

Paper – VII/VIII

SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Objectives

- a) This paper endeavours to develop an understanding of social movements in terms of various concepts and theories of social movements.
- b) It seeks to trace the changing character of social movements in India especially in the wake of liberalization and globalization and the consequent shift from state to market.

1. Introduction and concepts

9 lectures

- Civil Society; Social Movements (definition, distinction from agitation, protest, struggle and other forms of collective action like riot, rebellion etc). Social movements and Social change.

2. Classical Theories

12 Lectures

- Collective Behaviour theories (Revitalisation, Strain, Relative Deprivation)
- Resource Mobilisation Theory

3. Challenges to Classical Theories

12 Lectures

- Subaltern Studies
- New Social Movements

4. Older Themes of Movement Studies

16 Lectures

- Peasant movements and agrarian struggles
- Tribal Movements
- Workers movements

5. New Themes of Movement Studies

16 Lectures

- Dalit Movement
- Naxalite Movement
- Ecology and environment Movements
- New Farmers Movements

6. Movements for Political Autonomy

10 Lectures

- Naga Movement
- Kashmir Movement

7. Sons of the Soil Movements

10 Lectures

- Maharashtra
- Assam

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