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SOCH-C101  
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I: Emergence of Sociology as Discipline**

Enlightenment and its impact on thinking and reasoning

French revolution & industrial revolution

**UNIT II: Nature of Sociology**

Definition, subject matter and scope; sociology as science

**UNIT III: Sociological Perspective**

Holistic perspective

Relationship of sociology with anthropology, psychology & history

**UNIT IV: Sociological Orientations and Methods**

Scientific and humanistic orientations

Positivist, historical, comparative, functional and conflict methods

**UNIT V: Applications of Sociology**

Sociology and social problems, sociology and social policy, sociology and development

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Bottomore, T. B. 1971 Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature, Bombay: George Allen and Unwin (India)

Gisbert, P. 2013. Fundamentals of Sociology. Orient Black Swan.

Harlombos, M. 1988. Sociology: Themes and Perspectives. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Inkeles, Alex. 1987. What is Sociology? New Delhi: Prentice – Hall of India.

Jayaram, N. 1988. Introductory Sociology. Madras: Macmillan.

Johnson, Harry M. 1995. Sociology: A Systematic Introduction. New Delhi: Allied Publishers.

Schaefer, Richard T. and Robert P Lamm. 1999. Sociology. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill.

SOCH-C102  
BASIC CONCEPTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I**

Society, community, institution, association, group

**UNIT II**

Culture, socialization, norms, values and sanctions, social processes

**UNIT III**

Status and role, social institution, social structure & function

**UNIT IV**

Social stratification– Meaning, forms and theories  
Social mobility- Meaning and types

**UNIT V**

Social control- Meaning & importance  
Social change: Meaning, characteristics, forms & factors

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SOCH-C201  
SOCIETY IN INDIA

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 6  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I: Indian Society**

- a) Distinct characteristics
- b) Textual and field views
- c) Interface between the present and the past

**UNIT II: Social Composition**

- a) Rural-urban differences, rural–urban linkages
- b) Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, women, minorities
- c) Population, sex ratio, density & literacy rate

**UNIT III: Basic Institutions**

- a) Family & marriage- features, types & change
- b) Caste and class- Meaning, characteristics, interrelationship

**UNIT IV: Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**

- a) Languages, castes, religions and cultures in India
- b) Cultural and ethnic diversity in North East India

**UNIT V: Social Convergence and Integration**

- a) Sharing of material traits and language
- b) Evolution of composite cultural legacy
- c) Nation–building and national identity

**READING LIST**

- Bose, N. K. 1975: Structure of Hindu Society. New Delhi.
- Bose, N.K. 1967. Culture and Society in India. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.
- Deb, Bimal J. 2010. Population and Development in North East India. New Delhi: Concept.
- Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Dube, S.C. 1995: Indian Village. London: Routledge.
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- Dube, S.C. 1990: Society in India. New Delhi: National Book Trust.
- Karve, Irawati, 1961: Hindu Society: An Interpretation. Poona: Deccan College.
- Lannoy, Richard, 1971: The Speaking Tree: A Study of Indian Society and Culture

Mandelbaum, David : Society of India

Nagla, B K. Indian Social Thought. Jaipur: Rawat.

Pakem, B., 1990, *Nationality, Ethnicity and Cultural Identity in Northeast India*, Guwahati: Omsons Publications.

Ram, G and Prem Kanta Borah. 2004 Inter-ethnic Formations in Diasporic North East India, Emerging Trends in Development Research, Vol. II, No. 1 & 2, Pp 39-54.

Singh, Yogendra. 1973: Modernization of Indian Tradition. Delhi: Thomson Press.

Srinivas, M. N. 1980: India's Social Structure. New Delhi Hindustan Publishing Corporation.

