

Economic History of Nepal

NeHC- 562

Semester – 2rd
Paper VI
Cr. hours -3
Teaching hours - 48

Course Objective

The objective of the course is to provide a comprehensive knowledge of economic history of Nepal along with a background of the origin and development of Hindu economic institutions.

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| Unit I | Introductory | 10 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Comprehensive and critical study of the sources for the economic history of Nepal.2. An introduction to the economic organizations of the early Hindus.
Economic resources: agriculture; animal husbandry; industry, trade and commerce. | | |
| Unit II | Economic History of Ancient Nepal | 10 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economic Resources:
Agriculture: land system; land types, land ownership, irrigation, agricultural products, weight and measurement system.
Trade and Industry:2. Trade :commodities, guilds
medium of exchange: commodities, coins
Nepal's Trade relation with India and Tibet.3. Industry:
cottage Industry, agro- based industry, metal industry, pottery and masonry.4 .State Income: Revenue and taxation | | |

Unit III Economic History of Medieval Nepal 8

1. Agriculture :
Types of land, land ownership and tenancy,
irrigation, agricultural products,
2. Weight and Measurement systems,
3. Slavery and unpaid labour,
Revenue and land tax,
4. Animal husbandry and its products.

Unit IV Industry, Trade and Commerce in Medieval Nepal. 12

1. **Cottage industry:**
Agro-based industry; sculpture and
handicrafts; wood and Clay work, pottery and
masonry .
2. **Trade and Commerce:**
Medium of exchange: commodities and coins,
internal and external trade.
2. Economic relationship between rural and
urban settlements.
3. Nepal's Commercial relation with India and
Tibet.
4. Status of Nepal as an en-route trade centre
between India and Tibet.

Unit V Economic activities in early Modern Nepal 8

1. **Agriculture:**
 - a. The nature of land holding right.
 - b. Jamindar and other functionaries in village.
 - c. Land tenure and taxation .
2. **Trade and Industry:**
 - a. *Enter-pot trade through Kathmandu Valley.*
 - b. *Metal and wood industries.*
 - c. *Forest based Industries(paper,herbal, bamboo, pottery and masarry)*

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