



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	Discipline Specific Core Course (DSC-15)
Paper Title:	Dalit Writings
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	5
Faculty:	Dr Vasundhara Gautam
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
Unit I	Foundational understanding of Dalit life narratives	Weeks 1-2 (30 Jul - 12 Aug)	Om Prakash Valmiki's 'Joothan: A Dalit's Life' - Introduction to the text & translator Arun Prabha Mukherjee.
Unit I	Chronicle history of oppression & self-assertion	Weeks 3-4 (13 Aug - 26 Aug)	Detailed textual analysis of 'Joothan' (Chapters 1-3) - structural forms of discrimination.
Unit I	Understand intersectional marginalities & justice	Weeks 5-6 (27 Aug - 09 Sep)	Completion of 'Joothan'. Mid-unit reflection & critical discussion on Dalit aesthetics. Class Test (12 Marks) arranged on Sept 9.
Unit II	Explore institutional structures and gendered oppression	Weeks 7-8 (10 Sep - 23 Sep)	P. Sivakami's 'The Grip of Change' - Contextualizing the author's notes and translation framework.
Unit II	Analyse suffering, agency, and social redressal	Weeks 9-10 (24 Sep - 07 Oct)	Detailed study of 'The Grip of Change'. Internal community dynamics and patriarchy vs caste. CA Presentation - Activity 1 (15 Marks) scheduled.
Unit III	Examine modern Marathi Dalit literature in translation	Weeks 11-12 (08 Oct - 21 Oct)	Sharankumar Limbale's 'White Paper' and Jayant Parmar's 'The last will of a Dalit poet'. Analysis of poetic assertion.
Unit III	Analyze urban mobility, change, and contemporary prose	Weeks 13-14 (22 Oct - 04 Nov)	Ajay Navaria's 'New Custom' and Sanjay Kumar's 'Black Ink'. Thematic focus on the exercise

			of freedom vs ancient rituals. Written Assignment Submission (12 Marks) due Nov 4.
Unit III	Review aesthetic of suffering and cultural assertion	Week 15 (05 Nov - 20 Nov)	Syllabus revision, critical reviews, open-floor discussion on suggestive readings (Limbale, Gauthaman, Challapalli Rani). CA Presentation - Activity 2 (20 Marks) final compilation.

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Om Prakash Valmiki: Joothan: A Dalit's Life. (trans. Arun Prabha Mukerjee, 2003)
II	P. Sivakami: The Grip of Change, and author's notes. (trans. P. Sivakami, 2016)
III	1. Sharankumar Limbale: 'White Paper' (Poisoned Bread) 2. Jayant Parmar: 'The last will of a Dalit poet' 3. Ajay Navaria: 'New Custom' 4. Sanjay Kumar: 'Black Ink'
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
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	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	• Assignment	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		40
	• Activity 1	15	
	• Activity 2	20	
	• Attendance	5	
3.	Practical		
	• Continuous Assessment		
	• End Term Written/Practical Exam		
	• Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		