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Centre for Dalit and Tribal Studies**

**Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya**

**PROGRAMME: POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DALIT THOUGHT**

1. P.G. Diploma in Dalit Thought is a two semester programme with 8 courses and one project work for total 40 credits.
2. Project work consists of 6 credits (4 credits for Project writing and 2 credits for presentation)

**FIRST SEMESTER COURSES**

**COURSE CODE-DT01: THEORETICAL BACKGROUND OF DALIT THOUGHT**

Credits: 2

Module I: Definition, nature and scope; Thought and Ideology, Dalit thought as an ideology.

Module II: Perspectives on Dalit thought:

1. Marxist Perspective (Class perspective).
2. Ambedkar perspective (Caste-Class perspective).

**References:**

1. S.M. Michael, Dalits in modern India, Vision and Values, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi, 1999.
2. Gopal Guru, Atrophy in Dalit Politics, Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Pune, 2005.
3. Anand Teltumbde, Ambedkar in and for the post-Ambedkar Dalit Movement, Sugawa Prakashan, Pune, 1997.
4. Arvind P. Nirmal, Towards Common Dalit Ideology, Gurukul Lutheran Theological College & Research Institute, Madras (Chennai), 1990.

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**COURSE CODE- DT02: DALIT THOUGHT: AN EARLY HISTORICAL ANTECEDENTS**

Credits: 4

Module I: Civilizational Debate: Indus and Vedic

Module II: Charavaka's Lokayata

Module III: Ajivikas & Other Materialists.

Module IV: Mahavir Jain

**References:**

1. A. L. Basham, The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co, Delhi, 1992.
2. A. L. Basham, History and Doctrines of Ajivikas: A Vanished Indian religion, Motilal Banarsidass Publishing Pvt., Ltd., reprint 2002.
3. Debiprasad P. Chattopadhyaya, Lokayata: A study in ancient Indian materialism, People's Publishing House, 1968.
4. Paul Dundas, The Jains, Routledge, London, 2002.

**COURSE CODE- DT03: THE BUDDHA AND HIS DHAMMA**

Credits: 4

Module I: The Buddha's life and development of his thought.

Module II: Locating the Buddha Dhamma in Dalit thought

Module III: Buddhist Sangha in Dalit context

Module IV: Enlightenment: Why and how?

**References:**

1. B.R. Ambedkar, The Buddha and His Dhamma, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 11, dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
2. A. L. Basham, The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co, Delhi, 1992.
3. P.L. Narasu, Essence of Buddhism, Winsome Books, Delhi, 2004.

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**COURSE CODE- DT 04: DALIT THOUGHT IN MEDIEVAL INDIA**

Credits: 4

Module I: Role of Bhakti saints for shaping Dalit thought in later ancient and early medieval

Periods: Thiru Valluvar, and Nandar.<sup>h</sup>

Module II: Kabir, Ravidas, Chokk<sup>h</sup>amela

Module III: Guru Nanak and Guru Ghasidas Satnamis

Module IV: Impact of Islam and Sufi on Dalit thought in medieval India

**References:**

1. Braj Ranjan Mani, Debrahmanising History: Dominance and Resistance in Indian society, Manohar, New Delhi, 2013.
2. K. Schomer and W.H. McLeod, eds., The Sants: The studies in a Devotional Tradition of India, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1987.
3. Thiru Valluvar's Thiru Kural (eng. Tr.) Purnalingam Pillai, International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, 1999.
4. Roopinder Singh, Guru Nanak: His Life and Teachings, Rupa Publications, Delhi, 2004.
5. Yoginder Sikand, Islam, Caste and Dalit-Muslim relations in India, Global Media Publications, 2004.

**COURSE CODE- DT05: DALIT THOUGHT IN BRITISH INDIA**

Credits: 2

Module I: Mahatma Jotirao Phule's concept of Sathya Shodak; Education and emancipation.

Module II: Contribution of Christian missionaries and Indian Christians for the construction of Dalit thought in modern India.

**References:**

1. Mahtama Jotirao Phule, Vol.1, Slavery, (tr). by P.G. Patil, Education Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay, 1991.
2. G.P. Deshpande, Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule, Left World, Delhi, 2002.
3. John C.B. Webster, The Dalit Christians: A History, The University of Michigan, 1992.
4. J. Dabhi, Dalit Christians in India, Manak Publications, 2009.
5. James Massey, Dalits: Issues and Concerns, B.R. Publication, Delhi, 1998.

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## SECOND SEMESTER COURSES

### COURSE CODE- DT06: AMBEDKAR's SOCIAL THOUGHT

Credits: 4

Module 1: Origin, mechanism and development of caste; Annihilation of Caste.

Module 2: Origin of Untouchability; Who were Untouchables? Who were Shudra?

Caste, race and gender

Module 3: Views on Hinduism

Module 4: Conversion and Buddhism

### References:

1. Ambedkar, B.R., Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1 & 3, 5, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
2. V. Rodrigues, The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar, Oxford, New Delhi, 2002.
3. E. Zelliott, From Untouchables to Dalit, Manohar, Delhi, 1998.
4. Karunyakara, Lella, Modernisation of Buddhism, Contributions of Ambedkar and Dali Lama XIV, Gyan Publications, New Delhi, 2002.
5. Dhananjay Keer, Dr. Ambedkar: Life and Mission, Popular Prakashan, Mumbai, 2002.
6. Gail Omvedt, Ambedkar: Towards an Enlightened India, Penguin/Viking, New Delhi, 2004.

