

## Detailed Syllabus of Sociology (Pass)

### 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER –

#### Introduction to Sociology (GSO S1 01)

Unit 1: Origin, Nature and Scope of Sociology

- Meaning; Origin; Nature and Scope.

Unit 2: Sociology and other social sciences-

- Anthropology, History, Economics, Political Science

Unit 3: Basic Concepts in Sociology:

- Society; Community; Institution; Association

Unit 4: Basic Concepts in Sociology II

- Status and Role; Role Set; Role Conflict; Status Set; Social Norms; Social Sanctions; Folkways; Customs; Mores; Values; Norms and Values

Unit 5: Culture

Meaning, Types and Characteristics; Culture and Civilization; Popular Culture; Mass Culture

Unit 6: Social Groups:

- Meaning; Types- Primary; Secondary; In group; Out group; Reference Group; Quasi Group

Unit 7: Family, Marriage and Kinship:

- Meaning; Types; Characteristics and Functions

Unit 8: Social Structure; Social System; Social Organisation:

- Meaning and Concept

Unit 9: Socialisation:

- Meaning; Socialisation as a Process; Forms of Socialisation: Primary and Secondary; Stages of Socialisation; Agencies of Socialisation.

Unit 10: Social Stratification: Conceptual Discussion:

- Meaning and Concept; Characteristics; Social Stratification and Social Inequality; Hierarchy and Difference.

Unit 11: Basis of Social Stratification:

- Race; Caste; Class; Estate; Gender

Unit 12: Social Change:

- Meaning; Nature; Social Change and Progress; Types; Factors of Social Change; Modernity and Development.

Unit 13: Social Control:

- Meaning; Social Control and Social Order; Direct and Indirect Social Control; Social Deviance; Agencies of Social Control.

Unit 14: Social Mobility:

- Meaning and characteristics; Open and Closed Mobility: Meaning; Characteristics; and Differences

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Oxford University Press.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER**

**SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES GSO S2 02**

Unit 1: Emergence Sociology and Sociological Theory:

- Intellectual forces- Enlightenment; Positivism; Growth of two different trends in Sociological Thought

Unit 2: Social Forces Behind Emergence of Sociology  
Industrial and French Revolution

Unit 3: Auguste Comte:

- Introduction; Social Statics and Dynamics; Positivism; Law of Three Stage

Unit 4: Herbert Spencer:

Introduction; Influence of Biology on Spencer's Sociology; Influence from Physical  
Sciences; Evolutionary Theory

Unit 5: Emile Durkheim:

- Introduction; Social Facts; Division of Labour; Religion

Unit 6: Emile Durkheim:

- Suicide; Education

Unit 7: Karl Marx: Dialectical Materialism

- Introduction; Association with Hegel; Marx and Engels; Dialectical Materialism

Unit 8: Karl Marx: Theory of Surplus Value

- Theory of Surplus Value; Class and Class Conflict

Unit 9: Karl Marx: Theory of Alienation

- Alienation (Meaning; Nature; Causes and Consequences)

Unit 10: Unit 14: George Simmel: A Conceptual Overview

Unit 11: Max Weber: Social Action

Unit 12: Max Weber: Ideal Types, Authority, Bureaucracy

- Social Action, Authority, and Rationality

Unit 13: Max Weber: Religion and Capitalism

- Theory of Religion: Religion and Capitalism

Unit 14: Vilfredo Pareto:

- Logical and Non-Logical Actions; Residues and Derivatives; Circulation of Elite

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

Aron, Ramond. 1967(1982 reprint). Main currents in sociological thoughts (2 columes). Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books.

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Coser, Lewis A. 1979. Masters of Sociological Thought. New York : Harcourt Brance Jovanovich

Fletcher, Ronald. 1994.The Making of Sociology (2 volumes) Jaipur-Rawat.

Morrison, Ken.1995 Marx, Durkheim, Weber: Formation of Modern Social Thought. London; sage.

Ritzer, George. 1996. Sociological Theory . New Delhi. Tata-McGraw Hill.

Singh, Yogendra. 1986 Indian Sociology: social conditioning and emerging Trends. New Delhi: Vistaar.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER**

#### **INDIAN SOCIETY (GSO S3 03)**

Unit 1: Geophysical Characteristics of Indian Society:

- Racial, Linguistic, Religious Overview.

Unit 2: Types of Indian Society:

- Tribal; Rural; Urban.

Unit 3: Marriages and Family in India:

- Family and marriage – Concepts – Types – Criteria of family formation. Some important dimensions of family: Household – Patriarchy, Gender division of labour.

Unit 4: Kinship System:

- Meaning; Types; Rules and Taboos; Kinship structure and pattern in the different geographical zones across India.

