

# **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Midnapore, West Bengal



*PROPOSED CURRICULUM&SYLLABUS (DRAFT) OF*

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)**

**MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY**

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**4-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

*(w.e.f. Academic Year 2023-2024)*

*Based on*

**Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes**

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Level	YR.	SEM	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks				
								CA	ESE	TOTAL		
B.A. (Hons.)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	V	SEMESTER-V									
			Major-8	SOCHMJ08	T: Sociological Theory II	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-9	SOCHMJ09	T: Research Method II	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-10	SOCHMJ10	T: Sociology of India II	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major Elective-01	SOCHDSE1	T: Sociology of Religion OR Sociology of Work	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Minor-5 (Disc.-I)	SOCMIN05	T: Family, Marriage and Kinship (To be taken by the other Discipline)	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
						Semester-V Total		20				375
		VI	SEMESTER-VI									
			Major-11	SOCHMJ11	T: Indian Sociological Tradition	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-12	SOCHMJ12	T: Social Stratification	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major-13	SOCHMJ13	T: Sociology of Environment	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Major Elective-02	SOCHDSE2	T: Sociology of Health and Medicine OR Political Sociology	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
			Minor-6 (Disc.-II)	SOCMIN06	T: Sociology of Education (To be taken by the other Discipline)	4	3-1-0	15	60	75		
						Semester-VI Total		20				375
						YEAR-3		40				750
		Eligible to be awarded Bachelor of Arts in Sociology on Exit						126	Marks (Year: I+II+III)		2325	

MJ = Major, MI = Minor Course, DSE = Discipline Specific Elective Course, CA= Continuous Assessment, ESE= End Semester Examination,  
T = Theory, P= Practical, L-T-P = Lecture-Tutorial-Practical

## **SEMESTER-V**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Name of the Paper/ Topic</b>
V	4-Year Hons.	Major 8	Sociological Theory II
		Major 9	Research Method II
		Major 10	Sociology of India II
		Major (Elect.) -1	Sociology of Religion / Sociology of Work
		Minor-5	Family, Marriage and Kinship

### **MAJOR (MJ)**

## **Major 8: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES – II**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

