



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Course Name:	B.A. (Prog) Sanskrit, Minor
Paper Title:	DSC-7: Dharmashastra Studies
Unique Paper Code:	2132202401
Semester:	IV
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Year:	2024

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
II	Content of Dharmashastra:	1	Introduction to Dharmashastra and Three major categories;
		2	Achara: Structure of the society
		3	Varna system
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		5	Ashrama system
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		7	Purushartha chatushtya
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		10	Education and Marriage as ways of setting civilized society,
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		14	Concept of performing yajna and sharing resources (Daana) for sensitive and collective efforts in the society
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		18	Code of Conduct for the members of society
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Syllabus		
Unit	Contents	Contact Hours
I	<p>Concept of Dharma</p> <p>Society and Norms, Normative Social Institutions, Dharma as normative and ethical element in ancient India.</p> <p>Survey of Dharmashastra texts: Sutra literature, Smriti literature, commentaries and Nibandha texts, Kautilyarthshastra, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Puranas.</p>	9
II	<p>Content of Dharmashastra:</p> <p>Three major categories; Achara, Vyavahara, Prayashchitta.</p> <p>Achara: Structure of the society in the form of Varna system, managing individual life through Ashrama system, bringing balance in the society with the thought of Purushartha chatushtya, Education and Marriage as ways of setting civilized society, Concept of performing yajna and sharing resources (Daana) for sensitive and collective efforts in the society. Code of Conduct for the members of society</p>	12
III	<p>Vyavahara and Polity:</p> <p>Vyavahara: Ancient Indian Legal system: various types of disputes, Courts, Legal administration, Civil and Criminal Law, Legal Procedure, Evidences, Penal code, Judgement.</p> <p>Polity: Monarchic Rulers, acquisition and protection of the State, Good Governance, Seven elements of State, essential qualification for the King and ministers, Internal and International affairs: Mandala theory, Shadgunya, four Upayas,</p>	12
IV	<p>Prayashchitta: Types of Sins, various Penances in the form of Fasting, sharing (Daana), Yajya, Pilgrimage, Shraddha.</p>	12
	Total	45
Text Books/Suggested Readings:		
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers	Year of Publication/ Reprint
1	14. Kane, P.V. History of Dharmashastra, B.O.R.I Pune	
2	Prasad, Beni — Theory of Government in Ancient India, Allahabad,.	1968
3	Saletore, B.A. — Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions, Bombay,	1963

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
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Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation • Class Test • Attendance 	12 12 6	30
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity 1 • Activity 2 • Attendance 	20 15 5	40
3.	Practical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Assessment • End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva 	- - -	-
4.	End Semester Examination	90	160