

SEMESTER 1st
MAJOR COURSE

ANT122J ANTHROPOLOGY (INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY)

CREDITS: THEORY: 04, PRACTICALS: 02

Course Objectives

- To acquaint the students with the basic concepts of anthropology and its relationship with other sciences.
- To equip the students with the theoretical concepts.
- To acquaint the students to anthropometric techniques.

THEORY (04 CREDITS)

Unit 1: Introduction

- Anthropology: Nature and Meaning
- Evolution of Anthropology
- Branches of Anthropology
- Relationship of Anthropology with other disciplines: History
- Sociology, Zoology and Palaeontology

Unit 2: Basic Concepts in Social Anthropology

- Social Groups: Primary and Secondary; Community and Association. • Tribe and Caste
- Culture: Meaning and Characteristics.
- Cultural Relativism and Historical Particularism.

Unit 3: Basic Concepts in Biological Anthropology

- Evolution: Law of acquired characters; law of natural selection.
- Mechanism of evolution; Speciation.
- Cell and Cell division.
- Structure & Function of DNA; Mutation.

Unit 4: Basic Concepts in Archaeological Anthropology

- Geological time scale with special reference to Cenozoic era.
- Three age system in Prehistory
- Absolute and Relative dating
- Fossil types and process of preservation.

PRACTICAL (2 CREDITS)

- i. Using various Anthropometric Instruments; Body Planes and Sections. Observation of Bones and Anthropometric Landmarks on Human body.
- ii. Maximum Head Length; Physiognomic Facial Height; Maximum Head Breadth; Morphological Facial Height; Minimum Frontal Breadth; Physiognomic Upper Facial Height; Maximum Bizygomatic Breadth; Sitting height.

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