Unit 5: Caste in India:

- Caste: Meaning and Characteristics; Caste and Varna; Sub- Caste; Caste and Class – Jajmani system; Dominant Caste; Caste through the Ages; Administrative Interpretation of Caste: Scheduled Castes; Abolition of Untouchability; Gandhi and Ambedkar on Scheduled Castes; Problems of Scheduled Castes; Different measures; Policies and Programmes for the Socio-economic wellbeing of the SCs.

Unit 6: Changing Nature of Caste:

- Casteism; Relationship between Caste and Politics; Caste and Voting behaviour; Political Elite, Political Parties and Caste Mobilisation

Unit 7: Tribes in India:

- Definitions; Caste and Tribe; Regional Distribution of Tribe; Provisions of the STs.

Unit 8: Women in Indian Society:

- Women in Ancient India: Vedic and Post – Vedic Periods; Buddhist period; Medieval Period; Reform Movements and struggle for Independence; Gender Relation in different of time; Women Empowerment.

Unit 9: Economy of Indian Society:

- Traditional Economy; Changes in the Traditional Economy; Economy in the Post Independence Period; New Economic Policies: Liberalisation; Globalisation and Privatisation;

Unit 10: Politics in India:

- Political System and Structure in Traditional and Modern Indian Society; Political Elite; Political Parties; Decentralisation of power; Emergence of Electoral System; Changes in Traditional Political System.

Unit 11: Rural life in India:

- Indian Villages; Traditional Characteristics of Indian villages; Agrarian Class Structure; Land Reforms and changes

Unit 12 – Rural Leadership:

Meaning – Types – Determinants – Characteristics – Role and significance of the study of rural leadership.

Unit 13: Process Social Change:

- Sanskritization, Westernization, Modernization, Industrialisation, Globalisation,

Unit 14: Social Problems in India (I): Corruption; Black Money; Smuggling

Unit 15: Social Issues:

Regionalism; Communism; Ethnicity; Multiculturalism

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- Ahuja, ram, 2004, Society in India- Concepts, Theories and Recent trends, Rawat Publications.
- Dube, S.C. 1990, Society in India, National Book Trust, New Delhi.
- Dube, S.C. 1995, India's changing villages, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London.
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### **4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

#### **SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL WELFARE (GSO S4 05)**

##### **UNIT 1: SOCIAL PROBLEM**

Meaning and Nature; Characteristics; Causes; Types and Approaches.

##### **UNIT 2: CRIME**

Meaning and Concept of Crime, Meaning and concept of delinquency, Nature and Incidence, Characteristics and Type

##### **UNIT3: POPULATION EXPLOSION AND ILLITERACY**

Meaning; Trends and Patterns of Population Explosion, Causes of Overpopulation, Effects of Overpopulation in India, India's population policy, Meaning of Illiteracy, types of illiteracy, Causes of illiteracy, consequences of illiteracy, Illiteracy in Assam

##### **UNIT 4: POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT**

Meaning; Absolute and Relative Poverty; Causes of poverty; Measures to control poverty, Types of unemployment; causes of unemployment; Consequences of Unemployment; measures to control the problem of unemployment; relation between poverty and unemployment

##### **UNIT 5: SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES:**

Concept; Magnitude; Implications; Caring for Infected; Role of Voluntary Organisations; Protective Programmes

**UNIT 6: YOUTH UNREST:**

Meaning, types of youth unrest, youth agitation, causes of youth unrest

**UNIT 7: SOCIAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO WOMEN:**

Prostitution, dowry, Violence against woman

**UNIT8: SUPERSTITIONS:**

Meaning, causes of superstition, effect of superstition, superstition and law

**UNIT 9: TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE**

Concept; Origin and Development; Objectives; Causes and Consequences

**UNIT 10: ABUSE AGAINST CHILDREN**

Child Labour; the Victims of Child Abuse; Causes of Child Abuse; Effects of Abuse on Children

**UNIT 11: PROBLEMS OF THE BACKWARD CLASSES**

Socio-economic problems of the SCs, STs and OBCs; Policies and Measures to solve the problems; Caste Atrocities.

