PAPER III

CDASP3T POPULATION ISSUES AND SOCIAL POLICIES

MAX. MARKS: 100
EXTERNAL: 70
INTERNAL: 30
PASS: 40%
Credits: 6

Objectives – The paper aims to familiarise learners with major population challenges in India and their impact on social and economic development. It introduces national population policies and equips students to evaluate their relevance for sustainable and inclusive development.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this paper, learners will be able to:

CO1: Identify and explain major population issues and challenges in India.
CO2: Analyse the relationship between population dynamics and socio-economic development.
CO3: Understand and evaluate national population policies and programmes.
CO4: Assess regional and demographic disparities and their planning implications.
CO5: Apply demographic knowledge to support sustainable and socially responsible development planning.

Section A

Unit 1: Population Problems in India: Demographic challenges, Regional and urban–rural disparities, Population structure and development, Implications for planning and resource allocation.

Unit 2: Population and Development: Population dynamics and socio-economic development, Population pressure on health, education, employment, and environment, Demographic dividend, Development case studies.

Unit 3: Contemporary Population Issues: Migration and displacement, Youth and ageing population, Labour market implications, Environment and sustainability.

Section B

Unit 4: Population Policies in India: National Population Policy (NPP), Fertility reduction and population stabilisation, Maternal and child health, Role of government, NGOs, and international agencies.

Unit 5: Population Policy and Planning: Evaluation of population policies, Demographic data in planning, Recent developments in population data management, Case studies of policy interventions.

Unit 6: Ethics and Social Dimensions of Population Policy: Equity and inclusion, Gender-sensitive policies, Rights-based approaches to population planning.

Books:

1. Bhende, A. & Kanitkar, T. *Principles of Population Studies*, Himalaya Publishing House, 2020.
2. Visaria, P. *Population Policies and Programmes in India*, Rawat Publications, 2017.
3. Dyson, T. *Population and Development: The Demographic Transition*, Oxford University Press, 2010.
4. Census of India Reports: *Population, Policy, and Development Indicators*, Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India.

Articles and Reports:

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, *National Population Policy 2000*, Government of India.
2. UNFPA, *State of World Population Reports*, 2018–2023.
3. World Bank, *Population and Development in India: Policy Perspectives*, 2020.