B. A Third Year Sociology

VI Semester Elective paper

Paper – 7 MODERN INDIA: SOCIAL CHANGE; DEVELOPMENT AND ISSUES

Objectives:

Society in India today is undergoing rapid and massive changes. Many of changes are such that they tend to call into question the ages-old social norms and practices, thus giving rise to some critical social issues and problems.

This course is designed to identify and analyze some of such emerging social issues and problems from sociological perspective. In the interest of systematic ordering, the issues and problems have been classified into two broad sets: structural, and development.

The course seeks to go beyond the commonsense understanding of the prevailing social issues and problems in order to project them into their structural context. Accordingly, if focuses on their structural linkages and interrelationships.

Hence the objectives of the course are to sensitise the students to the emerging social issues and problems of contemporary India, enable them to acquire sociological understanding of these issues and problems over and above their commonsense understanding, empower them to deal with these issues and problems and to serve as change agents both in government and non-governmental organizations.

1. Social Change
   Meaning, definition and nature of social change-Factors affecting social change-Overview of theories of social change: evolutionary, structural and modernization
   15 hrs

2. Development and Underdevelopment
   Concepts of Development and Underdevelopment-Indicators of development and Human Development Indices – Concepts of Economic Development. Social Development and Sustainable Development – Globalization and consequences
   15 hrs

3. Social Movements
   a. Social reforms movements: Abolition of Sathi and child marriage; Widow Remarriages – Arya Samaj, Brämho Samaj.
   b. Projects & Self-respect movements; Non-Brahmin Movement, Backward Class and Dalit movements
   c. Agrarian Movements and Peasant movements
   20 hrs

4. Independent India and Trends of Social Change
   Salient feature of constitution of India – Community development and Democratic decentralization – Land reforms – constitutional Safeguards for weaker sections (SC, ST, BC, Women, Differentially abled and children)
   20 hrs
5. Intervention Programmes


20 hrs

References:

A.R. Desai: Social Background of Indian Nationalism, Popular Prakasan, Bombay.

Yoginder Singh: Modernization of India tradition, Rawat Publication, New Delhi

Victor S D Souza: Development Planning and Structural Inequalities, Sage Publication, New Delhi

Satish K Sharma(Ed): Reform, Protest and Social transformation, Ashish Publishing House, New Delhi

Sumit Sarkar: Modern India 1885-1947, Mac Millan India Limited
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Modern India: Social change, Development and its

TIME: Three hours

SECTION - A  5 x 3 = 15 Marks

Answer any FIVE from the following EIGHT questions

1. Human development indices

2. Liberalisation

3. Ayya Samaj

4. Weaker sections

5. Poverty alleviation

6. Migration

7. Child marriages

8. Empowerment

SECTION - B  (5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

Answer the following ONE from EACH UNIT.

UNIT - I

9 a) Define social change and discuss its nature?

b) Explain the evolutionary theory of social change?
12(a) Evaluate the impact of Globalization on Indian Economy

12(b) Discuss the significance of five years plans in India

13(a) Examine in the Social Exclusion and inclusion

13(b) Describe the domestic violence – Preventive action