

SYLLABUS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
SOCIOLOGY IN HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: **SOCIOLOGY**

SYLLABUS

Unit 1: Basic concepts in Sociology.

1. Emergence of Sociology & Basic Concepts.
 - a. Origin of Sociology
 - b. Meaning, Nature & Subject matter
 - c. Community, Institution, Association & Society.
 - d. Social Groups, Norms & Values.
 - e. Sociological Perspectives.
2. Social Structure:-
 - a. Status & Status Set.
 - b. Role & Role Set.
 - c. Multiple Role.
 - d. Role Conflict.
 - e. Bureaucracy, Power & Authority.
3. Social Institutions:
 - a. Family
 - b. Marriage
 - c. Kinship
 - d. Economy
 - e. Religion
4. Social Processes
 - a. Socialization
 - b. Social Change
 - c. Social Conflict
 - d. Social Mobility
 - e. Social Control

5. Social Stratification
 - a. Social Differentiation, Hierarchy & Inequality
 - b. Caste & Class
 - c. Gender, Sexuality & Disability
 - d. Race, Tribe & Ethnicity

Unit-II Sociological Theory.

1. Classical Sociological Traditions
 - a. Emile Durkheim
 - b. Max Weber
 - c. Karl Marx
 - d. Vilfredo Pareto
2. Structural Functionalism & Structuralism.
 - A. Bronislaw Malinowski
 - B. A.R. Radcliffe Brown
 - C. Talcott Parsons
 - D. Robert K. Merton
 - E. Claude Levi Strauss.
3. Hermeneutics & interpretative traditions
 - a. G.H. Mead
 - b. Karl Mannheim
 - c. Harold Garfinkel
 - d. Erving Goffman
 - e. Clifford Geertz
4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism
 - a. Edward Said
 - b. Pierre Bourdieu
 - c. Michel Foucault
 - d. Jurgen Habermas
 - e. Anthony Giddens
 - f. Manuel Castells.
5. Indian thinkers
 - a. M.K. Gandhi
 - b. B.R. Ambedkar
 - c. Radha Kamal Mukherjee
 - d. G.S. Ghurye

- e. M.N. Srinivas
- f. Irawati Karve

Unit III Research methodology

1. Conceptualizing social reality
 - a. Philosophy of science
 - b. Scientific Method & Epistemology in Social Science
 - c. Hermeneutic Tradition
 - d. Objectivity & Reflexivity in Social Science
 - e. Research Ethics
2. Formulating Research Design
 - a. Types of Research Design
 - b. Induction & Deduction
 - c. Fact, Concept & Theory
 - d. Hypothesis, Research Questions & Objective
3. Qualitative & Quantitative Research
 - a. Ethnography
 - b. Survey Method
 - c. Historical Method
 - d. Comparative Method
 - e. Content Analysis
4. Techniques
 - a. Sampling
 - b. Scaling
 - c. Questionnaire & Schedule
 - d. Observation, Interview & Case Study
5. Data Analysis
 - a. Coding, Editing & Tabulation
 - b. Statistical Analysis
 - c. Interpretation & Data Analysis
 - d. Bibliography & Report Writing.

Unit-IV Rural & urban societies

1. Understanding Rural Societies
 - a. Basic features of Rural Society

- b. Village: Definition & Types
- c. Land Ownership & Agrarian Relation
- d. Agrarian Social Structure & Emergent Class Structure.
- 2. Rural Movements & Development Programme
 - a. Agrarian Unrest & Peasant Movements
 - b. Decline of Agrarian Economy, De-peasantization & Migration
 - c. Community Development Programme & Land Reforms
 - d. Panchayati Raj Institution, Co-operatives & Self Help Groups.
- 3. Understanding Urban Society
 - a. Urban, Urbanism & Urbanization.
 - b. Towns, Cities & Megacities
 - c. Industry, Service & Business
 - d. Neighbourhood, Slums & Ethnic Enclaves.
- 4. Urban problems:
 - a. Human Migration & Urban Cult
 - b. Urban Poverty , Environment & Housing
 - c. Urban Movements & Violence
 - d. Urban Governance.

