Public Policy

Course objective:

This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding on public policy both as a concept and its empirical application in our society. The design of the course has been made to promote an inclusionary idea which would be ensured through participation of students from different social and professional background.

Outcome:

With the completion of this course, the student will be able to get an understanding on following themes.

- Describe the different types of public policy.
- Examine the contributions of various stakeholders in policy making
- List the political, financial and popular difficulties in the implementation of policy
- Analyse the cycle of selected public policies.

Unit I: Introduction Concepts of Public and Policy - Definiton, Scope and Significance of Public Policy. Types of Public Policy: Regulatory, Welfare, Distributive and Re-distributive

Unit II: Evolution of Public Policy Studies – Public Policy Cycle, Models of Public Policy: Systems Model, Harold Lasswell, Herbert Simon, and Charles Lindblom

Unit III: Policy Making in India: Constitutional framework, Role of Institutions

Unit IV: Policy Implementation and Evaluation: Issues and Challenges

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