

SEC VI

Popular Culture

- I. Defining popular culture
- II. Theatre-folk, tales, songs and dances
- III. Folklore and oral traditions of kathas, narratives, legends
- IV. Festivals, fairs and rituals
- V. Pilgrimage and pilgrim practices
- VI. Food cultures of India

A visit to a cultural event/ exhibition/performance is part of this course.

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

- Acharya, K.T. *Indian Food: A Historical Companion*. New Delhi: OUP, 1994.
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- Jha, M., ed. *Social Anthropology of Pilgrimage*. New Delhi: Inter-India Publication, 1991.
- Storey, J. *Cultural Theory and Popular Culture*. Delhi: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009.
- Thakran, R.C., Shiv Dutt and Sanjay Kumar, eds. *भारतीय उपमहाद्वीप की संस्कृतियाँ*, Vol. I&II, Delhi: Hindi Madyam Karyanvay Nideshalay, 2013.
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