Unit-V Family, Marriage & Kinship

- 1. Understating Kinship
 - a. Defining Kinship
 - b. Kinship Usages
 - c. Kinship Terminology
 - d. Decent & Inheritance
- 2. Marriage & Affinity
 - a. Meaning & Evolution
 - b. Alliance Theory
 - c. Marriage Transaction
 - d. Rules Of Residence
- 3. Family
 - a. Structure & Function
 - b. Incest Taboo
 - c. Theoretical Perspectives
 - d. Emergent Forms Of Family

4. Emerging Trends
 - a. Changing marriage Practices
 - b. Gender Relations & Power Dynamics
 - c. Family Laws
 - d. New Reproductive Technologies & Surrogacy.

Unit-VI Environment & Sustainable Development

1. Concepts & Issues
 - a. Environmental Sociology
 - b. Social & Human Ecology
 - c. Environmentalism
 - d. Global Issues: Global Warming, Biodiversity Laws, Climate Change
2. Theoretical Approaches
 - a. Classical Sociological Traditions
 - b. New Ecological Paradigm
 - c. Risk Theory
 - d. Ecological Modernization Theory
3. Sustainable Development
 - a. Meaning & Emergence
 - b. Components of Sustainable Development
 - c. Earth Summit
 - d. Sustainable Development Goals
4. Environmental Movements & Issues.
 - a. Forest Based Movements
 - b. Land Based Movements
 - c. Water Based Movements
 - d. Role of Government & Non-Government Organizations.

Unit VII Indian Society

1. Conceptualizing Indian Society
 - a) Evolution of Indian Society
 - b) People of India: Groups and Communities

- c) Unity in Diversity
 - d) Emergence of Ethnic Identities
2. Caste System in India
 - a) Varna & Jati
 - b) Caste System: Nature & Features
 - c) Changes in Caste System
 - d) Caste & Class Convergence
 3. Theoretical Perspective
 - a) Indological/Textual
 - b) Structural-Functional
 - c) Marxian
 - d) Civilizational
 - e) Subaltern
 4. Process of Change in Indian Society
 - a) Modernization & Globalization
 - b) Problem of Minorities
 - c) Reservation Policy: SC, ST, OBC & Women
 - d) Tribal Unrest

Unit VIII Society, Economy & Politics

1. Understanding Economy & Society
 - a) Exchange, Money, Capital Labour & Market
 - b) Mode of Production Debate
 - c) Models of Economic Development
 - d) Property & Property Relations
 - e) Commodification of Rituals
2. Politics & Society
 - a) Tribe, Nation State & Border
 - b) Governance & Development
 - c) Bureaucracy
 - d) Public Policy
3. Social Movements & Protests
 - a) Political Factors & Pressure Groups

- b) Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender & Religion.
 - c) Reservation & Politics.
 - d) Civil Society & Citizenship.
4. Changing Economy
- a) Poverty & Exclusion
 - b) Changing Labour Relation
 - c) Digital Economy & Ecommerce
 - d) Consumerism & Consumption

Unit IX Sociology of Change & Development

1. Understanding Development
 - a) Concept of Social Development
 - b) Evolution & Diffusion
 - c) Development & Progress
 - d) Modernization & Development

2. Perspectives on Development
 - a) Liberal
 - b) Capitalist
 - c) Socialist
 - d) Gandhian
 - e) Gender & Development

3. Science, Technology & Development
 - a) History of Technological Development
 - b) State Policy, Digital Divide & Inclusion
 - c) E-Governance, Surveillance Society & Cyber Crime
 - d) Food & Technology
 - e) Virtual Community

4. Critiques of Development
 - a) Development & Displacement
 - b) Indian Experience of Development
 - c) Current Debates in Development
 - d) Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy

Unit X Culture & Symbolic Transformation

1. Understanding Culture
 - a) Culture: Concept & Types
 - b) Determination of Culture
 - c) Cultural Lag, Ethnocentrism & Xenocentrism
 - d) Cultural Identity & Mobilization
2. Cultural & Everyday Life
 - a) Culture & Politics
 - b) Sports & Culture
 - c) Gender, Body & Culture
 - d) Culture & Environmentalism
3. Cultural Processes
 - a) Acculturation
 - b) Assimilation
 - c) Enculturation
 - d) Integration
4. Symbolic Transformations
 - a) Signs & Symbols
 - b) Rituals, Beliefs, Practices
 - c) Ethics & Morality
 - d) Religion & Economy
 - e) New Religions Movement