

Course: Discipline Specific Elective 2

Semester	6
Paper Number	GSODS6041T
Paper Title	Contemporary Social Issues in India
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5 + 1
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This course attempts to familiarize the students with a few contemporary issues that have received critical sociological attention. Students will get an exposure to a set of problems which have emerged with the onset of modernity and development.

Syllabus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Population: Processes of population increase, Fertility, Mortality, Migration, National Population Policy 2000. 2. Ageing: Issues, Social consequences of ageing, Social Policies. 3. Poverty: Rural and Urban; Displacement; Destitution; Distress and Migration 4. Illiteracy: Definition; Causes; Alleviation strategies. 5. Violence against Dalits, Tribals, Women and Children. 6. Terrorism: Definition, Causes and consequences. 7. Modes of Environmental Degradation: Pollution; Deforestation; Ecological Refugees; Displacement.
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Ram Ahuja. 1992. Social Problems in India. Jaipur : Rawat</p> <p>Verma H.S and N. Hasnain. 2013. India's Current Social Problems. Delhi : New Royal Book Company</p> <p>Gadgil Madhav and Ramachandra Guha. 1995. Ecology and Equity : The Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India. Oxon : Routledge</p> <p>Giddens Anthony and Philip W. Sutton. 2012. Sociology. 7thEdn. Wiley</p> <p>Karlekar Malavika. 1998. Domestic Violence. <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> Vol 33, No 27,</p>

Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 marks</p> <p>End-Sem: 80 marks</p> <p>The mode of evaluation of this paper will be as follows:</p> <p>Students attempt two long questions of 20 marks each out of four long questions (20 x 2 = 40 marks)</p> <p>Students attempt four short questions of 10 marks each out of eight short questions (10 x 4 = 40 marks)</p>
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