PAPER 1

CSIA1T FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

Objectives: The course aims to introduce the foundational concepts, evolution and significance of Social Impact Assessment (SIA). It familiarises learners with the role of SIA in sustainable development and project planning.

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

CO1: Understand the meaning and scope of SIA

CO2: Explain the relevance of social concerns in development

CO3: Describe SIA within the project cycle

CO4: Understand the institutional and legal framework of SIA

Section A

Unit 1: Introduction to Social Impact Assessment: Meaning, concept, and scope of SIA, Evolution and significance, SIA and sustainable development, Objectives and principles, Social impacts of development projects, Emerging trends in SIA.

Unit 2: Social Impact Assessment and Project Planning: Role of SIA in project planning, Stages and processes of SIA, SIA and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Stakeholder participation, Social risk management, Evidence-based planning.

Unit 3: Legal and Policy Framework for SIA: Institutional and policy framework, Government and regulatory bodies, Land acquisition and rehabilitation laws, Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, Rights of affected communities, Accountability and policy challenges.

Section B

Unit 4: Development, Displacement and Society: Development-induced displacement, Social and economic impacts of development projects, Livelihoods and cultural change, Rehabilitation and resettlement, Social justice and human welfare.

Unit 5: Stakeholders in Development Projects: Stakeholder identification and participation, Community consultation and decision-making, Communication and negotiation, Role of local institutions and civil society, Challenges in stakeholder coordination.

Unit 6: Ethics in Social Impact Assessment: Ethical principles in SIA, Transparency and accountability, Informed consent and community rights, Participatory approaches, Professional ethics and confidentiality, Ethical challenges in development projects.

Suggested Readings:

- **Kvam, R.** (2018). *Social Impact Assessment: Integrating Social Issues in Development Projects*. (Chapters 1–3)
- Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013
- Walter Fernandes (2008). *India's Forced Displacement Policy and Practice*. (Basic understanding of development and displacement in India)