



**Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi**

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	GEC
Paper Title:	Twentieth Century World History: 1900 – 1945
Unique Paper Code:	2314000017
Semester:	5
Faculty:	Dr. Rajeev Gupta
Year:	2026 - 2027

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
	This course conveys an understanding of an interconnected world history in the twentieth century. The course focuses on, why and how the world changed in the first half of the twentieth century. It also offers specific case studies to empirically underline the holistic nature of world history. One of the aims of this course is to make UG students aware of the contemporary world of ideas they inhabit.		
1		1	The Concept and Definition of World History: An Overview Modernity, Imperialism, Colonialism, Interconnectedness, Economic Crisis, Revolutions, anti- colonial struggles
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			Revolutions, anti- colonial struggles
2		8	First World War: 1. Consequences in Europe and the world, 2. League of Nations
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		13	First World War: 1. Consequences in Europe and the world, 2. League of Nations
3		14	1917 Russian Revolution: 1. Formation of the USSR; 2. Debates on socialism and the role of the Communist International (Comintern)
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	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	NIL
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		