

**SOCIOLOGY**  
**(Subject Code-41)**

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**Unit-1 : Basic Sociological Concepts and Institutions :**

Sociology- Definition, Nature and Scope  
Sociological Concepts, Sociological Perspective  
Basic Concepts-Community, Institution, Association, Culture, Custom, Norms and Values  
Social Structure: Meaning of Social Structure; Status and role  
Social Group: Primary & Secondary, Formal - Informal, Ingroup – Outgroup, Reference group  
Social Institutions : Marriage, Family, Kinship, Economy Polity, Religion, Education  
Social Stratification : Social differentiation, Hierarchy and Inequality, Exclusion  
Forms of stratification : Caste, Class, Gender and Ethnicity  
Theories of social stratification  
Social mobility : Meaning and types  
Socialization-Meaning, agencies and theories  
Social change and its types  
Evolution, Diffusion, Progress, Revolution, Transformation  
Theories of Social change  
Social reform and Social movement

**Unit-2 : Sociological Theories and Perspectives :**

Structural functional : Radcliffe Brown; Levi – Strauss; S.F. Nadel.; Malinowski, Durkheim, Parsons, Merton; J. Alexander  
Interactionist : Social action : Max Weber, Pareto  
Symbolic Interactionism : G. H. Mead, Blumer  
Conflict - Karl Marx, Dahrendorf, Coser, Collins, Althusser.  
Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology : Alfred Shultz, Peter Berger and Luckmann; Garfinkel and Goffman  
Structuration, Post – Modernism; Post Structuralism & Post-Colonialism; Bourdieu, Habermas, Giddens, Derrida, Foucault

**Unit-3: Research Methodology, Methods and techniques :**

Meaning and Nature of Social Research  
The scientific method  
Objectivity and subjectivity, Theory, fact and value  
Critique of positivism  
Ethical values in research  
Qualitative and Quantitative Methods  
Historical method, Comparative method, Hermeneutic method, Survey, Research Design, Hypothesis  
Sampling and its types  
Techniques of data collection : Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Interview  
Qualitative Methods : Observation; Case study; Content analysis  
Statistics in Social Research - Mean, Median and Mode

**Unit- 4: Sociology of Development :**

Theories of Development : Human development, Social development  
Sustainable development : Ecological and Social  
Modernization

Science, Technology and Society  
Globalization  
Issues related to Development  
Regional disparity  
Displacement  
Ecological degradation and environmental pollution  
ICT and Network Society

**Unit-5: Urban and Industrial Society :**

Urban- Industrial Society in the Classical Sociological Tradition  
Urbanization & urban problems  
Division of labour  
Bureaucracy  
Alienation  
Industrialization and Social Change in India  
Impact of industrialization on society  
Class and class conflict in industrial society  
Limitations of industrialization and urbanization

**Unit-6: Tribal and Rural Society :**

Meaning of Tribe, Tribe and Development, Tribal Studies  
Approaches to the study of Rural Society  
Rural – Urban differences  
Peasant and village studies  
Agrarian Institutions  
Caste and Jajmani system  
Agrarian class structure  
Land ownership and its types  
Panchayati Raj System  
Agrarian unrest, Peasant movements and farmers movement

**Unit-7: Crime, Population and Gender Issues :**

Meaning and Theories of Crime and Punishment  
Crime and delinquency  
Deviance and its forms  
White collar crime, Corruption, Nepotism, Terrorism, Cyber crime, Probation, Parole and Justice  
Concepts of Fertility, Mortality, Morbidity and Migration  
Theories of Population Growth  
Gender as a Social Construct, Patriarchy and Matriarchy, Theories of Gender; Gender and Development; Women and Development

**Unit-8: Environment and Society :**

Social ecology, Indigenous knowledge, gender and environment, development induced displacement & rehabilitation; ecological degradation and environmental pollution  
Environmental movements

**Unit-9: Indian Sociological Perspectives :**

Conceptualizing Indian Society  
Cultural diversity : Regional, linguistic, religious and tribal  
Indological / Textual Perspective : G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont  
Structural – Functional Perspective : M.N. Srinivas, S. C. Dube  
Marxian Perspective : D. P. Mukherjee, A. R. Desai  
Subaltern : B.R. Ambedkar; D. Hardiman  
Sociology in India and Sociology for India and Indigenization of Sociology

**Unit-10: Contemporary debates in Sociology :**

Debates on Tradition and Modernity in India

Issues of Nation Building : Fundamentalism, Secularism

Pluralism and Nation building; Democracy, Citizenship and Civil Society

Ethnicity and Identity

Challenges of LPG

Contemporary movements in India

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