Uberoi, Patricia, 1993: Family, Kinship and Marriage in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

### SOCH-C202 SOCIOLOGY OF TRIBES

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

#### **Objective**

Tribe constitutes a significant segment of Indian society. By and large, students have a partial and superficial knowledge about them. The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive profile of tribals in terms of their distribution and concentration, demographic features, social structure and cultural patterns.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

**UNIT-I** Concept of tribe; classification of tribes-food gatherers, hunters, shifting cultivators, nomads, pastoralists, peasants and settled agriculturists, artisans

**UNIT-II** Tribal society- kinship, marriage and family, religious beliefs and practices, youth dormitories

**UNIT-III** Tribes in India: Hinduisation & sanskritisation, formation of tribal states, impact of colonial rule

**UNIT-IV** Tribal development programmes, tribal integration and identity crisis after India's Independence

**UNIT-V** Problems of poverty, indebtedness & land alienation; tribal movements

#### **READING LIST**

Bose, N. K 1967 Culture and Society in India, Asia Publishing House

Desai, A.R 1979 Peasant struggles in India, Oxford University Press, Bombay

Dube, S.C 1977 Tribal Heritage of India, New Delhi, Vikas

- Haimendorf, C 1982 Tribes of India: The struggle for survival, Oxford University Press
- Hasnain, N 1983 Tribes in India, Harnam Publications, New Delhi
- Rao, M.S.A 1979 Social Movements in India, Manohar, Delhi
- Raza, Moonis  
and A. Ahmad 1990 An Atlas of Tribal India, Concept Publisher, Delhi.
- Sharma, Suresh 1994 Tribal Identity and Modern World, Sage, New Delhi.
- Singh, K.S 1972 Tribal situation in India, Indian institute of advance study, Shimla.
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Publishing company, New Delhi
- Singh, K.S 1982 Tribal Movements in India, Vol-I and II, Manohar, New Delhi
- Singh, K.S. 1985 The Scheduled Tribes, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
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SOCH-C301  
FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I**

Auguste Comte- Social statics & social dynamics, positivism, law of three stages, hierarchy of sciences

**UNIT II**

Herbert Spencer- Social Darwinism, super-organic evolution, social structure & functions

**UNIT III**

Karl Marx- Dialectical materialism, mode of production, class struggle, alienation of labour

**UNIT IV**

Emile Durkheim- Social facts, division of labour, social solidarity, suicide, religion

**UNIT V**

Max Weber

Social action, authority, modern capitalism



### READING LIST

- Abraham, Francis & H. Morgan. -----, Sociological Thought. MacMillan.  
Aron, Raymond. 1967(1982 reprint) Main currents in sociological thought (2 volumes).  
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- Coser, Lewis A, 1979. Masters of sociological thought. New York: Harcourt Brace  
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- Fletcher, Ronald. 1994. The, making of sociology (2 volumes) Jaipur : Rawat.
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No. 8, Dibrugarh –786001.
- Marrison, Ken .1995 .Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formation of modern social thought. London.
- Ritzer , Gekorge.1996 .Sociological theory . New Delhi: Tata-McGraw Hill.

### SOCH-C302 RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 6  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

#### **Objective**

The course aims to provide knowledge on distinctness of sociological scholarship as a separate cognitive discipline on rural dimensions in India. It helps to develop an understanding about the fundamental social reality, social processes and changes in developmental perspectives of rural communities.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I** Rural Sociology- Definition, subject matter & scope; significance of rural sociology
- UNIT-II** Rural society in India- Family, ritual structure, castes, occupations, labour market and technology
- UNIT-III** Agrarian social structure in India-Agrarian relations, Jajmani system and changing labour market, rural-urban migration
- UNIT-IV** Rural power structure in India- caste, class and rural politics, Panchayati Raj and issues of development
- UNIT-V** Rural development in North East India- Autonomous councils, Panchayati Raj institutions, village development boards, issues and problems of development

## READING LIST

Beteille, Andre. 1969. *Caste, Class and Power: Changing Patterns of Stratification in a Tanjore Village*. Bombay: Oxford University Press.

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Mandelbaum, D, G. 1970 Society in India, Bombay, Popular Prakashan

Mukherjee, P K. 1957. The Dynamics of Rural Society, Berlin

Srinivas, M N. 1962. Caste in Modern India and other Essays Bombay, Asia Publishing house

Srinivas, M N. 1969. Social Change in Modern India, Berkeley: University of California Press.

