

**University of Kalyani**

**Board of Undergraduate Studies in History**

**Syllabi of two Major Courses for UG 4<sup>th</sup> Semester under NEP 2020**

**4.1 India from the Early Medieval Period to the Rise of the Mughals**

**Unit-1:** Sources of History and historiography of the transition from centralized to decentralized India - The Rajputs of North India - Palas and Senas in Bengal - Kingdoms of the South – polity, economy, society, religion and culture.

**Unit-2:** Northern India under the Delhi Sultanate - the Turkish invasions from 997 to 1206 AD - consolidation of the Sultanate from 1206 to 1286 AD - the Khalji Revolution and the omnipotent state under the Khaljis - The Tughluq period of reforms and counter reforms - decline of the Delhi Sultanate and rise of the regional states like Bijoyanagar and Bahmani.

**Unit-3:** Delhi on the eve of the Mughal ascent - Timur's invasion - the Sayyids and Lodis - Babur's adventure - Babur's central Asian connection - Humayun's misfortune - Sher Shah Sur and Afghan rule in India

**Unit-4:** Polity, economy, society and culture of Sultanate India – ideas of state and kingship- new agrarian, commercial and industrial relations relations - urbanization – bhakti and sufi philosophy – language, literature, art and architecture : Bengal and beyond Bengal.

**4.2 Europe in Transition : 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

**Unit-1:** Structural features of European feudalism - the Crusades and the 14<sup>th</sup> century crisis of feudalism - decline of feudalism in western Europe but its survival in eastern Europe .

**Unit-2:** Renaissance, Reformation, counter Reformation and Enlightenment – the Printing Revolution - spread of secularism and humanism – art, architecture, science and literature.

**Unit-3:** Geographical explorations – Commercial and Price Revolutions – debates on European journey from feudalism to capitalism through mercantilism – rise of the industrial societies.

**Unit-4:** Europe from Thirty Years' War to Seven Years' War – rise of the nation states, Spain, France, England and Russia – birth of liberal and democratic politics after the American War of Independence.

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