SYE 509 Indian Society: Contemporary Issues

Objectives:

The course seeks
1. To go beyond the commonsense understanding of the prevailing social issues and problems to project them into their structural context; to focus on the structural linkages and interrelationships.
2. To sensitize to the emerging social issues and problems of contemporary India.
3. To acquire sociological understanding of social issues and problems
4. Empower to deal with the social problems and to serve as change agents both in governmental and non-governmental organizations
5. The sociological perspectives to enable students to gain a better understanding of their own situation and region.

Course Outcome:

CO1. Understand social issues and problems of contemporary India.
CO2. Change agents - governmental and non-governmental organizations.
CO3. Structural linkages and interrelationships of social issues.
CO4. Emerging social issues and problems of contemporary India,
CO5. Sociological understanding of issues and problems
CO6. Empower to deal with issues and problems
CO7. Better understanding of their own situation and region.

Course Content:

UNIT - I : Introduction: **Hrs -10**
    a. Unity and diversity in India
    b. Problems of integration

UNIT - II : Social Organisation: **Hrs -09**
    a. Caste and class conflicts.
    b. Marginalisation – SC, ST, OBC and minorities

UNIT - III : Changing Trends of Marriage and Family: **Hrs -10**
    a. Marriage, divorce and separation.
    b. Family problems - Domestic Violence, Problem of the aged

UNIT - IV : Development Issues: **Hrs -10**
    a. Regional Disparities; Development Induced displacement.
    b. Social unrest - terrorism, naxalism, communalism and corruption

UNIT - V : Social Issues in Contemporary India: **Hrs -09**
    a. Environmental sanitation and health
    b. Educated unemployment and employability.

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