

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -1 (DSC-1-B1): INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHIST LITERATURE

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITE OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Total Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria/ Prerequisite	Pre-requisite of the course, if any
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Introduction to Buddhist Literature DSC-1-B1	4	3	1	0	Class XII Passed	Nil

Learning Objectives

The primary objective of this course is to make students aware of the Indian languages (Pali and Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit) in which the Buddhist literature including the biographical texts exists.

Learning Outcomes

By studying this course would make the students acquainted with the origin and development of the original language (Pāli) in which the Buddha disseminated his teachings in addition to develop a clear understanding among the students about the subsequently composed Buddhist literature in Sanskrit language.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1-B1

Unit I **12 Hours**

1. Origin and Homeland of the language of Buddha's teachings

Unit II **16 Hours**

1. Buddhist Councils and the compilation of Buddha's teachings

Unit III **16 Hours**

1. Buddhist literature in Pali Language
2. Buddhist literature in Buddhist Sanskrit Literature – Nava Vaipulyasūtra or Mahāyānasūtra

Unit IV **16 Hours**

1. Biographical texts or Suttas of the Buddha – Mahāvagga, Suttanipāta, Mahāparinibbāna-sutta, Mahāpadāna-sutta, Ariyapariyesana-sutta, Nidānakathā, Mahāvastu, Lalitavistara, Āryabhiniṣkramaṇasūtra and etc

Essential Readings

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- Edgerton, F. R., *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Grammar and Dictionary*, 2 Vols., MLBD, Delhi

Suggested Readings

- Dutt, N., & K. D. Bajpai, *Development of Buddhism in Uttara Pradesh*, Publication Bureau, Lucknow, 1956.
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