

## Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University

### Course Structure and Syllabus of CBCS (Open Elective) Course

**Level: Ph.D.**

#### Course Structure

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

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