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**COURSE CODE- DT07: AMBEDKAR'S POLITICAL THOUGHT**

Credits: 4

Module 1: Democracy: Social Democracy; Political Power.

Module 2: Citizenship; Representation, Reservations.

Module 3: Constitutional morality, rights.

Module 4: Social Justice and equality.

**References:**

1. Ambedkar, B.R., States and Minorities, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
2. Ambedkar, B.R., Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17, Part-1,2&3, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
3. V. Rodrigues, The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar, Oxford, New Delhi, 2002.
4. E. Zelliott, From Untouchables to Dalit, Manohar, Delhi, 1998.
5. S.M. Michael, Dalits in modern India, Vision and Values, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi, 1999.
6. Gopal Guru, Atrophy in Dalit Politics, Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Pune, 2005.
7. Anand Teltumbde, Ambedkar in and for the post-Ambedkar Dalit Movement, Sugawa Prakashan, Pune, 1997.

**COURSE CODE- 08: AMBEDKAR'S ECONOMIC THOUGHT**

Credits: 2

Module I: Economic Development and Planning.

Module II: State Socialism

**References:**

1. Ambedkar, B.R., Small Holdings in India, States and Minorities, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
2. S.K. Torat and Aryama, Ambedkar in retrospect, Essays on Economics, Politics, and society, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2007.
3. V. Rodrigues, The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar, Oxford, New Delhi, 2002.

Recommended to merge both 07 & 08 into one course for many total 4 credit course.

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**COURSE CODE- DT07: AMBEDKAR'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL THOUGHT**

Credits: 4

Module 1: Economic Development and Planning; State Socialism

Module 2: Democracy: Social Democracy; Political Power.

Module 3: Citizenship; Representation, Reservations

Module 4: Constitutional morality, rights; Social Justice and Equality.

References:

1. Ambedkar, B.R., Small Holdings in India, States and Minorities, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
2. Ambedkar, B.R., States and Minorities, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 1. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
3. Ambedkar, B.R., Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17, Part-1,2&3, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi, 2014.
4. V. Rodrigues, The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar. Oxford, New Delhi, 2002.
5. E. Zelliot, From Untouchables to Dalit, Manohar, Delhi, 1998.
6. S.M. Michael, Dalits in modern India, Vision and Values, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi, 1999.
7. Gopal Guru, Atrophy in Dalit Politics, Vikas Adhyayan Kendra, Pune, 2005.
8. Anand Teltumbde, Ambedkar in and for the post-Ambedkar Dalit Movement, Sugawa Prakashan, Pune, 1997.
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COURSE CODE-08: DALIT LITERATURE

Credits:4

Module 1: Dalit Literature, Nature and role

Module 2: Aesthetic of Dalit Literature

Module 3: Dalit Biographies: Joothan or Baluta

Module 4: Dalit poets: Namdeo Dhasal, Daya Pawar, Waman Nimbarkar, Arjun Dangle, and Arun Kamble

References:

1. Omprakash Valmiki, Joothan: An Untouchable's Life, Columbia (English tr.) Arun Pracha Mukherjee, University Press, 2013
2. Daya Pawar, Baluta, (Eng.tr.) Jerry Pinto, Feel books Publishers, 2015.
3. Arjun Dangle, Poisoned Bread: Translations from Modern Marathi Dalit Literature, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 1992.
4. Muk Raj Anand and E. Zelliott, An Anthology of Dalit Literature, Gyan Publications, Delhi, 1992.
5. Waman Nimbalkar, Dalit Literature, Nature and Role, Prabhodan Prakashan, 2006.
6. Sarina Kumara Limbale, Towards an esthetic of Dalit Literature, Orient Longman, 2004.

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**COURSE CODE- 9: CONTEMPORARY DALIT THOUGHT**

Credits: 4

Module 1: Dalit Identity and Dalit Politics;

Module 2: Dalit Human Rights discourse; Affirmative Action (Reservation); Dalit Feminism.

Module 3: Discourse on Conversion: Buddhism and other religions;

Module 4: Emerging perspectives on Dalit thought; Concepts-Humiliation; Dalitization, Dalit Phobia, Liberation Theology, Pavitra Dalit; Purity-Impurity discourse; *dalit capitalism.***References:**

1. Ghanshyam Sha, Dalit Identity and Politics, Sage Publishers, New Delhi, 2001.
2. Sharmila Rege, Writing Caste/Writing gender: Narrating Dalit Women's testimonies, Zubaan, 2014.
3. Gail Omvedt, Dalit Visions, Orient BlackSwan, New Delhi, 2016 (re-print).
4. Debi Chatterjee, Dalit Rights, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2011.
5. Gopal Guru, Humiliation: Claims and Context, Oxford University Press, 2011.
6. Kancha Ilaiah, Why I am not a Hindu, Samya, Calcutta, 1996.
7. Chandrabhan Prasad, Dalit Phobia: Why Do They Hate Us?, Vitasta publications, 2006.
8. Henry Thiagaraj, Human Rights from the Dalit Perspective, Dalit Liberation Education Trust, Chennai, 1996.
9. James Massey, Dalits: Issues and Concerns, B.R. Publication, Delhi, 1998.
10. Gauri Vishwanathan, Outside the fold: Conversion, Modernity and belief, Pinceton University Press, New Jersey, 1998.
11. Antony, M. J. Dalit Rights, Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, 1998 (re-print).

**COURSE CODE-10: PROJECT WORK**

Credits: 6 (4 for Project writing &amp; 2 for Presentation)

Project work on any topic related to Dalit community with an object to make theoretical contributions.

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