

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 20: Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India DSC-20	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

This course aims to develop an understanding of the development process in India among the students. It hopes to provide the students with the analytical tools which will help explain the trajectory and signposts in the development process, focussing on the transformations that have occurred to enable redistribution and also paradoxically, new geographies of power and disadvantages. It is for this reason that the course seeks to build a relationship between state practices of development planning and implementation and the demands that come from social groups protesting dispossession and the high costs of social reproduction. The course attempts to trace the centrality of state in developmental planning, the ramifications of liberalisation and globalisation, innovations and strategies deployed to raise revenue and curtail social expenditure, and the relationship between planning, development and social vulnerabilities. It is hoped that the course would generate an understanding of the challenges that are faced in planning for development, the relationship between planning and democracy and the role that social movements play in the formulation of policies incorporate the voices of the people. In this context an understanding of the changes in policies impacting the industrial and agrarian sectors become crucial for understanding the role of the state and social movements.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students would be able to:

- Show knowledge of development policies and planning in India since independence
- Understand the development strategies and their impact on industrial economy and agriculture
- Understand the emergence of social movements in response to the development policies adopted by successive governments
- Demonstrate awareness of the different trajectories of specific social movements in India, their demands and successes.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-20

UNIT – I (10 Hours)

Development Process since Independence

- a. State and planning
- b. Liberalization and reforms

- c. Recent trends in monetary, fiscal and taxation policy including the Goods and Services Tax

UNIT – II (9 Hours)

Industrial Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure

- a. Mixed economy, privatisation, the impact on organised and unorganized labour
- b. Emergence of the new middle class

UNIT – III (9 Hours)

Agrarian Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure

- a. Land Reforms, Green Revolution
- b. Agrarian crisis since the 1990s and its impact on farmers, land acquisition and development of land markets

UNIT – IV (9 Hours)

Social Movements

- a. Tribal, Farmers, Dalit and Women's movements
- b. Civil rights movement

UNIT – V (8 Hours)

Migration and Development

Essential/recommended readings

Unit I

Santosh Mehrotra and Sylvie Guichard (eds.), *Planning in the 20th Century and Beyond: India's Planning Commission and the Niti Aayog*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2020 [Sylvie Guichard and Santosh Mehrotra, 'Planning for a 21st Century India' (Ch 1: pp. 1-22); Pronab Sen, 'Plan, but Do Not Over-plan: Lessons for Niti Aayog' (Ch 13: pp. 264-282); Santosh Mehrotra, 'Why Does India Need a Central Planning Institution in the 21st Century' (Ch 14: pp.283-217)].

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A. Varshney (2010) 'Mass Politics or Elite Politics? Understanding the Politics of India's Economic Reforms', in R. Mukherji (ed.), *India's Economic Transition: The Politics of Reforms*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 146-169.

P. Chatterjee (2000) 'Development Planning and the Indian State', in Zoya Hasan (ed.), *Politics and the State in India*, New Delhi: Sage, pp.116-140.

P. Patnaik and C. Chandrasekhar (2007), 'India: Dirigisme, Structural Adjustment, and the Radical Alternative' in B. Nayar (ed.), *Globalization and Politics in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. pp.218-240.

P. Bardhan (2005), 'Epilogue on the Political Economy of Reform in India', in the *Political Economy of Development in India*, 6th Impression, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Arun Kumar (2017), Money Supply and Economic Structure Economic Consequences of Demonetisation, *Economic and Political weekly*, 52(1)

Surajit Das (2017) Some Concerns Regarding the Goods and Services Tax, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 52(9)

S. Mehrotra and S. Guichard, eds. (2020), *Planning in the 20th Century and Beyond: India's Planning Commission and the Niti Aayog*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Unit II

A. Aggarwal (2006), 'Special Economic Zones: Revisiting the Policy Debate', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLI (43-44), pp. 4533-36.

B. Nayar (1989), *India's Mixed Economy: The Role of Ideology and its Development*, Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

F. Frankel (2005), *Crisis of National Economic Planning in India's Political Economy (1947-2004): The Gradual Revolution*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 93-340.

L. Fernandes (2007), *India's New Middle Class: Democratic Politics in an Era of Economic Reform*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

S. Shyam (2003), 'Organising the Unorganised', in *Seminar* [Footloose Labour: A Symposium on Livelihood Struggles of the Informal Workforce, 531], pp. 47-53.

S. Chowdhury (2007), 'Globalisation and Labour', in B. Nayar (ed.) *Globalisation and Politics in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 516-526.

V. Chibber (2005) 'From Class Compromise to Class Accommodation: Labor's Incorporation in to the Indian Political Economy' in R. Ray, and M.F. Katzenstein (eds.) *Social Movements in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 32-60.

Unit III

F. Frankel (1971), 'Introduction', in *India's Green Revolution: Economic Gains and Political Costs*, Princeton and New Jersey, Princeton University Press.

F. Frankel (2009), *Harvesting Despair: Agrarian Crisis in India*, Delhi: Perspectives, pp. 161-169.

J. Harriss (2006), 'Local Power and the Agrarian Political Economy' in Harriss, J.(ed) *Power Matters: Essays on Institutions, Politics, and Society in India*, Delhi. Oxford University Press, pp.29-32.