### **Course Content:**

#### **1. Structuralism**

1.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core assumptions

1.2 Concept: Structure and Agency

1.3 Levi Strauss – Kinship

1.4 Criticisms

#### **2. Post Structuralism**

2.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core Assumptions

2.2 Power and Discourse (Ferdinand Saussure, Michel Foucault)

2.3 Criticisms

#### **3. Modernity and Modernism**

3.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core Assumptions

3.2 Similarities and Differences

3.3 Jurgen Habermas – Communicative Action and Public Sphere

3.4 Criticisms

#### **4. Post Modernity and Post Modernism**

4.1 Origin, Meaning, Features, Core assumptions

4.2 Similarities and Differences

4.3 Criticisms

### Suggested Readings:

1. Aron, R. (1981). *Main Currents in Sociological Thought*, Vol. I & II, Penguin
2. Belsey, C. (2002). *Poststructuralism: A Very Short Introduction*. OUP Oxford.
3. Bhowmik, A. (2016). *Samajtotter Pratyay o Dharanasutra* (Vol. 2) [Bengali]. Rita Publication.
4. Butler, C. (2002). *Postmodernism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford Paperbacks.
5. Butler, C. (2003). *Postmodernism: A Very Short Introduction* (1st Ed.). Oxford University Press.
6. Coser, L.A. (1977). *Masters of Sociological Thought*. Rawat Publications.
7. Danher, G., Tony, S., and J. (2000). *Understanding Foucault*. Sage Publications.
8. Elliot, A., & Lemert, C. (2014). *Introduction to Contemporary Social Theory*. Routledge.
9. Elliott, A. (2009). *Contemporary Social Theory: An Introduction*. Routledge.  
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203930540>
10. Fillingham, L. A. (2008). *Foucault for Beginners*. Orient Blackswan Private Limited.
- Powell, J., & Lee, J. (2007). *Postmodernism For Beginners* (Graphic Book) (Reprint Ed.). Writers and Readers Publishing, Inc.
11. Giddens, A. (1982). *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory*. Oxford University Press
12. Lemert, C. C. (2021). *Social Theory: The Multicultural, Global, and Classic Readings* (7th ed.). Routledge.
13. Ritzer, G. (2010) *Modern Sociological Theory*. Mc Graw Hill.
14. Ritzer, George. (2021). *Classical Sociological Theory*. 11<sup>th</sup> Ed. McGraw Hill.
15. Sarup, M. (1988). *An Introductory Guide to Post Structuralism and Postmodernism*. Harvester Wheatsheaf.
16. Smart, B. (1985). *Michael Foucault*. Routledge.
17. Thompson, C. B. (2022). *The Theory and Practice of Scientific Management*. Creative Media Partner, LLC.
18. Turner, B.S. (1990). *Theories of Modernity and Post Modernity*. Sage.
19. Turner, J. H. (2012). *Contemporary Sociological Theory*. SAGE.
20. Wallace, A.R., & Wolf, A. (1995). *Contemporary Sociological Theory – Expanding the Classical Tradition*. Prentice-Hall

# **Major 9: RESEARCH METHODS II**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

## **Course Content:**

### **1. Quantitative Research**

**1.1** Survey Research – Definition, General Components, Selection of Topic, Major Steps, Types, Advantages and Disadvantages

### **2. Qualitative Research**

**2.1** Case Study: Definitions, Types

**2.2** Ethnography: Definitions, Techniques

**2.3** Focus Group: Definitions, Size and Sampling

### **3. Sampling**

**3.1** Importance and Significance in Social Research

**3.2** Definitions and Types

### **4. Field Research**

**4.1** Definitions

**4.2** Validity and Reliability

**4.3** Role of the Researcher

**4.4** Gaining Entry, Rapport Building

**4.5** Taking Field Notes and Leaving the Field

## **Suggested Readings:**

1. Ahuja, R. (2003). *Research Methods*. Rawat Publishing.
2. Atkinson, P. (2007). *Ethnography: Principles in Practice*. Routledge.
3. Babbie, E. R. (2010). *The Practice of Social Research* (12th ed.). Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.
4. Bailey, K. D. (1994). *Methods of Social Research*. Simon and Schuster.
5. Baker, T. L. (1994b). *Doing Social Research* (2nd ed.). McGraw-Hill Education.
6. Bryman, A. (2003). *Quantity and Quality in Social Research*. Routledge.
7. Creswell, J. W., Creswell, J. D. (2017). *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches*. United Kingdom: SAGE Publications.
8. Fetterman, D. M. (2020). *Ethnography: Step-by-Step*. In *SAGE Publications, Inc. eBooks*. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781071909874>
9. Kenneavy, K., Harnois, C. E., Atkinson, M. P., & Korgen, K. O. (2022). *Social Research Methods: Sociology in Action*. SAGE Publications.

10. Pal, D. (2022). *Gabeshana Padhhati O Rashibigyaner Koushal* (Research Methodology and Statistical Technique). Rita Publication.
11. Srinivas, M. N., Shah, A. M., & Ramaswamy, E. A. (1979). *The Fieldworker and the Field: Problems and Challenges in Sociological Investigation*. Oxford University Press.
12. *The SAGE Handbook of Qualitative Research*. (2024). India: SAGE.
13. Yin, R. K. (2017). *Case study research and applications: Design and Methods*. SAGE Publications.

