

LATEST TEXTBOOK CHANGES BY NCERT

New tweaks in Class 12 history book: Doubts over Aryan migration

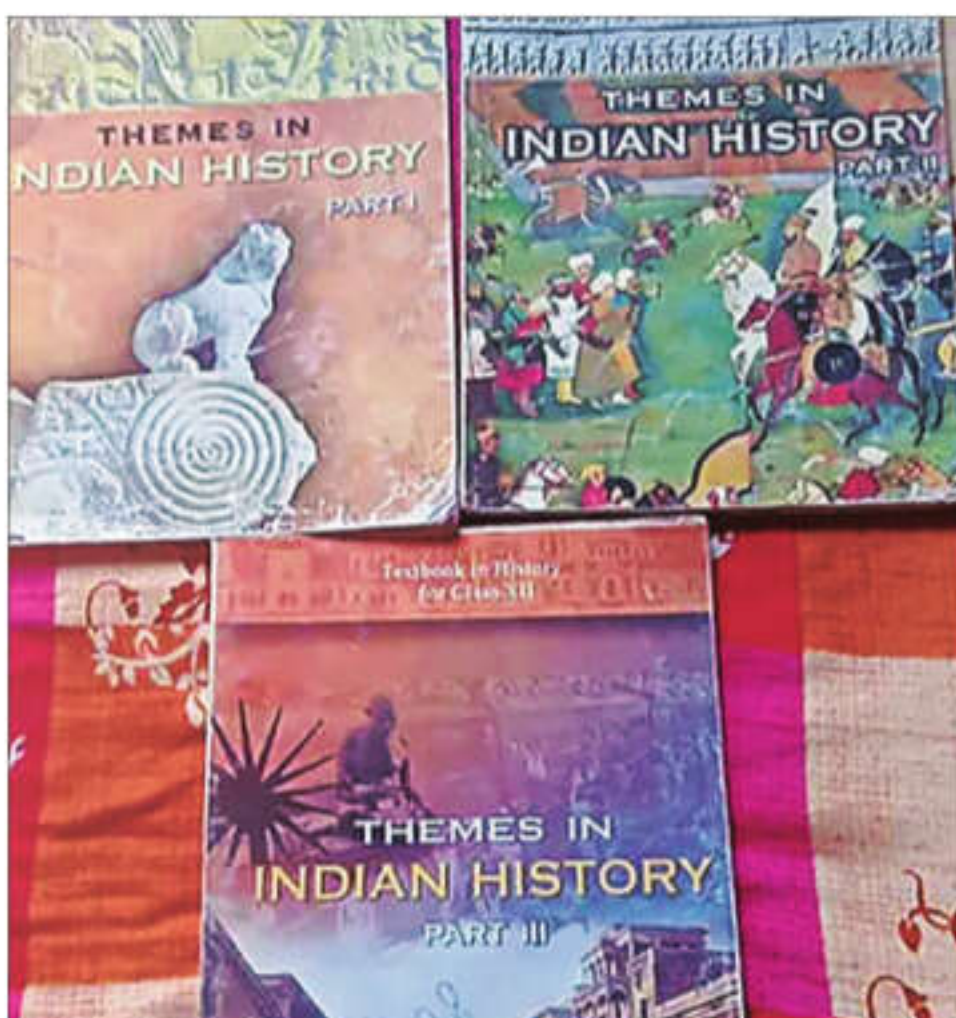
RITIKA CHOPRA New Delhi, April 3

FROM THE ASSERTION that recent studies of ancient DNA obtained from archaeological sources at Rakhigarhi, an Indus Valley site in Haryana, rule out Aryan immigration to a call for more research into whether the Harappans and the Vedic people were the same. These are some of the significant changes introduced by the National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) in the history chapter meant for Class 12 students on the origins and fall of the Harappan Valley civilisation.

These changes are part of the revision and updating of history textbooks undertaken by NCERT for the academic year 2024-25, which were recently communicated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). NCERT, which advises the Union government on school education, is the apex body tasked with drafting school textbooks used by more than four crore students annually.

Although changes have been carried out in History and Sociology textbooks for Classes 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12, the most substantive have been made to the Chapter titled 'Bricks, Beads and Bones - The Harappan Civilisation' in the Class 12 History textbook called 'Themes in India History Part-I'.