## SOCH-C303

### DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### Objective

The course intends to familiarise the students with the development of sociological thought through the growth of functionalism and conflict theory.

### COURSE OUTLINE

Unit-I Development of functionalism- A R Radcliffe-Brown, Bronislaw Malinowski

Unit-II Talcott Parsons- Action theory, pattern variables, AGIL paradigm

Unit-III Robert King Merton- Reformulation of functional pre-requisites, concepts of function, dysfunction, manifest function and latent function

Unit-IV Robert King Merton- Functional paradigm, theory of anomie, reference group theory

Unit-V Conflict theory of Ralph Dahrendorff- Review of Marxism, concepts of power and class, theory of class conflict

## READING LIST

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- Coser, L A, 1979: Masters of Sociological Thought, New York, Harcourt Brace
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- Nadel, S. F. 1952: The Theory of Social Structure, London
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- Parsons, Talcott. 1951: The Social System, New York: The Free Press
- Radcliffe-Brown, A.R, 1952: Structure and Function in Primitive Society, Glencoe: Free Press
- Ritzer, George, 1996: Sociological Theory, New Delhi, Tata-McGraw Hill

## SOCH-C401 KINSHIP, FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### Objective

The objective of this course is to acquaint students with basic concepts of kinship, family and marriage in the perspective of society. Special focus is given to study kinship, family and marriage in the regional variations and significance of cultural diversity and pluralism in India.

## COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT-I:** Kinship- Meaning and types, types of kins, descent and alliance, kinship terms

**UNIT-II** Marriage- Definition, rules of marriage, types of marriage

- UNIT-III**      Marriage transactions-bride wealth and dowry, dowry deaths in India
- UNIT-IV**      Concepts of family and household, functions of family, types of family,
- UNIT-V**        Kinship usages, continuity and change in marriage and family in India

#### READING LIST

- Fox, Robin                      1967    Kinship and Marriage: An anthropological perspective, penguin
- Kissing, R, M                   1975    Kin groups and social structure, New York, Holt Rinehart  
Winston
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- Uberoi, Patricia (ed.) 1993    Family, kinship and marriage in India, New Delhi, OUP
- 1968    International encyclopaedia of social sciences, Macmillan
- Goody, Jack (ed.)            1958    The Developmental Cycle in Domestic Groups, Cambridge,  
Cambridge University Press.

#### SOCH-C402 EMERGING SOCIAL CONCERNS IN INDIA

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

#### Objective

This course is designed to identify and analyse emerging social issues and problems from sociological perspective. In the interest of systematic ordering, issues and problems have been classified into four sets: structural, familial, developmental and disorganisational. The course seeks to go beyond the commonsense understanding of the prevailing social issues and problems in order to project them into their structural contexts. Accordingly, it focuses on their structural linkages and interrelationships. Hence the objectives of the course are to sensitise the students to the emerging social issues and problems of contemporary India; to enable them to acquire sociological understanding of these issues and problems over and above their commonsense understanding; to empower them to deal with these issues and to serve as change agent both in governmental and non-governmental organisations.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT-I** Social concerns—Meaning, types & perspectives- socio-cultural, political economy, social pathological
- UNIT-II** Structural concerns- Poverty; inequality of caste and gender; religious, ethnic and regional disharmonies; minorities, backward classes and dalits
- UNIT-III** Familial concerns- dowry, domestic violence, divorce, intra- and inter-generational conflicts, problems of the aged
- UNIT-IV** Developmental concerns- Regional disparities, development-induced displacement, ecological degradation and environmental pollution, consumerism, crisis of values
- UNIT-V** Disorganisational concerns- crime and delinquency, white-collar crimes, cyber crimes, corruption, changing profile of crime and criminals, drug addiction, suicides

#### READING LIST

- Allen, Douglas (ed.). 1991. Religion and Political Conflict in South Asia, West
- Bardhan, P. 1984. Land, Labour and Rural poverty, New Delhi, OUP
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- Guha, Ramchandra. 1996. Ecology and Equity: The Use and Abuse of Nature.
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- Inden, Ronald. 1990. Imaging India, Oxford, Brasil Backward.
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- Kothari, Rajani (ed.). 1973. Caste in Indian Politics, London, Tavistock.
- Madan, T.N. 1991. Religion in India, New Delhi, OUP.
- Mehta (ed.) Population, Poverty and Sustainable