# Major 10: SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA II

Credit: 4

Full Marks: 75

## Course Content:

### 1. Ideas of India

- 1.1 M.K. Gandhi on Caste and Untouchability
- 1.2 B.R. Ambedkar on Caste and Untouchability
- 1.3 R.N. Tagore: Nationalism and Internationalism

### 2. Resistance and Change

- 2.1 Dalit Movements
- 2.2 Tribal Movements
- 2.3 Anti- rape and Anti Liquor Movements
- 2.4 Farmers Movements in Post Independent India
- 2.5 Women's Movements in Post Independent India

### 3. Challenges to Civilization, State and Society

- 3.1 Communalism
- 3.2 Secularism
- 3.3 Nationalism

## Suggested Readings:

1. Banerjee, B., & Chatterjee, K. (2012). *Bharater Samajtattik Chintadhara* (1st Ed.) [Bengali]. Levant Publishing House.
2. Berlin, I. (1996). Rabindranath Tagore and the Consciousness of Nationality. In *The Sense of Reality: Studies in Ideas and their History* (pp. 249–266). Pimlico.
3. Bharill, C. (1977). *Social and Political Ideas of B. R. Ambedkar: A Study of His Life, Services, Social and Political Ideas*. Jaipur : Aalekh Publishers.
4. Chatterjee, K., & Chaudhury, A. (2010). *Bharater Samajik Andolan* (1st Ed.) [Bengali]. Levant Publisher.
5. Chatterjee, P. (2011). Tagore's Non-Nation. In *Lineages of Political Society: Studies in Postcolonial Democracy* (pp. 94–126). Columbia University Press. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7312/chat15812.9>
6. Chowdhury, A. (2020). *Bharater Samaj Prasange*. (Bengali). Chatterjee Publishars.
7. Gandee, S. (2015). Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and the ReInterpretation of 'Untouchability': Legislating Against Caste Violence in Rural India, 1930-1975. *Retrospectives*, 4(1).

[https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/retrospectives/issues/volume4/retrospectives\\_iv\\_2015\\_-\\_sarah\\_gandee.pdf](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/history/students/retrospectives/issues/volume4/retrospectives_iv_2015_-_sarah_gandee.pdf)

8. Ganguly, R. (2011). *Ambedkar: Ekti Samajtattik Parjalochana* [Bengali]. Pearson.
9. Guha, R. (2013). *Makers of Modern India*. Harvard University Press.
10. Keer, D. (1962). *Dr. Ambedkar, Life and mission*. Popular Prakashan.
11. Madan, T. N. (2009). *Modern Myths, Locked Minds: Secularism and Fundamentalism in India*. Oxford University Press.
12. Nadkarni, M. V. (1987). *Farmers' Movements in India*. Allied Publishers.
13. Nagla, B. K. (2013). *Indian Sociological Thought*. <http://ci.nii.ac.jp/ncid/BA91640519>
14. Nanda, B. R. (1994). Chapter 4: Gandhi and the Caste System. In *Gandhi and his Critics* (pp. 18–26). Oxford India Paperbacks.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195633634.001.0001>
15. Oommen, T. K. (1997). *Citizenship and National Identity: From Colonialism to Globalism*. SAGE Publications Pvt. Limited.
16. Shah, G. (2001). *Dalit Identity and Politics*. SAGE.
17. Singh, K. S. (2012). *Tribal Movements in India*. Manohar Publishers & Distributors.



**MAJOR ELECTIVE (DSE)**

**Major Elective – 1: SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

**Course Content:**

**1. Understanding Religion**

- 1.1 Sociology of Religion: Meaning and Scope
- 1.2 Concepts and Definitions of Religion
- 1.3 Functions of Religion

**2. Theoretical Perspectives on Religion**

- 2.1 Emile Durkheim
- 2.2 Max Weber
- 2.3 Karl Marx

**3. Religion and Society: Contemporary Issues**

- 3.1 Globalization and Religion
- 3.2 Religion and Women
- 3.3 New Religious Movements
  - ISKCON Movement: Re-interpretation of Hindu Philosophy
  - Bahá'í Faith

