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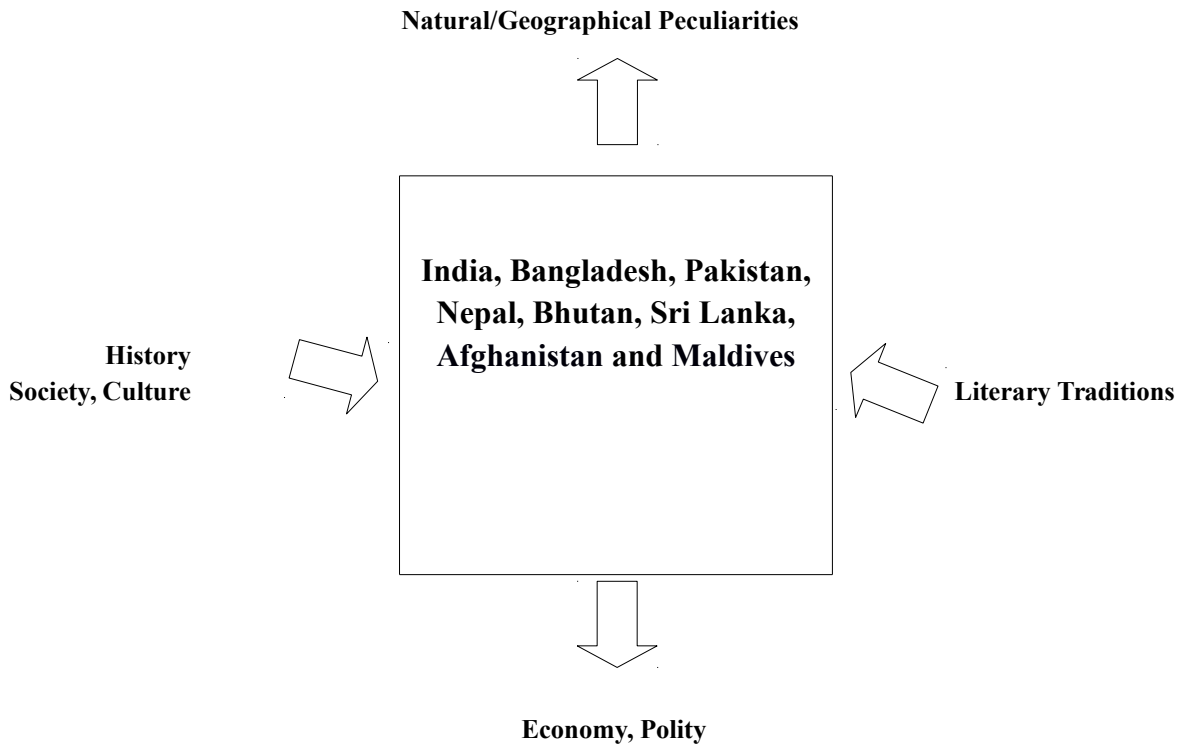
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Name of the Centre: Atish Dipankar Srijnana Centre for South Asian Studies

Introduction: The term ‘South Asia’ or ‘Southern Asia’ is used to denote the southern part of the Asian continent. Although there are some controversies regarding the actual contour South Asia, generally the scholars include Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka as part of South Asia. Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan form the central region of South Asia. For these three regions were under British rule.

Objectives of the Centre: The proposed centre would try to know the peculiarities and uniqueness of South Asia as a geographical entity. So this centre would focus on the natural-geographical distinctiveness of South Asia as well as try to know its people, culture and economy. The diagram follows:



Study Areas of Atish Dipankar Srijnana Centre for South Asian Studies, SKBU

The proposed centre would encourage the students to understand the countries of South Asia from an interdisciplinary perspective. It would offer to the students One Year Post Graduate Diploma Course on South Asian Studies.

Type of Course to be offered: One Year Post Graduate Diploma Course in South Asian Studies.

Course Duration: 12 Months (July to December and January to June)

Supporting Departments: Department of Anthropology and Tribal Studies, Department of Political Science, Department of Bengali, Department of English, Department of Economics, Department of History, Department of Sanskrit, Department of Philosophy and Department of Sociology.

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Syllabus

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Full Marks: 500

First Semester

Paper I:
Know Your Neighbours- I
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

History of South Asia;
Major Historical Events (With Special Emphasis on Colonial Encounters and Partition);
Contemporary Issues-Decolonization and Post-colonial Governance;
South Asian Studies: nature and Scope.

Paper II:

Know Your Neighbours- II
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Physical Geography of south Asia:

Origin and evolution of mountain system with special reference to Himalaya;
River system and its role with special reference to Indus, Ganges and Brahmaputra;
Geology and Water resources;
Role of Biodiversity, Climate Change and Management Strategies.

Population and Settlement:

Demographic patterns and trends;
Important towns and cities; Geo-politics of South Asia.

Paper III:
Society and Culture of South Asia
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Race and Ethnic groups in South Asia; Unity in Diversity, Diaspora;
Society and Culture in South Asia with special reference to Caste System;
Social Change; Social Problems; Modernization; Globalization; Urbanization;
Contemporary Social Movements.

Paper IV:
Political Organizations of South Asia
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Political Systems in Different South Asian States;
Role of Colonialism and Post-colonial political developments in South Asian States;
Democracy and Authoritarianism;
Security Structure and Strategy, including nuclear environment and terrorism in South Asia;
Internal conflicts, cross-border migration and the problem of refugee in South Asia;
Big power interests (pivot) in South Asia and response *vis-a-vis*;
Theories of International Relations.

Paper V:
Economic Organizations of South Asia
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Economic Indicators of South Asian Countries;
Economic Organizations in Different States of South Asia: SAARC;
Issues Related to Industrialization and Trade Imperatives in South Asia;

Paper VI:
Literary Traditions
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Distinctive features of the literary traditions of South Asia;
Important Poets and writers;
Post-colonial Trends.

Second Semester

Paper VII:
Philosophical, Sanskritic and Islamic Tradition
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Overview of Classical Literatures;
Religious Syncretism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam
Contemporary Philosophical Thought

Paper VIII:
Current Affairs (South Asia)
(Marks: 50; No. of Classes: 15)

Major Economic Issues: Recent Newspaper Reports
Major Socio-Political Issues: Recent Newspaper Reports
Games and Sports: Recent Newspaper Reports
Natural Disasters: Recent Newspaper Reports

Paper XI:
Dissertation and Viva Voce
(Marks: 100)

Mode of Examination: Written Test and Viva Voce

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