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| Paper Title: | UNDERSTANDING AMBEDKAR | | | | | | |

Maximum Mark: 100

Total Lectures and Student Presentations: 60

Course objective: This course is broadly intended to introduce Ambedkar’s ideas and their relevance in contemporary India, by looking beyond caste. Ambedkar’s philosophical contributions towards Indian economy and class question, sociological interpretations on religion, gender, caste and cultural issues; ideas on politics such as concepts of nation, state, democracy, law and constitutionalism are to be pedagogically interrogated and interpreted. This will help students to critically engage themselves with the existing social concerns, state and economic structures and other institutional mechanisms. This also will facilitate them to strengthen their creative thinking with a collective approach to understand ongoing social, political, cultural and economic phenomena of the society.

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| I. Introducing Ambedkar | (1 week) |
| a. Approach to Study Polity, History, Economy, Religion and Society | |
| II. Caste and Religion | (3 weeks) |
| a. Caste, Untouchability and Critique of Hindu Social Order | |
| b. Religion and Conversion | |
| III. Women’s Question | (2 weeks) |
| a. Rise and Fall of Hindu Women | |
| b. Hindu Code Bill | |
| IV. Political Vision | (2 weeks) |
| a. Nation and Nationalism | |
| b. Democracy and Citizenship | |
| V. Constitutionalism | (2 weeks) |
| a. Rights and Representations | |
| b. Constitution as an Instrument of Social Transformation | |
| VI. Economy and Class Question | (2 weeks) |
| a. Planning and Development | |
| b. Land and Labor | |

I. Introducing Ambedkar

Essential Readings:

G. Omvedt, (2008) 'Phule-Remembering The Kingdom of Bali', Seeking Begumpura Navyana, pp. 159-184.

M. Gore, (1993) *The Social Context of an Ideology: Ambedkar's Political and Social Thought*, Delhi: Sage Publication, pp. 73-122 ; 196-225.

B. Ambedkar, (1989) 'Annihilation of Caste with a Reply to Mahatma Gandhi', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches: Vol. 1*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 23-96.

Additional Readings:

E. Zelliott, (1996) 'From Untouchable to Dalit: Essays on the Ambedkar Movement', in *The Leadership of Babasaheb Ambedkar*, Delhi: Manohar, pp. 53-78.

G. Omvedt, *Liberty Equality and Community: Dr. Ambedkar's Vision of New Social Order*, Available at <http://www.ambedkar.org/research/LibertyEquality.htm>, Accessed: 19.04.2013.

II. Caste and Religion

Essential Readings:

The Untouchables Who were they and why they become Untouchables?, Available at http://www.ambedkar.org/ambcd/39A.Untouchables%20who%20were%20they_why%20they%20became%20PART%20I.htm, Accessed: 18.04.2013.

B. Ambedkar, (1987) 'The Hindu Social Order: Its Essential Principles', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches: Vol. 3*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, 1989, pp. 95-129.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'What way Emancipation?', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp-175-201.

Additional Readings:

B. Ambedkar, (1987) 'Philosophy of Hinduism', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 3*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp-3-92.

E. Zelliott, (2013) 'Ambedkar's World: The Making of Babasaheb and the Dalit Movement', in *The Religious Conversion Movement-1935-1956*, Delhi, pp. 143-173.

III. Women's Question

Essential Readings:

S. Rege, (2013) 'Against the Madness of Manu', in *B. R. Ambedkar's Writings on Brahmanical Patriarchy*, Navyana Publication, pp. 13-59 ; 191-232.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'The Rise and Fall of Hindu Woman: Who was Responsible for It?', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches Vol. 17- II*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 109-129.

Additional Readings:

B. Ambedkar, (1987) 'The Women and the Counter-Revolution', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 3*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 427-437.

P. Ramabai , (2013), *The High Caste Hindu Woman*, Critical Quest, Delhi.

IV. Political Vision

Essential Readings:

B. Ambedkar, (1991) 'What Gandhi and Congress have done to the Untouchables', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Vol.9, pp. 40-102; 181-198; 274-297.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'Conditions Precedent for the successful working of Democracy', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 472-486.