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Dey, P. S. (2011). *Samajtotter Itibritya*. (Bengali) Dorling Kindersley.
2. Dumont, L. (1970). *Religion, politics and history in India: Collected Papers in Indian Sociology*. Mouton Publishers.
3. Durkheim, É. (2008). *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. Oxford University Press.
4. Elliott, A. (2009). *Contemporary Social Theory: An Introduction*. Routledge.  
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203930540>
5. Furseth, I., & Repstad, P. (2017). *An Introduction to the Sociology of Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Routledge.
6. Hamilton, M. B. (2001). *The Sociology of Religion: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives*. Routledge.
7. Mahapatra, A. (2022). *Bisay Samajtotto: Samajtattik Gyancharchha* (Vol. 1) [Bengali]. Sandhya Prakashani.
8. Marx, K. (2012). *On the Jewish Question*. CreateSpace.

9. Possamai, A., Blasi A.J.(2020).Encyclopedia of the Sociology of Religion. SAGE Publications.
10. Ritzer, George. (2021). *Classical Sociological Theory*. 11<sup>th</sup> Ed. McGraw Hill.
11. *Samajtatta: Anthony Giddens* (H. Ghosh, Trans.; 3rd Ed.). (2001). [Bengali]. Bhatri Sangha.
12. Weber, M. (2012). *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. Courier Corporation.

**OR**

## **Major Elective – 1: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

### **Course Content:**

#### **1. Basic Concepts**

1.1 Work – Paid and Unpaid, Formal and Informal work

1.2 Classical Approaches to Work: Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber

#### **2. Work and Industry**

2.1 Industry and Labor

2.2 Industrialism

#### **3. Dimensions of Work**

3.1 Alienation

3.2 Gender, Glass Ceiling, Pink Collar Workers

3.3 Formal and Informal Economy

#### **4. Modern and Post- Modern Approaches to Work**

4.1 Frederick Taylor's Scientific Management

4.2 Fordism and Post Fordism

4.3 Post-modernist approaches to work

4.4 Information Society

4.5 Risk and Hazard

### Suggested Readings:

1. Amin, A. (1994). *Post-Fordism: A Reader*. Wiley-Blackwell.
2. Bell, D. (1976). *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*. Basic Books.
3. Berg, I. E. (1979). *Industrial Sociology*. Prentice-Hall.
4. Bhowmik, S. (2012). *Industry, Labour, and Society*. Orient Blackswan.
5. Brown, R., Child, J., & Parker, S. R. (2005). *The Sociology of Industry (Studies in Sociology)* (4th Ed.). Taylor & Francis.
6. Chambon, A. S., & Irving, A. (1994). *Essays on Postmodernism and Social Work*. Canadian Scholars Press.
7. Edgell, S. (2011). *The Sociology of Work: Continuity and Change in Paid and Unpaid Work*. SAGE.
8. Lyon, D. (2013). *The Information Society: Issues and Illusions*. John Wiley & Sons.
9. Mansell, R. (2009). *The Information Society: Critical Concepts in Sociology*. Routledge.
10. Martin, W. J. (2017). *The Global Information Society*. Taylor & Francis.
11. Masuda, Y. (1981). *The Information Society as Post-Industrial Society*. World Future Society.
12. Menon, N. (1999). *Gender and Politics in India*. Oxford University Press, USA.
13. Moffatt, K. (2019). *Postmodern Social Work: Reflective Practice and Education*. Columbia University Press.
14. Rohleder, E. (2010). *Taylor's Theory of Scientific Management and the Implications for Contemporary Management practice*. GRIN Verlag.
15. Samajtatta: Anthony Giddens (H. Ghosh, Trans.; 3rd Ed.). (2001). [Bengali]. Bhatri Sangha.
16. Talib, M. (2010). *Writing Labour: Stone Quarry Workers in Delhi*. Oxford University Press.
17. Watson, T. (2008). *Sociology, Work and Industry: Fifth edition (5th Ed.)*. Routledge.
18. Webster, F. (2002). *Theories of the Information Society*. Psychology Press.

