

SSW5401–Social Policy and Social Legislation

Course Objectives

- To help students gain knowledge history of social policy, principles, values and ideologies
- To understand the process of policy formulation and policy making and acquire skills in critical analysis of social policies and development programmes
- To develop an understanding of social policy in the perspective of national goals as stated in the Constitution
- To understand the role of social legislation in addressing the social problems and examine the implementation challenges

Course Outline

Unit I: Overview and Concept of Social Policy

Definition and characteristics of Social Policy, Values and Principles of Social Policy, Historical Development of Social Policy and Welfare State, Role of ideology in the policy making, Various levels in policy making, Models of welfare and principles of distribution, Agencies involved in Policy Making, Social Policy and development.

Unit II: Different Sectorial Policies and Programmes

Brief review of the national policies on- Education, Health, Housing, Children, Women and Minorities, Role of Social Worker in policy formulation, planning and implementation process.

Unit III: Social Justice and Social Legislation

Social Legislation: Meaning, definitions and its importance Social justice as an essential basis of social legislations; Constitution: Introduction to constitution, preamble, fundamental rights, duties and directive principles of state policy, Human Rights: Historical perspective, Definition, Characteristics, Concepts of HR, Role of legal aid, Public interest litigation (PIL), Role of voluntary organisation in protecting human rights.

Unit IV: Personal Laws

Hindu, Mohammedan and Christian personal laws related to Marriage, Divorce, Adoption and Succession, Special Marriage Act of 1954, Legislation Related to Children: Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2000 and amendment in 2006; Child Labour (abolition and regulation) Act, 1986; Right to Education Act-2009

Unit V: Legislation Related to Social Problems

Dowry (Prohibition Act) 1961; Immoral traffic Prevention Act (1956), People with Disabilities (equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) act 1995, The prenatal diagnostic techniques (regulation and prevention of misuse) Act 1994(PNDT), The scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (prevention of atrocities) act 1989, Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace

(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. Right to Information Act, 2005, National Food Security Act, 2013, The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

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