

## **BACHELORS WITH ANTHROPOLOGY AS MAJOR (CT – II)**

### **6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

#### **ANT622J2: ANTHROPOLOGY \_ TRIBES AND PEASANTS IN INDIA**

**CREDITS: THEORY = 4; PRACTICAL = 2**

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- *Students will gain an understanding of tribes, and their economic, social, and political tribal features.*
- *Students will be introduced to study of villages and peasantry, and will be able to analyse tradition and change.*
- *Students will connect theoretical knowledge with practical insights by critically evaluating the chosen ethnography in relation to course concepts.*

#### **UNIT 1. ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONCEPT OF TRIBES**

- Problems of Nomenclature
- Definition of Tribe
- Features of Tribes: Economic, Social and Political features
- Indian Tribes: regional distribution, demographic profile, linguistic and ethnic classification

#### **UNIT 2. TRIBES AND WIDER WORLD**

- History of Tribal Administration
- Constitutional safeguards for the Indian tribes
- Issues of Acculturation, Assimilation and Integration
- Impact of Development schemes and Programmes on Tribal Life

#### **UNIT 3. ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY OF PEASANTS**

- Concept of Peasantry: Definition and Type
- Approaches to the Study of Peasants – economic, political and cultural
- Characteristics of Indian village: social organisation, economy
- Tradition and change in Indian Villages

#### **UNIT 4. ETHNICITY IN INDIA**

- Concepts and meaning of Ethnicity.
- Caste and Peasantry in India
- Tribal and Peasant Movements in India
- Ethnicity Issues

#### **PRACTICAL (2 CREDITS)**

Reading of Ethnography: Students are required to read and analyse any one of the ethnographic monographs (as listed below) and prepare a review report based upon it:

- Evans-Pritchard E.E. (1940). The Nuer: A Description of the Modes of Livelihood and Political Institutions of a Nilotic People. Oxford: Clarendon Press
- Malinowski B. (1922). Argonauts of the Western Pacific. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul
- Majumdar D.N. (1950). The Affairs of a Tribe. Lucknow: Universal Publishers Ltd.

#### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

- Christoph von Furer-Haimendorf (1984) Tribes in India, Oxford, Oxford University Press.
- L.P. Vidyarthi and B. K. Rai (1985) Tribal Culture in India, New Delhi, Concept Publishing Company.
- Anthony Walker (1982) The Todas, New Delhi, Hindustan Publishing House.
- Robert Redfield (1956) Peasant Society and Culture Chicago, Chicago University Press
- Eric Wolf (1966) Peasants, NJ, Prentice Hall.
- Teodor Shanin (1987) Peasants and Peasantry, New York: Blackwell.
- McKim Marriott (ed.) (1955) Village India, Illinois, University of Chicago Press.
- A.K. Kalla & P.C. Joshi (ed.) (2004) Tribal Health and Medicine, Delhi, Concept Publishing Company.