

BA 3rd SEMESTER
DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE (CORE-3)
SOC320C: SOCIOLOGY: INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

CREDITS: THEORY: 4, TUTORIAL: 2
MAXIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 60, TUTORIAL: 30
MINIMUM MARKS: THEORY: 24, TUTORIAL: 12

Course Objectives:

The course is designed to acquaint the learners with the basic understanding of structure of the Indian society. In terms of its content, the course focuses on the evolution and composition of the Indian society, basic institutions, interpretation of caste and class in the Indian context, change in continuity besides the contemporary issues and challenges.

The major objectives of the course are:

- To facilitate a deeper understanding of the Indian social structure among the learners.
- To familiarize the learners with the tradition of change in continuity in India.
- To provide the necessary knowledge to the learners about the various contemporary issues and challenges faced by the Indian society.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, the learners shall be able to carry a fundamental understanding of the structure of Indian society. The students are particularly expected to understand the dynamics of the basic social institutions in India and the impact of various internal and external factors in governing the change in Indian traditional structure.

Unit-1: Conceptualizing Indian Society

- a. Evolution of Indian Society
- b. Composition of Indian Society: Linguistic and Religious
- c. Unity in Diversity

Unit-2: Indian Social Institutions

- a. Family
- b. Marriage and Kinship
- c. Caste and Class

Unit-3: Social Change in India

- a. Westernization
- b. Modernization
- c. Sanskritization

Unit-4: Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Indian Society

- a. Communalism
- b. Corruption
- c. Poverty

TUTORIALS: PROJECT WORK/PRESENTATION/DEBATES/TERM PAPER (2 CREDITS)

- a. Pattern of Modernization in Indian Society
- b. Convergence of Caste and Class in Indian Society
- c. Diversity in Indian Society

TUTORIAL 2:

- a. Corruption as an issue in Indian Society
- b. Pattern of Westernization in Indian Society
- c. Poverty as a challenge in Indian Society

READINGS:

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Note: List of readings provided is not absolute and additions may be made to it.