

SUBJECT : PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY AND INDIAN CULTURE

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Objective of the Course :

The focus of this course is primarily to introduce students to diversity and universality of ways of life of man as a social being. This paper is intended to familiarize the students with the context in which sociology emerged as a distinctive discipline. It also helps the students gain an understanding of the society through various concepts and its relevance to its contemporary concerns.

UNIT – I: The Emergence of Sociology and Structure of Indian Society

Definition of Sociology – origin, development and scope of Sociology – a brief historical sketch of Indian civilization – nature of diversity in India– unity and national integration.

UNIT – II: Social Stratification and Caste System in India

Social Stratification : Meaning and definition – characteristics and functions – forms of social stratification

Caste System : Meaning and definition – characteristics - theories – changing trends – caste system in contemporary India.

UNIT – III: Social Groups and Social Institutions

Social Groups: Definition - types of groups – characteristics – functions – differences – reference group.

Social Institutions: Marriage – family – kinship – types – importance and its functions – social significance of institutions in contemporary India.

UNIT – IV: Empowerment of Women in India

Social status of women - ascribed to achieved status – development and changing status of women – role of women - SHG's, - NGO's – feminist – programmes related to empowerment of women – hurdles faced by women in modern India.

UNIT – V: Social control and Social Deviance

Social Control: Definition - nature of social control – types of social control – agencies of social control.

Social Deviance: Definition and types of deviance – factors facilitating deviance – social significance of deviant behaviour – contemporary development in deviance – mass media and social deviance.

Books for Study :

1. Shankar Roa, C.N. 2011. Sociology, S.Chand and Co., Ltd. New Delhi.
2. Vidhya Bhushan and Sachdeva, D.R. 2006. An Introduction to Sociology. Kitabi Mahal.
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1. Kuppaswamy, B. Social Change in India.
2. Gisbert Pasual, 1978. Fundamentals of Sociology. Orient Longman Ltd., Third Edition.
3. Davis Kinsley, 1990. Human Society. The Macmillan Company.
4. Bottomore , T.B.1986. Introduction to Sociology (Revised Edition), London: Alien and Unwin.
5. Giddens, A.1996. Sociology, Cambridge, Polity Press.
6. Uberoi, Patricia, 1993. Family, Kinship and Marriage in India. Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
7. Merton, R. K., 1968. Social Theory and Social Structure, Glencoe, III Free Press and New Delhi, American Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd.,
8. Ginsberg, Morris, 1982. Studies in Sociology, London, Methuen.
9. Francis Abraham, M.2006. Studies in Sociology, An Introduction to Concepts and Theories., Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
