### **SEMESTER IV**

6 Papers

Total  $100 \times 6 = 600 \text{ Marks}$ 

# I. SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE SEC 2:

Pass Marks Th ESE = 40

(Credits: Theory-02)

Instruction to Question Setter for

Marks: 100 (ESE 3Hrs) = 100

End Semester Examination (ESE):

There will be two group of questions. Group A is compulsory and will contain three questions. Question No.1 will be very short answer type consisting of ten questions of 1 mark each. Question No.2& 3 will be short answer type of 5 marks. Group B will contain descriptive type six questions of 20 marks each, out of which any four are to answer.

Note: There may be subdivisions in each question asked in Theory Examinations.

# UNDERSTANDING POPULAR CULTURE

Theory: 30 Lectures

The paper examines some popular cultures expressed in different mediums like visual, oral and cultural. In the process of their evolution, these cultures eclectically draw from traditions, articulate anxieties, and even give rise to new traditions. The paper endeavours to equip students with understanding such phenomena historically, with special reference to India. It is imperative that the students use electronic devices to view, record, and document the subject matter.

**I Introduction:** Defining popular culture and understanding it historically

**II Visual expressions** Folk art, calendar art, photography

### III. Performance:

Theatre; music; folk tales/songs/swang and Nautanki: Identifying themes, functionality, anxieties

#### IV. The audio-visual: cinema and television:

Indian cinema: Mapping the influence of the national struggle for independence (1930s and 40s); Idealized nationalism (1950s), disillusionment and the anti-establishment mood (1970s and 80s); documentary films Expressions of popular culture in television

# V. Fairs, Festivals and Rituals:

Disentangling mythological stories, patronage, regional variations

# VI. Popular culture in a globalized world:

The impact of the Internet and audio-visual media