**CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN THE LIFE, THOUGHT AND PHILOSOPHY OF SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH**

**SEMESTER-2**

# DPBST-4- BHAGAT SINGH'S WRITINGS, PRISON PHILOSOPHY AND INTELLECTUAL LEGACY

**MAX.MARKS:100**
**PASS: 40%**
**INTERNAL: 30**
**EXTERNAL: 70**
**CREDITS: 6**

## OBJECTIVES

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of Bhagat Singh's writings, prison philosophy, and intellectual legacy. The objective is to help students examine his major essays, court statements, prison letters, and Jail Notebook, along with his engagement with Marxism, political theory, secularism, and rationalism. The course also seeks to analyze his ideas on sacrifice, political prisoners' rights, revolution, economic justice, and anti-imperialism, while evaluating his continuing relevance in contemporary debates on nationalism, secularism, democracy, and social justice.

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| **CO1** | Understand Bhagat Singh's major writings, including *Why I Am an Atheist*, *Letter to Young Political Workers*, court statements, prison letters, political pamphlets, and the themes of his Jail Notebook. |
| **CO2** | Examine Bhagat Singh's prison philosophy, including his ideas on sacrifice, martyrdom, political prisoners' rights, hunger strike as political protest, and the ethical dimensions of resistance. |
| **CO3** | Analyze Bhagat Singh's critique of religion and communalism, his understanding of revolution and justice, and his engagement with Marxism, anti-imperialist movements, and global revolutionary traditions. |
| **CO4** | Evaluate Bhagat Singh's intellectual legacy in post-independence historiography, literature, political discourse, youth politics, and contemporary debates on nationalism, secularism, democracy, and social justice. |

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER SETTER/ EXAMINER:**

1. The syllabus prescribed should be strictly adhered to.

2. The Question Paper will have 70 Multiple Choice questions (MCQs) and four choices of answers will be there covering the entire syllabus. Each question will carry 1 mark. All questions will be compulsory; hence candidates will attempt all the questions.

3. Paper-setters/Examiners are requested to distribute the questions from section A and Section B of the syllabus equally i.e., 35 questions from section A and 35 questions from Section B.

4. The examiner shall give clear instructions to the candidates to attempt questions.

5. The duration of each paper will be two hours.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS**

The question paper shall consist of 70 Multiple Choice questions. All questions will be compulsory and each question will carry 1 mark. There will be no negative marking. Students are required to answer using OMR (Optimal Mark Recognition) sheets.

**SECTION A**

**Unit 1: Major Writings**

Study of key essays including “Why I Am an Atheist”; “Letter to Young Political Workers”; court statements; selected letters from prison; political pamphlets.

**Unit 2: Jail Notebook**

Content and themes of the Jail Notebook; Intellectual references; Notes on Marx, Lenin and other thinkers; Engagement with political theory and philosophy.

**Unit 3: Prison Philosophy**

Concept of sacrifice and martyrdom; Attitude towards death; Political prisoners’ rights; Hunger strike as political protest; Ethical dimensions of resistance.

**Unit 4: Critique of Religion and Communalism**

Secularism and rationalism; Opposition to communal politics; Religion and revolution; Scientific temper and political modernity.

**SECTION B**

**Unit 5: Concept of Revolution& its Various Dimensions**

Dimensions of Justice; Revolution as structural transformation; Economic justice and class struggle; Workers and peasants in revolutionary imagination.

**Unit 6: Engagement with Global Thought**

Influence of Marxism; Russian Revolution; Irish struggle; Anti-imperialist movements; Comparative revolutionary traditions.

**Unit 7: Intellectual Legacy**

Bhagat Singh in post-independence historiography; Representation in literature and political discourse; Youth icon and symbolic politics.

**Unit 8: Contemporary Interpretations**

Debates on nationalism and secularism; Appropriation and reinterpretation of his ideas; Relevance in contemporary democratic and social justice movements.

**Suggested Readings**


1. Chaman Lal (Ed.). *Bhagat Singh: The Jail Notebook and Other Writings.*
2. Noorani, A. G. *The Trial of Bhagat Singh: Politics of Justice.*
3. Habib, Irfan. *Inquilab: Bhagat Singh on Religion and Revolution.*
4. Chandra, Bipan, et al. *India's Struggle for Independence: 1857–1947.*
5. Sarkar, Sumit. *Modern India.*
6. Kothari, C. R. *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques.*
7. Creswell, John W. *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches.*
8. Bryman, Alan. *Social Research Methods.*
9. Selected Writings of Bhagat Singh (including essays, letters, court statements, and political pamphlets).
10. HSRA Documents and Manifestos.
11. Archival Records of the Lahore Conspiracy Case.