Ministry of Home Affairs,	1998	Crime in India. New Delhi, Government of India
Reformulation of Women's Empowerment Approach'		Sociological Bulletin Vol. 49, No. 1
Satya Murty, T.V	1996	Religion, Caste, Gender and Culture in
Sharma, S.L	2000	'Empowerment Without Antagonism: A case for
Sharma, S.L.	1997	'Towards Sustainable Development in India'
Sharma, Ursula,	1983	Women, Work and Property in North West India,
Waxman,	1983	The Stigma of Poverty: A Critique of Poverty

SOCH-C 403  
URBAN SOCIOLOGY

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 6  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

**Objective**

Main objective of the course is to provide knowledge on distinctness of sociological scholarship as a separate cognitive discipline on urban dimensions in India vis-à-vis to help in developing an understanding about the fundamental social reality, social processes and changes seen in developmental perspectives of urban centers and communities.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

<b>UNIT-I</b>	Urban sociology: Definition, subject matter & scope; significance of urban sociology
<b>UNIT-II</b>	Urban social structure- Distinctive characteristics of family, marriage, caste and religion
<b>UNIT-III</b>	Urban economy- Occupations, labour market and technology, role of industry in urban social structure, migration
<b>UNIT-IV</b>	Urban power structure- Caste, class and politics in urban areas, local governance in urban communities
<b>UNIT-V</b>	Urban development issues in India, urbanization in North-East India

**READING LIST**

Chauhan, Brij Raj	1989	Rural-Urban Articulation in India, Etawah, A.C.Brothers
Desai, A.R.	1979	Rural India in Transition, Popular prakashan, Bombay

- Rao, M.S. A(ed.)      1974    Urban Sociology in India, Orient Longman, New Delhi
- D'Souza, Alfred      1978    Indian City: Poverty, Ecology and Urban Development, Manohar, New Delhi
- Mukherjee, P. Krishna, 1957    Dynamics of Rural Society, Berlin
- Dutta- Ray 1998 Social and Economic Profile of North East India, B.R Publications, Delhi.

**SOCH-C 501**  
**SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS-I**

Full Marks: 70+30=100  
Pass Marks: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 6  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

**Objective**

The course aims to provide an understanding of the nature of social phenomena, the issues involved in social research and the ways and means of understanding and studying social reality.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- UNIT-I**      Social research- Meaning, major steps
- UNIT-II**      Formulation of research problem- concepts and hypothesis
- UNIT-III**      Scientific study of social phenomenon- scientific method, logic in social science, inductive and deductive method, objectivity and subjectivity in social science
- UNIT-IV**      Philosophical base of social research- Positivism and empiricism, critique of positivism
- UNIT-V**      Types of Research- Basic and applied, historical and empirical, descriptive, explanatory, experimental

**READING LIST**

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- Jayaram, N. 1989 Sociology: Methods and Techniques, Bangalore, Willey Easterner
- Punch, Keith 1996 Introduction to Social Research, London, Sage
- Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah 1979 Fieldwork and the Field, Delhi, Oxford
- Young, P.V. 1988 Scientific Social Survey and Research .New Delhi, Prentice Hall

## SOCH-C502 SOCIAL CHANGE IN INDIA

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### Objective

The objective of the course is to introduce the students with various processes of social change which have been taking place in Indian society.

### COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT-I** Great tradition and little tradition (Robert Redfield), Universalisation and parochialisation (Mckim Marriott), S C Dube- multiple traditions, development and change
- UNIT-II** Sanskritisation, westernisation and secularization in India
- UNIT-III** Urbanisation, industrialisation and mechanization in India
- UNIT-IV** Modernisation of Indian society, nation-building in India
- UNIT-V** Globalization-meaning, characteristics and dimensions, impact of globalization in India, social change in North-East India

### READING LIST

- Ahmed,I (ed.) Modernisation among the Muslims in India
- De Souza, P.R(ed) 2000 Contemporary India – Transitions, New Delhi, Sage
- Dhanagare, D.N. 1993 Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology, Jaipur, Rawat
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Redfield, Robert. 1962. Peasant Society and Culture.

