

Sociology in India

Semester I

Subject Code: MSL 1502

Lectures (Lects.): 60

Objectives

- To acquaint the students to the continuities and contradictions in Indian society.
- To analyze the role of colonialism, democracy, nation building and globalization in shaping contemporary, society in India

Topic 1: Sociology of India: An Introduction

(12)Lects.

- Sociological Traditions in India-- Anthropology, Colonialism and Nationalism
- Formation of Sociology as a discipline and present crisis in Sociology

Topic 2: Major perspectives in Indian Sociology

(12)Lects.

- Indological (Dr. Ghurye),
- Structural-functional (Dr. Srinivas),
- Dialectical (A.R. Desai),
- Subaltern (R. Guha),
- Non-Brahmin (Phule, Dr. Ambedkar),
- Feminist (Leela Dube),
- Dalit-feminist (Sharmila Rege)

Topic 3: Sociological Debates

(12)

Lects.

- Social institutions - Family, Kinship and Household, Village and Urban Settings.
- Social Stratification – Caste, Class, Tribe and Gender



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Topic 4: Understanding Modernity in Indian Society

(12)Lects

Moving beyond tradition vs. modernity debate

*Assignments and library hours – 12 hours

Recommended Text Books

- Andre Beteille, Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method, OUP, New Delhi, 2002.
- D.N.Dhanagare, Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology, Rawat Publications, 1999
- Gail Omvedt, Dalits and Democratic Revolution, Sage, New Delhi
- M.N.Srinivas, Collected Essays, OUP, New Delhi, 2002
- S.M.Dahiwal (ed), Indian Society: Non-Brahmanic Perspectives, Rawat Publications, 2004
- SatishDeshpande, Contemporary India: Sociological Perspectives, Viking
- Sunil Khilnani, The Idea of India, Penguin, New Delhi, 1999
- Veena Das, The Oxford Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology, Vol. I and II, OUP, New Delhi, 2003.
- Dube, S. C., 1990, Indian Society, National Book Trust, New Delhi.
- Vivek P. S., 2002, Sociological perspectives and Indian Sociology, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai.
- Das Veena, 1995, Critical Events, An Anthropological Perspective on Contemporary India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- Desai A. R., 1986, Relevance of the Marxist Approach to the Study of Indian Society, in Oomen T. K., MukherjiPartha, (ed), 1986
- Guha R., 1998, A Subaltern Studies Reader, Oxford University Press, New, Delhi.
- Maitrayee Chaudhuri (ed) 2010, Sociology in India, Intellectual and Institutional Practices, Rawat Publications.
- Sujata Patel (ed) (2011) Doing Sociology In India: Genealogies, Locations and Practices. OUP New Delhi.
- Patricia Uberoi, NandiniSundar and SatishDeshpande (ed) (2010): Anthropology in the East: Founders of Indian Sociology and Anthropology. Permanent Black, Ranikhet.

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