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SOCIOLOGY SYLLABUS

PAPER I

FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIOLOGY

1. SOCIOLOGY – THE DISCIPLINE

Modernity and Social changes in Europe and Emergence of Sociology

Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences

Sociology and Common sense

2. SOCIOLOGY AS SCIENCE

Science, Scientific Method and Critique

Major theoretical strands of Research Methodology

Positivism and its Critique

Fact, Value and Objectivity

Non-positivist Methodologies

3. RESEARCH METHODS AND ANALYSIS

Qualitative and Quantitative methods

Techniques of Data Collection

Variables, Sampling, Hypothesis, Reliability and Validity

4. SOCIOLOGICAL THINKERS

Karl Marx - Historical Materialism, Mode of Production, Alienation, Class Struggle

Emile Durkheim - Division of Labour, Social Fact, Suicide, Religion and Society

Max Weber - Social Action, Ideal types, Authority, Bureaucracy, Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism.

Talcott Parsons - Social System, Pattern Variables

Robert K. Merton - Latent and Manifest Functions, Conformity and Deviance, Reference groups

G.H.Mead - Self and Identity

5. STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY

Concepts - Equality, Inequality, Hierarchy, Exclusion, Poverty and Deprivation

Theories of Social Stratification - Structural Functionalist theory, Marxist theory, Weberian theory

Dimensions - Social Stratification of Class, Status groups, Gender, Ethnicity and Race

Social Mobility - Open and Closed systems, Types of Mobility, Sources and Causes of Mobility

6. WORKS AND ECONOMIC LIFE

Social Organisation of Work in Different types of Society - Slave society, Feudal society, Industrial Capitalist society

Formal and Informal Organisation of Work

Labour and Society

7. POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Sociological theories of Power

Power Elite, Bureaucracy, Pressure Groups and Political Parties

Nation, State, Citizenship, Democracy, Civil Society, Ideology

Protest, Agitation, Social Movements, Collective Action, Revolution

8. RELIGION AND SOCIETY

Sociological Theories of Religion

Types of Religious Practices - Animism, Monism, Pluralism, Sects, Cults

Religion in Modern Society - Religion and Science, Secularisation, Religious Revivalism, Fundamentalism

9. SYSTEMS OF KINSHIP

Family, Household, Marriage

Types and Forms of Family

Lineage and Descent

Patriarchy and Sexual Division of Labour

Contemporary Trends

10. SOCIAL CHANGE IN MODERN SOCIETY
Sociological theories of Social Change
Development and Dependency
Agents of Social Change
Education and Social Change
Science, Technology and Social Change

PAPER II

INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

A. INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY

1. PERSPECTIVES ON THE STUDY OF INDIAN SOCIETY
Indology (G.S.Ghurye)
Structural Functionalism (M.N.Srinivas)
Marxist Sociology (A.R.Desai)

2. IMPACT OF COLONIAL RULE ON INDIAN SOCIETY
Social Background of Indian Nationalism
Modernization of Indian Tradition
Protests and Movements during the Colonial Period
Social Reforms

B. Social Structure

3. RURAL AND AGRARIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE
The Idea of Indian Village and Village Studies
Agrarian Social Structure – Evolution of Land Tenure System, Land Reforms

4. CASTE SYSTEM
Perspectives on the Study of Caste Systems - G.S.Ghurye, M.N.Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille
Features of Caste System
Untouchability - Forms and Perspectives

5. TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN INDIA
Definitional Problems
Geographical Spread
Colonial Policies and Tribes
Issues of Integration and Autonomy

6. SOCIAL CLASSES IN INDIA
Agrarian Class Structure
Industrial Class Structure
Middle Classes in India

7. SYSTEMS OF KINSHIP IN INDIA
Lineage and Descent in India
Types of Kinship Systems
Family and Marriage in India
Household Dimensions of the Family
Patriarchy, Entitlements and Sexual Division of Labour

8. RELIGION AND SOCIETY
Religious Communities in India
Problems of Religious Minorities

C. SOCIAL CHANGES IN INDIA

9. VISIONS OF SOCIAL CHANGE IN INDIA
Idea of Development Planning and Mixed Economy
Constitution, Law and Social Change
Education and Social Change

10. RURAL AND AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA
Programmes of Rural Development, Community Development Programme, Cooperatives, Poverty Alleviation Schemes
Green Revolution and Social Change
Changing Modes of Production in Indian Agriculture
Problems of Rural Labour, Bondage, Migration.

11. INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANISATION IN INDIA
Evolution of Modern Industry in India
Growth of Urban Settlements in India
Working Class - Structure, Growth, Class Mobilisation
Informal Sector, Child Labour
Slums and deprivation in urban areas.

12. POLITICS AND SOCIETY
Nation, Democracy and Citizenship
Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Social and Political Elite
Regionalism and Decentralisation of Power
Secularization

13. SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN MODERN INDIA
Peasants and Farmers Movements
Women's Movement
Backward Classes & Dalit Movements
Environmental Movements
Ethnicity and Identity Movements

14. POPULATION DYNAMICS
Population Size, Growth, Composition and Distribution
Components of Population Growth - Birth, Death, Migration
Population Policy and Family planning
Emerging issues - Ageing, Sex ratios, Child and Infant Mortality, Reproductive Health

15. CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
Crisis of Development - Displacement, Environmental Problems and Sustainability
Poverty, Deprivation and Inequalities
Violence against Women
Caste Conflicts
Ethnic Conflicts, Communalism, Religious Revivalism
Illiteracy and Disparities in Education