

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 14: Modern Indian Political Thought

### 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 (if any) |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                        |         | Lecture                           | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice |                      |                                      |
| Modern Indian Political Thought DSC-14 | 4       | 3                                 | 1        | -                   | Passed Class XII     | NIL                                  |

### Learning Objectives

The objective of this course is to study important themes through individual thinkers. The course has been designed to give students a glimpse of the richness and diversity within Indian political thought. The thinkers have been consciously selected to represent a wide spectrum of ideologies and vantage points within the modern Indian thought tradition. Selected extracts from original texts are also included to be discussed in the class. This will help students to have experience in understanding how these thinkers build up their arguments and develop their views on the respective themes.

### Learning outcomes

After studying this course, the students will be able to:

- Develop critical understanding about modern Indian thought.
- Thematically explore ideas in order to locate the topical debates on important subjects on a historical trajectory
- Reflect over the diverse possibilities exhibited in the writings of the respective thinkers.
- Think about issues and debates in contemporary India from multiple vantage points including its historical significance in the Indian tradition.
- Develop toleration and respect for diverse opinion and at the same time, to admire and appreciate the plurality within the modern Indian intellectual tradition.

## SYLLABUS OF DSC- 14

### UNIT – I

#### Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought

### UNIT – II

#### Nation and Nationalism

Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore and Gandhi

## **UNIT – III**

### **State and Democracy**

Jawaharlal Nehru, Deendayal Upadhyay, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

## **UNIT – IV**

### **Rights**

Rammohan Roy, Tarabai Shinde

## **UNIT – V**

### **Swaraj**

Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

## **UNIT – VI**

### **Hindutva and Hinduism**

Savarkar

## **Essential/recommended readings**

### 1. Understanding Modern Indian Political Thought

V. Mehta and T. Pantham (2006) '*A Thematic Introduction to Political Ideas in Modern India: Thematic Explorations, History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian civilization*' Vol. 10, Part: 7 (New Delhi: Sage Publications), pp. xxvii-ixi.

D. Dalton (1982) 'Continuity of Innovation', in *Indian Idea of Freedom: Political Thought of Swami Vivekananda, Aurobindo Ghose, Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi* (Gurgaon: Academic Press), pp. 1-28.

R. Guha (2010) "Prologue: Thinking Through India", in *Makers of Modern India*, Penguin Books. pp.1-22

### 2. Nation and Nationalism

Sen, Amiya P. (2011), 'Vivekanand: Cultural Nationalism', in M. P. Singh and Himanshu Roy (ed.), *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers* (Delhi: Pearson)

Tagore: M. Radhakrishnan and Devasmita (2003), 'Nationalism is a great menace: Tagore and Nationalism', in P. Hogan, Coln and L. Pandit (ed.) *Rabindranath Tagore: Universality and Tradition* (London: Rosemont), pp. 29-39.

Guha, R (2010), "*The Rooted Cosmopolitan*" in the *Makers of Modern India*, Penguin, pp 185-203

### 3. State and Democracy

Parekh, B. (1991), 'Nehru and the National Philosophy of India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 26 (1/2), pp. 35-48.

Yadav, Y. (2010), 'What is Living and What is Dead in Ram Manohar Lohia?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. XLV (40), pp. 107.

Deendayal Upadhyay (1964), *Integral Humanism*, Bharatiya Jana Sangha, Delhi.

Ambedkar, B.R. (2017) "The Challenges before the Parliamentary Democracy in India and their Remedies", in B.L.Mungekar, *The Essential Ambedkar*, Rupa, Chap-09