Elective Course EC-202(5) HISTORY OF GUJARAT AND ITS CULTURE

Course Introduction:

The course would make students know about the history of ancient Gujarat and its magnificent heritage. It also discusses about the people who have contributed in respective fields and have increased the glory of Gujarat. The course will give the student a feel of having pilgrimage around Gujarat.

Objectives:

The student would be able to:

- 1) To get familiar with various sculptures and monuments of Gujarat.
- 2) Brief knowledge of different Rulers periods like maurya, maitrak as well as some well known folks.
- 3) To learn about varieties in culture and life style of people in Gujarat.

No. of Credits: 2

Theory Sessions per week: 2 Teaching Hours: 20 hours

UNIT	TOPICS / SUBTOPICS
1	Gujarat's Geography
	The Historicity of Ancient Gujarat:
	 The brief history of Gujarat, Lothal, Dholavira, Dwarka and Somnath
	 Maurya period and Gujarat
	Chandragupt maurya, About Girinagar, Bindu Sarovar, Ashok,
	Vikramaditya.
	 Shak - kshatraps period and Gujarat
	Sudarshan talav
	Gupta period and Gujarat
	Maitrak period and Gujarat (Valabhipur)
	 Gurjar – Pratihar period and Gujarat (Post-Maitrak period)
	 Chavda period and Gujarat
	Jayshikhari, Vanraj, Yogaraj, Samantsinh and Mularaj.
	 Solanki period and Gujarat
	The invasion of Gaznavi on somnath, Bhimdev, Karandeo,
	Minaldevi, Siddharaj,kumarpal, Bhimdev-second.
	Vaghela period and Guajrat
	 Pragvats and naagars, Vastupal, Tejpal, Karanghelo, Vishaldev

2 The Glittering Lamps, Geography of Gujarat

• Gujarat's Geography:

Location, Latitude, Longitude, Rivers, Mountains, Environment.

• The Glittering Lamps

Mahatma Gandhiji, Narsinh Mehta, Meera, Premanand, Narmad, Zaverchand Meghani, Tana Riri, Baiju Bawara, Avinash Vyas, Praful Dave, Ravishankar Raval, Homai Vyarawala, Mrinalini Sarabhai, Kumudini Lakhia, Dr. Homi Bhabha, Sam Pitroda, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, R. B. Ranchhodlal Chotalal, Dhirubhai Ambani, Ravishankar Maharaj.

3 Gujarat's Sculptures and Monuments

• Jain sculptures

Girnar, Tarangaji, Delwara, Mahudi, Kumbhariyaji, Shankheshwar, Bhadreshwar, Palitana.

Muslim sculptures

Sarkhej roza, Shah-e-alam roza, Hazi peer ni dargah, Meera Datar

Hindu temples and Devalayo

Somnath, Dwarka, Mata-no-madh, Ambaji, Shamlaji, Vijaynagar Roda, Bahucharaji, Kirti-stambh, Rudra Mahalay, Sun Temple

• Step well / Lake

Rani-ni vav, Navlakhi-vav, Bhrahma-vav, Dada-hari ni vav, Adalaj-ni vav Shahastraling talav, Damodar kund, Ranmal talav, Narayan sarovar, Hamirsar talav, Nakhi lake, Nal sarovar

4 Social Situation

• Folk life of variety and vividness (Social / Way – Customs / Wedding)

Folk dance: Garba-Garbi, Raasda, Golfgunthan, Tippani, Dhamal dance, Raas-dance, Bhavai,

Communities: Naagar, Jain, Lohanas, Patidar, Rajputs, Mer, Kathi, Ahir, Charan, Maldhari, Kharwa, Tribals, Vanjara, Vadi, Muslims, Sindhis

Festivals

Navratri-Dashera, Shivratri, Paryushan, Diwali, Rakshabandhan, Uttarayan,

• Fairs

Shamlaji kartik poornima, Tarnetar, Vautha, Bhavnath mahadev-Shivratri, Sharad-purnima-dakor.

Textbook:

The Glory of Gujarat

Publisher: Akshara Prakashan Ahmedabad.

By Rajnee Vyas

Reference Books:

1. 'GUJARAT'

Dhanya Gujarati Kendra Prakashan-2 Publisher: Gujarat Vishvakosh Trust, Ahmedabad By Gujarat Vishvakosh Trust, Ahmedabad.

2. Welcome to Gujarat

Publisher: Akshara Prakashan Ahmedabad. By Rajnee Vyas.

3. Gaurav Bhumi Gujarat

Publisher: Navbharat Sahitya Mandir, Ahmedabad. By Digant Oza

4. Pravasan Bhumi Gujarat

Publisher: Navbharat Sahitya Mandir, Ahmedabad.

By Dr. Minaxi Thaker