

## Course Title: Socially Engaged Buddhism

### Course Code

### Course Description

This course of Socially Engaged Buddhism aims to enable students to understand the great social reformer and their contribution in developing peace in the World and had engaged themselves to resolve issues with appropriate social work. It also helps to understand human values and guides the students to enrich the moral and ethical values in their life.

### Course Objectives

- To understand the social issues with an appropriate remedy
- To know the significance of human values and the natural phenomenon
- Train the students as great leaders or Diplomats for nations
- To develop an understanding of social, political and economic imbalance in the country
- To guide the students to enrich their moral and ethical values in life.

### Learning Outcomes

**LO1:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of Socially Engaged Buddhism, including its origins, relevance, and core values.

**LO2:** Examine the life and social philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar and understand his role in the revival of Buddhism in India.

**LO3:** Explore the contributions of prominent Engaged Buddhists, such as Thich Nhat Hanh, Dalai Lama, A.T. Ariyaratante, and Sulak Sivaraksa, and analyze their approaches to social engagement.

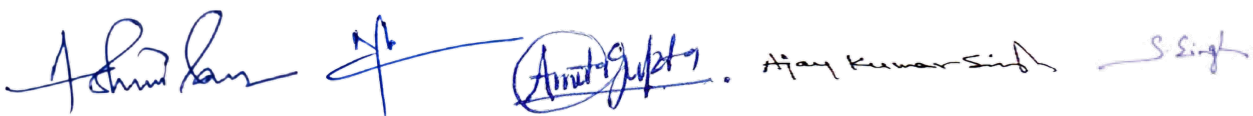
**LO4:** Analyze the Buddhist perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a focus on economic welfare, well-being, and environmental sustainability.

**LO5:** Understand the Buddhist Perspective on pluralism and interfaith dialogue, including the Philosophy of Peaceful coexistence and the importance of dialogue for social Welfare.

**LO6:** Develop critical thinking skills and ethical reasoning to apply Buddhist principles and values to real-world social issues and propose appropriate remedies for social imbalances.

### 1. Definition and relevance of Socially Engaged Buddhism

#### 1.1 Origin of engaged Buddhism



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- 1.2 Relevance of Socially Engaged Buddhism
- 1.3 Core Value of Socially Engaged Buddhism

## **2. Dr Ambedkar and his Social Philosophy**

- 2.1 Dr Ambedkar's life and his Buddhist Philosophy
- 2.2 Dr Ambedkar's role in the Revival of Buddhism in India
- 2.3 Dr Ambedkar's reading of Textual reading of "Buddha and his Dhamma"

## **3. Leading Engaged Buddhists in the world**

- 3.1 Thich Nhat Hanh
- 3.2 Dalai Lama
- 3.3 A.T.Ariyaratante, Sulak Sivaraksa

## **4. Buddhist Perspective on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**

- 4.1 Buddhism and Economic Welfare
- 4.2 Buddhism and Economic Well Being
- 4.3 Buddhism and Environment

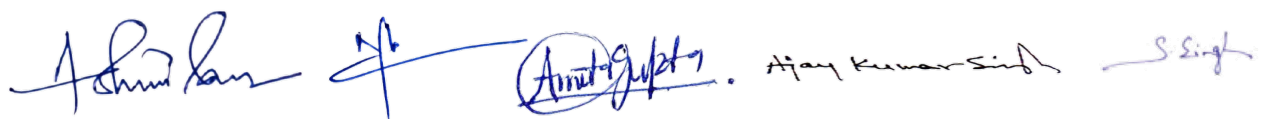
## **5. Buddhist perspective on Pluralism and Interfaith Dialogue**

- 5.1 Buddhist philosophy of peaceful Co- Existence
- 5.2 Importance of Dialogue in Buddhism
- 5.3 Philosophical foundation of Buddhism for Social welfare



## Suggested Readings

1. Nhat Hanh, Thich. 1987. Being Peace. Berkeley: Parallax Press.
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