

05.Social Science

RATIONALE

Social Sciences is a compulsory subject up to secondary stage of school education. It is an integral component of general education because it helps the learners in understanding the environment in its totality and developing a broader perspective and an empirical reasonable and humane outlook. This is of crucial importance because it helps them grow into well-informed and responsible citizens with necessary attributes and skills for being able to participate and contribute effectively in the process of development and nation-building.

The social sciences curriculum draws its content mainly from geography, history, civics and economics. Some elements of sociology and commerce are also included. Together they provide a comprehensive view of society-over space and time, and in relation to each other. Each subject's distinct methods of enquiry help the learners study society from different angles and from a holistic view.

OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of this syllabus are:

- To develop an understanding of the processes of change and development-both in terms of time and space, through which human societies have evolved.
- To make learners realize that the process of change is continuous and any event or phenomenon or issue cannot be viewed in isolation but in a wider context of time and space.
- To develop an understanding of contemporary India with its historical perspective of the basic framework of the goals and policies of national development in independent India, and of the process of change with appropriate connections to world development.
- To deepen knowledge about and understanding of India's freedom struggle and of the values and ideals that it represented and to develop an appreciation of the contributions made by people of all sections and regions of the country.
- To help learners understand and cherish the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution and to prepare them for their roles and responsibilities and effective citizens of democratic society.
- To deepen the knowledge and understanding of India's environment in its totality, their interactive processes and effects on the future quality of people's lives.
- To facilitate the learners to understand and appreciate the diversity in the land and people of the country with its underlying unity.
- To develop an appreciation of the richness and variety of India's heritage both natural and cultural and the need for its preservation.
- To promote and understanding of the issues and challenges of contemporary India-environment, economic and social, as part of the development process.

- To help pupils acquire knowledge, skills and understanding to face the challenges of contemporary society as individuals and groups and learn the art of living a confident and stress-free life as well as participating effectively in the community.
- To develop scientific temper by promoting the spirit of enquiry and following a rational and objective approach in analyzing and evaluating data and information as well as views and interpretations.
- To develop academic and social skills such as critical thinking, communication effectively both in visual and verbal forms-cooperating with others, taking initiatives and providing leadership in solving others problems.
- To develop qualities clustered around the personal, social, moral national and spiritual values that make a person humane and socially effective

Courses of Study

India & the Contemporary world-II

- Chapter 1 :-The Rise of Nationalism in Europe
- Chapter2:- Nationalism in India
- Chapter3:- The Making of a Global world
- Chapter4:- The Age of Industrialization
- Chapter5:- Print culture and the Modern World

Democratic Politics-II

- Chapter 1 :- Power Sharing
- Chapter2:- Federalism
- Chapter3:- Gender, Religion and Caste
- Chapter4:- Outcomes of Democracy

Understanding Economic Development

- Chapter 1:- Development
- Chapter2:- Sectors of the Indian Economy
- Chapter3:- Money and credit
- Chapter4:- Globalization And the India Economy
- Chapter5:- Consumer Rights

Contemporary India II

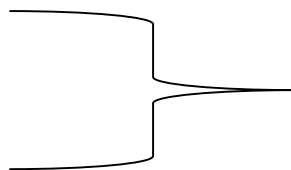
- Chapter 1:- Resources and Development
- Chapter2:- Forest and Wildlife Resources
- Chapter3:- Water Resources
- Chapter4:- Agriculture
- Chapter5:- Mineral and Energy Resources
- Chapter6:- Manufacturing Industries and Lifelines of National Economy
- Chapter7:- Transport, Communication, International Trade

Disaster Management

- Chapter 1:- Introduction
- Chapter2:- Tsunami-The killer waves
- Chapter3:- Survival skills
- Chapter4:- Alternative Communication Systems..... during Disasters
- Chapter5:- Safe Construction Practices
- Chapter6:- Sharing Responsibility
- Chapter7:- Planning ahead : by the people, for the people

Prescribed Books:-

India and the Contemporary World-1
Contemporary India-I
Democratic Politics
Economics
Together Towards A Safer India-I



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