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Srinivas, M N. 1969. Social Change in Modern India. Berkeley University of California Press.

**SOCH-C601  
SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS-II**

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

**Objectives**

The course aims to provide an understanding of methods, tools and techniques of collection, presentation and analysis of data are only instruments and not the end or goal of research.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

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| <b>UNIT-I</b>   | Quantitative and qualitative methods- ethnography, observation, case study, content analysis                  |
| <b>UNIT-II</b>  | Types of data- primary and secondary,   |
| <b>UNIT-III</b> | Techniques of data collection- sampling, observation, questionnaire, schedule and interview                   |
| <b>UNIT-IV</b>  | Presentation of Data- coding, tables, graphs, histograms, measures of central tendency and dispersion of data |
| <b>UNIT-IV</b>  | Field visit, analysis and Report writing  |

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Garrett, Henry	1981	Statistics in Psychology and Education
		David Mckey, Indian publication–Mrs. A.F, Sheikh For Vikils, Bombay, Tenth Reprint
Jayaram, N.	1989	Sociology: Methods and Techniques, Bangalore, Willey
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Punch, Keith	1996	Introduction to Social Research, London, Sage
Srinivas, M.N.		
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## SOCH-C602 SOCIOLOGY OF NORTH-EAST INDIA

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### Objective

The course aims to explore and acquaint students about some vital issues and dimensions of the complex society they live in. By the process of unearthing of facts and figures about the nature and structure of the region's historical trajectories, the course may help to understand the genesis of the problems of the region and help suggesting viable measures to address/redress these issues and problems for an all round, inclusive development and change in the North-east society.

### COURSE OUTLINE

<b>UNIT-I</b>	North-east India- Historical background, demographic profile, socio-cultural profile, Constitutional provisions, role of VIth schedule, North East Council
<b>UNIT-II</b>	Conceptualising North east India- Politico-economic approaches, ecological construction, cultural-historical dimension, unity in diversity
<b>UNIT-III</b>	Social structure of North east India- Caste, class, community, tribe, religion
<b>UNIT-IV</b>	Study of selected tribes in North east India- Khasi, Naga, Mizo, Garo, Jaintia, Riang, Dimasa, Karbi
<b>UNIT-V</b>	Social Movements- Assam movement, Bodoland movement, language movements

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- Mathew, T (ed.) Tribal Economy of North Eastern Religion, Shillong, NEC
- Nag, S. 1990. Roots of Ethnic Conflict: Nationality Question in North East India
- Saikia, P.D. & D. Borah (eds.). Constraints of Economic Development in North East India, New Delhi, Omsons
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Srivastava, S K. (ed.) 1987 Demographic Profile of North East India

Govt. of India, Report of Development of North East Region, New Delhi, Planning Commission, Govt. of India

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SOC-SEC301  
TECHNIQUES OF SOCIAL RESEARCH

Full Marks: 50

Pass Marks: 20

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 4 per week

**Objective**

This course aims to enhance the skills of students to understand and use techniques employed by social scientists to investigate social phenomena. With emphasis on formulating research design, methods of data collection, and data analysis, it will provide students with some elementary knowledge on how to conduct both, quantitative and qualitative research. The focus is on understanding through suggested exercises.

COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT-I: Research Design**

Concepts & Hypotheses

Measurement, Reliability & Validity

Quantitative & Qualitative: Surveys & Ethnographies

Sampling Frameworks

**UNIT-II: Data Collection**  
Primary and secondary Sources

**UNIT-III: Data Analysis**  
Content analysis, Narrative analysis

**UNIT-IV: Data Analysis**  
Statistical Analysis-frequency distribution

**UNIT-V: Framing a Research Question**

## EXERCISES & READINGS

The course will be based on exercises to be done in groups.

