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FIRST SEMESTER

SSO-101 Introduction to Sociology

Unit: 1 The nature of sociology and Basic concepts

The meaning of sociology — the sociological perspective — sociology and social sciences — the scientific and humanistic orientations to sociological study. Society, community, institution, association, group, social structure, status and role, etc.

Unit: 2 The individual in/and society

Society, culture, and socialisation — relation between individual and society — social control: norms, values, and sanctions.

Unit: 3 Social stratification, mobility and Social change

Meaning, forms, and theories. Social Change (Meaning and type: evolution and revolution, progress and development — factors of social change.)

Unit: 4 The uses of sociology

Introduction to applied sociology — sociology and social problems — sociology and social change — sociology and social policy and action — sociology and development — sociology and professions.

Reference Books


SSO-102 Indian Society

Unit: 1:

The textual and the field view of Indian society; the significance of the field view; the interface between the present and the past.

Unit: 2:

The structure and composition of Indian society: villages, towns, cities; rural-urban linkages; tribes; weaker section, dalits, women and minorities, population profile and related issues.

Unit: 3:

Cultural and ethnic diversity: historically-embedded diversities in respect of language, caste, religious beliefs and practices and cultural patterns. Basic institutions of Indian society: caste, kinship, family, marriage, religion; caste and class; changing dimensions.
Unit: 4
Convergence and integration: the sharing of material traits, cultural space, language and regional ethos; the evolution of composite cultural legacy; change and transformation in Indian society; nation-building and national identity.

Reference Books


SSO-103  Social change in India

Unit: 1 Visions of Social Change in India


Unit: 2 Industrialization and Urbanisation in India

Evolution of modern industry in India. Growth of urban settlements in India. Working class: structure, growth, class mobilization. Informal sector, child labour. Slums and deprivation in urban areas. Politics and Society: Nation, democracy and citizenship. Political parties, pressure groups, social and political elite. Regionalism and decentralization of power. Secularization

Unit: 3 Social Movements in Modern India


Unit: 4 Challenges of Social Transformation

UNIT :1 Introduction to Rural society and Peasants

Rural Sociology: Origin and growth; Methodological issues on Village Studies: Folk-Urban Continuum, Little Community, Morphology of a village, Village as moral entity; conceptualizing peasantry: Peasants vs Farmers, depeasantization.

UNIT II Theorizing Peasantry


UNIT III Agrarian Social Structure in India:

Changing Rural Family: Structure and functions Caste: Elaboration of caste ranking, Dominant caste, Untouchability and changing inter-caste relations, Caste-class nexus Rural Economy and Polity: Agrarian relations and mode of production debate; Agrarian classes-landlord, peasant, tenant, and labourer; changing rural power structure after 73rd and 74th constitutional amendment.

UNIT IV Developmental Concerns in Rural society:

Land reforms and its consequences; implications of green revolution - feminization of agriculture, Food Security and Sustainable agriculture; cultivators’ suicide Urban bias in Rural Development; Rural poverty and unemployment; rural health mission, ICT and Rural Development; Globalization and agriculture (IPRs, WTO/GATT etc).

SSO-105 Urban Sociology

Unit 1: Sociological perspectives on the City:

1. Globalisation and the City
2. Politics and Urban Planning
3. Urban Lives
4. Urban Violence

Unit 2: Sacred landscapes and Urban life:

1. The Sacred in the City
2. Formations and Transformations of Space
3. Ritual Processions and Urban Networks
Unit 3: Geographies of Space, Place, Identity:

1. Neighbourhoods and Social Networks
2. Contested Space and Identity
3. Aesthetics and Architecture

Unit 4: The Underlife of Cities:

1. The Underclass in the City
2. Sexual Geography of the City
3. Urban Street Cultures

Reference Books


SSO-106 Industrial Sociology

Unit 1

Industrialisation and Social Change, Industrialisation, Industrialism and Post-Industrial Society

Unit 2


Unit 3


Unit 4

Worker, supervisor and authority relations. Labour management relations: an overview of industrial and labour relations Conciliation, collective bargaining and adjudication, Joint management councils and quality circles
SECOND SEMESTER

SSO-201 Sociology of Development

Unit-I
Concept of Development, Economic Growth, Human Development, Social Development, Sustainable Development

Unit-II
Approaches to Development: Capitalist, Socialist and Gandhian

Unit-III
Agencies of Development: State, Constitutional Provisions, Five Year Plans, Government Schemes and Programmes, NGOs Participatory Model and Community Bottom-up Model

