

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

B. A. (Prog) with Buddhist Studies as DSE

Semester V

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE- 5

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		
Relevance of Buddhism to the Contemporary World DSE-1B	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Nil

SEMESTER V

Relevance of Buddhism to the Contemporary World

45 Hours

Unit I Challenges of Contemporary World and Buddhist response

11 hr

- (a) Racism, Caste and Gender Discrimination.
- (b) Poverty, Health crisis, Pandemics.
- (c) Youth deviation: Frustrations and suicide
- (d) Wars and Military conflicts.

Unit II Buddhist Teachings and Practices Relevant to Contemporary World

11 hr

- (a) Pañcasīla, Uposatha and Dispute Settlements
- (b) Ānāpāna and Vipassanā Meditation.
- (c) Maitri Bhāvanā and Mettā Nisaṃsa Sutta (Appreciation of a truthful friend)
- (d) Jivaka (Kaumar Bhrurya) the famous physician, his life and achievements.

Unit III Buddhist Solution to Crisis in Ancient Age

12 hr

- (a) Protection of Republic and state - Raja Satta Aparihāṇiya Dhammā and Republic of Vesāli.
- (b) Interstate Disputes: Rohinī river dispute and Buddha's intervention.
- (c) Deal with violence: Angulimāla; his deviation and renunciation.
- (d) Social and Gender Justice: Ambapālī, Sunīta, Ambaṭṭha, Aggikabhāradvāja -Vasala Sutta

Unit IV Buddhist Solution to Crisis in Contemporary Age

11 hr

- (a) International and inter-racial Peace initiatives by H. H. Dalai Lama and A.T. Ariyaratne.
- (b) Dignity through Buddhist identity for untouchables by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.
- (c) Women Empowerment by Cheng Yen and her Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation.
- (d) Individual and social peace through Anapana and Vipassana Meditation as taught and spread by Satya Narayan Goenka.

Suggested Readings:

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8. Keown, D., The Nature of Buddhist Ethics, New York, 1992.
9. Omvedt Gail, Buddhism in India: Challenging Brahmanism and Caste, Sage Publication, California, 2003.
10. Peter Harvey, An Introduction to Buddhist Ethics Foundation, Values and Issues Cambridge, University Press, 2000.
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14. The Dīgha Nikāya, ed. T.W.Rhys Davids, PTS London.
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17. गोयनका सत्य नारायण, धागण करें तो धर्म, विपश्यना विशोधन विन्यास, इगतपुरी, 1999.

E-resources:

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