

Course Title : **CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES AND PROBLEMS**

Non Major Elective Course II (for other than Social Work students)

Semester : IV

Course code : NME-II

Part : IV

Introduction: The aim of this course is to inform the students about the social problems in the Indian context.

Course objectives:

1. To familiarise students with the concept of poverty and dependency.
2. To inform students about beggary and the role of the government in preventing it.
3. To highlight the issue of alcoholism and drug addiction.
4. To teach students about the issue of juvenile delinquency.

Unit – I

Poverty: definition, types, causes, and consequences; dependency, definition, causes; care of the dependants; relation between poverty and dependency; new economic policies and its consequences

Unit – II

Untouchability: definition, causes, and consequences; forms of untouchability, measures to prevent untouchability; intercaste marriages- issues and problems; problems of minorities and the marginalised.

Unit 3:

Prostitution: definition, types, causes - implications and rehabilitative measures. Beggary: Definition - Causes - types and rehabilitation measures.

Unit 4:

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction: alcoholism – causes / implications, prevention and prohibition, causes of success & failure of prohibition, drug addiction – meaning, types of drugs – causes of addiction and teenagers – effects – remedial measures and de-addiction.

Unit – 5

Child labour: definition, causes, and consequences ; **Juvenile delinquency:** definition – causes – consequences, vagrancy, truancy, street children – prevention – reformation of delinquents.

Text book:

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Merton, R. K., & Nisbet, R. A. (1976). *Contemporary social problems* (Vol. 2). Harcourt Sage Publishing.

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