Unit-IV
Understanding Development through: Welfare, Equality and Empowerment

Reference Books


SSO-202 Tribes and Society

UNIT-I
- The concept of tribe; tribe and caste
- Demographic profile: habitat, distribution and concentration of tribal people; tribal zones; sex ratio
- Classification of tribal people: food gatherers and hunters, shifting cultivators, nomads, pastoralists, peasants and settled agriculturists, artisans

UNIT-II
- Socio-cultural profile: ethnic and cultural diversity; characteristic features of tribal society; kinship, marriage and family; tribal languages; religious beliefs and practices; cultural traditions
- Social mobility and change: Hinduization and Sanskritization;

UNIT-III
- Tribal Issues: poverty, illiteracy, indebtedness, land alienation, agrarian issues, exploitation
- Formation of tribal state, tribal development

UNIT-IV
- Problems of Tribal communities in Odisha: Problems of livelihood & displacement, Health & education of the tribals.
Reference Books


SSO-203 Classical Sociological Theories

Unit-I

August Comte: Law of Three Stages, Hierarchy of Sciences, Theory of Positivism

Unit-II

Emile Durkheim: Division of Labour, Theory of Suicide, Social Facts And Theory of Religion

Unit-III

Max Weber: Protestant Ethics and Spirit of Capitalism, Theory of Authority & Bureaucracy, Ideal Types, Theory of Social Action

Unit-IV

Karl Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Capitalism, Alienation, Class and Class Struggle.

Reference Books

1. Abraham, J.H. & Morgan, 1985, Sociological Thought from Comte to Sorokin
4. Giddens, Anthony 1997, Capitalism and Modern Social Theory- An Analysis of Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber
SSO-204  Social System

Unit-I Social Stratification and Mobility:

- Concept and Theories of Stratification
- Forms and Functions of stratification
- Social mobility- Concept, types, Social Mobility and change.

Unit-II Economic System:

- Sociological dimensions of economic life
- Social determinants of economic development;
- Industrialization and social change.

Unit-III Political System:

- The nature of Power, authority and legitimacy;
- Concept of state, pressure groups and political parties; voting behavior;
- Modes of political participation: democratic and authoritarian.

Unit-IV Religious System:

- Origin of religious belief; theories of religion, Max Weber, Durkheim
- Magic; religion and science, types of religious organization,
- Gender and religion, secularization and religion, religious fundamentalism.

Reference Books

3. Mandelbaum, D ,2011,
4. Johnson, J. S. – Sociology
5. Society in India, Popular prakashan.

SSO-205  Sociological Theories

Unit I Functionalism-Mallinowski:

Unit II Talcott Parsons:
Parsons’ Approaches to social system, Action Approach, Basic unit of organization of social systems, Pattern variables, Functional pre-requisites, Types of structures of social systems, Parsons’ conception of functionalism, Functionalism & Social change, Changes of social systems: Evolutionary Universals
Unit III R.K. Merton:
Merton’s critique of Parsons, Middle Range Theory, Concept of Latent & Manifest function, Postulates of Functional Analysis, Theory of Deviance, Theory of Reference group, Concept of Role set, Status set & Status Sequences

Unit IV Conflict Theory:

Reference Books

1. Nature & Types of Sociological Theory – Don Martindale
2. Key Problems in Sociological Theory – John Rex
5. Handbook of Social Theory – George Ritzer and Barry Smart
6. The structure of sociological theory – H. H. Turner
7. Rethinking Sociology : A Critic of Contemporary theory – I. M. Zethin

SSO-206 Perspectives of Indian Sociology

Unit-I: Indological Perspective: G.S. Ghurey, Louis Dumont.

Unit-II: Structural- Functional Perspective: M.N. Srinivas, S. C. Dube

Unit-III: Marxist Perspective: A.R. Desai, D.P. Mukherjee

Unit-IV: Subaltern Perspective: B.R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman

Reference Books

2. Ghurey, G.S., Caste and Race in India
5. Mukherjee, D.P. 1958, Diversities
6. Srinivas, M.N., 1960, India’s Villages
7. Dube, S.C. India’s Changing Villages
8. Hardiman, David, 1996, Feeding the Bania: Peasants and Usurers in Western India
SSO-301  Advanced Sociology Theories

Unit-I Neo- Marxism:
Althusser& Neo- Marxism, Ideological State Apparatus, Repressive State Apparatus, Frankfurt School: Habermas, the concept of public Sphere, the theory of Communicative Action, System world & Life world.

