

BA 6th SEMESTER
GENERIC ELECTIVE FOR NON-SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS (GE)
SOC620G: SOCIOLOGY: SOCIAL PROBLEMS

CREDITS: THEORY: 4, TUTORIAL: 2
MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 60, TUTORIAL: 30
MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 24, TUTORIAL: 12

Course Objectives:

The course is designed to acquaint the learners with the concept of social problem and the related issues. In terms of its content, the course provides a broad description about the concept, characteristics, causes and consequences of social problem(s). The course focuses on the major social issues and problems challenging the contemporary societies.

The course seeks to enable the learners to:

- *Conceptualize the term social problem and explore its possible causes and consequences.**
- *Understand the sociological contours of the various burgeoning problems in society such as unemployment, poverty, corruption etc.*
- *Develop the fundamental awareness about the major social problems, their fallouts and the remedial measures.*

Learning Outcomes:

After finishing the course, the students shall possess a very good understanding of the concept of social problem and how the social problems actually arrest the socio-economic development in the society. The students shall be particularly able to relate to the emerging social concerns in their day to day lives, their causes and consequences

Unit -1- Introduction

- a. Concept and Causes of Social Problems
- b. Types of Social Problems
- c. Sociological Implications

Unit 2: Unemployment

- a. Concept of Unemployment
- b. Causes and Consequences of Unemployment
- c. Policies and Programmes

Unit 3: Poverty

- a. Concept and Types
- b. Causes and Consequences of Poverty
- c. Poverty Alleviation Programmes

Unit 4: Corruption

- a. Nature and Concept
- b. Causes and Consequences of Corruption
- c. Corruption: Remedies and Solution

TUTORIALS: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION/DEBATES/TERM PAPER (2 CREDITS)

TUTORIAL I

- a. Implications of Social Problems
- b. Corruption and Red Tapism
- c. How to tackle Unemployment?

TUTORIAL II: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION

- a. Poverty in Jammu and Kashmir
- b. Unemployment in Kashmir
- c. Emerging Social Problems in Jammu and Kashmir

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Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.