

Course title: Law, Society and Sustainable Development			
Course code: MPD 157	No. of credits: 3	L-T-P distribution: 34-11-0	Learning hours: 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): NA			
Department: Department of Policy and Management Studies			
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Course type: Core		Course offered in: Semester 1	
<p>Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the origins and development of the concept of law and sustainable development, along with the multifaceted role of law in society. India has numerous laws and policies aimed at protecting the rights of vulnerable communities and promoting sustainable development across various dimensions, including social, economic, and environmental aspects. The Indian judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court of India, has played a pivotal role in interpreting the Constitutional provisions and has delineated the obligations of the state and citizens to protect the environment and attain the goal of social justice and economic equity. The course will cover legislative frameworks, policies, and judicial interventions that have collectively shaped India's approach to sustainable development.</p>			
<p>Course objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make the students realize the significance of law as an instrument for social changes in that how it has set the course in the contemporary Indian society. • To enable students to critically examine how law and legal institutions can be effectively used to combat social oppression and inequalities, promoting justice and equity in Indian society. • To expose students to various legal principles and familiarize them with the concept of judicial activism and the tool of public interest litigation that has often been used to implement the concept of sustainable development. • To inculcate an understanding among students of the various legal frameworks at international, national, and local levels that govern sustainable development initiatives. This includes exploring laws and policies aimed at achieving social, economic, and environmental sustainability. • To provide students with a comprehensive perspective on how the judiciary, legislature, and policy-making institutions collaborate to advance sustainable development goals, ensuring a balanced approach that addresses all facets of sustainability. 			

This Course outline was prepared by Dr Kavita and Dr Manini Syali and approved by the 5^{9th} Academic Council Meeting on 4th June at TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi

