

Indian Society - Issues and Problems - Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

This course proposes to problematise social problems in the Indian economy, culture and polity.

The aim is to introduce the concepts, theories, and case studies that seek to clarify social problems as social, cultural, political, economic and historical phenomena which have the potential to unleash larger implications for policy changes, social reforms, and even economic and political revolutions.

1. Social Problems;
2. Illiteracy, Poverty, Unemployment and Population Growth;
3. Child Abuse, Child Labour and Violence against Women;
4. Casteism, Communalism and Regionalism;
5. Crime, Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency;
6. Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Corruption.

COURSE DETAIL

Module	Topics and Contents	No. of Lectures
1	Social Problems <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept. 2. Characteristics and Types. 3. Causes and Reactions. 4. Theoretical and Methodological Approaches. 5. Rural and Urban Problems in India. 6. Social Change in India. 7. Discussion. 	5
2	Illiteracy, Poverty, Unemployment and Population Growth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Magnitude and Causes of Illiteracy. 2. National Policy on Education. 3. Measurement of Poverty. 4. Causes of Poverty. 5. Rural Poverty. 	8



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Additional Reading:

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5. Beteille, Andre. 1977. *Inequality Among Men*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
6. Beteille, Andre. 1992. *Society and Politics in India: Essays in a Comparative Perspective*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
7. Crompton, Rosemary. 1998. *Class and Stratification: An Introduction to Current Debates*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 2nd Edition.
8. Tumin, Melvin. 1999. *Social Stratification*. New Delhi: Prentice-Hall.
9. Gupta, Dipankar. Ed. 1992. *Social Stratification*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
10. Desai, A. R. Ed. 1969. *Rural Sociology in India*. New Delhi: Popular Prakashan.
11. Epstein, Scarlet. 1976. *Economic Development and Social Change*. London: ELTS.
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Hvoerlinks:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Poverty Alleviation Programmes. 7. Features, Types, Causes and Consequences of 8. Unemployment in India. 9. Rural and Urban Unemployment in India. 10. Youth Unrest. 11. National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. 12. Causes and Effects of Population Growth in India. 13. Population Policy. 14. Family Planning. 15. Role of the Civil Society. 16. Discussion. 	
3	<p>Child Abuse, Child Labour and Violence against Women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Population and the Working Children. 2. Types, Causes and Effects of Child Abuse. 3. The Problem of Child Labour. 4. Nature, Extent and Characteristics of Violence against Women. 5. Women's Harassment. 6. Violence against Widows. 7. Victims and Perpetrators of Violence. 8. Motivations in Violence. 9. Self-image, Self-esteem and Adjustment of Victims. 10. Discussion. 	7
4	<p>Casteism, Communalism and Regionalism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Characteristics, Types, Causes and Consequences of Casteism. 2. Remedial Measures to Tackle Casteism. 3. Characteristics, Types, Causes and Consequences of Communalism. 4. Communal Holocausts in India. 5. Remedial Measures to Tackle Communalism. 6. Characteristics, Types, Causes and 	8

1. <http://docs.google.com/gview>
2. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/2184672/Social-Problems-of-India>
3. <http://lifestyle.iloveindia.com/magazine/issues-causes-10.html>

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	<p>Consequences of Regionalism.</p> <p>7. Remedial Measures to Tackle Regionalism.</p> <p>8. Discussion.</p>	
5	<p>Crime, Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency</p> <p>1. Crime, Criminal and Criminology.</p> <p>2. Characteristics of Crime in India.</p> <p>3. Sociological Explanations of Crime.</p> <p>4. Nature, Characteristics, Types and Factors of Juvenile Delinquency.</p> <p>5. Methods of Treating Delinquents.</p> <p>6. Preventive Programmes.</p> <p>7. Discussion.</p>	7
6	<p>Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Corruption</p> <p>1. Extent, Causes and Problems of Alcoholism.</p> <p>2. Anti Liquor Movements.</p> <p>3. Control on Alcoholism.</p> <p>4. Extent and Nature of Drug Abuse.</p> <p>5. Role of Family and Peer Group in Drug Abuse.</p> <p>6. Measures to Combat Drug Trafficking.</p> <p>7. Causes and Impact of Corruption.</p> <p>8. The Legislation.</p> <p>9. Combating Corruption.</p> <p>10. Discussion.</p>	7
	Total	42

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2. Giddens, Anthony. 2000. *Introduction to Sociology*, New York: Norton.
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4. Kumar, Radha. 2001. From Chipko to Sati: The Contemporary Indian Women's Movement in Nivedita Menon, ed., *Gender*

and Politics in India, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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