

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-2) – Philosophy of B R Ambedkar**

**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		
DSE 2 Philosophy of B R Ambedkar	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

**Learning Objectives :**

- The aim of this course is to introduce the alternative approaches of contemporary Indian philosophical thought with special focus on Philosophy of B R Ambedkar.
- This course is an exploration of democratic and normative philosophical thought in reconstruction Indian society.
- This course introduces the essential philosophical writings of contemporary Indian thinker B R Ambedkar by discussing the Philosophical method in general and Social-Political philosophy and philosophy of religion of Ambedkar in particular.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- Learn Ambedkar's alternative reading of Indian philosophy by interrogating dominant philosophical systems and its texts.
- Critical engagement with social reality conditioned by the caste system.
- Learn the liberative and democratic potential of philosophy of Ambedkar in reconstructing Indian nation.
- To make good citizen by understudying the indigenous democratic philosophical thought.

**Unit 1 Life world of B R Ambedkar**

**(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

1. Life and Essential Writings of Ambedkar
2. Concepts and methodology of B.R.Ambedkar

**Essential/Recommended readings**

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Introduction', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, p.1- 20.

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). , 'Introduction', Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, p.20-36

## **Unit 2 Philosophy of Religion**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Philosophy of Religion and Indian Social Order

### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

'The Hindu Social order: Its Essential Principles', *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches Vol.3*, New Delhi: Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 2014, pp95-115

2. Buddhism and Marxism

### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Religion and Dhamma', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002 Pp.57-59

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Buddha or Karl Marx', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, pp173-189

## **Unit 3 Social and Political Philosophy**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Social Justice and Ideal society

### **Essential/Recommended reading**

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Introduction', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, (extracts from *Annihilation of Caste*) pp267-268, 275-277, 294-304

2. Constitutional morality and Democracy

### **Essential/Recommended Reading**

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Democracy', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, pp 60-64

Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). 'Political safeguards for depressed classes', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, 369-382

## **Unit 4 Contemporary Relevance of Ambedkar**

**(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

1. Relevance of Ambedkar

### **Essential/Recommended Readings**

B.R. Ambedkar, 'Introduction', Rodrigues, Valerian (ed). *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, p.36-43

**Suggestive Readings:**

B.R. Ambedkar, 'Philosophy of Hinduism', Moon, Vasant (Compiled) Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches Vol.3, Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, 1987.

Rodrigues, Valerian.(Ed.) 'Krishna and His Gita', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, pp.193-204

Rodrigues, Valerian(Ed.). 'Basic Features of Indian constitution', *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar*. New Delhi: Oxford Press, 2002, p.473-495

Omvedt, Gail. 'Ambedkarism : The Theory of Dalit Liberation', *Dalits And The Democratic Revolution: Dr. Ambedkar And The Dalit Movement In Colonial India* (Sage India, 1994) p.225-260 (Ambedkarism)

Omvedt, Gail. *Ambedkar: Towards Enlightened India*, Delhi: Penguin, 2017

Christophe Jaffrelot and Narender Kumar (Eds), *Dr. Ambedkar and Democracy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018(Chapter 16)

V.Geetha, *Bhimraoramji Ambedkar and the Question of Socialism in India*, Delhi: Palgrave, 2022

Gokhale, Pradeep (Ed.) *The Philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar*, Pune: IPQ Publication, 2008

G. Aloysius, *Nationalism without a nation in India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997. Xii + 265 pp.

P. Kesava Kumar, *Political Philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar- An Inquiry into the Theoretical Foundations of the Dalit Movement*, New Delhi: Kalpaz, 2013