

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-3): Engaged Buddhism

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
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
Engaged Buddhism GE 3	4	3	1	0	Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

- This course aims to introduce the essence of philosophy of Buddhism and its engagement with issues such as caste, gender, ecology and peace of contemporary times.

Learning Outcomes

- The student will be realizing the moral potential of Buddhism by applying it to various social and political issues of everyday life.

Unit I Introduction to Engaged Buddhism (9 hours)

- 1) Buddhism as Saddhamma
- 2) Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism
- 3) Features of Socially Engaged Buddhism

Essential/Recommended Readings:

B.R.Ambedkar, Buddha and His Dhamma ,Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vo.11, New Delhi: Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, GoI, 2014 pp.280-301

*Nhat Hanh, Thich. 1998. Interbeing: Fourteen Guidelines for Engaged Buddhism. Berkeley: Parallax Press.

* Jessica L. Main and Rongdao Lai. 2013. Introduction: Reformulating “Socially Engaged Buddhism” as an Analytical Category. The Eastern Buddhist 44, 2.

Unit 2 Buddhism as an Emancipatory Identity (12 hours)

- 1) Ambedkar, Buddha or Karl Marx
- 2) IyotheeThassar and Tamil Buddhist movement

Essential/Recommended Readings:

B.R.Ambedkar, ‘Buddha or Karl Marx,’ Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol.3, New Delhi: Dr.Ambedkar Foundation, GoI, 2014 pp.441-462

Alyosius, G. 1998. *IyotheeThassar and Tamil Buddhist Movement*, New Delhi: Critical Quest,2015, Pp.177-208.

* King, S. B. 2009. Socially Engaged Buddhism. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press. pp. 159-175.

Unit 3 Women in Buddhism (12 hours)

Essential/Recommended Readings

*Narasu, P. L. 1993. The Essence of Buddhism. Delhi: Asian Education Services. pp. 91-117.

Unit 4 Buddhism , Ecology and Peace Movement (12 hours)

Essential/Recommended Readings

* King, S. B. 2009. Socially Engaged Buddhism. Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i Press. pp. 118-136.

James J Hughes, ‘World Buddhism and Peace Movement,’ *Bulletin of Peace Proposal*, Vol.18, No.3,1987

Suggestive Readings

Batchelor, M. 2002. Women on the Buddhist Path. London: Thorsons.

Batchelor, M., and Kerry Brown, eds. 1992. Buddhism and Ecology. London: Cassell

Buddhadasa, Bhikkhu. 1985. Dharmic Socialism. Bangkok: Thai Inter-Religious Commission for Development.

Daniel, H. Henning. 2002. A Manual for Buddhism and Deep Ecology. Australia: Buddha Dharma Education Association Inc.

Gross, Rita. 1993. Buddhism after Patriarchy: A Feminist History, Analysis, and Reconstruction of Buddhism. Albany: State University of New York Press

Jones, Ken. 2003. The New Social Face of Buddhism: A Call to Action. Boston: Wisdom Publications.

Joshi, Lal Mani. 1983. Discerning the Buddha. New Delhi: MunshiramManoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

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Kotler, Arnold, ed. 1996. Engaged Buddhist Reader. Berkeley: Parallax Press

Kesava Kumar, P. ‘Religion, Caste and Modernity: Ambedkar’s Reconstruction of Buddhism’ Pradeep Gokhale(Ed.) *Classical Buddhism, Neo-Buddhism and the Question of Caste*, London: Routledge,2021

Lama, Dalai. 1999. Ethics for the New Millennium. New York: Riverhead Books.

Narasu, P. L. 1993. The Essence of Buddhism. Delhi: Asian Education Services.

Payutto, Bhikkhu P. A. 1994. Buddhist Economics: A Middle Way for the Market Place. Bangkok: Buddhadhamma Foundation.

Queen, Christopher, and King Sallie, eds. 1996. Engaged Buddhism: Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Queen, Christopher, ed. 2000. Engaged Buddhism in the West. Boston: Wisdom Publications.

Sivaraksa, Sulak. 1988. A Socially Engaged Buddhism. Bangkok: Thai Inter-Religious Commission for Development.

Theresa Der-lan Yeh, The Way to Peace: A Buddhist Perspective, International Journal of Peace Studies, Vol.11 No.1,2006