

Course title: Social Policies & Sustainable Development			
Course code: PPS 114	No. of credits: 3	L-T-P: 41-04-00	Learning hours: 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None			
Department: Department of Policy & Management Studies			
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Course type: Core		Course offered in: 1 st Semester	
Course description Strong social policy is essential for sustainable growth. Social policies have been expanded across the Global South during the last few decades, and social protection is increasingly highlighted as a fundamental component of the global sustainable development agenda. Having an overview of social policy issues is extremely useful for students of public policy and anyone who wants to understand the true roots of successful sustainable development. This course comprises five modules discussing social policy in the sustainable development context with an emphasis on four select social policy domains and well-being with special reference to India. It begins by introducing the fundamentals of sustainable development and how social policies can be instrumental in achieving its objectives. Further, the course discusses four key social policy domains; first, the food and nutrition security issues and related agrarian policy initiatives and innovations; second, the population health and well-being issues and associated schemes/programmes; third includes the education and skill development policy initiatives; and fourth focuses on work and employment issues and initiatives. The aim is to orient students to the importance of social policies in promoting sustainable development, along with the processes and challenges in developing and implementing such policies, with special reference to India.			
Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide students with a basic understanding of sustainable development and social policies, their instruments, and how well-implemented social policies help achieve the objectives of sustainable development.• To discuss the aspects of food and nutrition security, sustainable food systems, and government initiatives taken to end hunger through food and agricultural policies in the Indian context.• To orient students to understand and assess the public health issues and challenges, and discuss major government schemes/programmes in India to improve population health and wellbeing.• To provide an overview of the processes and challenges related to India’s education policy and recent scenarios of population skilling initiatives.• To discuss the livelihood and workforce participation scenarios including employment and unemployment patterns of the Indian population along with contemporary government initiatives to promote and generate employment.			
Evaluation criteria: Course grades will be based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor Test-1: Short-Answer Type Questions/Quizzes/MCQs (20%)• Minor Test-2: Guided Reading and Presentation of Select Social Policy Context (30%)• Major Test: Written Test (50%)			
Learning outcomes Upon completion of this course, candidates would be: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. able to understand the fundamental concepts, considerations, and challenges related to the development and implementation of social policy in a country and its linkages with sustainable development (All evaluations)2. able to independently identify, conceptualize, articulate, and systematically document any social policy issues in the form of a brief report (Minor Test-2)			
Student responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 75% attendance will be necessary to be able to appear for the final exam.• Active classroom participation; Critical reflections and timely submission according to the evaluation criterion.			
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Additional Information This Course outline was approved in the 59 th Academic Council Meeting held on 4 th June 2024 at TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi.			

Note: This is a brief outline of the course. Detailed Course Content is available to students through University Intranet.