



**DSE 2: Choose the DSE 2, (among 6) paper that they did not want specialization:**

BSEC102A: Introduction to Pāli Literature.

BSEC102B: Origin and Development of Mahāyāna Buddhism

BSEC102C: Royal patronage of Indian Buddhism

BSEC102D: Origin and Development of Buddhist Sects in India and their Philosophy.

BSEC102E: Devotion in Chinese Buddhism.

BSEC102F: Introduction on Buddhism and Buddhist Art in Tibet.

**DSE 2: BSEC102A: Introduction to Pāli Literature.**

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credits distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
DSE 2: BSEC102A: Introduction to Pāli Literature.	4	3	1	0	As per admission criteria	Nil

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: # SDG 4, Quality Education and #5 Gender Equality

**Objectives:** This course aims at providing students with a comprehensive introduction to Pāli Tipiṭaka, its commentaries, and sub-commentaries

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, a student should be able to demonstrate a clear understanding of Pāli literature and be able to locate Pāli texts within the broader framework of Theravādin Buddhist literature

Unit-I: Origin & Development of Pāli Literature.

Unit-II: Modes of the Preservation of Canonical Literature

Unit-III: Development of Commentarial Exposition

Unit-IV: Life of the Buddha on the basis of Pāli Literature



### Suggested Reading

1. Aung S.Z. & C.A.F. Rhys Davids, *Compendium of Abhidhamma Philosophy*, Pali Text Society, London, U.K. 1956
2. Bapat, P.V. ed., *2500 Years of Buddhism*, Publication Division, New Delhi, 1964.
3. Barua, Dipak Kumar, *An Analytical Study of Four Nikāyas*, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta, 1971.
4. Basu, R.N., *A Critical Study of the Milinda-Pañha*, Firma KLM, Calcutta, 1978.
5. Conze, Edward (ed.), *Buddhist Texts Through the Ages*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1992.
6. Conze, Edward, *Buddhist Thought in India: Three Phases of Buddhist Philosophy*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, 1962.
7. Davids, C.A.S. Rhys, *The Sacred Book of the East* (The Question of King Milinda), vols. 34 & 35, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1982.
8. Davids, T.W., *Indian Buddhism*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, Delhi, 1993.
9. Kern, H., *A Manual of Buddhism*, Karl J. Trübner, Strasburg, 1896.
10. Mahathera, Narada, *The Buddha and His Teachings*, Vajirama, Colombo, 1980.
11. Morgan Kenneth W., *The Path of the Buddha*, Ronald Press Company, New York, 1956.
12. Piyadassi, Thera, *Buddha's Ancient Path*, Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, 1979.
13. Upadhaya, B.S., *Pāli Sāhitya Kā Itihaas*, Hindi Sāhitya Sammelana, Prayāga: 2008.
14. Hazra, K. L., *Pali Language and Literature* (2 Vol.), D.K. Printworld, New Delhi: 1998.

  
विभागाध्यक्ष/Head  
बौद्ध अध्ययन विभाग/Department of Buddhist Studies  
दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय/University of Delhi  
दिल्ली-110007/Delhi-110007