

SYLLABUS UNDER AUTONOMY

SOCIOLOGY

SEMESTER I

COURSE : A.SOC.1.01

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – BASIC CONCEPTS AND PERSPECTIVES

[60 LECTURES]

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. To familiarize students to the basic concepts of sociology which will play a critical role in their understanding of the subject.
2. To introduce students to the founding perspectives of sociology.

UNIT– I Sociology – Meaning Nature and Scope [15 lectures]

Characteristics of Sociology

The Sociological Imagination

(Brief Introduction) - Marx, Weber, Spencer, Durkheim

Major Perspectives – Evolution, Structural Functionalism and Conflict Theory.

UNIT - II Culture [15 lectures]

Meaning

Components – Beliefs, Values, Norms, Language, Technology, Societal culture

Cultural Diversity – Subcultures/Counter cultures/Multiculturalism/Cultural universals

Culture Orientation – Ethnocentrism/Xenocentrism/Xenophobia/Cultural relativism/Culture shock

Culture Change – Diffusion/Cultural Lag

Global Culture

UNIT - III Society and Social Groups [15 lectures]

Types of Societies – Hunting and Food gathering/Horticultural/Pastoral/Agrarian

Industrial/Post Industrial

Typologies – Durkheim: Mechanical / Organic Solidarity

Tonnies: Gemeinschaft / Gesellschaft

Redfield: Folk/Urban

Social Groups – Primary/Secondary, Inclusion/Exclusion, Reference Group, Electronic Communities

UNIT- IV Socialization**[15 lectures]**

Definition and Significance

Socialization as a Process

Stages and Agencies of Socialization

Gender Socialization/Political socialization/Resocialization/Anticipatory socialization

Socialization by Caste, Religion and Gender

C.I.A. Assignment/ Presentation**SEMESTER II COURSE : A.SOC.2.01****INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – INSTITUTIONS AND
STRUCTURES****[60 LECTURES]****LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. To introduce students to the basic institutions of society.
2. To create an understanding of the dynamic nature of society.

UNIT – I Social Institutions**[15 lectures]**

Family

Types: Descent/Structure/Authority/Residence

Changing Forms of Indian Family

Global Trends in Family and Marriage

UNIT – II Political Economy**[15 lectures]**

State and Government – Functions: Social control/Defence/Welfare

Types of States – Autocracy/Totalitarianism/Democracy

Types of Economies – Capitalism/Socialism/Mixed Economy/Democratic Socialism

Power and Authority, Theories of Power

The Indian Political Scene

Globalization and Corporate Capitalism

UNIT – III Religion

[15 lectures]

Elements of Religions

Related Concepts – Magic/Cult/Sect

Theoretical perspectives – Functionalist/Conflict

Recent trends in Religion - Secularization/Resacralization/Fundamentalism

UNIT – IV Social Stratification

[15 lectures]

Types – Caste/Class/Estate

Dimensions of Social Stratification

Theoretical perspectives – Functionalist/Conflict

Global systems of Stratification

Social Mobility

C.I.A. : Assignment/ Presentation

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