DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

M.Phil Syllabus in Sociology
(Under CBCS)
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M.Phil in Sociology
Four Semesters: 800 marks ; 32 credits

1st Semester - 2 papers, 200 marks, 8 credits

| Paper 101  | Sociological Theory                      |
|           | Written test 50 marks – 2 credits       |
|           | Continuing Evaluation 50 marks - 2 credits |

| Paper 102  | Research Methodology                     |
|           | Written test 50 marks - 2 credits       |
|           | Continuing Evaluation 50 marks - 2 credits |

2nd Semester (Any two of the following optional papers) - 2 papers, 200 marks, 8 credits

For each paper there will be a written test for 50 marks (2 credits) and continuing evaluation for 50 marks (2 credits) and each paper will have 100 marks and (4 credits)

| Paper 201  | Sociological of Gender                   |
| Paper 202  | Ethnic and Social Movements in Eastern and North-Eastern India |
| Paper 203  | Globalization and Society                |
| Paper 204  | Sociology of Health                      |

3rd Semester

Total Marks – 200
Total Credits – 8

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4th Semester – Total marks - 200 ; Total credits - 8

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First Semester
Paper - 101

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

2. Theories of Durkheim, Marx and Weber- Critique
3. Structuralism and post-structuralism, Foucault, Derrida and Leotard
4. Post-Marxist writings: German Critical School, Gransci, and Althusser
5. Structure-agency debate: Mead, Bourdieu, Giddens

Selected Readings


Research Methodology

1. Philosophy of Social Research
   - Logic of Social Enquiry
   - Research processes and criteria of a good research

2. Steps involved in doing Research
   - Identification and formulation of a Research problem, Research objectives and questions
   - Approaches and Methods in Research

3. Research Design
   - Features and Types of research Design
   - Construction of Concept, Hypothesis, Model and Theory
   - Participatory Research, Social Research, Action Research, Evaluative Research

4. Analysis of Data
   - Types of analysis
   - Basic statistical techniques in data analysis
   - Computer Application

5. Interpretation and Report Writing
   - Types of Report
   - Layout of the Report
   - Steps in writing Report
   - Copyright Rules

6. Ethnographic Encounter with the Field
   - Strategies, Organization, Moral question.
   - Introduction to some Classical ethnographic accounts

Selected Readings:


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Second Semester
Paper-201
Sociology of Gender

1. Gender as a sociological category
   ° Sex Vs. Gender, Nature Vs. Culture, Equality Vs. Differences, Gender Attribution
2. Feminist Theories
3. Gender and the Economy
   ° Gender related problems
   ° Sexual division of labour and the invisibilisation of women’s work
   ° Effect of development and economic liberalization on women
4. Gender and the State
   ° Gender specific laws and protective measures
   ° Empowerment of women
   ° Women’s movement in India
5. Emerging issues, and deconstruction of gender.

Selected Readings:

Paper-202

Sociology of Environment

1. Concept of Environment
   ° Environment, Ecology and Eco-System
   ° Man-environment Relations and Interdependence
   ° Rise and Relevance of Environmental Sociology
2. Sociological Approaches to Study Environment
   ° Environmental Sociology: Theoretical Perspectives
3. Environmental Issues in India
   ° Socio-Cultural, Technological, Economic and Political Dimensions
   ° Forest, Environment and People
   ° Development and Environmental Degradation
   ° Environmental movements
   ° Pollution, Over-population, Industrialization, Urbanization, Poverty
   ° Problem of Deforestation
4. Ecological Critique of Development
5. Environment and the State
   ° Environmental policy and protective measures
   ° Environmental laws
   ° Sociological implications of environmental policies and laws.

Selected Readings:

Arnold, Davici


Guha, Ramchandra, Guha, Ramchandra, Guha, S., 1999. The Unquiet Woods, Delhi: OUP.


Krishna, Sumi, 1996. Environmental Politics, People’s Live and Development Choices, New Delhi: Sage


Vandana, 31(1+2) 2001. Special Issue on ‘Ecological Responsibilities’


Ethnic and Social Movements in Eastern and North-Eastern India

1. Conceptualizing Ethnicity
   ° Origin and evolution of the concept of ethnicity
   ° Relationship of ethnicity with social identity, nationalism, communalism, tribe, community, development and the state.
2. Theorizing Ethnicity
   ° Critical evaluation of theories of ethnicity, Primordial’s, Instrumentalist, and Constructions/ Constructivist theories.
3. Ethnicity and Social Movements in Eastern and North-Eastern India.
   ° Ethnic problems of the Ease and North-East India(including North Bengal): Genesis, Current State and the future
   ° The priority areas of research in the field of ethnic movements in the region
   ° Problematising the case of ethnic movement research in Eastern and North-Eastern India (including North Bengal) with suitable case studies.
4. Nationalism and process o nation building-problem in the east and north east India.

Selected Readings:

Barua, Sanjib 2005, *Durable Disorder: Understanding the Politics of North-East India*, New Delhi, OUP.


Phadnis, Urmila 1990. *Ethnicity and nation building in South Asia*, New Delhi; Sage


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**Paper-204**

**Sociology of Health**

1. The concept of Medical Sociology:
   ° Nature and Scope
   ° The theoretical perspective
2. Sociology of Health
   ° Social Epidemiology, treatment and system of medicine in India
   ° Man and Environment, Culture and Disease
   ° Ecology of diseases in Indian context.
   ° Beliefs and practices associated to health (case studies on AIDS, Leprosy, etc.)
3. Community Health: Problems and Priorities
   ° Implementation and utilization of health programme in community context
     (Rural/Urban, Tribal/Non-tribal, etc.)
   ° Social structure and health behavior
   ° Occupational health hazards
4. Hospital as a Social Organization
   ° Functions of hospitals, medical social services in hospitals
   ° Doctors, patients and nurses
5. Health Care and Social Polity
° Health policies in India
° National health programmes
° Health administration in India
° Voluntary organizations in health care.
° Privatizing of treatment
° Health insurance and Social Security

Selected Readings:


**Paper-205**

**Globalization and Society**

**Unit I: Nature and Dynamics of Globalization**

i. The Historical and Social Context of Globalization

ii. Perspectives on Globalization

iii. Distinctive Characteristics of Globalization

iv. Positive and Negative Implications of Globalization
Unit II: Agencies of Globalization

National and International Agencies, Multinational Corporations (MNCs), Nation State, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), International Agencies (IMF, World Bank, WTO)

Unit III: Economic Globalization

i. Global Capitalism
ii. Structural Adjustment
iii. Impact on the Poor, Laboring Classes, and the Environment

Unit IV: Political Implications of Globalization

i. Sovereignty vs. Imperialism
ii. Global Integration vs. Localism
iii. Clash of Civilizations
iv. Anti-globalization Movements

Unit V: Globalization and Culture

i. Cultural Imperialism, Orientalism, Westernization, Americanization
ii. Consumerism and the role of Media
iii. McDonaldization and Corporate Culture
iv. Cultural Homogenization vs. Cultural Hybridization
v. Global Tourism

Unit VI: Continuing Evaluation

Readings:


