

CBCS Undergraduate Programme

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) and Generic Elective (GE) Courses: Buddhist Studies

Paper BS-CBCS-505A: SOCIALLY ENGAGED BUDDHISM

1. Definition and Relevance of Socially Engaged Buddhism.
2. B.R. Ambedkar and H.H. Dalai Lama.
3. Pluralism and Inter-faith Dialogue.
4. Deep Ecology.
5. Human Rights and Buddhist Vision of Social Justice.
6. Buddhist Perspective on Animal Rights and Vegetarianism.
7. Buddhist Economics.

Suggested Reading

1. Jones, K. *The Social Face of Buddhism: an Approach to Political and Social Activism*, London: Wisdom Publications, 1989.
2. Perera, L.P.N. *Buddhism and Human Rights*, Colombo, 1991.
3. Singer, P. *Animal Liberation*, Harper Perennial, 2001.
4. Batchelor, M. & K. Brown (eds). *Buddhism and Ecology*, London: Cassell, 1992.
5. Kotler, Arnold. *Engaged Buddhist Reader*, Berkeley: Parallax Press, 1996.
6. Omvedt, Gail., *Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr. Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1994.
7. Jondhale, S and Johannes Beltz (eds), *Reconstructing the World: B. R. Ambedkar and Buddhism in India*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
8. Sarao, K.T.S., and Long, J.D. (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions: Buddhism and Jainism*, New York: Springer, 2017
9. Schumacher, F.E. *Small is Beautiful: Economics As if People Mattered*, Blond & Briggs, 1973.

Paper BS-CBCS-506A: BUDDHIST ETHICS

1. Buddhist Doctrine of Ahimsā and its comparison with Brāhmaṇical, Jaina, and Gandhian Perspective.
2. Buddhist Doctrines of Karma and Rebirth and their comparison with Brāhmaṇical and Jaina Perspective.
3. Buddhist views on Suicide, Euthanasia, and Capital Punishment.
4. Buddhist Perspective on Caste, Equality, Discrimination, and Preferential Treatment.
5. Buddhist attitude towards women.
6. Bodhisattva Ideal.

Suggested Reading

1. Har Dayal, *The Bodhisattva Doctrine in Buddhist Sanskrit Literature*, reprint, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1999.
2. Fishin, J.S., *Justice, Equal Opportunity, and the Family*, New Haven: Yale University Press: 1983.
3. Aiyer, Raghvan, *Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, Madras: 1978.
4. Rahula, Walpola, *What the Buddha Taught*, Reprint, 2007, Oneworld Publication, Oxford, London.
5. Sarao, K.T.S. and Long, J.D. (eds.), *Buddhism and Jainism: Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, New York: Springer, 2017.
6. Sarao, K.T.S., *Origin and Nature of Ancient Indian Buddhism*, 4th revised edition, New Delhi Munshiram Manoharlal, 2009. *Prācīna Bhāratīya Bauddha Dharma kī Utpatti, Svarūpa aur Patana* (in Hindi), Delhi University: Directorate of Hindi Medium Implementation, 2004.
7. Misra G.S.P., *Development of Buddhist Ethics*, Munshi Ram Manohar Lal, Delhi, 1984.
8. Keown, D., *The Nature of Buddhist Ethics*, New York: 1992.
9. Fishin, J.S., *Justice, Equal Opportunity, and the Family*, New Haven: Yale University Press: 1983.