

**M.A. Part II Sociology**  
**Ethnicity in India**

**Semester IV**

**Subject Code: MSL 41604**

**Lectures: 60**

**Objectives:**

- To introduce the concept of cultural diversity and pluralism.
- To sensitize the students to a rethinking of social categories like the nation, nation-state and homogeneous national culture.
- To address the question of resurgence of ethnic identities in India in the context of Globalization

**Unit 1: Concept and theories of ethnicity**

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- Concepts
  - Ethnicity
  - Pluralism
  - Multiculturalism
  - Ethnic consciousness and identity
  - Ethnic resurgence
- Perspectives on ethnicity
  - Structural- functional
  - Marxist and Neo-Marxist
  - Post-Modernist
- Processes of ethnicization
  - Caste
  - Race
  - Class
  - Gender

**Unit 2: Nations, Nationalism and Nation-State**

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- Nations, Nationalism and Nation-State in West
  - Concept of nation
  - emergence of nationalism
- Nations, Nationalism and Nation-State in India
  - Concept
  - Emergence of Nationalism
  - Phases

- Many Voices of Nation in India

**Unit 3: Nation Building in India**

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- The nature of cultural diversity in India
  - Language problem in India
  - Regional autonomy and threat to national unity
- The Crisis of secularism in India
  - Concept of secularism
  - Hindu nationalism
- Ethnic (sub-national movements) resurgence and problems in nation-building-
  - Jharkhand,
  - Punjab
  - Bodoland
  - Telangana

**Unit 4: Representation of ethnic groups in Media**

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- Calender art
- Cinema
- Television
- Popular literature

**Assignments and library hours – 12 hours**

**Recommended Text Books:**

1. Aijaz Ahmed (1999): Globalization and Nationalism; Deptt. of Sociology, University of Pune. Pune.
2. Basu Sajal (2005): Regionalism, Ethnicity and Left Politics, Rawat Publications, Jaipur.
3. Brass Paul (1991): Ethnicity and Nationalism; Sage Publications New Delhi.
4. Bandyopadhyay Shekher(2008): Nationalist Movement in India, Oxford University Press. New Delhi.
5. Castel Stephen (2000): Ethnicity and Globalization, Sage Publications, UK.
6. Chatterji Partha (1996): Nation and Its Fragments, Oxford, New Delhi.
- 7. Civil Society Special issue, 2001, Sociological Bulletin, Vol.50, No.2, ISS, New Delhi.
8. Comaroff, John L. (1996): Ethnicity, Nationalism and the Politics of Difference in an Age of Revolution, in Wilmsen Edwin N. (ed) (1996): The Politics of Difference,

- University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London.
9. Delanty G. and Krishan Kumar (2006) (edt): The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism, Sage Publications, UK.
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1. King Robert (1997): Nehru and the Language Politics of India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
2. Menon N. and Nigam A. (2007): Power and Contestation- India since 1989, Orient Longman, India.
3. Needham and Sunderrajan (2007): The Crisis of Secularism in India, permanent black, India. Ram P.R. (edt): Secular Challenge to communal Politics, VAK, Mumbai.
4. Sabharwal Gopa (2006): Ethnicity and Class, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
5. AijazAhmed (1996): Lineages of the Present; Tulika, New Delhi. P. 1-43, 44-72, 73-132.
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