Course Code	HS 224001
Course Title	Indigenous Short Stories from India
Credits	L T P C 3 0 0 3
Course Coordinators	Dr. Meera Vasani & Dr. Wati Longkumer

## **Objective:**

This course is designed to introduce the students to the indigenous communities of India (select regions) and their social and cultural narratives through selected stories. Our focus is on short stories on and of indigenous communities from Nagaland, Gujarat and Jharkhand. These texts will be used as primary source to contextualize the social, political and economic history of the tribal communities. Alongside this identity, power, ownership of knowledge, and tensions surrounding authenticity all serve to complicate this topic.

## **Expected learning outcomes:**

By the end of this course the students will come to know about the Indigenous communities of India (select regions) and their social and cultural narratives through selected stories. These texts are the primary sources to contextualize the social, political and economic history of the tribal communities. They will also learn about the challenges these communities face like: identity, power, ownership of knowledge, and tensions surrounding authenticity etc.

## **Course Content & Books:**

- 1. Temsula Ao
  - 1. The Jungle Major 2. The Curfew Man 3. A New Chapter
- 2. Hansda Shekhar
  - 1. The Adivasi will not Dance
- 3. Nila Shah (Translated) selected works from Bhil Lokkhyano
- 4. Rathor Varta
- 5. Kunkna Ramayan and Oral Narrative
- 6. Bharath

## **Text /Reference Books:**

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