

India's History and Culture

Course #	20SIN
Format:	Seminar
Moderator:	Jim Harvey
Date and Time:	Monday, 1:30-3:30 10 weeks, starting Feb.24, 2020
Location:	Wesley United Methodist Church, Hadley
Maximum number of participants:	17
Auditors accepted:	Yes, up to 2

Purpose: The purpose of this seminar is to gain an appreciation of Indian culture and the forces that have shaped it.

Description: Before long India will be the most populous country in the world, and is already one of the most important to the United States. It is the world's largest democracy, with an exceedingly diverse population. It is both modern and ancient. In short it is a fascinating and complex country.

In this seminar we will explore topics related to its history, beginning with the Moguls, and its culture, including areas such as religion, geography, commerce, education, art, music, films, food, society and modern politics.

Role of participants: The role of participants is to read an assigned book and resource materials, research and present a topic for approximately 30 minutes, lead discussion on own presentation and join in discussion of others.

Resources: *A Traveller's History of India*, by Sinharaja Tamimita-Delgoda, and additional internet articles.

About the Moderator: Jim was born in India and has had lifelong interest in things Indian. He has made a number of trips to both North and South India and maintains friendships with a number of Indians in this country.