

CBSE DROPS CHAPTERS ON ISLAMIC EMPIRES, COLD WAR

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The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has dropped chapters about the Non-Aligned Movement, the Cold War era, the rise of Islamic empires in Afro-Asian territories, the chronicles of Mughal courts and the Industrial Revolution from the history and political science syllabi of Classes 11 and 12.

Similarly, in the Class 10 syllabus, the topic “Impact of globalisation on agriculture” from a chapter on food security has been dropped. The translated excerpts from two poems in Urdu by Faiz Ahmed Faiz in the “Religion, Communalism and Politics — Communalism, Secular State” section have also been excluded this year.

The CBSE has also dropped from the course content chapters on “democracy and diversity”.

Syllabus rationalisation

Officials maintained that the changes were part of the rationalisation of syllabus and were in alignment with recommendations by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

The dropped chapter “Central Islamic Lands” in the Class 11 history syllabus talks about the rise of Islamic empires in the Afro-Asian territories and its implications for economy and society, according to the description in last year’s syllabus. The chapter focused on arenas of Islam in reference to its emergence, the rise of the Caliphate and empire building.

The syllabus shared with schools for the 2022-23 academic session also hints at the Board’s decision to revert to a single-Board exam from the two-term examination last year.

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