MINOR (MI)

**Minor-5: FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND KINSHIP**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

**Course Contents-**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Marriage: Definition, Types, and Functions
- 1.2 Family: Definition, Types, and Functions
- 1.3 Kinship: Definition, Types, and Functions

**2. Marriage**

- 2.1 Alternative to Marriage
- 2.2 Divorce

**3. Family**

- 3.1 Re-imagining Families
- 3.2 Alternative Reproductive Technologies
- 3.3 Adoption

**4. Kinship**

- 4.1 Decent and Alliance Theory
- 4.2 Kinship and Gender (Leela Dube and Irawati Karve)

**Suggested readings:**

1. Bhowmik, A. (2016). *Samajtotter Pratyay o Dharanasutra* (Vol. 2) [Bengali]. Rita Publication.
2. Bhushan, V. (2012). *Fundamentals of Sociology*. India: Pearson Education India.
3. Chowdhury, A. (2020). *Bharater Samaj Prasange*. (Bengali). Chatterjee Publishers.
4. De, S. P. (2011). *Samajtotter Itibritto*. (Bengali). Pearson
5. Dube, L. (2001). *Anthropological explorations in gender: Intersecting Fields*. SAGE Publications Pvt. Limited.
6. Fox, R. (1967). *Kinship and Marriage: An Anthropological Perspective*. Kiribati: Penguin.
7. Ganguly, R and Moiuddin, S.H.S. (2016). *Samakalin Bharatiyo Samaj*. (Bengali). PHI Learning Private Limited, Delhi
8. Karve, I. K. (1965). *Kinship organization in India*.
9. Karve, I. K. (1965). *Kinship organization in India*.
10. Levi-Strauss, C. (1971). *The elementary structures of kinship*. Beacon Press.

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12. Radcliffe-Brown, A. R., & Forde, D. (2015). *African systems of kinship and marriage*. Routledge.
13. Uberoi, P. (1993). *Family, kinship and marriage in India*. Oxford University Press, USA.

## **SEMESTER-VI**

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Name of the Paper/ Topic</b>
<b>VI</b>	4-Year Hons.	Major 11	Indian Sociological Tradition
		Major 12	Social Stratification
		Major 13	Sociology of Environment
		Major (Elect.) -2	Sociology of Health and Medicine / Political Sociology
		Minor-6	Sociology of Education

### **MAJOR (MJ)**

## **Major 11: INDIAN SOCIOLOGICAL TRADITION**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

### **Course Contents-**

- 1. Benoy Kumar Sarkar**
  - 1.1 Positive Background of Hindu Sociology
  - 1.2 Personality
  - 1.3 Society and Social Progress
  - 1.4 Comparative study of East and the West
- 2. G.S Ghurye**
  - 2.1 Caste and Race
  - 2.2 Civilization
  - 2.3 Tribes as Backward Hindus
- 3. D. P Mukerji**
  - 3.1 Tradition and Modernity
  - 3.2 Personality
  - 3.3 Middle class
- 4. M. N Srinivas**
  - 4.1 Sanskritization
  - 4.2 Westernization
  - 4.3 Dominant caste

### Suggested Readings-

1. Banerjee, B., & Chatterjee, K. (2012). *Bharater Samajtattik Chintadhara* (1st ed.) [Bengali]. Levant Publishing House.
2. Chatterjee, M. K., & Chakraborty, K. (2018). *Some Great Educators and Educational Sociologists* [Bengali]. Rita Publication.
3. Das, V. (2006). *Handbook Of Indian Sociology*. Oxford University Press.
4. Dhanagare, D. N. (1993). *Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publications.
5. Ganguly, Ramanuj. (2010). *Indian Sociological Thinkers* (Bengali). Pearson
6. Ghurye, G. S. (2019). *Caste and Race in India* (Fifth ed.). SAGE Publications Pvt. Ltd.
7. Nagla, B. K. (2008). *Indian Sociological Thought* (Illustrated ed.). Rawat Publications.
8. Nagla, B. K. (2013). *Indian Sociological Thought: Second Edition*. Rawat Publications.
9. Singh, Y. (2004). *Ideology & Theory in Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publications.
10. Singhi, N. K. (1996). *Theory and Ideology in Indian Sociology*. Rawat Publications.
11. Srinivas, M. N. (1963). *Social Change in Modern India*. Orient Longman India.
12. Srinivas, M. N., & Panini, M. N. (1973). The Development of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India. *Sociological Bulletin*, 22(2), 179–215.

