Community Project (Project Based Learning) Societal Project [Common to all disciplines of Engineering]			
Course Code	**1BCP308**	Scheme	2025
Type of Course	SDC	Semester	III
Teaching Hours/Week (L :T : P)	30 (0:0:0)	CIE Marks	50
Total Hours of Pedagogy CI(L :T):LI(P):SL:TW	30 (0:0:0:30)	SEE Marks	50
Credits	1	Total Marks	100
Type of Examination	Practical	Exam Hours	02

Course objective:

Rapid urbanisation, population growth, environmental concerns, energy demand, water scarcity, waste management, transportation issues and rural development challenges have created practical problems affecting communities and public welfare. This course aims to integrate technical knowledge, field exposure and societal engagement so that students identify real community issues, frame problem statements and attempt appropriate, feasible and sustainable engineering responses within the scope of a one-semester project.

Course outcome (Course Skill Set):

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

1. **CO1 (L2 – Understand):** Identify and analyse societal problems through field interaction and technical assessment.
2. **CO2 (L3 – Apply):** Develop skills in project planning, field survey, data collection, implementation, documentation and reporting.
3. **CO3 (L4 – Analyse):** Formulate feasible engineering problem statements and solutions considering practical constraints and sustainability aspects.
4. **CO4 (L3 – Apply):** Apply principles of environmental responsibility, ethics and societal welfare in engineering practice through community-oriented interventions.
5. **CO5 (L4 – Analyse):** Exhibit multidisciplinary learning and problem-solving ability based on collected data, user feedback and baseline conditions.
6. **CO6 (L5 – Evaluate):** Demonstrate teamwork and communication skills while interacting with technical and non-technical stakeholders and reflect on project impact on society.

Restrictions and professional conduct:

Community / Societal Projects shall remain **academic, socially responsible, technically focused, and politically neutral**. Students and faculty shall maintain professionalism, ethical conduct, public respect and institutional integrity while interacting with communities, public groups, organisations and stakeholders.

Students and faculty **shall avoid** the following during project execution:

- Association with political party activities, campaigns or propaganda.
- Participation in activities that may disturb communal harmony, public order or institutional reputation.
- Use of the project platform for personal, political, ideological or commercial promotion.
- Disrespectful, discriminatory or unethical interaction with community members or stakeholders.

Projects must also recognise constraints related to **cost, resources, environment and safety, and stakeholder behaviour/cooperation/acceptance** when planning and implementing activities.

Sustainable Development Goals

The faculty shall encourage students to undertake community projects that align with and contribute towards satisfying the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) Criterion 3.6, namely, Evidence of Addressing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which is a major emphasis of the United Nations (UN). The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are illustrated in the figure shown below:



SET OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES (TW/SL = 30 HOURS)

Methods for project identification:

Students may identify the project topic using one or more of the following methods:

- Interaction with local rural or urban stakeholders such as local leaders, corporation/municipality personnel, NGOs, panchayat representatives, etc.
- Review of issues highlighted in print and electronic media, and social networks (WhatsApp, Facebook, X, Instagram, etc.).
- After selecting a broad topic, students shall collect data, conduct a feasibility survey, estimate timelines and resources, approximate expenditure, and then define the problem statement and objectives clearly.

List of Project Topics and Engineering Outcomes:

The following structured sequence of activities is to be carried out during the semester:

Sl. No.	Project title	Measurable engineering outcome	Mapped POs	SDGs
1	Rural and urban water conservation and management systems	Prepare a site-specific water-saving plan, estimate water demand–supply gap, and propose a feasible conservation intervention with quantified savings.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO10, PO11	SDG 6, SDG 11, SDG 12
2	Waste management and recycling	Conduct waste audit, classify waste streams, and design a segregation/recycling workflow with measurable reduction in mixed waste.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO6, PO8, PO10	SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13