Unit-II Symbolic Interactionism:
G.H. Mead, Mind, Self & Society, Concept of “I”, Concept of “Me”, Generalised others & Significant Others, The symbolic interactionism of Herbert Blumer& Manford Kuhn, Areas of disagreement & Controversy

Unit III Phenomenology:
Peter Berger & T. Luckmann: Social construction of reality, Husserl’s philosophical tradition & Schutz’s sociological perspective of phenomenology

Unit IV Ethno-methodology: Garfinkel& the founding of new orientation, The indexality of meaning and commonsense reality construction

Reference Books

1) Nature & Types of Sociological Theory – Don Martindale
2) Key Problems in Sociological Theory – John Rex
3) Social Theory and Social Structure – R. K. Merton.
4) Modern Sociological Theory – J. H. Abraham
5) Handbook of Social Theory – George Ritzer and Barry Smart
6) The structure of socialoical theory – H. H. Turner
7) Rethinking Sociology : A Critic of Contemporary theory – I. M. Zethin

SSO-302  Demography

UNIT-I Population and Development-

- Meaning and scope of demography; Components of population growth and their inter dependence; Measures of population change; Structure, distribution and sources of population data;
- theories of population- Malthus, Optimum theory of population,
- theory of demographic transition-Views of Meadows,

UNIT-II Fertility and Mortality-

- Methods of obtaining Vital statistics, Vital statistics rates, & rations- Sex rations, Child woman ratio
- Crude Birth rate, Age Specific Birth rates, Total fertility rate, Gross reproduction rate and Net reproduction rate,
- Mortality rates- death rate, crude and age specific, Mortality at birth and infant mortality rates, Standardized death rates.
UNIT-III Migration and Urbanization-

- Concept and types of migration
- Theories of migration related to internal migration;
- Urbanization- Concepts, measures of urbanization; levels and trends of World urbanization.

UNIT-IV Population, economy and environment linkages –

- Population, health, nutrition and productivity nexus,
- Population and human development issues,
- The new population policy in India
- Demographic data base in India –, Changing characteristics of population in India, Population growth rates, trends and regional variations in sex ratio, Age structure of population.

Reference Books

5. Amsterdam.
7. Coale A.J. and E.M. Hoover (1958), Population Growth and Economic Development in LowIncome Countries:
12. Srinivasan, K. and A. Shariff (1998), India: Towards Population and Demographic Goals,
13. Oxford University Press, New Delhi
15. United Nations (1973), The Determinants and Consequences of Population Trends, Vol.1,
16. UNO Publications, New York

SSO-303 Sociology of Environment

UNIT-I Ecological Approach to Sociology: An Introduction

- Ecology and Social Structure,
- Population Growth and Ecological Crisis; Limits to Growth; Concerns about Environment.
- Defining Sustainable Development; Historical Emergence of the concept of sustainable Development

UNIT-II Global Risk and Environment

- Ulrick Beck’s conception of Risk Society, Catton and Dunlop’s ideas on environment.
Global issues: greenhouse effect, Global warming, Pollution and health, Acid rain and desertification;
Green revolution: A critical Analysis; Genetically Modified Seeds, Corporate World and Environment.

UNIT-III Ecological Threats to Modern Society:
- Solid Waste Pollution; Pesticide Pollution;
- Nuclear Pollution; Water Pollution;
- Air Pollution, Noise Pollution

UNIT IV Environmental Movements in India:
- Chipko Movement, Appiko Movement,
- Narmada BachaoAndolan, Bhopal Gas Tragedy,
- Feminist Environmentalism, The conception of Eco-Feminism

Reference Books
4. Schnaiberg Allan, 1980 The Environment, Oxford University Press. N.Y.

SSO-304 Sociology of Information Society

UNIT-1 Historical Moorings I:
- Concept of capitalism, origin and growth of capitalism,
- Fordism and its basic tenets.

UNIT-2: Historical Moorings II
- Post- Fordism,
- Transition from Fordism to Post-Fordism.
- Fredric Jameson: post modernism as cultural logic of late capitalism.

