

**8th CBSE SOCIAL SCIENCE SYLLABUS****History****Chapter 1****How, When and Where**

- How Important are Dates?
- How do We Know?

**Chapter 2****From Trade to Territory the Company Establishes Power**

- East India Company Comes East
- Company Rule Expands
- Setting up a New Administration
- Conclusion

**Chapter 3****Ruling the Countryside**

- The Company Becomes the Diwan
- Crops for Europe
- The “Blue Rebellion” and After

**Chapter 4****Tribals, Dikus and the Vision of a Golden Age**

- How Did Tribal Groups Live?
- How Did Colonial Rule Affect Tribal Lives?
- A Closer Look

**Chapter 5****When People Rebel 1857 and After**

- Policies and the People
- Through the Eyes of the People
- A Mutiny Becomes a Popular Rebellion
- The Company Fights Back
- Aftermath

**Chapter 6****Weavers, Iron Smelters and Factory Owners**

- Indian Textiles and the World Market

- The sword of Tipu Sultan and Wootz steel

## **Chapter 7**

### **Civilising the “Native”, Educating the Nation**

- How the British saw Education
- What Happened to the Local Schools?
- The Agenda for a National Education

## **Chapter 8**

### **Women, Caste and Reform**

- Working Towards Change
- Caste and Social Reform

## **Chapter 9**

### **The Making of the National Movement: 1870s—1947**

- The Emergence of Nationalism
- The Growth of Mass Nationalism
- The March to Dandi
- Quit India and Later

## **Chapter 10**

### **India After Independence**

- A New and Divided Nation
- A Constitution is Written
- How were States to be Formed?
- Planning for Development
- The Nation, Sixty Years On

## **Civics**

### **Unit 1: The Indian Constitution and Secularism**

#### **Chapter 1**

##### **The Indian Constitution**

- Why Does a Country Need a Constitution?
- The Indian Constitution: Key Features

#### **Chapter 2**

##### **Understanding Secularism**

- What is Secularism?

- Why is it Important to Separate Religion from the State?
- What is Indian Secularism?

## **Unit 2: Parliament and The Making of Laws**

### **Chapter 3**

#### **Why Do We Need a Parliament?**

- Why should People Decide?
- People and their Representatives
- The Role of the Parliament
- Who are the People in Parliament?

### **Chapter 4**

#### **Understanding Laws**

- Do Laws Apply to All?
- How Do New Laws Come About?
- Unpopular and Controversial Laws

## **Unit 3: The Judiciary**

### **Chapter 5**

#### **Judiciary**

- What is the Role of the Judiciary?
- What is an Independent Judiciary?
- What is the Structure of Courts in India?
- What are the Different Branches of the Legal System?
- Does Everyone Have Access to the Courts?

### **Chapter 6**

#### **Understanding Our Criminal Justice System**

- What is the Role of the Police in Investigating a Crime?
- What is the Role of the Public Prosecutor?
- What is the Role of the Judge?
- What is a Fair Trial?

## **Unit 4: The Marginalisation**

### **Chapter 7**

#### **Understanding Marginalisation**

- What Does it Mean to be Socially Marginalised?
- Who are Adivasis?

- Adivasis and Stereotyping
- Adivasis and Development
- Minorities and Marginalisation
- Muslims and Marginalisation
- Conclusion

## **Chapter 8**

### **Confronting Marginalisation**

- Invoking Fundamental Rights
- Laws for the Marginalised
- Protecting the Rights of Dalits and Adivasis
- Adivasi Demands and the 1989 Act
- Conclusion

## **Unit 5: Economic Presence of the Government**

### **Chapter 9**

#### **Public Facilities**

- Water and the People of Chennai
- Water as Part of the Fundamental Right to Life
- Public Facilities
- The Government's Role
- Water Supply to Chennai: Is it Available to All?
- In Search of Alternatives
- Conclusion

### **Chapter 10**

#### **Law and Social Justice**

- What is a Worker's Worth?
- Enforcement of Safety Laws
- New Laws to Protect the Environment
- Conclusion

## **Geography**

### **Chapter 1**

#### **Resources**

- Types of Resources
- Conserving Resources

## Chapter 2

### Land, Soil, Water, Natural Vegetation and Wildlife Resources

- Land
- Land Use
- Conservation of Land Resource
- Soil
- Factors of Soil Formation
- Degradation of Soil and Conservation Measures
- Water
- Problems of Water Availability
- Conservation of Water Resources
- Natural Vegetation and Wildlife
- Distribution of Natural Vegetation
- Conservation of Natural Vegetation and Wildlife

## Chapter 3

### Mineral and Power Resources

- Types of Minerals
- Distribution of Minerals
- Uses of Minerals
- Conservation of Minerals
- Power Resources
- Non-conventional Sources of Energy
- Tidal Energy
- Biogas

## Chapter 4

### Agriculture

- Farm System
- Types of Farming
- Agricultural Development

## Chapter 5

### Industries

- Classification of Industries
- Factors Affecting Location of Industries
- Industrial System
- Industrial Regions
- Distribution Of Major Industries
- Cotton Textile Industry

**Chapter 6****Human Resources**

- Distribution of Population
- Density of Population
- Factors Affecting Distribution of Population
- Population Change
- Patterns of Population Change
- Population Composition