**UNIT 12: SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL WELFARE**

Meaning; Importance; Nature and Scope;

**UNIT 13: AGENCIES OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

Role of NGOs in social welfare, Role of government in social welfare

**UNIT 14: SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES:**

Welfare of women and children, Health and Family Welfare, Welfare of the SCs and STs, Recent Social Welfare initiatives

**UNIT 15: SOCIAL SECURITY**

Meaning; Origin and Development; Scope; Importance; Social Security measures in India

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Beteille, Andre, 1974, Social Inequality, New Delhi,

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- :: Sharma, Ursula. 1983. Woman, Work and Property in North West India. London : Tavistock.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER:**

**SOCIOLOGY OF Northeast India GSO S5 07**

- Unit 1: Evolution of N.E India from a Historical Perspective  
Ancient; Pre Colonial; Post Colonial.
- Unit 2: Location and Ecology of N.E India and Assam in particular  
N.E: Location; Boundaries; Ecology of N.E India; Flora; Fauna and Rare Species;  
Ecological Hotspots
- Unit 3: Process of State Formation in Assam  
Ahom Kingdom; Chieftainship; Annexation of British: Administrative Boundaries; Post  
Independence Period: Creation of Different States
- Unit 4: Emergence of Modern State:
- Unit 5: Demographic Composition of Northeast.  
Racial; Linguistic; Caste; Religious; Tribal groups of Assam
- Unit 6: Social Institutions among the major tribal groups of the North Eastern states.  
Marriage; Family; Kinship; Religion; Economy and Polity
- Unit 7: Immigration to Northeast India and Assam in Particular:  
Immigrant groups; Occupation; Consequences of Immigration; Insider Vs Outsider feuds.
- Unit 8: Border disputes in N.E. India

- Concept of Border and Territory; Major Border disputes in the region: Assam-Nagaland; Assam- Meghalaya; Causes and Consequences
- Unit 9: Ethnic Identity in Northeast India  
Ethnicity: Meaning and Characteristics; Intercommunity relations and its changing nature; Ethnic Conflict.
- Unit 10: Autonomy movements in Assam  
Autonomy: Meaning and Concept; Demand for Sixth Schedule; Demand for separate homeland; Causes and Its implications in Intercommunity relations
- Unit 11: Terrorism and Violence in N.E India  
Terrorism: Origin and Development in the region; Major Terrorist Organisations; Causes; and Consequences
- Unit 12: Economy and Occupation of N.E India:  
Land Holding patterns; Property relations; industries; etc
- Unit 13: Socio-economic problems of N.E India:  
Problems of Security: Internal and External; Isolation from the Mainstream; Communication Bottleneck; etc..
- Unit 14: Indian Experience of Development in Northeast India:  
NEC; Economic Reforms and its consequences in N.E; Impact of Globalisation; Look East Policy

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

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- Elwin, V. 1947. *A Philosophy for NEFA*. Itanagar: Directorate of Reasearch, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Karna, M.N. 2004. *Agrarian Structure and Land Reforms in Assam*. Delhi: Regency
- Weiner M. 1978. *Sons of the Soil*. Delhi: OUP.

## **6th SEMESTER**

### **RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY (GSO S6 011)**

- Unit 1: Introduction to Rural Sociology:  
Origin, Nature, Subject Matter, and Importance.
- Unit 2: Rural Social Structure:  
Caste and Class in Rural Set up; Family structure.
- Unit 3: Changing Trends in Rural Social Structure.



- Migration; Urbanisation and its impact; changes in the family system; caste-class continuum;
- Unit 4: Rural Economy:  
Land Tenure System, Land Reforms, Green Revolution & its Impact; Bonded & Migrant Labourers
- Unit 5: Changes in the Rural Economy.  
Industrialisation and its impact; Urbanisation and its impact; Growth of Tertiary or Service sector; Migration
- Unit 6: Rural Political Structure:  
Traditional Caste and Village Panchayats; Panchayati Raj before and after 73<sup>rd</sup> Caste Amendment, Panchayati Raj and Empowerment of Women.
- Unit 7: Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas:  
Special Schemes for development of women, Child development programmes.
- Unit 8: Rural Development:  
Community Development; IRDP; Minimum needs program.  
Syllabi
- Unit 9: Tribal Development:  
Development in Tribal Areas, Special Programmes for Tribal Areas; Constraints in Tribal Development
- Unit 10: Globalisation and Indian Peasantry:  
Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements in India.
- Unit 12: Development of Urban Sociology:  
Origin & Scope of Urban Sociology; Rural Urban Differences; Urban Sociology in India
- Unit 13: Urbanism & Urbanization:  
Concept of Urban; Urban Locality; Urbanism ;Urbanism as a way of life; Urbanisation; Definition; Process; Impact of Urbanisation on family, religion and caste; Sub-urbanisation; over-urbanisation.
- Unit 14: Urban Problems I:  
Issues of Urbanisation in India: Juvenile Delinquency, Beggary, Alcoholism & Drug Addiction, Spousal Violence.
- Unit 15: Issues of Urban Society  
Issues of Urbanisation in India: Housing & Slums; Pollution; Water supply; Urban Development policies.

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