The additions and deletions related to the Harappan Civilisation have been justified on the grounds that 'recent evidence from



archaeological sites' warrants a 'correction' in the said chapter. The additions primarily emphasise the 'unbroken continuity for 5000 years' of the Harappan civilisation, reference recent archaeological research conducted at the Rakhigarhi site to rule out Aryan immigration, and suggest that the Harappans practised some form of democratic system.

For instance, to emphasise 'continuity', NCERT has deleted a sentence that states "It appears that there was a break between the Early Harappan and the Harappan civilisation, evident from large-scale burning at some sites, as well as the abandonment of certain settlements."

The Council has added three new paragraphs on the recent DNA study at Rakhi-

garhi which mainly rejects Aryan immigration and emphasises that 'Harappans are the indigenous people of this region.'

"The genetic roots of the Harappans go back to 10,000 BCE. The DNA of the Harappans has continued till today and a majority of the South Asian population appears to be their descendants. Due to trade and cultural contacts of the Harappans with distant regions there is a mixture of genes in small quantity. The continuity without any break in genetic history as well as cultural history rules out large scale immigration of the so-called Aryans. This research also indicates that the people coming from the bordering areas and distant regions were absorbed in the Indian society. At no stage, the genetic history of the Indians was either discontinued or broken. As the Harappans started moving towards Iran and Central Asia, their genes also gradually spread in those regions," the new paragraph pertaining to the archaeological research at

Rakhigarhi, states.

Further a sentence has been added calling for more research into the relation between Harappans and Vedic people. It states, "More research is also required on the relationship between the Harappans and the Vedic people as some scholars have argued that the authors of the Harappan civilisation and the Vedic people were the same." This sentence, NCERT states, has been added for 'critical thinking of the students.'

It's pertinent to mention here that ancient Indian history, especially the origins of the Harappan Civilisation, is a subject deeply divided by ideological perspectives. Pre-Marxist Indian historians believe that the source of Indian civilisation lies with indigenous people who called themselves Aryans and were the same as the Vedic people. In contrast, Marxist historians support the Aryan migration theory, arguing that the Harappans were pre-Vedic.

Some of the other changes made in Sociology and History textbooks include:

* In the Class 6 History textbook a Chapter titled 'Tribals, Dikus and the Vision of a Golden Age' talks about Birsu Munda's opposition to 'missionaries and Hindu landlords.' Here, the word Hindu has been dropped and this omission has been justified stating that it reflects the 'diverse social backgrounds of the landlords of the time.'

* In the Class 7 History textbook Our Past-II, A chapter titled 'Devotional Paths to the Divine' has a section on Nayanars, saints devoted to Shiva who emerged during the seventh to ninth centuries. Under this section, a sentence states that there were 63 Nayanars, who belonged to the different caste backgrounds, such

as potters, 'untouchable' workers, peasants, hunters, soldiers, Brahmanas and chiefs.

NCERT has dropped the words 'caste backgrounds' from this sentence and replaced it 'social backgrounds' with the justification that 'workers peasants, hunters, soldiers reflect social background' and not caste.

* In the fifth chapter (Patterns of Social Inequality and Exclusion) of the same Class 12 Sociology book, a section on adivasi struggles starts with: 'Like the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes are social groups recognised by the Indian Constitution as specially marked by poverty, powerlessness and social stigma.' The portion that states SCs and STs are marked by poverty, powerlessness and social stigma has been deleted. This has been justified by NCERT as 'minor language editing for better construction of the sentence.'

* Another example of Sardar Sarovar Dam on the Narmada river under the same section on adivasi struggles has been edited. The original sentence reads: "Projects such as the Sardar Sarovar dam on the river Narmada in western India and the Polavaram dam on the river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh displace hundreds of thousands of adivasis, driving them to greater destitution." The part on such projects driving tribals to 'greater destitution' has been dropped.

* An image of communal riots in the sixth chapter of the Class 12 Sociology textbook (Indian Society) has been dropped on the ground that it is 'not relevant in the present time.' The photo accompanied text under section titled 'Communalism, Secularism and the Nation-State' in Chapter 6.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE New Delhi, April 3

THE UNION HOME Ministry has cancelled the registration of at least five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) for alleged violation of various provisions, sources said on Tuesday.

