

# SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIA

**Course Code: SOC-561**  
**Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4**  
**Course Type: Elective Course**  
**Semester: Spring**

## Objectives of the Course:

This course introduces students of Sociology to the collective efforts of people to bring transformations in human society. It deals with nature, characteristics, structure and processes of social movements besides its emergence, dynamics, theories and arena of social movements.

### **UNIT I                    Meaning and Dynamics of Social Movements**

Meaning and Types: Reform, Revival, Revolution; Social Movements and Social Change; Schisms and Splits; Counter-Movements; Leadership and Social Movements; Media and Social Movements

### **UNIT II                    Theories of Social Movements**

Structural- Functional; Marxist; Weberian; Contemporary

### **UNIT III                   Old Social Movements in India**

Nationalist Movement; Tribal Movement; Peasant Movement; Labour Movement; Ethnic movement

### **UNIT IV                   New Social Movements in India**

Dalit Movement; Women's Movement; Environmental Movement

## Essential Readings:

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Mukherjee, P. N. 1977. 'Social Movement and Social Change: Towards a Conceptual Clarification and Theoretical Framework', *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 26, No. 1, pp. 38-59.

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Scott, A. 1990. *Ideology and New Social Movements*. London: Routledge.

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Wolf, E. 1966. *Peasant Wars in the Twentieth Century*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Zelliot, E. 1995. *From Untouchable to Dalit: Essays on the Ambedkar Movement*. New Delhi: Manohar.

#### **Further Readings:**

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Oomen, T. K. 1990. *Protest and Change: Studies in Social Movements*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Shah, G. 2001. *Dalit Identity and Politics*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Shiva, V. 1991. *Ecology and the Politics of Survival*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

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