

## Crosscutting Issues in the Geography Curriculum

### 1. Professional Ethics

#### **Courses Involved:**

- Research Methodology and Field Work (GEGRCC10)
- Disaster Management (GEGRCC14)

#### **Integration:**

- Encourages ethical research practices including consent, transparency, and data integrity.
- Promotes professional behavior during fieldwork and disaster response.
- Develops responsibility in handling sensitive socio-economic and environmental data.

### 2. Gender Sensitivity

#### **Courses Involved:**

- Human Geography (GEGRDSC2)
- Social Geography (GEGRDSE4)
- Geography of India (GEGRCC7)

#### **Integration:**

- Discusses gendered dimensions of population, migration, and settlement patterns.
- Analyses disparities in access to resources, education, health, and employment.
- Encourages inclusive urban and rural planning to ensure gender equity.

### 3. Human Values

#### **Courses Involved:**

- Human Geography (GEGRDSC2)
- Regional Planning and Development (GEGRCC9)

#### **Integration:**

- Emphasizes empathy towards marginalized communities (tribes, slum dwellers, disaster victims).

- Reinforces values like community cooperation, equity, justice, and social responsibility.
- Encourages students to engage in community-focused projects that uphold dignity and respect.

#### 4. Environmental and Sustainability Awareness

##### Courses Involved:

- Environmental Geography
- Remote Sensing and GIS (GEGRCC12)
- Climatology & Oceanography (GEGRCC5)

##### Integration:

- Explores sustainable resource management and biodiversity conservation.
- Equips students to use technology (GIS/RS) for environmental monitoring.
- Promotes awareness of global climate change, pollution, and ecological degradation.
- Discusses environmental laws and policies promoting sustainability.

#### 5. Civic Responsibility & Policy Awareness

##### Courses Involved:

- Geography of India (GEGRCC7)
- Regional Planning and Development (GEGRCC9)

##### Integration:

- Enhances understanding of planning systems, governance (Panchayati Raj), and public policy.
- Encourages active citizenship and participation in local development initiatives.
- Informs students about national programs related to rural development, urbanization, and disaster preparedness.

#### Conclusion

The Geography curriculum is deeply intertwined with critical societal issues. It not only builds academic competence but also shapes responsible, ethical, and environmentally conscious citizens. These crosscutting themes foster **holistic learning** and align with the goals of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.