### 1. Research Design

Amir B. Marvasti, 2004, *Qualitative Research in Sociology*, London: Sage, Chapter 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, pp. 14-144

Bryman, A. 2008, *Social Research Methods*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 2, 3, 4 & 5, pp. 29-136

### Suggested Assignments

- a) Design a survey on factors effecting marriage choices of young people.
- b) Visit a shopping mall and observe the interaction between employees and customers/visitors. Identify themes based on your observation and prepare a questionnaire based on this experience.
- c) Visit the college canteen/ administrative office/a bus stop/ area outside the metro station and observe all that happens for an hour or more and write a descriptive note on it. Discussions on these notes to follow.
- d) Visit a police station/ hospital/court and spend a few hours observing the scene. Write a short essay on issues of access to the field, rapport building and your role as an ethnographer.

### 2. Data Collection

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Morgan, David L. 1996, "Focus Groups", *Annual Review of Sociology* 22, pp. 29-52

### Suggested Assignments

- a) Conduct a structured Interview with close ended options and a relatively unstructured interview on the same topic (of your choice) with similar sets of people. Observe and note the differences.
- b) Look at NSS/NFHS/Census Data and write notes on the themes of how you can interpret the data.
- c) Look at a set of published letters of Gandhi, Nehru, C.F. Andrews, Tagore etc. and identify key social issues that are discussed in the contents of the letters.
- d) Collect 3 oral testimonies/ life histories of people who have witnessed and experienced any traumatic event in their lives.

### 3. Data Analysis

### Suggested Assignments/Exercise

- a) Choose a theme of your interest- for e.g., crime, technology environmental concerns or any other and look through the Sunday editorials of any national daily of the last 3 months to locate related articles.
- b) Do a content analysis of advertisements of any one consumer product/service, which have appeared over one year in a leading national daily.
- c) Analyse the oral testimonies you have collected in Exercise 2(d). Discuss the issues and challenges in using testimony as evidence.
- d) Students will be provided with data sets to run them in a software program.

#### **4. Framing a Research Question**

Choose a research question; identify statement(s), hypothesis and concepts.  
Operationalize concepts and match the methods and tools for data collection.

### SOC-SEC401 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DEVELOPMENT

Full Marks: 50  
Pass Marks: 20  
No. of Credits: 4  
No. of Lectures: 4 per week

#### **Objective**

This course aims to familiarise students with the arguments of development theory in the decades of 1980s onwards and equip them with some of the methodology in development practices adopted since then.

### COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT-I: What is development?** Economic growth, democratic governance, basic social amenities & security; holistic concept; sustainable development

#### **UNIT-II: Recent trends in development-I**

**Neo-liberalism: Growth as development-** Re-emergence of Neo-classical perspective'  
SAP and its critique

#### **UNIT-III: Recent trends in development-II**

**Post-development theory-** Knowledge as power, participatory development

#### **UNIT-IV: Sustainable development theory**

**Earth Charter 1992-** Hegemonic approach: PPP, environmental discourse

## UNIT-V: Human Development Theory

Growth vs. Development

### EXERCISES & READING

#### 1. What is development?

McMichael, Philip. *Development and Social Change*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Pine Forge Press, 2000. pp. 1-40

#### 2. Recent Trends in Development

##### Neo-Liberalism: Growth as Development

Re-emergence of Neo-classical perspective

SAP and its Critique

Emmerij, Louis. 2005. Turning Points in Development Thinking and Practice. Conference Paper.

Meilink, Henk. 2003. Structural Adjustment Programmes on the African Continent: The theoretical foundations of IMF/World Bank reform policies. ASC Working paper No. 53. pp 1- 29.

Sparr, Pamela. (ed.)1994. *Mortgaging Women's Lives: Feminist Critiques of Structural Adjustment*. London: Zed Books. pp 1-30.

##### Exercises & Case Studies

Exercise: A bedtime Story for Grown Ups

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#### 3. Post-Development Theory

Knowledge as Power, Participatory Development

Sachs, Wolfgang. 2007(12th impression). *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power*. London: Zed Books, Chap 1, 2 & pp. 1-25, 264-274.

