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

SEMESTER-1

DPBST-2- POLITICAL THOUGHT AND IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF BHAGAT SINGH

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

OBJECTIVES

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the political thought and ideological foundations of Bhagat Singh. The objective is to help students examine the intellectual influences that shaped his worldview, including socialism, Marxism, revolutionary nationalism, atheism, and rationalism. The course also seeks to analyze his ideas on revolution, colonialism, state power, youth activism, social justice, and secularism, while assessing the continuing relevance of his political thought in contemporary India.

CO	Course Outcome
CO1	Understand the intellectual influences on Bhagat Singh's political thought, including European revolutionary movements, Marxism, socialism, Indian reform movements, and political philosophy.
CO2	Examine Bhagat Singh's ideas on nationalism, secularism, socialism, economic justice, class struggle, and the role of workers and peasants in social transformation.
CO3	Analyze Bhagat Singh's views on atheism, rationalism, revolution, colonialism, state power, resistance, and the relationship between politics, religion, and social change.
CO4	Evaluate Bhagat Singh's perspectives on youth activism, political mobilization, democracy, social justice, and the contemporary relevance of his political ideas in modern India.

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: Intellectual Influences

Influence of European revolutionary movements; Marxism and socialism; Irish and Russian revolutions; Influence of Indian thinkers and reform movements; Role of literature and political philosophy in shaping his worldview.

Unit 2: Concept of Nationalism

Bhagat Singh's understanding of Indian nationalism; Difference between revolutionary nationalism and moderate nationalism; Critique of communal politics; Vision of inclusive and secular nationhood.

Unit 3: Socialism and Economic Justice

Meaning of socialism in Bhagat Singh's thought; Critique of capitalism and imperial exploitation; Class struggle; Workers and peasants in revolutionary politics; Socialist restructuring of society.

Unit 4: Atheism and Rationalism

Analysis of his essay "Why I Am an Atheist"; Critique of blind faith and superstition; Rational inquiry and scientific temper; Relationship between religion and politics.

SECTION B

Unit 5: Theory of Revolution

Meaning of revolution; Difference between terrorism and revolution; Concept of sacrifice and martyrdom; Revolution as social transformation.

Unit 6: State, Power and Colonialism

Nature of British colonial state; Repressive apparatus and imperial domination; Legitimacy of resistance; Revolutionary response to state violence.

Unit 7: Youth and Political Activism

Role of youth in national liberation; Political education and consciousness; Organization and mobilization strategies; Vision of politically aware citizenship.

Unit 8: Contemporary Relevance

Relevance of Bhagat Singh's ideas in modern India; Democracy, secularism and social justice; Critique of inequality and authoritarianism; Bhagat Singh as a political thinker in contemporary discourse.

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.