



Department of History Hazi A. K. Khan College

offers

ADD-ON COURSE

(for History Honours Students)

on

Silk Industry in Murshidabad: A Study of its Glorious Past & Present Crisis

SESSION: 2021-2022

No Course Fee

Course Coordinator: Dr. Chandrani Pal, Assistant Professor of History
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- **Course Commencement Date:** April, 2022
- **Intake Capacity:** All Under-Graduate students of History Honours
- **Course Duration:** 30 Hours
- **Assessment process:** Students will be graded on Course- end Assessment

Course Outcome:

Murshidabad district is the second largest silk producing district in West Bengal and third largest in India. The production of silk started in Bengal region during Middle Ages and it was known as Bengal Silk. This was developed mainly in Murshidabad and Malda region. Bengal Silk gradually came to be known as Murshidabad Silk. Foreign traders were attracted to Murshidabad Silk and started business. During deindustrialization Silk industry of Murshidabad also declined. Now it is going through difficult phase. Objective of this course is-

- ✦ To give students basic concepts about silk industry and technology.
- ✦ To get ideas about historical background and development of silk industries in Murshidabad.
- ✦ To aware students about the current status of silk industries in their own district.
- ✦ To Develop Silk Tourism in the State in convergence with the Tourism Industry.

DETAILED SYLLABUS OF THE ADD-ON COURSE

- **Module 1: Introduction to Silk Industry [TIME: 2 HOURS]**
- **Module 2: Historical Background of Murshidabd Silk: Bengal Silk- Advent of Foreign traders and formation of *Kuthis* – Deindustrialization and decay of Murshidabad Silk [5 HOURS]**
- **Module 3: Murshidabad Silk Saris- Baluchari, Gorod, Jamdani- Current Status of sericulture growers and weavers [3HOURS]**
- **Module 4: Yarn Formation, Rearing of Silk Worm, Mulberry Waste Management- Breeding Station & Drainage Management [TIME: 6 HOURS]**
- **Module 5: Printing, Finishing and Testing of Silk & challenges to Silk Industries [TIME: 5 HOURS]**
- **Module 6: Role of women in Silk industry- Vibrancy to Rural Economy [TIME: 3 HOURS]**
- **Module 7: Sericulture Organization & Management- Silk Marketing in West Bengal-Employment generation in Sericulture [TIME: 6 HOURS]**