

Syllabus template

Semester: VI				
Programme : BA in Humanities and Social Sciences				
Course : Social Challenges and Movements				
Paper code: C3BG230631T			Credits: 4	
Hours/week : 4				
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC : Core				
Theory / Practical / Composite : Theory				
No of Modules : 2				
Course Overview: This course explores key contemporary social challenges and movements shaping modern society. It examines environmental issues, the problems faced by the elderly, and the importance of living harmoniously in diverse communities. Students will also study the nature and dynamics of social movements, including their concepts, components, and interactions with the state. Special focus is given to farmers’ and women’s movements, highlighting their role in promoting social change and justice.				
Course Outcome:				
1. Remember key concepts and terminology related to environmental challenges, aging populations, and social movements.				
2. Understand the causes and implications of contemporary social issues such as environmental degradation and problems of the elderly.				
3. Apply sociological perspectives to real-world situations that promote harmony and social well-being in diverse communities				
4. Analyze the structure, components, and evolution of various social movements, including farmers’ and women’s movements.				
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of social movements and policy responses in addressing inequality and social justice.				
6. Create informed proposals or action plans aimed at fostering sustainable development, inclusion, and social harmony.				
Prerequisites: <i>Basic knowledge about any prior course</i>				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL
I.	Contemporary Social Challenges: Environment Problems of the Elderly Living in Harmony		CO1 CO2 CO3	K1 K2 K3
II.	Social Movements: Old and New, Concept, Components, Relationship with the State Farmers’ Movement		CO4 CO5 CO6	K4 K5 K6

	Women's Movement			
Text Books				
1. Giddens Anthony and Philip W Sutton. 2015. Sociology : An Introduction 7th Edition. Polity Press (Selected Chapters)				
2. Gadgil Madhav and Guha Ramachandra. 1995. Ecology and Equity : The Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India. Penguin Books : New Delhi (Introduction and Chapter 1)				
3. Shah Ghanshyam. 1993. Social Movements : A Review of Literature. New Delhi : SAGE				
4. Shah Ghanshyam ed. 2002. 'Introduction' in Social Movements and the State. Delhi : Sage Publications. pp13-31.				
5. Kumar, Radha. 1999. "From Chipko to Sati: The Contemporary Indian Women's Movement" In Nivedita Menon (ed.) Gender and Politics in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.				
Suggested readings				
1. Ghosh Biswajit (ed). 2024. Exploring Social Movements :Theories, Experiences and Trends. New Delhi : Routledge (Selected Chapters)				
2. Oommen T.K. ed. 2010. 'Introduction' in Social Movements : Issues of Identity. Volume 1 and 2 New Delhi : Oxford University Press. pp1-46.				
3. Dhanagare D. N. 1983. Peasant Movements in India, 1920-1950. Oxford University Press : Delhi				
Web Resources				
1. https://earth.org/the-biggest-environmental-problems-of-our-lifetime/				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Evaluation Theory CIA: 30 Semester Exam: 70				
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module : Total Marks – 70 Modules -2 (35 marks each) Module 1 1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15 4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20 Module 2 1 long question out of 2 : 1X 15=15 4 short answer type questions out of 6 : 4X5= 20				

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember key concepts and terminology related to environmental challenges, aging populations, and social movements.	K1
CO2	Understand the causes and implications of contemporary social issues such as environmental degradation and problems of the elderly.	K2

C03	Apply sociological perspectives to real-world situations that promote harmony and social well-being in diverse communities	K3
C04	Analyze the structure, components, and evolution of various social movements, including farmers' and women's movements.	K4
C05	Evaluate the effectiveness of social movements and policy responses in addressing inequality and social justice.	K5
C06	Create informed proposals or action plans aimed at fostering sustainable development, inclusion, and social harmony.	K6