

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE -5 (DSE-5) – Contemporary Indian Philosophy

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Contemporary Indian Philosophy DSE 5	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

Learning Objectives

- The objective of this course is to make students familiar with Contemporary Indian Philosophers and their philosophical thinking.
- Philosophers like Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo, Gandhi, B R Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule, M N Roy, amongst others will be covered.
- In this course, various issues of contemporary relevance such as freedom, self-respect, Integral Yoga, Universalism etc. will be discussed.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, the student can be expected to

- Have a comprehensive understanding of the conceptual roots of the Contemporary Indian Philosophy
- Understand how various social and contemporary issues have been addressed in this discipline
- Understand how one can have multiple perspectives to address various social issues like Caste, Religion, Yoga etc.
- An in-depth understating of various approaches to the study of Contemporary Philosophy in a comparative framework.

Unit- 1: Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo

(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)

1. Swami Vivekananda: Universal Religion and Neo Vedanta
2. Sri Aurobindo: Integral Yoga

Essential/recommended readings

Swami Vivekananda , 'The way of realisation of a Universal Religion', The ideal of a Universal Religion *The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda Vol.II*, Kolkata: Advaita Ashrama, pp.359-396

Integral Yoga: Sri Aurobindo's Teaching & Method of Practice , Compiled by Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Archives and Research Library, Lotus Press, USA

Unit- 2: Jyotiba Phule, B R Ambedkar and E V Ramaswamy Periyar (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Jyotiba Phule: Critical understanding of the slavery and Caste system
2. B.R. Ambedkar: Annihilation of Caste
3. E V Ramaswamy Periyar: Self Respect

Essential/Recommended Readings

Ambedkar, B R. (1946) *Who were the Shudras, Writings and Speeches, Vol. 7*, Preface, pp.9-20

G.P. Deshpande (Ed.) 'Excerpts from Gulamgiri', *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule* New Delhi: Leftword, 2002, PP.36-63

G.Aloysious, Periyar and Modernity, New Delhi: Critical Quest, 2019, pp.22-51

Unit- 3: K.C.Bhattacharya and M K Gandhi (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. K.C.Bhattacharyya-Swaraj in Ideas
2. M.K. Gandhi: Civilization and Swaraj

Essential/recommended readings

K.C. Bhattacharyya, 'Swaraj in Ideas', *Indian Philosophical Quarterly* 11:1984, pp.385-393

'What is Swaraj?' 'Pp.26-28, 'Civilization,' pp.34-38, 'What is true civilization?', pp.66-71) extracts from Anthony J Parel .*Gandhi: Hind swaraj and other Essays* , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009

Unit 4: M.N.Roy and J.Krishnamurti (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. M.N. Roy: Radical Humanism
2. J.Krishnamurti: Knowledge and Freedom
3. D D Upadhyaya: Integral Humanism

Essential/Recommended Readings

M.N. Roy: Radical Humanist: Selected Writings, by M.N.Roy, 2004

Radical Democracy pp.38-51, Principles of Radical Democracy 22 Theses, p.5262, M.N.Roy New Humanism- A Manifesto, New Delhi: Ajanta Publications, 1981

J.Krishnamurti, 'Freedom from the Known,' *Total Freedom-The Essential Krishnamurti*, Chennai:

KFI, 2018, pp.109-132

Upadhyaya, D. D (2020) Lecture II: *Western vs. Bharatiya View*, in *Integral Humanism*, Prabhat Prakashan Pvt Ltd.

Suggestive Readings

- T.M.P. Mahadevan & C.V. Saroja: Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Madras, 1985.
- Basant Kumar Lal: Contemporary Indian Philosophy, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, 1999.
- Benay Gopal Ray: Contemporary Indian Philosophers, Allahabad, 1957.
- V.S. Naravane : Modern Indian Thought, Bombay, 1964
- *What Religion Is in the Words of Swami Vivekananda*, John Yale, Kessinger Publishing, ISBN 978-1-4254-8880-2
- A Reading of Jyotiba Phule's Gulamgiri: A Seminal Text on Caste, Pradnya Waghule, 1885, 2017,
- Gavaskar, Mahesh (1999). "Phule's Critique of Brahmin Power". In Michael, S. M. (ed.). *Untouchable, Dalits in Modern India*. Lynne Rienner Publishers. pp. 43--56. ISBN 978-1-55587-697-5.
- B. R. Ambedkar: Annihilation of Caste
- A. Parel, *The Political theory of Gandhi's Hind Swaraj*
- <https://www.asj.upd.edu.ph/mediabox/archive/ASJ-07-03-1969/parel-political%20theory%20gandhi%20hind%20swaraj.pdf>
- V. Geetha, 'Graded Inequality and Untouchability; Towards the Annihilation of Caste,' *Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and the Question of Socialism in India*, New Delhi: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022, pp. 147-190