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Unit -1

Topic – Welfare state

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What will I learn?

- Introduction
- Meaning & Definition of Welfare state
- Reason for the emergence of the concept of Welfare State
- Characteristics of the Welfare State
- Objectives of welfare state
- Functions of welfare State

Introduction

- The concept of state in the early periods was mainly of a 'police state'. i.e., the governments had to perform the sovereign functions along with the establishment of public safety and security and these formed the primary duties of every government. But democracy changed the role and functions of the government. Today, the concept of 'welfare states' have redefined the very meaning of democracy.

Welfare state

- The welfare State consists of a number of programs through which governments pursue the goal of social protection against economic and social risks of life and well-being.
- **Definition**

“A state that provides for its citizens a wide range of social services.” :- T. W. Kent

“The welfare state is a society in which an assured minimum standard of living and opportunity becomes the possession of every citizen.” : - G. D. H. Cole

Reasons for the emergence of the concept of welfare state

- Reaction against individualism
- Fear developed as a result of the expansion of socialist through and movements
- Growth of democratic systems and values

Characteristics of welfare state

- **Ensures social security** :- in a welfare state of economy , through the traits of capitalism are also seen , it is mainly a mixed economy. Even when a combination of capitalistic socialistic features exists, the government plays a dominant role in controlling the economic activities and in the social welfare of the people.

Socialistic in nature :- It is based on the principles of equality and is keen to provide equal opportunity to all. It also aims to ensure equitable distribution of wealth.

- **Control over the economic activities** :- In a welfare state , all the private enterprises are regulated by the government.

The Objectives of the welfare state

- **Policy-** Makers have struggled for many years to accomplish three goals with welfare programme
 - Raise the living standards of low –income families
 - Provide incentives to work
 - Keep costs low
- Conflict between these three objectives is sometimes called the “iron triangle” of welfare reform
- It is difficult if not impossible to improve outcomes in one dimension without worsening them in another.

Functions of the welfare state

- Maintenance of Peace and order
- Arrangement for External security
- Regulation of industrial and Trade- related Activities
- Functions related to Economic security
- To Provide public facilities
- Protection of Basic Liberties of Citizens
- Arrangement for Educational Health facilities

Thank you

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