IIT Mandi Proposal for a New Course

Course Number : HS530

Course Name : Planning, Welfare and Development

Credits : 3-0-0-3

Prerequisites : None

Intended for : Postgraduate students, 3rd and 4th Year B.Tech students (with instructor's

permission)

Distribution : Core course for M.A. in Development Studies, Elective for others

Semester : Even/Odd

1. Preamble:

The course envisages to help students explore the intersections of social structure and how these structural realties interact with political culture and economic planning regimes. The course explores the history and agencies of planning in independent India beginning with Nehru's vision of planning and agencies/bodies that dealt with planning; how and why these bodies transformed under open market system and liberal economy; and, how global discourses of development changed the nature, agents and agencies of planning. It also helps students explore legal aspects of planning and development and how the larger idea of welfare is undergoing changes over the period of time.

2. Course modules:

Module 1: Theories and Concepts (7 Lecture Hours)

- ☐ Concepts and Discourse: Planning; Welfare; Development
- ☐ History of development planning in Independent India
 - Nehruvian Era
 - Neoliberal India

Module 2: Planning: Strategies, Policy Formulation and Implementing Bodies (10 Lecture Hours)

- ☐ Institutions: State; Market; Civil Society
- □ Policy making, state and stake holders
 - Legislative practices and law making
 - New public management
- ☐ Multi-level Planning
 - o Local Bodies: PRIs and ULBs
 - o Planning Commission and NITI Aayog
 - Global Regimes

Module 3: Policy, Governance and Development (9 Lecture Hours)

- ☐ Idea and Discourse of Development
 - o Infrastructural development

- Social development
- o Inclusive Development
- o Multi-level Governance
- Local governance
- Global governance

Module 4: Politics of Development: Dispute and Resolution (9 Lecture Hours)

- Property
 - o Property Laws
 - o Customary laws
 - o Public property v/s private property
 - o Common property and its privatization
- ☐ Dispute
 - o Contested development
 - o Judicial resolution
 - o The role of local bodies in dispute resolution

Module 5: International agencies and development (3 Lecture Hours)

- □ Donor Agencies: World Bank; IMF; ADB
- ☐ Agencies that influence policies: GATT and WTO

Module 6: Measuring development (4 Lecture Hours)

- ☐ Idea and discourse of index
- Popular indices
- ☐ Aspects of measurement
 - o Data generation and data mining
 - Variables and classifications
 - The politics behind measurement

3. Textbooks: None

Textbooks for this course is not suggested. Select Journal articles and book chapters will be used for the topics. Since the focus of the course is to look at various intersections of politics, economy and social structures, the readings that provide such insights will be highly useful.

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