

Course Title: Indian Society: Structure and Change

Course Level: BA Programme (Optional)

Total Credits: 4

Classes: 4 hours of lectures and tutorials

Course Objectives:

1. Introduce the students to Indian society in the context of social evolution, social formation and social differentiation with empirical explanations
2. Introduce the students to the major debates on Indian society after independence in the contexts of social change.

Learning Outcomes: The Students will learn the most commonly used statistical techniques and software in social science and operational research which will help them in enhancing their research aptitude.

Course Outline: Students will develop a critical and comparative understanding on Indian society and complexity of Indian Social life which they can apply further in social research. The course will enhance student's understanding and imagination on the core social institutions of India in the perspective of social change.

Unit I: Understanding Indian Society

Basic Concepts
Unity and Diversity
Approaches to Understand Indian Society

Essential Readings:

Eck, Diana L. (2012). India: A Sacred Geography, Harmony Books, New York.

Johnson, H. M. (1995), Sociology: A Systematic Introduction, Allied Publication, New Delhi.

Mukherjee, R. (1979). Sociology of Indian Sociology, Allied Publishers Private Limited.

Nagla, B. K. (2008), Indian Sociological Thought, Rawat Publications, New Delhi.

Nagla, B. K. (2024), Sociology in India: Perspective and Imperatives, in Social Science Gazetteers, Vol 19 (2) (2), December, pp – 319-339.

Singh, Y. (1986). Indian Sociology: Social Conditioning and Emerging Concerns, Vistaar Publication,

New Delhi.

Unit II: Social Institutions

Family
Marriage
Kinship
Caste
Religion

Essential Readings:

Bose, N. K. (1975). *Structure of Hindu Society*. Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.

Bose, N. K., (1967). *Culture and Society in India*; Asia Publishing House, Bombay.

Dube, S. C. (1990). *Society in India*; National Book Trust, New Delhi.

Gray, J. N. & David J. M. (1989). *Society from the Inside Out: Anthropological Perspectives on South Asian Households*, Sage, New Delhi.

Imtiaz Ahmad (Ed.) (1984) *Ritual and Religion among Muslims in India*. Manohar, Delhi.

Kapadia K. M. (1972). *Marriage and family in India*, Oxford University Press, Calcutta.

Madan, T. N. (ed.) (1992). *Religion in India*. Oxford University Press, New Delhi.

Uberoi, P. (1993). *Family, Kinship and Marriage in India*; Oxford University Press, New Delhi.

Zelliot, E. (2004). *Caste in Contemporary India*, in Robin Rinehart ed. *Contemporary Hinduism: Ritual, Culture, and Practice*, ABC-Clio, Santa Barbara, Pp. 243 – 268.

Unit III: The Structure and Composition of Indian society

Population Structure and Composition
Indian Villages and Cities
Race
Tribe
Ethnicity
Language
Social Stratification

Essential Readings:

Agarwala S. N. (1972). *India's Population Problem*. Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Co. Ltd., Bombay

Ahmad, A. (1999). *Social Geography*; Rawat Publications, New Delhi

- Bose, N. K. (1975). Structure of Hindu Society. Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.
- Chandavarkar R. (2009). History, Culture and the Indian City, Cambridge University Press
- Dube, S. C. (1990). Society in India; National Book Trust, New Delhi.
- Gupta, D. (1992). Social Stratification; Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Halдар, G. (2023). Languages of India, Translated by Tista Bagchi, National Book Trust of India, New Delhi
- Karve, I. (1961). Hindu Society: An Interpretation: Deccan College: Poona Deshmukh Prakashan.
- Krishnaswamy N., and Lalitha K. (2006). The Story of English in India, Foundation Books
- Registrar General of India, Census of India (2011). Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- Ramachandran R. (1990). Urbanization and Urban Systems in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- Saran, A. K. (2007). Hinduism in Contemporary India, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
- Shiva Kumar, A. K. et al. (2010). Handbook of Population and Development in India, New Delhi: OUP
- Srinivas, M. N. (1980). India: Social Structure; Hindustan Publishing Corporation, New Delhi.

Unit IV: Social Change and Processes:

Sanskritization
Islamization
Westernization
Modernization
Demographic Change
Social Exclusion and Inclusion

Essential Readings:

- Imtiaz Ahmad (Ed.) (1984) Ritual and Religion among Muslims in India. Manohar, Delhi.
- Mukerje, D. P. (1942). Indian Culture; Rupa & Co, India (2002), New Delhi
- Singer, M. and Cohn, B. S. (1968). Structure and Change in Indian Society, "Aldine" Publishing Company
- Singh, Y. (1973). Modernization of Indian Tradition; Thomson Press, Delhi

Singh, Yogendra. (2012). Culture Change in India, Rawat Publications, New Delhi.

Srinivas, M. N. (1963), Social Change in Modern India; University of California Press, California, Berkeley

Raj, H. (2001). Fundamentals of Demography Population Studies with Special Reference to India, Surjeet Publication.

Additional Readings:

Robb, Peter G. (2011). A History of India, MacMillan, London.

Berreman, G. D. (1979). Caste and Other Inequalities: Essays in Inequality, Folklore Institute, Meerut.

Beteille, A. (1974). Social Inequality, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.

Beteille, A. (1992). Backward Classes in Contemporary India: Oxford University Press: New Delhi.

Dube, L., 1997; Women and Kinship: Comparative Perspectives on Gender in South and Southeast Asia; Sage Publications: New Delhi.

Inden, Ronald. (1990). Imaging India, Oxford, Brasil Blackward

Kothari, R. (Ed.) (1973). Caste in Indian Politics, Orient Longman, Delhi.

Lannoy, R. (1971). The Speaking Tree: A Study of Indian Society and Culture; Oxford University Press, Delhi.

Mandelbaum, D. G. (1970) Society in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.