

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES
BA (Prog) with Buddhist Studies as DSE

SEMESTER- VI

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE - (DSE- 2A)
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		
Socially Engaged Buddhism DSE- 2 A	4	3	1	0	12th Pass	Nil

Course Objective:

The primary objective of this course is to

- (a) introduce students to the other side of Buddhist active engagement in solving the contemporary social, economic, gender and environmental challenges of the world effectively from international to local platforms.
- (b) make students acquainted with the Buddhist personalities and organizations engaged in different walks of life.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon the completion of this course, students should

- a) able to appreciate the relevance of socially engaged Buddhist movements and wish or act to participate in their efforts.
- b) able to identify the Buddhist ways to provide solutions to personal or social challenges to promote social integrity and prosperity.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-6, SEMESTER- VI
SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM

45 Hours

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| I. | Socially Engaged Buddhism concept and dimensions | 05hr |
| II. | Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and H.H. DALAI LAMA. | 10hr |

III.	Pluralism and Interfaith Dialogue.	04 hr
IV.	Buddhism and Environment	05 hr
V.	Buddhist Vision of Social and Gender Justice.	06 hr
VI.	Buddhist Perspective on Human and Animal Rights.	05 hr
VII.	Buddhist Economics.	10 hr

Suggested Readings:

1. Ambedkar B.R. Buddha or Karl Marx, Samyak Prakashan, New Delhi, 2018.
2. Ambedkar B.R., The Buddha and his Dhamma Ed. Rathore Aakash Singh and Verma Ajay, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2011.
3. Batchelor, M. & K. Brown (eds). Buddhism and Ecology, London: Cassell, 1992.
4. Heart William, Art of Living: Vipassana Meditation as Taught by S.N. Goenka, Vipassana Research Institute, Igatpuri, 2009
5. Jondhale, S and Johannes Beltz (eds), Reconstructing the World: B. R. Ambedkar and Buddhism in India, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
6. Jones, K. The Social Face of Buddhism: An Approach to Political and Social Activism, London: Wisdom Publications, 1989.
7. Kotler, Arnold. Engaged Buddhist Reader, Berkeley: Parallax Press, 1996.
8. Omvedt Gail, Buddhism in India: Challenging Brahmanism and Caste, Sage Publication, California, 2003
9. Omvedt, Gail., Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr. Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1994.
10. Perera, L.P.N. Buddhism and Human Rights, Colombo, 1991.
11. Queen Christopher, Engaged Buddhism Buddhist Liberation Movements in Asia, State University of New York Press, Albany, 1996
12. Schumacher, F.E. Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered, Blond & Briggs, 1973.
13. Singer, P. Animal Liberation, Harper Perennial, 2001.