"With the cancellation of their FCRA registration, these NGOs will no longer be able to receive foreign contributions nor utilise the existing available funds," sources said.

The five NGOs are: Voluntary Health Association of India, CNI Synodical Board of Social Services, Indo-Global Social Service Society, Church's Auxiliary for Social Action, and Evangelical Fellowship of India.

None of the NGOs were available for comment.

According to sources, the NGOs faced action for allegedly utilising funds for works that were not in their mandate. The NGOs violated the laws by being involved in activities that are contrary to the provisions of the FCRA, they said.

The Voluntary Health Association of India (VHA), set up in 1970, is a federation of 27 State Voluntary Health Associations, linking more than 4,500 health and development institutions across the country, according to its website.

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ment and justice board of the Church of North India (CNI). "CNI SBSS was formed as a response of the Church to the whole question of poverty and related social justice for the poor and exploited. It works with marginalised communities throughout the geography of CNI, following the Gospel of Christ to liberate the poor and oppressed from all forms of enslavement," says its website, adding that it has been working primarily with Dalits, Adivasis and women who have been "socially and economically excluded".

Indian troops to leave from Maldives by April: Muizzu

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Male, April 3

MALDIVES PRESIDENT MOHAMED Muizzu has said that Indian military personnel manning the second aviation platform would be withdrawn "within the current month" and reiterated that the entire process would be completed by May 10, a media report said here on Wednesday.

Muizzu's statement comes three weeks after the first batch of approximately 25 Indian military personnel stationed in the Maldives manning a helicopter gifted by India departed from the island nation after handing



over the operations of the chopper to an Indian civilian crew as agreed ahead of the March 10 deadline. Eighty-eight Indian military personnel were operating two helicopters and a Dornier aircraft which were

The Indo-Global Social Service Society, in its website, says that it works with the mandate for a humane social order based on truth, justice, freedom and equity.

The website of the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action states that "though the initial focus was on providing immediate relief to victims of natural and human-induced calamities, it has today grown into a premier relief and development organisation in the country". Its primary objective is to strengthen the marginalised communities and promote sustainable development," it states, adding that the organisation "carries out its interventions irrespective of religion, caste, creed, gender and ethnicity."

The Evangelical Fellowship of India, founded in 1951, is "an evangelical alliance called to serve churches, institutions and individuals by strategic initiatives, capacity building and forging solidarity," says its website, adding that it also contributes towards "nation building".

"In total, 20,721 FCRA registrations have been cancelled since 2012. 3,924 FCRA were cancelled in 2012, four in 2013, 59 in 2014, 10,002 in 2015, 6 in 2016, 4,863 in 2017, one in 2018, 1,839 in 2019, nil in 2020, three in 2021, 15 in 2022, four in 2023," according to data available with the Home Ministry.

Recite preamble without imposing Christian traditions: Catholic body

R RADHIKA New Delhi, April 3

RESPECT ALL FAITHS and traditions, don't force Christian traditions on students of other religions, have students recite the Preamble to the Constitution during the daily morning Assembly, and set up an "inter-religious prayer room" on school premises.

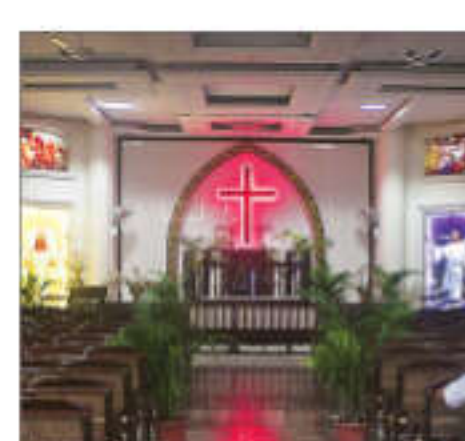
These are some of the major suggestions made by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) to all educational institutions under its jurisdiction to help address "emerging challenges due to the current socio-cultural, religious, and political situation" in the country.

The CBCI is the apex decision-making body representing the Catholic community in India. Under its aegis, are approximately 14,000 schools, 650 colleges, seven universities, five medical colleges and 450 technical and vocational institutions.

