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Department of Sociology Undergraduate Syllabus MAJOR (Non-Lab Based Course)

Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-1) Semester – I Credits – 5 (75 hours)

INTRODUCING SOCIOLOGY

1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective (25hrs.)

1.1. Emergence of Sociology

1.2 Sociology and Common Sense, Sociological Imagination

1.3 Sociology and Social Anthropology: Relationships

2. Some Basic Concepts (35hrs.)

2.1 Individual and Social Groups

2.2 Culture: Concepts and Meaning, Subculture, Counter culture, Cultural Lag

2.3 Socialization: Concept, Processes and Agencies

2.4 Social Processes: Integrative and Disintegrative

2.5 Social Control: Types and Agencies

2.6 Social Change: Concept and Theories (Linear and Cyclical)

Reading Reference:

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Department of Sociology
Undergraduate Syllabus
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Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-2)
Semester – II
Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY – I

1. Caste (20hrs.)

- 1.1. Caste: Concept, Features
- 1.2 Critique of Caste system
- 1.3 Caste Mobility: Sanskritization, Westernization
- 1.4 Disintegration of Caste System

2. Village (10hrs)

- 2.1 Structure and Change
- 2.2 Agrarian Class Structure

3. Family (15hrs.)

- 3.1 Traditional joint family
- 3.2 Disintegration debate

4. Tribe (15 hrs)

- 4.1 Problems of definition: The term, Tribes as indigenous, Adivasi consciousness
- 4.2 Tribal Problems

Reading Reference:

- A. R. Desai. 1948. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan. Bengali Translation: Bharatiya Jatiatabader Samajik Patabhumi
- Mandelbaum, D.G. 1970. *Society in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
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Credit Distribution for MAJOR Courses:

Credit Distribution for each course: Lecture (4 credits) = 60 hours

Tutorial (1credit) = 15 hours

Total: 5 Credits = 75 hours



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Semester – III

Minor Discipline Paper 3

Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY **PAPER CODE – SOCMIN303T**

Course Objective:

The course aims to provide a general introduction to sociological theories, classical as well as contemporary. Highlighting the plurality of sociological perspectives, it attempts to acquaint the students with some of the major theoretical orientations in Sociology.

Course Outline:

1. Plurality of Sociological Perspective (10hrs.)

2. Functionalism (20hrs.)

2.1 Analytical Functionalism: Talcott Parsons

2.2 Empirical Functionalism: Robert K. Merton

3. Conflict Perspective (10hrs.)

3.1 Ralf Dahrendorf

3.2, Lewis Coser

4. Interactionism (10hrs.)

4.1 G.H. Mead

4.2 Herbert Blumer



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5. Feminist Perspective (10hrs)

5.1 Liberal feminism

5.2 Radical feminism

5.3 Marxist feminism

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