

## SYLLABI FOR COMMON COURSES

### Course V: REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

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| COURSE CODE                                  | ENCN5  |
| TITLE OF THE COURSE                          | REFLECTIONS ON INDIAN POLITY, SECULARISM AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT |
| SEMESTER IN WHICH THE COURSE IS TO BE TAUGHT | 3  |
| NO. OF CREDITS                               | 4  |
| NO. OF CONTACT HOURS                         | 90   |

#### 1. AIM OF THE COURSE

- To impart Gandhian values and to make the students positively respond to the concepts of secularism, democracy and love of nature.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- To enable the students to grow into responsible citizens taking pride in the secular and democratic traditions of the country.
- To inculcate a cosmopolitan outlook in the students and to equip them to fight against the divisive forces in the society.
- To make the students aware of the consequences of mindless exploitation of nature.

#### 3. OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

##### MODULE I: Readings on Indian Constitution and Federalism (18 hours)

- The Preamble of the Constitution
- Rajendra Prasad : "Let Posterity Judge"
- Sebastian : "Exciting Views"
- Amulal Hingorani : "Brother Abdul Rahman"

*Note: "Dimensions of Indian Federalism" by Rajesh Kumar is excluded.*

**MODULE II: Readings on Gandhian Philosophy**

(18 hours)

1. Vallathol
2. Louis Fischer
3. Raja Rao
4. M.K. Gandhi
5. C.E.M. Joad

: "My Master"  
: "Gandhi and Western World"  
: "The Cow of the Barricades"  
: "Round Table Conference Speech"  
: "The Gandhian Way"

**MODULE III: Readings on Secularism**

(18 hours)

1. Mohinder Sing Sarma
2. Kumar Vikal
3. Shashi Tharoor

: "Smaller Gandhis"  
: "Can you Make Out"  
: "The Idea of India: India's Mosaic of Multiplicities"

4. Ismat Chughtai
5. Padma Sachdev

: "Roots"  
: "Smoke"

**MODULE IV: Readings on Sustainable Environment**

(36 hours)

- Fritjof Capra : "Deep Ecology"
- A K Ramanujan : "Ecology"
- Sujatha Bhatt : "The First Meeting"
- Ramachandra Guha : "A Gandhian in Garhwal"
- Jack London : "The Law of Life"
- Elizabeth Bishop : "The Fish"
- Chief Seattle : "The End of Living and the Beginning of Survival"
- Robinson Jeffers : "The Last Conservative"
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**4. CORE TEXT**

Dr B Keralavarma Ed. *Understanding India: An Anthology on Indian Polity, Secularism and Sustainable Environment*. Macmillan and Mahatma Gandhi University.