



**SOC-IDC-151**

**SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN INDIA**

Full Marks: Semester-70 + Internal-30 = 100

No. of Credits: 3

Pass Marks: Semester-28 + Internal-12 = 40

No. of Lectures: 45

**OBJECTIVES:** This course intends to help the students in understanding the sociology of social problems in Indian context. It is aimed at introducing the concepts and theories pertaining to social problems. It is an effort to introduce the students to the major social problems in India and remedial measures undertaken at different levels.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT I : Social Problems**

Meaning, nature, significance, causes, characteristics and types  
Theoretical approaches to social problems

**UNIT II : Social Problems**

Poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, casteism, communalism and ethnic conflict  
Dowry, domestic violence, divorce and problems of elderly

**UNIT III : Developmental Problems**

Regional disparity, population explosion, environmental degradation

Crime and delinquency

**UNIT IV : Problems of Contemporary Society**

Corruption

Drug addiction and alcoholism

Cyber-crime

Insurgency and human trafficking

**UNIT V : Remedial Measures**

Constitutional and Legal provisions – Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Social reformers in India – Raja Rammohan Roy, Dr. B R Ambedkar, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Mother Teresa.

Role of civil society in solving social problems.

## READING LIST

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## COURSE OUTCOME

The course content would lead to a better sociological understanding of social problems in India in terms of conceptual clarity and theoretical perspectives. The students will have a detail understanding of major social problems in India and the remedial measures to overcome such social problems.