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3	Afforestation	Identify a degraded area, prepare plantation layout, and demonstrate survival-rate tracking and maintenance schedule for saplings.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO6, PO7, PO11	SDG 11, SDG 13, SDG 15
4	Biogas generation and power generation	Estimate organic waste availability, size a small biogas system, and document expected gas output or energy yield.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10	SDG 7, SDG 11, SDG 12
5	DPR for solar power rural plant	Prepare a DPR with load assessment, panel sizing, cost estimate, and projected energy generation and payback.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10	SDG 7, SDG 9, SDG 11
6	DPR for electrification of village/tribal community	Map unserved/underserved households, propose electrification layout, and estimate coverage, losses, and implementation cost.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO10, PO11	SDG 7, SDG 9, SDG 10
7	DPR for rural drainage system	Survey drainage bottlenecks, develop a drainage layout, and estimate runoff handling capacity and flood-risk reduction.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO6, PO10	SDG 6, SDG 9, SDG 11
8	Sustainability and environmental health projects	Assess local environmental health issues and propose interventions with measurable improvement in hygiene, safety, or resource use.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO6, PO7, PO8	SDG 3, SDG 6, SDG 11, SDG 12
9	Plastic free campaigns	Measure plastic usage before and after awareness intervention and report percentage reduction or behavioural change.	PO2, PO3, PO6, PO7, PO8, PO10	SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13
10	Health and nutrition awareness	Conduct baseline and post-program awareness survey and document improvement in awareness score or adoption of healthier practices.	PO2, PO6, PO7, PO8, PO9, PO10	SDG 2, SDG 3, SDG 11
11	Societal projects involving health wellness	Identify a community health need and develop an awareness/service module with measurable participation and feedback outcomes.	PO2, PO3, PO6, PO8, PO9, PO10	SDG 3, SDG 11, SDG 17
12	Air quality monitoring system	Collect air-quality data, compare with reference limits, and present trends along with possible mitigation suggestions.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO6, PO10	SDG 3, SDG 11, SDG 13
13	Plastic waste reduction campaign	Track collection, segregation, and replacement actions, and quantify reduction in plastic waste generation or littering.	PO2, PO3, PO6, PO7, PO8, PO10	SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13
14	Urban greening projects	Prepare greening plan, identify planting locations, and assess environmental benefits such as shade, aesthetics, or heat mitigation.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO6, PO7, PO11	SDG 11, SDG 13, SDG 15

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15	Smart agriculture solution	Design a low-cost monitoring or irrigation support solution and estimate improvement in water use efficiency or crop support.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10	SDG 2, SDG 6, SDG 9
16	Smart irrigation system	Estimate crop water requirement, propose control logic, and quantify water savings compared with conventional irrigation.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10	SDG 2, SDG 6, SDG 12
17	Youth mentoring programmes	Deliver a structured mentoring activity and measure participation, engagement, and skill/awareness improvement.	PO6, PO8, PO9, PO10, PO11	SDG 4, SDG 10, SDG 17
18	Adult education	Conduct learner-needs assessment, prepare instructional content, and measure improvement in basic literacy or numeracy indicators.	PO6, PO8, PO9, PO10, PO11	SDG 4, SDG 10, SDG 17
19	Food security initiatives / cold storage system	Estimate storage need, design a simple cold-chain concept, and document reduction in spoilage or wastage.	PO1, PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10	SDG 2, SDG 9, SDG 12
20	Human rights awareness with legal systems	Prepare and deliver an awareness module and assess increase in legal awareness and access-to-rights understanding.	PO6, PO7, PO8, PO9, PO10	SDG 5, SDG 10, SDG 16
21	House tax collection through digital media	Develop a simple digital workflow or awareness support and measure improvement in compliance, convenience, or response time.	PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO10, PO11	SDG 9, SDG 11, SDG 16
22	Use of application / application program	Build or demonstrate a useful community app and measure usability, adoption, or efficiency improvement.	PO1, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO9, PO10	SDG 9, SDG 11, SDG 17
23	Creation of Panchayat library	Plan the library model, catalogue resources, and measure usage, accessibility, or participation outcomes.	PO6, PO8, PO9, PO10, PO11	SDG 4, SDG 10, SDG 11, SDG 17

Suggested Learning Resources:

Textbooks:

1. **Phadke, N. D**. Community Engagement and Social Innovation. 1st ed., Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
2. **Garg, N. R**. Project-Based Learning in Engineering Education. 1st ed., Pearson India Education Services, Noida.
3. **Gupta, A. and P. Singh.** Service Learning and Community Projects. 1st ed., McGraw-Hill Education (India), New Delhi.
4. **Wilson, G.** Practical Guide to Community Development Projects. 2nd ed., Routledge, London.

Reference books:

1. NPTEL courses on Project-Based Learning and Social Innovation.
2. SWAYAM courses on community engagement and sustainability.
3. UN Sustainable Development Goals portal: https://sdgs.un.org
4. MyGov India and local civic body portals for community initiatives.
5. YouTube resources on design thinking, social innovation, and community service learning.
6. NGO and government field-action case studies related to sanitation, water, health, education, and environment.