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##### Exercises & Case Studies

Exercise 1. Pass the Picture (from Stepping Stones, Action Aid Manual)

Exercise 2. Make a Gender Audit Report of any organization

Case Study: Participatory Urban Planning in Porto Alegre, Brazil

#### 4. Sustainable Development Theory: UN Earth Charter 1992

Hegemonic approach: PPP, Environmental discourse

Buse, Kent and Harmer, Andrew. 2004. 'Power to the Partners? : The Politics of Public-PrivateHealth Partnerships', *Development*, 47(2), pp 49-56.

Exercise: Assess the JNNURM Plans of Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata, Ref:

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### Exercises & Case Studies

Exercise 1. Assess the quality of a nearby Government school

Exercise 2. Assess the quality of health care services in an urban PHC

Case Study: Tint, Piia and Reinhold, Karin. 2008. 'Safety & health through Redesign of Garment Worker's Workplaces', in Amita Sahaya (ed) *Selected Readings IV International Congress Women Work and health*, New Delhi: WWHI.

### Websites of Organizations for exercises and Case studies

- Family Planning Organization, UNDP, ILO, PRAXIS, PRIA-Participatory Research in Asia.
- [www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org), [www.infochangeindia.org](http://www.infochangeindia.org)

SOC-E501

## SOCIOLOGY OF MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### Objective

This course aims at sensitising students to significance of sociological study of Dalit, tribal and nomadic caste and tribe. Focus is on groups and communities who languish with poverty, deprivation and discrimination over a long period of time.

## COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I:** Marginalisation- Meaning, indicators of marginalization- Poverty, relative isolation, deprivation, exploitation, discrimination, educational backwardness, inequality, untouchability

**UNIT II:** Problems of SCs, STs, nomadic castes and tribes and de-notified tribes

**UNIT III:** Social reformers- Jotirao Phule, Periyar, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Ram Manohar Lohiya

**UNIT IV:** Protest, reform, sub-nationalist, nativist, millenarian movements, role of Christian missionaries, role of NGOs

**UNIT V:** Constitutional provisions and their implementation for uplift of marginalized people in India, their impact on marginalised communities



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Chaudhuri, S.N. 1988: Changing Status of depressed castes in contemporary India, Delhi: Daya Publishing House

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SOC-E502  
SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 4

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

**Objective**

The course introduces to students major concepts and theories of development and issues related to development in the developing countries.

## COURSE OUTLINE

- UNIT-I** Development- Meaning; evolution, economic growth, industrialization, modernization, human development, sustainable development, growth with distributive justice
- UNIT-II** Theories of development-modernization, underdevelopment and dependency
- UNIT-III** Globalization and development, globalization and social stratification, globalization of mass media
- Unit-IV** Gender and development, millennium development goals (MDGs), environment and development, good governance and development
- UNIT-V** Community development, Panchayati Raj, national rural health mission, MGNREGA

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SOC-E601  
SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATION

Full marks: 70+30=100  
Pass mark: 28+12=40  
No. of Credits: 6  
No. of Lectures: 6 per week

**Objective**

The course intends to examine the issues pertaining to communication, media and its role in social life and development.

**COURSE CONTENT**

<b>UNIT-I</b>	Definition of communication, forms of communication, functions of communication
<b>UNIT-II</b>	Theories of communication, traditional and folk media, new media
<b>UNIT-III</b>	Communication and rural development, communication and globalization, communication and nation-building, communication and political development
<b>UNIT-IV</b>	Media and women, media and environment, media terrorism and war
<b>UNIT-V</b>	Development communication, human right and communication, health and communication

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S.J ball-Rokeach      1989    Theories of Mass Communication, New York, Longman.

