

DSE4-K Contemporary Indian Society and Indian Society: Changes and Challenges

Unit I: Forces that contributed to the making of contemporary India

(Definition and Impact)

1. Colonialism
2. Modernization
3. Globalization
4. Nation building: Views of Gandhi, Nehru and Dr. Ambedkar

Unit II: Contours of Contemporary India

1. Issues of Diversity and Justice, Distinctiveness of India's Secularism, Constitution as an instrument of Social Change- Individual as a social, political unit, Freedom
2. Indian Democracy – its nature, strengths and weaknesses, (Family, Caste, Gender, Religion, Ethnicity and Village Life)
3. Economic Development: Planned Development, Economic Policy 1991

Unit III: Agrarian Society in post-Independence India

1. Land Reforms, Green Revolution
2. MGNREGA and Rural Employment, Distress Migration
3. Land acquisition, Farmers' Suicides, Farmers' Agitations

Unit IV: Changing Nature and Challenges of Urban Society

1. Urbanization in India – Uneven Development and Inequalities
2. Civic Issues: Transport and Water
3. Civic Issues: Garbage, Pollution, and Slums

Unit V: Media and Democracy in India

1. Media and Indian Democracy
2. Commercialization of media, Transnational investment
3. Media in post-truth era (Consumption, Spectacles and Mediatization)

4. Alternate media (Media of NGOs, Social Movements and Unions)

Unit VI: Education & Health System: Quality, Quantity and Equity in India

1. New Education Policy: Background, Features and Issues

2. Online Teaching: Necessity and Challenges

3. The Public & Private Health Sectors: Availability, Quality, Access, Affordability and Ethics with special reference to Covid-19 pandemic