

SOCIOLOGY
(Subject Code-41)

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