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Coller, Macmillan

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William Crawley 2001 Satellites over South Asia, London, Sage
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Michael Richard (eds.) 2000 Television in Contemporary Asia, London, Sage

SOC-E602  
INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITIONS

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

## Objective

Traditions in Indian sociology can be traced with the formal teaching of sociology as a subject in Bombay university way back in 1914. While the existence of a 'Sociology in India' and 'Sociology of India' has been largely debated in terms of whether it has been influenced by western philosophy, sociologists in India have primarily been engaged with issues of tradition and modernity, caste, tribe and gender. This paper primarily provides perspectives of key Indian sociologists on some of these issues.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### UNIT-I: G S Ghurye

Caste and Race  
City and Civilization

### UNIT-II: Radhakamal Mukerjee

Personality, Society, Values  
Social Ecology

### UNIT-III: D P Mukerji

Tradition and Modernity  
Middle Class

### UNIT-IV: Verrier Elwin

Tribes in India, approach to tribal development

### UNIT-V: M.N. Srinivas

Sanskritization, dominant caste, westernization

## READING LIST

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Ghurye, G.S. 1969. *Caste and Race in India*. Delhi: Popular Prakashan. Pp. 114-140, 404-460 (82 pages).

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### 2. Radhakamal Mukerjee

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Mukerji, D.P. 1942 (republished 2002). *Modern Indian Culture: A Sociological Study*. New Delhi: Rupa & Co.

Uberoi, Patricia Deshpande Satish and Sundar Nandini (ed). 2010. *Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology*. New Delhi: Permanent Black.

SOC-GE101

## **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

### **UNIT I: Emergence of Sociology as Discipline**



Enlightenment and its impact on thinking and reasoning

French revolution & industrial revolution

## **UNIT II: Nature of Sociology**

Definition, subject matter and scope; sociology as science

## **UNIT III: Sociological Perspective**

Holistic perspective

Relationship of sociology with anthropology, psychology & history

## **UNIT IV: Sociological Orientations and Methods**

Scientific and humanistic orientations

Positivist, historical, comparative, functional and conflict methods

## **UNIT V: Applications of Sociology**

Sociology and social problems, sociology and social policy, sociology and development

### **READING LIST**

Bottomore, T. B. 1971 Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature, Bombay: George Allen and Unwin (India)

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**SOC-GE201**

**BASIC CONCEPTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

## **UNIT I**

Society, community, institution, association, group

## **UNIT II**

Culture, socialization, norms, values and sanctions, social processes

## **UNIT III**

Status and role, social institution, social structure & function

## **UNIT IV**

Social stratification– Meaning, forms and theories

Social mobility- Meaning and types

## **UNIT V**

Social control- Meaning & importance

Social change: Meaning, characteristics, forms & factors

### **READING LIST**

- Bottomore, T. B. 1971 Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature, Bombay: George Allen and Unwin (India)
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### **SOC-GE301 SOCIETY IN INDIA**

Full Marks: 70+30=100

Pass Marks: 28+12=40

No. of Credits: 6

No. of Lectures: 6 per week

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

#### **UNIT I: Indian Society**

- d) Distinct characteristics

- e) Textual and field views
- f) Interface between the present and the past

**UNIT II: Social Composition**

- a) Rural-urban differences, rural–urban linkages
- b) Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, women, minorities
- c) Population, sex ratio, density & literacy rate

**UNIT III: Basic Institutions**

- c) Family & marriage- features, types & change
- d) Caste and class- Meaning, characteristics, interrelationship

**UNIT IV: Cultural and Ethnic Diversity**

- a) Language, castes, religions and cultures in India
- b) Cultural and ethnic diversity in North East India

**UNIT V: Social Convergence and Integration**

- a) Sharing of material traits and language
- b) Evolution of composite cultural legacy
- c) Nation–building and national identity

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COURSE OUTLINE

**UNIT I**

Auguste Comte- Social statics & social dynamics, positivism, law of three stages, hierarchy of sciences

**UNIT II**

Herbert Spencer- Social Darwinism, super-organic evolution, social structure & functions

**UNIT III**

Karl Marx- Dialectical materialism, mode of production, class struggle, alienation of labour

**UNIT IV**

Emile Durkheim-Social facts, division of labour, social solidarity, suicide, religion

**UNIT V**

Max Weber- Social action, authority, modern capitalism

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