These suggestions are part of a 13-page guideline and instruction document issued by the CBCI's Office for Education and Culture Monday, following the 36th General Body Meeting of the CBCI in January in Bengaluru, where one of the central themes discussed was the Church's response to the current socio-political situation in the country.

Issued for the first time, these guidelines have been introduced against the backdrop of recent attacks and protests against principals and staff of educational institutions run by the Christians.

The most recent incident took place in February when a group of Bajrang Dal activists staged a protest after a teacher of a private Christian missionary-run school in Tripura allegedly prohibited a student



from wearing a wristband adorned with a Hindu symbol and confiscated it. The same month, a radical Hindu group in Assam gave Christian schools in the state a 15-day ultimatum to remove all Christian symbols and religious habits worn by priests, nuns, and brothers on their campuses.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Father Maria Charles SDB, national secretary of CBCI, said that the church is watchful and sensitive to such situations, even though he didn't want to draw any connections between these separate incidents.

The CBCI guidelines also emphasise strengthening security in educational institutes. "Implement physical security measures to control access to school buildings and grounds, such as locked doors, entryway security systems, visitor check-in procedures, and surveillance cameras," the guidelines state.

"Given the political and social situation which is emerging these days, I think we need to be more sensitive as Catholic schools. It is also a reminder to the principals to be more sensitive, because the majority of our students and teachers are always from other faiths. All the more reason why we also need to be more sensitive. We have been teaching students the Preamble

for many years, not just now. For many years, we have believed that all our students need to know the Preamble and be aware of the constitutional values," Father Charles said.

Apart from displaying the Preamble to the Constitution at the entrance to the main school building and making students recite it during the morning assembly, the guidelines also ask schools to promote religious and cultural sensitivity and respect for diversity among not just school students but also staff members. It further suggests training on inclusive practices to create a welcoming and harmonious work environment in educational institutions.

Apart from the minority certificate that is issued to these schools, the guidelines also recommends schools to "display the photos of some of the prominent Indian freedom fighters, scientists, poets, national leaders, etc. at the school lobby, library, corridors, etc." In addition, it calls for educational institutions to have a separate 'inter-religious prayer room' or Sarvadhama Prarthanalay on the school premises.

"These guidelines are a gentle reminder or wake up call for our educational institutions. These are not suggested as a method of defence mechanism, rather reminding all the schools, how they need to be, how they need to keep everything in order," he said, adding, "Certain events here and there which have happened, which are not that palatable. And we, we need to be always worried about our students as well as the teachers."

While the guidelines largely address Catholic schools, Father Charles said that these are applicable to all schools, colleges, technical and vocational educational institutions under the church.

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Mumbai, 4 April 2024 IBBI Registration no. IBBI/IPA-003/IP-P0080/2017-18/10703 Process Email: liquidator.tagoffshore@duffandhelps.com

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2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor 30/07/2008

3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is Incorporated/Registered RoC-Mumbai

4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of Corporate Debtor U74900MH2008PLC185250

5. Address of the registered office & principal office (if any) of Corporate Debtor Registered Office Address: Unit No. 21, 1st Floor, Navyug Industrial Estate MIDC Cross Road, J. B. Nagar, Andheri (E. ast), Mumbai City, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, 400059

6. Date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process 12/03/2024

7. Liquidation commencement date of Corporate Debtor 13/03/2024 (The order has been communicated and received by the liquidator on 02/04/2024)

8. Name & Registration Number of Insolvency Professional acting as Liquidator Mr. Rakesh Nathwani Regn. No: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P-02058/2020-2021/13190

9. Address and Email of the liquidator: as registered with the Board Address: G504, Mystique Moods, Behind Symbiosis College, Vimanagar, Pune, Maharashtra, 411014. E-mail: rakesh@camrin.in

10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the liquidator Correspondence Address: AAA Insolvency Professionals LLP, E-10A, Kalfash Colony, New Delhi-110048. E-mail: cirpsafintraroofing@gmail.com

11. Last date for submission of Claims 02/05/2024 (Thirty days from the receipt of the Liquidation Order)

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Sd/- Mr. Rakesh Nathwani Liquidator

Safintra Roofing (India) Limited Date : 04.04.2024 Registration No: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P-02058/2020-2021/13190 Place : New Delhi

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