PAPER II

CSIA2T METHODS AND TOOLS OF SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

Objectives: This paper aims to develop practical understanding of research methods and tools used in Social Impact Assessment.

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

CO1: Identify appropriate SIA research methods

CO2: Conduct baseline social profiling

CO3: Apply stakeholder mapping techniques

CO4: Analyse social data for impact identification

Section A

Unit 1: Baseline Social Studies: Meaning and importance of baseline studies, Social profiling and community assessment, Demographic and socio-economic data, Secondary data sources, Social indicators, Role of baseline studies in development planning.

Unit 2: Data Collection Methods: Meaning and significance of data collection, Surveys, questionnaires, and interviews, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), Observation and field recording, Ethical issues and field research challenges.

Unit 3: Stakeholder Mapping: Meaning and importance of stakeholder mapping, Stakeholder identification and analysis, Power–interest matrix, Community consultation and participation, Stakeholder coordination and decision-making.

Section B

Unit 4: Social Impact Identification: Impact identification and assessment, Screening and scoping techniques, Checklists and impact matrices, Direct and indirect impacts, Short- and long-term effects, Role in planning and policy.

Unit 5: Social Impact Analysis: Process of social impact analysis, Livelihood and community impacts, Gender and vulnerable groups, Socio-economic and cultural impacts, Community responses, Participatory analysis.

Unit 6: Documentation and Data Presentation: Documentation in social assessment, Data organisation and analysis, Tables, charts, and graphical presentation, Report writing, Ethical reporting and communication of findings.

Suggested Readings:

1. Kvam, R. (2018). *Social Impact Assessment: Integrating Social Issues in Development Projects*.
   (Chapters 4–5)
2. C. R. Kothari (2004). *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*. (Chapters on Survey, Interview, Data Collection Methods)
3. International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). *Social Impact Assessment: Guidance Document*. (Practical guidance on stakeholder mapping and impact identification)
4. Frank Vanclay (2003). "International Principles for Social Impact Assessment."
5. Walter Fernandes (2008). *India's Forced Displacement Policy and Practice*.
6. International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). *Social Impact Assessment Guidance Document*.
7. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Publications on Sustainable Development and Community Participation.