

University of Delhi  
Department of Modern Indian Languages & Literary Studies  
Generic Elective Course

Comparative Indian Literature

Semester – I

Based on

Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022 (UGCF)

(Effective from Academic Year 2022-2023)

SL No	Course Title	Natur e of Cours e	Total Credit s	Component s			Eligibilit y Criteria	Prerequisit e	Content of the course & Referenc e
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1.	Introduc tion to Indian Literature	GE-I	04	03	01	0	Class 12 <sup>th</sup> pass in any subject	None	Cppgz/K
2.	Introducing Comparativ e Indian Literature	GE-II	04	03	01	0	Class 12 <sup>th</sup> pass in any subject	None	Cppgz/ <del>K</del>

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**Semester – I**  
**GE - I**  
**Introduction to Indian Literature**

**Maximum Marks 70 (3+1 Credit)**

**Course Objective:**

The course aims at introducing the diversity of Indian languages and literary traditions in India. It also aims at familiarizing the students with Indian philosophical traditions and thoughts and their impact on Indian literature. The course also proposes to make a survey of literatures produce in different Indian languages.

**Course Outcome:**

The course is expected to acquaint the students with the vast Indian literary cultures produced in different Indian languages. It will orient the students towards identifying the commonalities and establishing connections among the languages and literatures of India.

**Unit I** (15 Marks)

Indian Languages: Distribution and Philological Characteristics

**Unit II** (15 Marks)

Understanding the Concept of Indian Literature

**Unit III** (15 Marks)

Indian Literary Tradition: Written and Oral

**Unit IV** (25 Marks)

Brief Survey of Literatures in Indian Languages

**Reading List:**

Aizaz, Ahmad. "Indian Literature." *Theory: Classes, Nations, Literatures*. Verso. 1992. 243-285.

Chatterji, Suniti Kumar. *Languages and Literatures of Modern India*. Bengal Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1963.

Das, Sisir Kumar. *A History of Indian Literature*, 3 Volumes. Sahitya Akademi, 1991, 2005.

Emeneau, M. B. "India as a Linguistic Area" *Language*, Vol. 32, No. 1, Jan. - Mar., 1956, pp. 3-16.

Finnegan, Ruth. *Oral Traditions and the Verbal Arts*. Routledge. 1992

Gokak, Vinayak Krishna. *The Concept of Indian Literature*. Munshiram Manoharlal, 1979.

Kapoor, Kapil. & Singh, Awadhesh Kumar. (Eds.). (2005). *Indian Knowledge System*, Vol: I and II, Delhi: D. K. Printworld Ltd.

Nagendra. *Indian Literature: Short Critical Surveys of 12 Major Indian Languages and Literatures*. Lakshmi Narain Agarwal, 1959.

## Generic Elective Course

Semester – I

GE - 2

### Introducing Comparative Indian Literature

Maximum Marks 70 (3+1 Credit)

#### Course Objective:

The course aims at introducing the basic concepts and premises underlying the discipline of Comparative Indian Literature. The course also touches upon the history of its development along with the basic methods and models it follows.

#### Course Outcome:

The course is expected to orient the students towards a departure from the mono-literary investigation and the need for a new methodology for the literary analysis in a multi-lingual and multi-cultural situation that India provides.

**Unit I** (20 Marks)  
World Literature, Comparative Literature and Indian Literature

**Unit II** (15 Marks)  
What is Comparative Indian Literature?  
Evolution of Comparative Indian Literature as a Discipline

**Unit III** (15 Marks)  
Nature and Perspective of Comparative Indian Literature  
Indian Literature as Comparative Literature

**Unit IV** (20 Marks)  
Introduction to Tools and Methods of Comparison

#### Reading Lists:

Bandhyopadhyay, S. (Ed.) *Thematology: Literary Studies in India*. Jadavpur University, 2004  
Chanda, Ipshita (ed.) *Literary Studies in India: Literary Historiography*. Jadavpur University, 2004.

Dasgupta, Subha Chakraborty. *Literary Studies in India: Genology*. Jadavpur University, 2004

Dasgupta, Subha Chakraborty. "Comparative Literature in India: An Overview of its History." 2016.

Dev, Amiya and Sisir Kumar Das. eds. *The Idea of Comparative Literature: Theory and Practice*. Allied Publishers, 1989.

George, K.M. ed. *Comparative Indian Literature* (Vol. I and II). Kerala Sahitya Akademi, 1984.

Majumdar, Swapan. *Comparative Literature: Indian Dimensions*. Papyrus, 1987.

Dev, Amiya. *The Idea of Comparative Literature in India*. Papyrus, 1984.

Dev, Amiya. "Comparative Literature in India". *Comparative Literature and Culture*. Vol 2 Issue 4. Purdue University. 2000