# Major 12: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

## Course Content:

### 1. Introduction

1.1 Concepts and basic principles

1.2 Theories- Karl Marx, Max Weber

1.3 Critical Perspectives: Kingsley Davis & Wilbert Moore, Melvin Tumin, Erik Olin Wright.

### 2. Forms of stratification

2.1 Slavery

2.2 Estate

2.3 Caste

2.4 Class

2.5 Gender

### 3. Social Mobility

3.1 Definition

3.2 Types

### 4. Critical Issues

4.1 Race

4.2 Ethnicity

4.3 Disability

4.4 Sexuality

## Suggested Reading

1. Bendix, R., & Lipset, S. M. (1967). *Class, Status, and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective*. Routledge.
2. Béteille, A. (1969). *Social Inequality: Selected Readings*. Penguin.
3. Beteille, A. (1990). Race, Caste and Gender. *Man*, 25(3), 489–504.
4. Béteille, A., & Kerala, U. O. (1972). *Inequality and Social Change*. Oxford University Press.
5. Bhowmik, A. (2016). *Samajtotter Pratyay o Dharanasutra* (Vol. 2) [Bengali]. Rita Publication.
6. Dumont, L. (1980). *Homo Hierarchicus: The Caste System and Its Implications*. University of Chicago Press.



7. Ganguly, R. & Moinuddin, S. A. H. (2016). *Samakalin Bharatiya Samaj* (2nd ed.) [Bengali]. PHI Learning Private Limited.
8. Grusky, D. (2019). Social Stratification, Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective, second edition. In *Routledge eBooks*. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429306419>
9. Gupta, D. (1992). *Social Stratification*. Oxford University Press, USA.
10. Haralambos, M., & Holborn, M. (2021). *Sociology Themes and Perspectives*. HarperCollins. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2803715>
11. Jenkins, R. (2008). *Rethinking Ethnicity*. SAGE.
12. Kaufmann, E. P. (2004). *Rethinking ethnicity: Majority Groups and Dominant Minorities*. Psychology Press.
13. Kirby, M. (1999). *Stratification and Differentiation*. Bloomsbury Publishing.
14. *Samajtatta: Anthony Giddens* (H. Ghosh, Trans.; 3rd ed.). (2001). [Bengali]. Bhatri Sangha.
15. Sharma, K. L. (1997). *Social stratification in India: Issues and Themes*. SAGE Publications Pvt. Limited.
16. Singh, Y. (1973). *Modernization of Indian tradition: A Systemic Study of Social Change*.
17. Singh, Y. (1997). *Social Stratification and Change in India*. Manohar Publishers.
18. Tumin, M. M. (1967). *Social stratification: The Forms and Functions of Inequality*. Prentice Hall.

# Major-13: SOCIOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENT

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

## Course Content:

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Environmental Sociology: Definition and Scope
- 1.2 Realist Constructionist Debate

### 2. Approaches

- 2.1 Treadmill of Production
- 2.2 Ecological modernization
- 2.3 Political Ecology

### 3. Environmental Risk and Disaster

- 3.1 Concepts of Risk Society (Beck, 1992)
- 3.2 Bengal Famine (1943)
- 3.3 Bhopal Gas Tragedy (1984)
- 3.4 Uttarakhand Disaster (2021)

### 4. Environmental Movement in India

- 4.1 Forest-Based Movement- Silent-Valley
- 4.2 Water Based Movement- Narmada Bachao Andolon
- 4.3 Land-Based Movement- Anti-mining and Seed Movement

