

Course Code	Course Name	L-T-P	CH	Credit	Remark
AC 701	Philosophy of B. R. Ambedkar and Its Contemporary Relevance	4-0-0	4	4	CBCS (Open Elective)

AC 701 Philosophy of B. R. Ambedkar and Its Contemporary Relevance

Course Objective

This course is offered to the doctoral scholars (Ph.D.) to familiarize them with the ideas and philosophy of B.R. Ambedkar to enrich their understanding about different facets of Indian social as well as political system. Also, the course will deliberate a discussion on the concept of Nation and its applicability in Indian context. In addition to this, there will be an orientation to the scholars towards doing research in the areas pertaining to social marginalities in India.

DETAILED SYLLABI

Unit 1: Philosophy of B. R. Ambedkar Sources of

- Influence
- Perspectives on Indian Social Structure
- Political Integration
- Economic Thought
- Ideas on Education
- Religion - Emancipatory Vehicle

Unit 2: Social Philosophy and Its Relevance Historicity and

- Development of Indian Social Thought Social Movements
- Addressing Discrimination on Caste, Tribe, Gender, and Religion
- Indian Constitution - The Source of Social Reform

Unit 3: Thoughts on Nation and Indian Nationalism

Liberty, Equality and Fraternity - Key Concepts
Idea of Nation and its Applicability in India
Democracy - Concept and Functionality/Challenges
Emergence of Dalit-Bahujan Consciousness in India

Unit 4: Doing Research on Social Marginality in India

Social Exclusion - Conceptualization in Indian Context
Researching Marginality in India - Ontology, Epistemology, and Methodology
Issues of Marginality in India

Readings

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AC 401	B.R. Ambedkar and Constitution of India	3-0-0	3	3	CBCS (Open Elective)

AC 401 B.R. Ambedkar and Constitution of India

Course Objective

This course aims to familiarize the students with the philosophy, sources and the historical development of the Indian Constitution. Further, it intends to deliberate information about the role of B. R. Ambedkar towards final draft of the Constitution in terms of his reflections on the key concepts such as Justice, Federal Structure, and Secularism. The course will also generate a dynamic discussion on the nature and representation in Indian Constitution.

DETAILED SYLLABI

Unit 1: Constitution of India

Philosophy and Sources of Indian Constitution
Historical Development

Unit 2: Role and Contribution of B.R. Ambedkar towards Constitution of India

Drafting Committee
Ambedkar's Thoughts on Constitution and Constitutionalism - Issues on Justice, Federal Structure and Secularism

Unit 3: Nature of Indian Constitution

Concepts of Democracy, Socialism, Capitalism and Republic
Inter-linkages of Legislature, Executive and Judiciary

Unit 4 : Representation in Indian Constitution

Ambedkar's idea of Social Justice (Caste, Gender, Tribe, and Minorities)
Political Representation and Social Reforms

Textbook(s)

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