Web links and Video Lectures (e-Resources):

1. NPTEL courses on Engineering Geology (IIT Roorkee, IIT Kharagpur).
2. NPTEL courses on Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering (IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay).
3. Virtual Labs – Geotechnical Engineering Virtual Lab (IIT Kanpur): https://vlab.co.in
4. Geological Survey of India (GSI) – Maps, reports, and publications: https://www.gsi.gov.in
5. YouTube channels: Civil Engineering Essentials, The Engineering Classroom (soil mechanics experiments).
6. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) – Geotechnical resources and standards

Teaching Learning Process:

The suggested TLP for Community / Societal Project is as follows;

Week / Phase	Teaching–Learning Activity	Faculty Role	Student Activity	Output / Evidence
1	Course introduction, objectives, ethics, conduct, and assessment briefing	Explain course scope, rules, rubrics, and expected deliverables	Understand course requirements and form teams	Team list, course plan
2	Community problem identification and topic selection	Guide topic framing and feasibility	Identify local issues through discussion and observation	Shortlisted project topic
3	Stakeholder interaction and preliminary survey	Demonstrate survey methods and stakeholder engagement	Collect initial data from community/users	Survey notes, interview record
4	Problem statement and objective	Review and refine problem statement	Prepare problem statement, scope, and	Approved problem statement
	formulation		objectives	
5	Literature/case study review and baseline analysis	Suggest relevant references and examples	Study existing solutions and compare approaches	Baseline analysis summary

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6	Project planning and role assignment	Help teams organize tasks, timeline, and responsibilities	Plan activities, divide roles, and prepare schedule	Work plan / Gantt chart
7	Feasibility analysis and solution brainstorming	Check technical feasibility and practicality	Generate possible engineering solutions	Solution alternatives sheet
8	Selection of final solution and design approach	Review final concept and design logic	Finalize concept, methods, and expected outcome	Concept note / design outline
9	Data processing / calculations / sizing / mapping	Support computations and technical review	Analyze data, perform calculations, prepare maps/charts	Technical analysis sheet
10	Prototype / model / audit / DPR / app development	Monitor progress and correct technical issues	Develop the selected output	Working model / draft DPR / map / app
11	Testing, refinement, and implementation planning	Evaluate technical correctness and improvements	Test prototype or validate proposal with users	Test results / revised output
12	Field implementation / demonstration / awareness activity	Facilitate community interaction and documentation	Conduct implementation or demonstration	Photos, attendance, implementation record
13	Documentation of outcomes, feedback, and impact	Review report structure and completeness	Compile findings, stakeholder feedback, and observations	Draft report
14	Presentation preparation and viva practice	Conduct mock presentation and feedback	Prepare slides/poster and rehearse	Presentation deck
15	Final presentation, submission, and reflection	Evaluate performance using rubrics	Present project, submit report, reflect on learning	Final report, presentation, viva

Assessment structure:

A. Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) – 50 marks

- Students, in batches of 3–4, shall undertake at least one project (or a combination of two related activities) aiming, as far as possible, at a logical implemented or implementable outcome.
- CIE will be conducted by a departmental committee (HoD/nominee, guide and one senior faculty) using the following rubrics totalling 50 marks:

CIE pass requirement:

- A student shall secure a minimum of 20 marks out of 50 in CIE to become eligible to appear for SEE.

- Students who fail to earn the required CIE marks may be given additional opportunities before closure of the semester; no re-doing of CIE is permitted after the end of the semester.

B. Semester End Examination (SEE) – 100 marks (scaled to 50)

- Examination duration: 2 hours.
- Maximum examination marks: 100 (entered as 100 in the VTU portal; the ITI-SMU module automatically scales 100 → 50 for result processing).
- The SEE shall be conducted batch-wise by a committee of three faculty: project guide, one faculty from the same department and one from a different department.

SEE pass requirement and overall passing rule:

- For a pass in SEE, a student shall secure minimum 35 marks out of 100.
- For declaration of a pass grade, the sum of CIE marks (out of 50) and scaled SEE marks (out of 50) shall be ≥ 40; otherwise, the student is awarded grade F (Fail).

