

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 4b: Understanding Savarkar

### 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		
<b>Understanding Savarkar DSE-4b</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Passed Class XII</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### Learning Objectives

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was one of the important leaders of the Indian National movement. He was a revolutionary who gradually turned to lay the foundation of Hindu Nationalism in India after release from the jail at Andaman and Nicobar. He remained at the thick of controversies due to his opposition due to his thoughts on Indian Nationalism which was essentially against Gandhian methods and approach to making national movement hostage to the whims of a particular community. His works Hindutva still continues to dominate the discourse of Indian politics wherein he is referred to by both his opponents and the supporters. He was a prolific writer both in Marathi and English. He had a clearly defined socio-political thought which he articulated through his poems, essays, stories, plays and the political speeches. It is therefore it is important to study his revolutionary journey as well his political thoughts and his position on key issues of India both before and after independence.

### Learning outcomes

At the end of the course:

- The students will be able to understand his role and contribution in the freedom movement.
- They will be able to contextualise his thoughts on Hindutva and differentiate it from Hinduism.
- Students will be able to answer what impact religious conversion has on the cultural and political geography of a nation.
- They will be able to understand how he differed from Ambedkar on caste and untouchability questions and what was his response to this important question.

### SYLLABUS OF DSE-4b

#### UNIT – I (6 Hours)

**Savarkar and Indian Historiography**

#### UNIT – II (9 Hours)

**Savarkar and Indian National Movement**

#### UNIT – III (9 Hours)

**Hindutva and Hinduism**

**UNIT – IV (7 Hours)**  
**Savarkar and Language Questions in India**

**UNIT – V (7 Hours)**  
**Religious Conversion**

**UNIT – VI (7 Hours)**  
**Untouchability and Caste Questions**

**Essential/recommended readings**

**Unit 1: Savarkar and Indian Historiography**

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (2018). Six Glorious Epochs of Indian History, Prabhat Prakashan, Delhi.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar. The Indian War of Independence, 1857. New Delhi: Rajdhani Granthnagar, 1970; 1st ed., 1908.

Kumar, M. (2006). History and Gender in Savarkar's Nationalist Writings. Social Scientist, 34(11/12), 33–50.

Raugh, H. E. (2017). The Battle of the Books: An Indian Mutiny Historiography Part 2. Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research, 95(381), 34–51.

Pati, B. (2007). Historians and Historiography: Situating 1857. Economic and Political Weekly, 42(19), 1686–1691.

**Unit 2: Savarkar and Indian National Movement**

Sampath, Vikram (2021). Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924-66). Penguin Random House India, New Delhi.

Gilmartin, D. (2015). The Historiography of India's Partition: Between Civilization and Modernity. The Journal of Asian Studies, 74 (1), 23–41.

Mahurkar, Uday and Pandit, Chirayu (2021). Veer Savarkar. Rupa Publications, New Delhi.

संपथ, विक्रम (२०२२), सावरकर एक विवादित विरासत , १९२४-१९६६, पेंगुइन रैंडम हाउस इंडिया, गुरुग्राम

कौशिक, अशोक (२०१०) , युग पुरुष वीर सावरकर, सूर्यभारती प्रकाशन, दिल्ली

Keer, Dhananjay, Veer Savarkar, Popular Prakashan Pvt. Ltd

**Unit 3: Hindutva and Hinduism**

Sharma, A. (2002). On Hindu, Hindustan, Hinduism and Hindutva. Numen, 49(1), 1–36.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (1928). Hindutva: Who is a Hindu? Nagpur.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (1949) Hindu Rashtra Darshan: A Collection of Presidential Speeches Delivered from the Hindu Mahasabha Platform. Bombay: Khare.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar. Essentials of Hindutva, 1922-23, available at: [http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2\\_12\\_12\\_04\\_essentials\\_of\\_hindutva.v001.pdf\\_1.pdf](http://savarkar.org/en/encyc/2017/5/23/2_12_12_04_essentials_of_hindutva.v001.pdf_1.pdf)

Sampath, Vikram (2021) Savarkar: A Contested Legacy, 1924-1966, Gurugram: Penguin Random House India.

#### Unit 4: Savarkar and Language Questions in India

V. K. R. V. Rao. (1978). Many Languages, One Nation: Quest for an All-India Language. Economic and Political Weekly, 13(25), 1025–1030.

Surajkumar Thube (2020). VD Savarkar's language purification project was a precursor to creating a 'Hindu language'.

Savarkar V D (2014). Savarkar Samagra, Essays on Social Questions, Vol. 9&10. Prabhat Prakashan, Delhi.

#### Unit 5: Religious Conversion

Sareen, T R (2019). Hindu Mahasabha Tryst with United India. Life Span Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.

Hindu Mahasabha Presidential Speech of VD Savarkar.

#### Unit 6: Untouchability and Caste Questions

Kanungo, P. (2007). Co-Opting Dalits into the Hindutva Fold [Review of Hindutva and Dalits: Perspectives for Understanding Communal Praxis, by Anand Teltumbde]. Economic and Political Weekly, 42(20), 1852–1854.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (2014). Savarkar Samagra, Essays on Social Questions, Vol. 7. Prabhat Prakashan, Delhi.

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

### DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 11: Research Methods in Politics

NOTE: 'Research Methodology' is offered as one of the DSE courses in VI and VII Semesters. Students can opt for it either in VI semester or VII semester

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Research Methods in Politics DSE-11	4	3	1	-	Passed Class XII	Nil

#### Learning Objectives

The course would serve as the first formal introduction to the basics of social science research in the specific context of the discipline of Political Science. As an elementary course to introduce the students to the fundamentals of research in the study of politics, the purpose of the course is twofold - first, to familiarise students with the different methodologies to study the discipline of politics; second, to walk them through the application of these methods through selected texts. By the time