G. Aloysius, (2009). *Ambedkar on Nation and Nationalism*, Critical Quest, Delhi.

B. R. Ambedkar, (2003), 'I have no Homeland', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches Vol- 17*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp-51-58.

Additional Readings:

B. Ambedkar, (2003), 'Role of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Bringing The Untouchables on the Political Horizon of India and Laying A Foundation of Indian Democracy', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-I*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp-63-178.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'Buddhism paved way for Democracy and Socialistic Pattern of Society', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 406-409.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'Failure of Parliamentary Democracy will Result in Rebellion, Anarchy and Communism', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 423-437.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'Prospects of Democracy in India', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 519-523.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'People cemented by feeling of one country, One Constitution and One Destiny, Take the Risk of Being Independent', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 13-59.

V. Constitutionalism

Essential Readings:

Ambedkar, Evidence before South Borough committee on Franchise, Available at <http://www.ambedkar.org/ambcd/07.%20Evidence%20before%20the%20Southborough%20Committee.htm>, Accessed: 19.04.2013.

Constituent Assembly Debates, Ambedkar's speech on Draft Constitution on 4th November 1948, *CAD Vol. VII*, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Government of India, 3rd Print, pp. 31-41.

B. Ambedkar, (2013), *States and Minorities*, Delhi: Critical Quest.

Additional Readings:

A. Gajendran, (2007) 'Representation', in S. Thorat and Aryama (eds.), *Ambedkar in Retrospect: Essays on Economics, Politics and Society*, Delhi: Rawat Publishers, pp. 184-194.

B. Ambedkar, (2003), 'Depressed Classes against Second Chamber: Dr. Ambedkar on Joint Parliamentary Committee Report Provision for Better Representation Demanded', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-I*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 231-243.

VI. Economy and Class Question

Essential Readings:

B. Ambedkar, (1987) 'Buddha or Karl Marx', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 3*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp-442-462.

S. Thorat, (2007) 'Economic System, Development and Economic Planning', in S. Thorat and Aryama (eds), *Ambedkar in Retrospect: Essays on Economics, Politics and Society*, Delhi: Rawat Publishers, pp. 25-48.

B. Ambedkar, (1991) 'Labor and Parliamentary Democracy and Welfare', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 10*, Education Deptt., Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 106-112; 139-143; 243-252

B. Mungekar, (2007) 'Labour Policy' in S. Thorat and Aryama (eds), *Ambedkar in Retrospect: Essays on Economics, Politics and Society*, Delhi: Rawat Publishers, pp. 76-92.

Additional Readings:

R. Ram, (2010) 'Dr, Ambedkar, Neo Liberal Market-Economy and Social Democracy in India', in *Human Rights Global Focus, Vol. V (384)*, pp. 12-38, Available at www.roundtableindia.co.in, Accessed: 19.04.2013.

B. Ambedkar, (2003) 'Trade Union must Enter Politics to Protect their Interests', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 17-III*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp.174-192.

B. Ambedkar, (1991) 'Why Indian Labour determined to War', in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches, Vol. 10*, Education Deptt, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, pp. 36-43.

A. Teltumbde and S. Sen (eds), 'Caste Question in India', in *Scripting the Change, Selected Writings of Anuradha Ghandi*, pp. 62- 91.

Format for Student Presentations (12)

- (1) Five presentations on any original writing/speeches by B. R Ambedkar can be used by the students for presentations (Preferably other than compulsory writings that has been suggested in the reading list)
- (2) Six Presentations on the different issues concerned to Ambedkar's works and their relevance in contemporary India. (Preferably other than compulsory writings that has been suggested in the reading list)
- (3) One Presentation on Critical understanding on Ambedkar's Ideas.

References for Students' Presentations:

- 1) Babasaheb Ambedkar, Writings and Speeches, 22 Volumes (Available on www.ambedkar.org)
- 2) Narendra Jadhav, Ambedkar Spoke, 3 Volumes
- 3) Any other related audio-visual source