

CENSORSHIP OF BOOKS/INTERFERENCE WITH UNIVERSITY SYLLABI

This is not an exhaustive survey of the books and films that various rightwing groups have objected to and tried to ban but tries to highlight the increasing interference with university syllabi. In some cases, the objection is to the authors of the book, not the content of the book itself.

S. No.	Year	Books/Articles	Author	Action	Source
1.	2004	<i>Shivaji: Hindu King in Islamic India</i>	James Laine	Made to tender an apology to HC, and book withdrawn by OUP after one Sambhaji brigade protested and vandalized the library of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute. They alleged the book showed Maratha king Shivaji in a bad light.	https://www.outlookindia.com/newswire/story/james-laine-tenders-apology-for-remarks-on-shivaji/217962
2.	2008	Essay: Three Hundred Ramayanas	A.K Ramanujan	Struck off from BA History Syllabi by DU's Academic Council after a 'committee' vetted it. The ABVP/NDTF claimed it hurt their religious sentiments.	http://www.hindustantimes.com/delhi/abvp-activists-run-riot-in-du-over-ramayana-essay/story-Ko76BTwjbJLZXonTDUfTK.html

3.	October 2010	<i>Such a Long Journey</i>	Rohinton Mistry	Mumbai University drops Rohinton Mistry novel after Shiv Sena (right wing regional party) objected.	https://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/oct/19/mumbai-university-removes-mistry-book
4.	2014	<i>The Hindus: An alternative History</i>	Wendy Doniger	Dinanath Batra, RSS ideologue, objected and filed a case, claiming it denigrated Hinduism. The publisher Penguin withdrew all copies.	https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/feb/12/wendy-doniger-book-hinduism-penguin-hindus
5.	January 2015	<i>One part Woman (Madhoru bhagan)</i>	Perumal Murugan	Asked to apologize by Hindutva caste based outfits. Madras HC ruled in favor of the author.	https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/perumal-murugan-quits-writing/article6786990.ece
6.	April 2016	<i>India's struggle for independence</i>	Bipin Chandra	Selling stopped by DU because freedom fighter Bhagat Singh was referred to as a 'revolutionary terrorist'	https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/banning-of-bipan-chandras-book-in-du-display-of-ignorance-historians/

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7.	August 2017	Towards Freedom manuscript (1941)	Arjun Dev, Historian	Delay in publication. ICHR was unhappy about the manuscript as it makes the RSS look bad.	https://thewire.in/books/ichr-singh-freedom-struggle-manuscript
8.	October 2017	' <i>Samajika Smuggluru Komatollu</i> '	Kancha Ilaiah	The Arya Vysya objected as "the title and some contents of the book are derogatory and offensive. Laid siege to Ilaiah's house	http://cms.newindianexpress.com/cities/hyderabad/2017/oct/08/siege-laid-to-dalit-writer-kancha-ilaihs-home-in-hyderabad-as-arya-vyas-object-to-book-1668677.html
9.	2017 & 2018	<i>The Burning Forest: India's War against Maoists</i>	Nandini Sundar	NDTF sought the removal of <i>The Burning Forest</i> from the MA sociology syllabus on the grounds that it glorified Naxalism.	https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/amid-arrests-of-activists-delhi-university-body-seeks-a-ban-on-2-books-as-they-are-not-fit-for-students/277302

10.	October 2018	<i>Why I am not a Hindu, God as Political Philosopher, Post-Hindu India</i>	Kancha Ilaiah	NDTF wanted books removed from the syllabus of DU Pol Sci PG syllabus on the grounds of being anti-Hindu. Objected to the word 'dalit'	http://theleaflet.in/decision-to-remove-kancha-ilaihs-books-from-delhi-universitys-political-science-pg-syllabus-is-rss-motivated/
11.	2018	<i>Subalterns and Sovereigns: An Anthropological History of Bastar</i>	Nandini Sundar	NDTF wanted book removed from History syllabus, DU	https://thewire.in/education/abvp-delhi-university-revised-syllabus-anti-rss-p-rotest
12.	2018	<i>Against Ecological Romanticism: Verrier Elwin and the Making of an Anti-modern Tribal Identity</i>	Archana Prasad	NDTF wanted book removed from History syllabus, DU	https://thewire.in/education/abvp-delhi-university-revised-syllabus-anti-rss-p-rotest

13	November 2020	<i>Walking with the Comrades</i>	Arundhati Roy	Removed from the postgraduate English syllabus of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli after complaints from the ABVP Dakshin Tamil Nadu and others. The complaints alleged that the book supported Maoists.	https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2020/nov/12/arundhati-roy-book-removed-from-syllabus-of-tn-university-over-alleged-support-for-maoists-2222838.html
14	August 2021	<i>Sangati</i>	Bama Faustina Soosairaj	Arbitrarily removed from the undergraduate English syllabus of Delhi University by the Oversight Committee.	https://scroll.in/latest/1003743/delhi-university-drops-dalit-writers-mahasweta-devis-works-from-english-course
15	August 2021	<i>Debt and My Body</i>	Sukirtharani	Arbitrarily removed from the undergraduate English syllabus of Delhi University by the Oversight Committee.	https://scroll.in/latest/1003743/delhi-university-drops-dalit-writers-mahasweta-devis-works-from-english-course
16	August 2021	<i>Draupadi</i>	Mahasweta Devi	Arbitrarily removed from the undergraduate English syllabus of Delhi University by the Oversight Committee. Decision approved by the Academic Council despite strong opposition from several members—at least 14 members are said to have given a dissent note.	https://thewire.in/education/mahasweta-devis-draupadi-dropped-from-dus-undergraduate-english-course

17	August 2022		Maulana Abul Ala Maududi	Removed from Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) Department of Islamic Studies syllabus. Decision taken by the managing committee after several academics (including Madhu Kishwar) wrote a letter to the PM demanding that works of Pakistani authors be removed from AMU, Jamia Millia Islamia and Hamdard University syllabi.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/aligarh-muslim-university-removes-pakistani-author-books-syllabus-1982542-2022-08-01
18	August 2022		Syed Qutub	Removed from Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) Department of Islamic Studies syllabus. Decision taken by the managing committee after several academics (including Madhu Kishwar) wrote a letter to the PM demanding that works of Pakistani authors be removed from AMU, Jamia Millia Islamia and Hamdard University syllabi.	https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/aligarh-muslim-university-removes-pakistani-author-books-syllabus-1982542-2022-08-01