

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (DSE-6): Sufism

### 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		
Bhakti and Sufism DSE 6	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

#### Learning Objectives

- The main objective of this course is to make students familiar with leading Sufis of India and world at large and explore their tradition and thought.
- The students will be introduced to the main currents of thought in Sufism. Sufism as a system of values is non-ritualistic and liberal. It fosters such virtues as kindness, compassion inter-cultural bonding, and inter-religious fraternity opposed to differences and discrimination
- This course will also introduce students to Islamic Mysticism, Islamic Philosophy and comparative mysticism,

#### Learning Outcomes

- Makes students gain familiarity with the various traditions of Sufis.
- Make students gain familiarity with the values and teachings of major Sufis in India and world at large.
- Make students learn about the bhakti movement emerging in India and its key figures.
- Since Sufi tradition presents a very positive and optimistic vision of coexistence in the theologically polarised global conditions, as a therapeutic learning the course would enables students to learn the pluralistic vision of Sufis against the quest for theological objectivism and orthodoxy.

- The course will enable students to learn the Sufi values of standing for tolerance, universalism, as it aligns with contemporary multi-cultural, multi-ideological and multi religious worldview.

#### **UNIT 1- Bhakti and Sufism** (9 weeks)

(9 Hours, 3 weeks)

1. Bhakti Movement and Emergence of Sufism
2. Concept of Love: Rumi
3. Nature of Mystic Experience

#### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

Govinda Pillai. P. (2022). "Bhakti and Sufism" In *Bhakti Movement: Renaissance or Revivalism*, Aakar Publication, New Delhi, pp. 156-164.  
 John A. Subhan (1938): *Sufism: Its Saints and Shrines*, Lucknow publishing home, Lucknow (selections: introduction p.6-16, Ch X p.174-192)  
 M.M. Sharif (1963): *A History of Muslim Philosophy Vol 1*, (selection: early sufism p.335-348)  
 M.M. Sharif (1966): *A History of Muslim Philosophy, Vol 2*, Otto Harrassowitz Wiesbaden, New Jersey and PPC publication (p. 62-69) and Prof. Ghadir Golkarian- *Divine love in Rumi Lore and Mysticism*, Prof. L.S. Kazmi  
 Sir M. Iqbal (2022) *Reconstruction of Religious thought in Islam*, Kitab Bhawan, New Delhi (selection: p.124-130, chapter :The spirit of Muslim Culture)

#### **UNIT II Bhakti: Integration and Influence** (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Bhakti: Nanak, Kabir
2. Darashikoh: Confluence of two oceans

#### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

Mani, Braj Ranjan (2009) *Bhakti Radicalism*, Critical Quest, New Delhi  
 Dr. Tara Chand (1963)- *Influence of Islam on Indian Culture*, LG Publishers, Delhi (p.143-163, 166-177)  
 Athar Abbas Rizvi (1978): *History of Sufism in India*, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi. (selections: Chapter on Interaction between medieval Hindu Mystics and Sufis, p.322)  
 Darashikoh (1929) : *Confluence of Two Oceans or Majmaul Bahrain*, Mahfuzul Haq (tr.) (p.38-75)

#### **UNIT III: Sufism: Principles and Methods** (12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Wahdat-al-Wujud- Ibn-e-Arbi
2. Wahdat-al-Shuhud- Sheikh Ahmad Sirhindi
3. Reconciliation - Shah Waliullah

### Essential/Recommended Readings

- M.M. Sharif-(1966):*A History of Muslim Philosophy, Vol 2*, Ottoharrassowitz Wiesbaden, New Jersey and Pakistan Philosophical Congress publication. (selection:p.798-810)  
M. Abdul Haq Ansari (1997ed.): *Sufism and Sharah*, (selections on Ibn Arabi, Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi, Shah Waliullah reconciliation)

### UNIT IV: Characteristic of a Sufi: Moinuddin Chishti

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Love of God- Nizamuddin Aulia
2. Amir Khusru: Universal Love

### Essential/Recommended Reading

- M.M. Sharif- A History of Muslim Philosophy, Volume 1 and 2(see above)  
Mir Valiuddin (1959): *The Quranic Sufism*, Motilal Banarsi Das, Delhi. (selections: Chishtiya Order p.105-108, Naqshbandiya Order p.109)

### Suggestive Readings

- Mani, Braj Ranjan (2009) *Bhakti Radicalism*, Critical Quest, New Delhi  
Krishna, Daya ; Lāṭha, Mukunda & Krishna, Francine Ellison (eds.) (2000). *Bhakti, a contemporary discussion: philosophical explorations in the Indian Bhakti tradition*. New Delhi: Indian Council of Philosophical Research.  
Rizvi, Athar Abbas. (1978). *A history of Sufism in India*. New Delhi : Munshiram Manoharlal  
Nasr, S H (1972). *Sufi Essays*. SUNY Albany  
Kazmi, Latif H. S. (2021) *Islamic Spiritual Tradition*, National Printers and Publishers  
Dehlvi. Sadia (2010) *Sufism: The Heart of Islam*. Harper Collins  
Ridgeon, L. (Ed.). (2014). *The Cambridge Companion to Sufism* (Cambridge Companions to Religion). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.  
Govinda Pillai. P. (2022). *Bhakti Movement: Renaissance or Revivalism*, Aakar Publication, New Delhi

**Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.**