Course title: Social Policies & Sustainable Development				
Course code: PPS 114		**No. of credits:** 3	**L-T-P:** 41-04-00	**Learning hours:** 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None				
Department: Department of Policy & Management Studies				
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Course type: Core		**Course offered in:** 1st Semester		

Course description

Strong social policy is essential for sustainable growth. Social policies have been expanded across the Global South during the last few decades, and social protection is increasingly highlighted as a fundamental component of the global sustainable development agenda. Having an overview of social policy issues is extremely useful for students of public policy and anyone who wants to understand the true roots of successful sustainable development. This course comprises five modules discussing social policy in the sustainable development context with an emphasis on four select social policy domains and well-being with special reference to India. It begins by introducing the fundamentals of sustainable development and how social policies can be instrumental in achieving its objectives. Further, the course discusses four key social policy domains; first, the food and nutrition security issues and related agrarian policy initiatives and innovations; second, the population health and well-being issues and associated schemes/programmes; third includes the education and skill development policy initiatives; and fourth focuses on work and employment issues and initiatives. The aim is to orient students to the importance of social policies in promoting sustainable development, along with the processes and challenges in developing and implementing such policies, with special reference to India.

Learning objectives:
- To provide students with a basic understanding of sustainable development and social policies, their instruments, and how well-implemented social policies help achieve the objectives of sustainable development.
- To discuss the aspects of food and nutrition security, sustainable food systems, and government initiatives taken to end hunger through food and agricultural policies in the Indian context.
- To orient students to understand and assess the public health issues and challenges, and discuss major government schemes/programmes in India to improve population health and wellbeing.
- To provide an overview of the processes and challenges related to India's education policy and recent scenarios of population skilling initiatives.
- To discuss the livelihood and workforce participation scenarios including employment and unemployment patterns of the Indian population along with contemporary government initiatives to promote and generate employment.