https://www.britannica.com/</a> )
Relevant books available on archive.org
Relevant articles on Jstor ( <a href="https://www.jstor.org/">https://www.jstor.org/</a> ), Project Muse ( <a href="https://muse.jhu.edu/">https://muse.jhu.edu/</a> )

