

Elective Course – 204 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

Objective

The objective of this course is to sensitize postgraduate students to the variety and dynamics of social movements and their role in social transformation. The course will hopefully enable the students to look at social movements in a sociological and comparative perspective.

Course Outline :

Unit - 1

Defining features and dynamics of social movement; types of social movements; social movements and the distribution of power in society.

Unit - 2

The social base; Class, caste, ethnicity, gender; role and types of leadership; relationship between leaders and the masses; the bearing of political institutions and processes on social movements; role of media.

Unit - 3

Social movements and social change; reform, revival, revolution, schisms, splits, counter movements; transformation and decline.

Unit - 4

Theories of the emergence of social movements :	Marxist and Post-Marxist
Weberian and Post-Weberian	Structural - Functional

Unit - 5

Traditional social movements in India : peasant movement; labour and trade union movement; tribal movement; nationalist movement.
New social movements in India : Dalit movement; women's movement; Ecological and Environmental movement, Ethnic movements.

Recommended Books :

- Banks, J. A. 1972 : The Sociology of Social Movements (London : Macmillan)
- Desai, A. R. Ed. 1979 : Peasant Struggles in India (Bombay : Oxford University Press)
- Dhanagare, D. N. 1983 : Peasant Movements in India 1920 -1950
(Delhi : Oxford University Press)
- Gore, M. S., 1993 : The Social Context of an Ideology :
Ambedkar's Political and Social Thoughts (New Delhi : Sage)
- Oomen, T. K., 1990 : Protest and change : Studies in Social Movements (Delhi : Sage)
- Rao, M.S.A. 1979 : Social Movement in India (New Delhi : Manohar)
- Rao, M.S.A. 1979 : Social Movement and Social Transformation (New Delhi :
Macmillan)
- Singh, K. S., 1982 : Tribal movements in India (New Delhi : Manohar)
- Selliot, Eleanor, 1995 : From Untouchable to dalit : Essays on the Ambedkar Movement
(New Delhi : Manohar)
- Gouldner, A. W., 1950 : Studies in Leadership (New York : Harper and Brothers)
- Oommen, T. K. 1972 : Charisma, Stability and change : An Analysis of Bhodan
Grandan Movement. (New Delhi : Thomas Press)
- Shah, Ganshya, 1977 : Protest Movements in two Indian States. New Delhi : Ajanta.
- Shah, Ghanshyam, 1990 : Social Movements in India; a review of the literature (Delhi :
Sage)
- Shah, Nandita, 1992 : The Issues at Stake : Theory and Practice in the Contemporary
women's movement in India (New Delhi : Kali for Women)
- Shiva, Vandana, 1991 : Ecology and the Politics of Survival (New Delhi : Sage)