

Approval: 9th Senate Meeting

Course Number: HS-536

Course Name: Social Movements in India

Credits: 3-0-0-3

Prerequisites: Nil

Intended for: UG/PG

Distribution: HS Course

Semester: Even/Odd

Course Preamble:

Through Sociological concepts and theoretical frameworks, this course introduces various notions and meanings of ‘protest’ and ‘social change’, which is inevitable and also dynamic in many ways, and how it had long been entangled with issues of caste, class, religion, ethnicity, and language in modern Indian context. The argument this course essentially tries to drive home is that ‘social change’ in Indian context is ‘no single narrative’; it has always been plural in character and diverse in its scope and composition. Through concepts, theoretical frameworks, perspectives, styles of protest and critical events of dissent, it predominantly aims to offer students a comprehensive understanding on plural and diverse interpretations of ‘the Idea of India’, both historically and today, with a special reference to social movements in modern India. Along the way, this course also deals with inevitability and significance of ‘dissent’ in the making of modern and contemporary India.

Course Modules:

I. Concepts and Context

(6 Contact Hours)

- Protest and Social Change
- Mobilization and Institutionalization
- Issues in the Analysis of Social Movements

II. Social Movements in Independent India

(24 Contact Hours)

- Peasant movements
- Tribal Movements
- Feminist Movement
- Dalit Movement
- Backward Caste movements
- Maoist/Naxalite movement
- Separate Statehood movements
- Human rights and Environmental Movements
- Students’ movements

II. Theoretical Issues and Perspectives

(6 Contact Hours)

- Nine Theses on Social Movements

- Social Movements and State Response
- Sources of Deprivation and Styles of Protest

Reading Material & References:

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5. Jones, W. Kenneth. 2008. *Socio-religious Reform Movements in British India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
6. Oommen, T K. 1977. Sociological Issues in the Analysis of Social Movements in Independent India. *Sociological Bulletin*, 26(1).
7. Oommen, T K. 1990. *Protest and Change: Studies in Social Movements*. New Delhi: Sage Publications
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10. Shah, Ghanshyam. 2004. *Social Movements in India. A Review of Literature*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
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