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**COURSE CURRICULUM ON  
PARTITION LITERATURE**

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH GARGAON COLLEGE



**COURSE CODE: 60130**

**DSE 7: PARTITION LITERATURE**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** The Partition was perhaps the most horrific event of the twentieth-century subcontinent's history. Thousands of innocent people across the divided nation (India and Pakistan) lost their lives, millions lost their homes, and migrations of unimaginable magnitude took place. It is important to understand the backgrounds and reason for the partition, but also to consider its effects on the lives of the people involved. The historical accounts may not be enough; imaginative literature helps fill in the gaps in understanding the emotional impact of these events on people's lives. So, the objective of this course is to read literature that captures the sense of the times. There will also be film screenings since cinema also helps capture both the horror and the repercussions of these events.

### UNIT I

Intizar Husain, *Basti*, tr. Frances W. Pritchett (New Delhi: Rupa, 1995).

### UNIT II

Amitav Ghosh, *The Shadow Lines*

### UNIT III

a) Dibyendu Palit, 'Alam's Own House', tr. Sarika Chaudhuri, Bengal *Partition Stories: An Unclosed Chapter*, ed. Bashabi Fraser (London: Anthem Press, 2008) pp. 453–72.

b) Manik Bandhopadhyaya, 'The Final Solution', tr. Rani Ray, *Mapmaking: Partition Stories from Two Bengals*, ed. Debjani Sengupta (New Delhi: Srishti, 2003) pp. 23–39.

c) Sa'adat Hasan Manto, 'Toba Tek Singh', in *Black Margins: Manto*, tr. M. Asaduddin (New Delhi: Katha, 2003) pp. 212–20.

d) Lalithambika Antharajanam, 'A Leaf in the Storm', tr. K. Narayana Chandran, in *Stories about the Partition of India* ed. Alok Bhalla (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012) pp. 137–45.

### UNIT IV

a) Faiz Ahmad Faiz, 'For Your Lanes, My Country', in *In English: Faiz Ahmad Faiz, A Renowned Urdu Poet*, tr. and ed. Riz Rahim (California: Xlibris, 2008) p. 138.

b) Jibananda Das, 'I Shall Return to This Bengal', tr. Sukanta Chaudhuri, in *Modern Indian Literature* (New Delhi: OUP, 2004) pp. 8–13.