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Syllabus of

B.A. III YEAR

Thoughts of Mahatma Phule & Dr. Ambedkar

Semester-V & VI

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Subject: Thoughts of Mahatma Phule and Dr. Ambedkar

BA Third year

Semester V

- 1) Mahatma Phule's religious thought
- 2) Dr. Ambedkar's political thought
- 3) Mahatma Phule and Ambedkar's struggle for women's emancipation
- 4) Dr. Ambedkar's Economic thought

Semester VI

- 5) Mahatma Phule on economic exploitation
- 6) Dr. Ambedkar's interpretations of Indian History
- 7) Religious thought of Dr. Ambedkar
- 8) Dr. Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution

1. Mahatma Phule's Religious Thought

Objectives: This course will orient students about the perspective of Mahatma Phule towards religion and will inform about Mahatma Phule's critique of religious exploitation. It will also offer his attempt to create a counter-culture.

- I. Legacy of social reform movement
 - (a) Missionaries' interventions
 - (b) Contemporary social reformers
- II. Critique of religion
 - (a) Critique of Brahminical scriptures
 - (b) Critique of Puranas/ mythology
 - (c) Critique of ritualism and priesthood
 - (d) Role of religion in exploitation and domination

III. Towards a Universal Religion

- (a) Views on history of religion
- (b) Views on Christianity, Buddhism and Islam
- (c) Views on religion and caste struggle

IV. *Sarvajanik Satya Dharma* as Alternative Religion

- (a) Concept of *nirmik*
- (b) Alternative rituals
- (c) Religion as ideology of social emancipation

2. Political Thought Of Dr. Ambedkar

Objectives: This course will orient students about Dr. Ambedkar's political thought.

I. Impact of Western Political Thought

- (a) Liberalism
- (b) Socialism

II. Views on Democracy

- (a) Challenges before Indian Democracy:
- (b)** Social and Economic Democracy

III. State Socialism

Ambedkar's Ideas on State Socialism

IV. Nationalism

- (a) Critique of Brahminical Nationalism
- (b) Critique of Two-Nation Theory
- (c) Alternative Nationalism

3. Mahatma Phule And Ambedkar's Struggle For Women's Emancipation

Objectives: This course will inform students about the subjugation of women in Indian society. It will orient students about Mahatma Phule and Dr. Ambedkar's ideology and struggle for women's emancipation.

I. Contextualising the 'Women's Question'

- (a) Social Reform Movements and Women
- (b) Mahatma Phule's Understanding of the Situation of Women
- (c) Dr. Ambedkar's Understanding of the Situation of Women

II. Gender and Caste

- (a) Mahatma Phule's conceptualization of Brahminical patriarchy
- (b) Ambedkar's Understanding of Women as the Doorway to the caste system

III. Mahatma Phule's Struggle for Women's Emancipation

- (a) Women's Education
- (b) Radical Reform Agenda
- (c) Defence of Tarabai Shinde and Pandita Ramabai

IV. Dr. Ambedkar's Struggle for Women's Emancipation

- (a) Women's Agency in Dalit Movement
- (b) Gender Equality and Hindu Code Bill

4. Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Thought

Objectives: This course will orient students about Dr. Ambedkar's economic writings, his vision of inclusive development with empowerment of downtrodden castes.

- I. Dr. Ambedkar's Economic Writings
 - (a) Views on Colonial Economy
 - (b) Views on Currency and taxation
 - (c) Views on landholdings
- II. Dr. Ambedkar on Caste Economy
 - (a) Caste as a System of Graded Exploitation
 - (b) The issue of *Maharwatan*
 - (c) Views on Caste and Economic Development
- III. Reconstruction of the Indian Economy
 - (a) Views on Land reforms
 - (b) Nationalisation of industries**
 - (c) Co-operative Agriculture**
- IV. Ambedkar's Views on Development
 - (a) Views on Population and family Planning
 - (b) Contribution to Indian Economic Planning

Semester VI

5. Mahatma Phule on Economic Exploitation

Objectives : This course will orient students about Mahatma Phules's economic analysis of colonial, caste and cultural exploitation.

I. Critique of Colonial Economy

- (a) Impact of colonial policies on peasants
- (b) Colonialism and marginalization of the downtrodden

II. Religion as Agency of Economic Exploitation

- (a) Ritualism and Priesthood
- (b) Religious Slavery and Exploitation

III Struggle for Emancipation of Peasants

- (a) Mahatma Phule's attack on Moneylenders
- (b) Views on peasants' struggles (*Cultivators' Whipcord*)
- (c) Junnar Rebellion

IV Situating Mahatma Phule's Economic Thought

- (a) Mahatma Phule's critique of nationalist Thought
- (b) Satyashodhak, Non-Brahmin movements against economic exploitation

6. Dr. Ambedkar's interpretations of Indian History

Objectives: This course will inform students about Dr. Ambedkar's perspective of history and will orient students about his interpretations of Indian History.

- I. Historical development of caste system
 - a) Origin
 - b) Evolution of Institutional structure of Caste
- II. Untouchability
 - a) Origin
 - b) Untouchability through the Ages
- III. History of Socio-Religious Struggles
 - a. History of Varna-Caste Struggles
 - c) Cultural struggle through the Ages
- IV. Women and Social History of India
 - a) Vedic Period and Subjugation of Women
 - b) Buddhist Revolution and Women's Freedom
 - c) Counter Revolution, Caste and women's enslavement
- V. Redefining Indian history
 - a) Dr. Ambedkar on Philosophy of history
 - b) Dr. Ambedkar's Scheme for Understanding Indian History

7. Religious Thought of Dr. Ambedkar

Objectives: This Course will orient students about Dr. Ambedkar's critique of Hinduism and his stance towards other religions. It will also groom students towards Dr. Ambedkar's conception of Buddhism as alternative culture system.

- I. Critique of Hinduism
 - a. Critique of scriptures
 - b. Critique of Hindu Philosophy
 - c. Critique of Social inequality
- II. Religion and Social Change
 - a. Buddhist Social revolution
 - b. Counter Revolution
 - c. Caste and Religious Struggle
- III. Conversion to Buddhism
 - a. Why conversion?
 - b. Probing Alternatives
- IV. Buddha and His Dhamma
 - a) Major Tenants of Buddhism
 - b) Buddhism as Religion of Becoming : What is not Dhamma, What is Dhamma, and what is saddhamma
 - c) Buddhism and Anti –Caste Revolution

8. Dr. Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution

This course will inform students about Dr. Ambedkar's contribution to Making of Indian constitution and his conception of Indian Nationalism.

- I. Contemporary Constitutional thought and Dr. Ambedkar
 - a) Dr. Ambedkar's critique of western constitutionalism
- II. Development of Indian Constitution and Dr. Ambedkar
 - a. Southborough commission to Poona Pact
 - a. Need to Realize social and economic democracy through constitutionalism
 - b. States and minorities as Dr. Ambedkar's blue print of Indian Constitution
- III. Making of Indian Constitution
 - a. Structure of Constituent Assembly
 - b. Dr. Ambedkar as an architect of Indian Constitution
- IV. Outline of Indian constitution
 - a. Democracy and Federalism
 - b. Constitution as a mean to establish Liberty, Equality and justice
 - i) Protection Fundamental rights of individuals and deprived classes- Social and educational backwards sections
 - ii) Directive Principles and Policy of Positive discrimination