UNIT-3 Theoretical underpinnings:
- Jean Francis Lyotard: Abandoning the metanarratives of modernity, the post-modern condition, knowledge in capitalist society,
- Baudrillard: Post modernity, consumption and appearances, simulacreset simulations, hyper reality.
UNIT-4  Issues and concerns in information society:

- Consumer culture
- Towards a Global Culture
- Rise of Information Society

Reference Books


SSO-305  Sociology of Education

Unit I Concept of Education:
Education & Literacy, Education as preparation for social role in ideal state, Education as cultivation of reasoning ability, Nature & scope of Education: Cross cultural perspective, cultural dimension of education in India

Unit II Theoretical Approaches:
Functionalist approach by Durkheim & Parsons, Conflict approach by Bowles & Gintis, Interactionist approaches & Postmodernism

Unit III Education, Social processes & Institutions:
Education & Socialization, Education & Social change, Education & Social mobility

Unit IV Education, social & Human development:
Role of education in social & Human development: Emerging perspectives, Role of education for empowerment of the marginalized, Education & the Policy of positive discrimination & Affirmative Action
Reference Books


SSO-306 Polity and Society

Unit I

- **Society in India**: Elements of Diversity; Problems of National Integration

Unit II

- **Social Stratification in India**: Caste and Class; The Backward Classes, Reservation Issue

Unit III

- **Social Change in India**: Factors and Areas of Change; Processes of Change; Sanskritization, Westernization

UNIT IV

- **Modernization in India**: Features; Major sources and means of Modernization: Industrialization, urbanization, Mass Media and Education, Political Change in India

Reference Books

9) Information & Communication Technologies in Development: A UNESCO Perspective. UNESCO.

FOURTH SEMESTER

SSO-401 Research Methodology

UNIT-I Scientific Method: The Nature of Scientific Method and its application to Social Research - Problems of objectivity; Ethical considerations in Social Research.

UNIT-II The Research Problems: Review of Literature; Formulating Research Problems; Hypothesis: Meaning, Importance of hypothesis, Role of hypothesis in social research, types of hypothesis; Research Design: Sampling: Types of Sampling.

UNIT-III Methods of Data Collection: Observation: Participant & Non-Participant; Case Study; Content Analysis; Interview method.

UNIT-IV Tools of Research: Construction of Schedule & Questionnaire; Mailed questionnaire; Rapport Building; Pre Testing & Pilot Study; Scaling Technique, Qualitative & Quantitative data analysis; Preparation of Research report

Reference Books

1) Methods of Social Research – Goode and Halt
2) Social Survey and Social Research – P. V. Young.
3) Research Methods in Social Relations – Jahoda and Cook
5) Social Research – Lundberg.
6) Survey Methods in Social Investigation – Moser and Kalton
8) Sampling Techniques – W.G. Cocharam.
9) Survey, Tools and Sampling – MildrenParten
10) Mathematical Thinking in the Social Science – P. G. Lindzey.
12) Theory and Methods of Social Research – John Galtung
UNIT –  I Basics of Sociology of Health: nature and scope, human development index, social origin of disease, social response to death and dying, sociology of the body.

UNIT-II Sociological Theories of Health: Parsons; uses of sick role concept, physicians’ roles as a social system health interactions and the power of the doctors. Goffman: stigma and its types; importance of stigma for medical sociology.

UNIT – III Epidemiology: Aims of epidemiological approach; Epidemiological Methods: Descriptive Epidemiology, Analytical Epidemiology, and Experimental Epidemiology.

UNIT-IV Health Planning in India: National health policy; Health policy and five year plans, Maternal and child health, Family welfare aspects; Current policies and programmes in family planning and reproductive health

Reference Books


SSO-403 Sociology of Media

UNIT I Basic concepts:

- Media and Modernity
- The conception of popular culture,
- The concept of sign.

UNIT-II Theories of media:

- **Structuralism:** Levis-Strauss; Conception of Binary Opposites, and the Structure of Myth, Structure of Kinship;
- **Post-Structuralism:** Jacques Derrida’s ideas on Deconstruction.
- **Marxism and Popular Culture**

UNIT-III Gender and Genres in Media: Changing character of different genres in media:

- Gender and Electronic Media
- Feminism and Print media
UNIT-V Globalization and media:

- Media imperialism, new communication technology, internet, television
- Media super companies, global media and democracy.

Reference Books

1) Breckenridge, C.: Consuming Modernity: Public Culture in Contemporary India.

SSO-404 Gender & Society


UNIT- II Feminist Theories: Liberal Feminism, Radical Feminism, Marxist Feminism, Post Modernism Feminism.

UNIT-III Women in India- Women's Movement in India, Gender and Caste, Gender and Class.

UNIT- IV Concept of empowerment: Empowerment and women in India, socio-economic, political empowerment.

Reference Books