

B.A.(Hons.) English
Semester-VII
Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)

DSE- Contemporary South Asian Literature

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
DSE- 15 Contemporary South Asian Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: #5 – Gender Equality, 10 – Reduced Inequality and #13 – Climate Action

Learning Objectives

- To examine how contemporary South Asian literature reflects and shapes societal understandings of gender roles, identities, and power dynamics through selected novels, so as to contextualise Indian models in a richer way.
- To develop critical reading skills by analyzing literary texts through a gendered lens, applying feminist and postcolonial theories to explore the relationship between literature and gender in a specific spatial and historical context.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course:

- Students will be able to analyze representations of gender in South Asian literature, applying intersectional frameworks to explore their connections with class, ethnicity, and religion, and add this to their knowledge of the Indian scenario.
- Students will be able to articulate well-supported interpretations of literary texts, engaging with scholarly debates on gender and literature in South Asia.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-15

UNIT – I (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Shyam Selvadurai: *Cinnamon Gardens*. Penguin India. 2001.

UNIT – II (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Kiran Desai: *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard*. Faber. 2012.

UNIT – III (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Manjushree Thapa: *The Tilled Earth*. Aleph. 2012.

UNIT – IV (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Easterine Kire, *Sky is My Father: A Naga Village Remembered*, Speaking Tiger, 2018.

Suggested Readings:

1. Sinha, Mrinalini. 'A Global Perspective on Gender: What's South Asia Got to Do with It?', *South Asian Feminisms: Contemporary Interventions*. ed. Ania Loomba and Ritty A. Lukose, Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2012. pp 356-374
2. Ratnasinha, Ruvani. 'Writing and reading Sri Lanka: Shifting politics of cultural translation, consumption, and the implied reader,' *Journal of Commonwealth Literature*. Vol. 48, 2013. pp 27-39
3. Pun, Min. 'The Canons of Nepali Fiction in English,' *Tribhuvan University Journal*. vol 31, no. 1 and 2, June/December, 2017. pp 63-74
4. Kamla Bhasin. *Understanding Gender*. New Delhi: Kali for Women. 2000.
5. Tilottoma Misra, "Introduction" from *The Oxford Anthology of Writings from North-East India: Poetry and essays*. India, Oxford University Press, 2011.