K. C. Suri (2006) 'Political Economy of Agrarian Distress', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLI (16) pp.1523-1529.

P. Sainath (2010), 'Agrarian Crisis and Farmers' Suicide', Occasional Publication 22, New Delhi: India International Centre (IIC).

M. Sidhu (2010), 'Globalisation vis-à-vis Agrarian Crisis in India', in R. Deshpande and S. Arora (eds.), *Agrarian Crisis and Farmer Suicides*, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 149-174.

Pradeep Nayak (2020) *Land Reforms to Land Tilling*, New Delhi. Sage.

V. Sridhar (2006) 'Why Do Farmers Commit Suicide? The Case Study of Andhra Pradesh', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLI (16).

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A. Shrivastava and A. Kothari (2012) 'Land Wars and Crony Capitalism', in A. Shrivastava and A. Kothari, *Churning the Earth* pp. 193-203 New Delhi, Penguin

Dhanmanjiri Sathe, 2017, Introduction and A Review of Some Other Acquisitions in Indian and Policy Implications, in *The Political Economy of Land Acquisition in India, How a Village Stops Being One*, Springer.

Unit IV

G. Haragopal, and K. Balagopal (1998) 'Civil Liberties Movement and the State in India', in M. Mohanty, P. Mukherji and O. Tornquist (eds.), *People's Rights: Social Movements and the State in Third World*, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 353-371.

A. Ray (1996), 'Civil Rights Movement and Social Struggle in India', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, XXI (28), pp.1202-1205.

M. Mohanty (2002) 'The Changing Definition of Rights in India', in S. Patel, J. Bagchi, and K. Raj (ed.), *Thinking Social Sciences in India: Essays in Honour of Alice Thorner*, New Delhi, Sage.

G. Omvedt (2012) 'The Anti-caste Movement and the Discourse of Power', in N.G. Jayal (ed.) *Democracy in India*, New Delhi: Oxford India Paperbacks, sixth impression, pp.481-508.

M. Weiner (2001) 'The Struggle for Equality: Caste in Indian Politics', in A. Kohli. (ed.) *The Success of India's Democracy*, Cambridge: CUP, pp.193-225.

A. Roy (2010), 'The Women's Movement', in N. Jayal and P. Mehta (eds.), *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 409-422.

D. N. Dhanagare 2017, Understanding the Farmers' Movement in Maharashtra: Towards an Analytical Framework, in *Populism and Power: Farmers' movement in western India, 1980—2014*, Routledge

Sudhir Kumar Suthar, 2018, Contemporary Farmers' Protests and the 'New Rural—Agrarian' in India, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 53 (26-27)

Brass, T. (1994) Introduction: The new farmers' movements in India, *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 21:3-4, 3-26, DOI: [10.1080/03066159408438553](https://doi.org/10.1080/03066159408438553)

Baviskar, A. and Levien, M. (2021) 'Farmers' protests in India: introduction to the JPS Forum,' *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 48:7, DOI: [10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002](https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2021.1998002)

Satendra Kumar (2021), Class, Caste and Agrarian Change: The Making of Farmers' Protest, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol 48, No.7, Pp 1371-1379.

S. Sinha (2002) 'Tribal Solidarity Movements in India: A Review', in G. Shah. (ed.) *Social Movements and the State*, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 251-266.

Unit V

K. Sankaran (2021) The Fundamental Freedom to Migrate within India, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 56(23)

C. Upadhyaya, and R. Mario (2012) "Migration, transnational flows, and development in India: a regional perspective." *Economic and Political Weekly* (2012): 54-62.

P. Deshingkar (2008). Circular internal migration and development in India. *Migration and development within and across broader: Research and policy perspectives on internal and international migration*, 161-188.

R. Marchang (2022) Emerging Pattern and Trend of Migration in Megacities, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 57 (15)

Additional Readings:

A. R. Desai (ed.) *Agrarian Struggles in India after Independence*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 566-588.

B. Nayar (ed.) (2007) *Globalisation and Politics in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

S. Roy and K. Debal (2004), *Peasant Movements in Post-Colonial India: Dynamics of Mobilisation and Identity*, Delhi: Sage.

G. Omvedt (1983), *Reinventing Revolution: New Social Movements and the Socialist Tradition in India*, New York: Sharpe.

G. Shah (ed.) (2002) *Social Movements and the State*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

G. Shah (2004), *Social Movements in India: A Review of Literature*, New Delhi: Sage

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G. Rath (ed.) (2006), *Tribal Development in India: The Contemporary Debate*, New Delhi: Sage publications.

J. Harris (2009), *Power Matters: Essays on Institutions, Politics and Society in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

K. Suresh (ed.) (1982) *Tribal Movements in India*, Vol I and II, New Delhi: Manohar (emphasis on the introductory chapter).

M. Mohanty, P. Mukherje and O. Tornquist (1998), *People's Rights: Social Movements and the State in the Third World*, New Delhi: Sage Publications.

M.S.A. Rao (ed.) (1978) *Social Movements in India*, Vol.2, Delhi: Manohar.

N.G. Jayal, and P.B. Mehta (eds.) (2010) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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R. Mukherji (ed.), *India's Economic Transition: The Politics of Reforms*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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S. Chakravarty (1987), *Development Planning: The Indian Experience*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.