## Suggested Reading

1. Beck, P. U. (1992). *Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*. SAGE.
2. Bell, M. (1998). *An Invitation To Environmental Sociology*. SAGE Publications.
3. Bell, M. (1998). *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. SAGE Publications.
4. Bhattacharyya, Sukanta. (2014). *Environmental Sociology: Indian Perspective*. Levant Books.
5. Dunlap, R. E., Buttel, F. H., Dickens, P., & Gijswijt, A. (Eds.). (2017). *Environmental Sociology: Classical Foundations, Contemporary Insights*. Rawat Publications.
6. Evanoff, R. J. (2005). *Reconciling Realism and Constructivism In Environmental Ethics. Environmental Values*.
7. Gadgil, M., & Guha, R. (1995). *Ecology and Equity: The Use and Abuse of nature in contemporary India*. <http://ci.nii.ac.jp/ncid/BA26507293>
8. Guha, R. (1999). *Environmentalism: A Global History*. <http://ci.nii.ac.jp/ncid/BA61979257>
9. Hannigan, J. (2006). *Environmental Sociology Ed 2*. Routledge.

10. Leahy, T. (2007). *Sociology and the Environment. Public Sociology: An Introduction to Australian Society*. Eds. Germov, John and Marilyn, Poole. NSW: Allen & Unwin, Ch. 21 pp. 431-442.
11. Shiva, V. (2014). The seed and the earth. In *Routledge eBooks* (pp. 128–143). <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315070452-10>

**MAJOR ELECTIVE (DSE)**

**Major (Elec.)- 2: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

**Course Content:**

- 1. Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Medicine**
  - 1.1 Origins and Development
  - 1.2 Conceptualizing Disease, Sickness and Illness
  - 1.3 Social and Cultural Dimensions of Illness and Medicine
- 2. Approaches to Health and Illness**
  - 2.1 Functional Approach
  - 2.2 Conflict Approach
  - 2.3 Discourse and Power
  - 2.4 Feminist Approach
- 3. Negotiating Health and Illness**
  - 3.1 Medical Practices – Indigenous and Modern Medicine
  - 3.2 Health Policy in India (1983, 2002, 2017)
- 4. Sociology of Disability**
  - 4.1 Social Model of Disability (Disability Rights Movement globally and in India)
  - 4.2 Disability and Public Policy with Special Reference to India (The National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, 2006)

**Suggested Readings:**

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**OR**

## **Major (Elec.)- 2: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

### **Course Content:**

- 1. Contextualising the study of Politics**
  - 1.1 Origin, scope and subject matter of Political Sociology
- 2. Basic Concepts**
  - 2.1 Power, Authority and Hegemony
  - 2.2 Nation, State, Sovereign, Governance, Citizenship, Rights
  - 2.3 Elite and the Ruling Class: Mosca, Mitchell, and C.W. Mills
- 3. Political Systems**
  - 3.1 Segmentary
  - 3.2 Totalitarian
  - 3.3 Democratic – Types and Features
- 4. Everyday State and Local Structures of Power**
  - 4.1 Nature of Indian Democracy
  - 4.2 Panchayati Raj System in India

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**MINOR (MI)**

**Minor-6: SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION**

**Credit: 4**

**Full Marks: 75**

**Course Content:**

- 1. Perspectives in the Sociology of Education**
  - 1.1 Education and Socialization: Agencies (Family, School and Media)
  - 1.2 Education and Social Reproduction (Pierre Bourdieu)
  - 1.3 Equality and Resistance: (Ivan Illich, Basil Bernstein, Paulo Friere)
- 2. Education and Gender Identities: Emerging Trends in Education**
  - 2.1 School Education
  - 2.2 Higher Education
- 3. Contemporary Issues in Higher Education in India**
  - 3.1 N.E.P. 2020- Issues and Challenges

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5. Kumar, A. (2024) Sociology of Education in India Academic Guru Publishing House.
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