CIE Rubric — Continuous Internal Evaluation (Total 50 marks):

Criterion	Weight (marks)	Excellent (Full marks)	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Problem identification & Relevance to society/industry /community	8	Problem is clearly identified with strong evidence of societal relevance and well-defined scope.	Problem is relevant and scope is clear with adequate supporting evidence.	Problem defined but justification or evidence is weak.	Problem unclear or not relevant; little/no supporting evidence.
Formation of problem statement; Engineering approach, innovation & feasibility	10	Problem statement is precise; approachis sound, innovative and clearly feasible.	Problem statement adequate; approach feasible with minor gaps.	Problem statement partial; approach feasibility is marginal.	Problem statement missing or approach not feasible.
Interaction with stakeholders; Data collection, analysis & interpretation	8	Thorough stakeholder engagement; data collection is comprehensive; analysis is well-interpreted.	Good engagement; data and analysis adequate with minor gaps.	Limited engagement; data incomplete and analysis superficial.	Little/no stakeholder contact; insufficient or no data/ analysis.
Project documentation; Clarity, organization & problem-solving demonstrated	10	Documentation is complete, well-organized, analytical, and shows strong problem-solving.	Documentation complete and clear with some analytical content.	Documentation basic with omissions; problem-solving limited.	Documentation missing/poorly organized; no clear problem-solving .
Communication & Presentation skills	6	Presentation is confident, structured, and answers queries fully; visuals effective.	Presentation clear and satisfactory; responds to most queries.	Presentation acceptable but lacks clarity or confidence; weak responses.	Presentation poor or absent; unable to respond.
Contribution & Benefit tosociety (impact, sustainability)	8	Clear, demonstrable societal benefit and sustainability; realistic path to implementation.	Benefit plausible; sustainability considered with minor gaps.	Limited or unclear societal benefit; sustainability not well addressed.	No evident benefit or sustainability; project not community-oriented.

Notes for CIE rubric:

- Minimum CIE pass requirement: 20/50 to be eligible for SEE. [Use departmental committee (HoD/guide + senior faculty) to apply the rubric and record marks.]

SEE Rubric — Semester End Examination (Enter marks out of 100; scaled to 50 later):

Criterion	Weight (marks)	Excellent (Full marks)	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Problem identification & Relevance to society/industry/ community	16	Problem and relevance are articulated clearly with strong evidence and context.	Problem relevance clear with reasonable evidence.	Problem stated but evidence/ context weak.	Problem poorly defined or irrelevant.
Formation of problem statement; Engineering approach, innovation & feasibility	20	Problem statement is precise; approach demonstrates engineering depth, novelty and feasibility.	Approach is technically sound and feasible with minor limitations.	Approach basic; limited technical depth or feasibility concerns.	No viable engineering approach or infeasible plan.
Interaction with stakeholders; Data collection, analysis & interpretation	16	Excellent stakeholder engagement; rigorous data collection and insightful analysis.	Good engagement and acceptable analysis.	Superficial data collection and limited analysis.	Inadequate or no data; poor analysis.
Project documentation; Clarity, technical rigor & problem-solving demonstrated	20	Report is comprehensive, technically rigorous, and demonstrates systematic problem-solving.	Report is complete and technically correct with minor gaps.	Report lacks technical depth or has notable omissions.	Report missing key elements or technically incorrect.
Communication, Presentation & Viva-voce responses	12	Candidate presents expertly, defends work persuasively and answers all queries correctly.	Good presentation and satisfactory answers to most queries.	Presentation adequate but fails to answer some technical questions.	Poor presentation and unable to defend work.
Contribution & Benefit to society; Impact assessment & sustainability	16	Clear, evidence-based assessment of social impact and Sustainability with scaling recommendations.	Reasonable impact discussion and sustainability considerations.	Limited evaluation of impactor sustainability.	No coherent assessment of impact or sustainability.

SEE pass rule:

- Student must secure at least 35/100 in SEE itself to be eligible for pass consideration.
- Final passing is based on CIE (out of 50) + SEE (scaled to 50) >= 40. Otherwise, grade F (Fail) is awarded.

Suggested implementation notes (for BoS / exam committees):

- Use numerical scores from the rubric and keep brief evaluator comments for each criterion.
- For team projects: record individual contribution within the documentation and adjust individual marks using a peer-evaluation sheet or guide's assessment.
- Maintain evidence (field notes, photos, questionnaires, DPRs, reports) as annexures for SEE moderation.
- Use standardized score sheet (spreadsheet) mapping rubric items to columns for easy aggregation and archival.

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