Indian Society

Credit point: 3   **Total Hours: 45**

COURSE OUTCOMES

- After completing this course, the students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of composition of Indian society in terms of its diverse culture, complex social structure and will have a better understanding of the factors of unity and diversity that makes a our country as a unique nation.

COURSE CONTENTS

UNIT-I COMPOSITION OF AND APPROACHES ON INDIAN SOCIETY [10 hours]
- ✓ *Learning Outcome:*
  Students will be able to explain the diverse composition of Indian society, approaches to study the Indian society, factors of unity and diversity.
- Diverse Composition: Religious composition, linguistic composition & racial composition
- Threat to National Integration (Communalism, Linguism, Regionalism, Casteism)
- Unity in diversity: Factors of unity
- Approaches to the study of Indian society: Structural-Functional, Marxian and Subaltern

UNIT-II HINDU SOCIAL ORGANIZATION   [10 hours]
- ✓ *Learning Outcome:*
  Students will be able to demonstrate their understanding on various aspects of Hindu social organization.
- Features of Hindu Social Organization
- Ashrama Vyavastha and its relevance
- Purusarthas and Doctrine of Karma
- Relevance of Hindu Belief System in Contemporary Society

UNIT-III MARRIAGE, FAMILY, KINSHIP AND CASTE IN INDIA   [12 hours]
- ✓ *Learning Outcome:*
  Students will be able to demonstrate their understanding pertaining to Marriage, Family, Kinship and Caste system among different communities and societies in India.
- Marriage: Meaning and Types of Marriage among the Hindu, Muslims and Tribes
- Joint Family and Kinship - Meaning, features & disintegration of joint family; Meaning, terminology and regional variations of Kinship.
- Caste: Meaning and features of caste System, Theories of the origin of caste system: Occupational, Religious and Racial
- Recent changes in Marriage, Family and Caste system in India

UNIT-IV ISSUES AND CHALENGES OF CONTEMPORARY INDIA   [13 hours]

✓ *Learning Outcome:*
   Students will be able to understand major issues of the contemporary India along with its complexities, challenges and the process of change.

- Globalization and Indian society – Meaning of globalization, impact of globalization on Culture, Economy and Health.
- Social Exclusion and Inequality – Meaning, Types and Factors
- Social Empowerment of Disadvantaged – Meaning, Types and Importance

Text Books

1. Hasnain, N. and Hasnain, A. (2021) *IndiaIn Society - Themes and Social Issues.* New Delhi: Mc Graw Hill (Chapter 2 and 3)
2. Singh, Y. (2018). *Modernization of Indian tradition*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

References:

1. Kolenda, P. M. (2017). Region, Caste, and Family Structure: A comparative study of the Indian "joint" family. In Structure and change in Indian society (pp. 339-396). Routledge.
2. Mandelbaum, David G. (2003) Society in India.Vols. I &II Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
3. Prabhu, P. H. (1991). Hindu social organization: A study in socio-psychological and ideological foundations. Popular Prakashan.
4. Shah, A. M. (1998). The family in India: Critical essays. Orient Blackswan.
5. Shah, A. M. (2019). The structure of Indian society: Then and now. Taylor & Francis.
6. Uberoi, P. (ed.) (1993) Family, Kinship and Marriage in India,New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
7. Chaudhuri, Maitrayee. (2024). Globalization in Indian sociology: The invisible and the hypervisible. Diogenes. 65. 1-23. 10.1017/S0392192124000014.
8. N.M.P. Verma & Alpana Srivastava (2022). The Routledge Handbook of Exclusion, Inequality and Stigma in India. Routledge India.

E- resources

(1) Sociology of Kinship Marriage & Family. CEC-UGC.
Link: https://youtu.be/9lbjyiSdiTA?si=eEEAFcfNCMs3wKUR

(2) Kinship, Vidya-Mitra, UGC.
Link: https://youtu.be/-84pft4MWSc?si=XdduVoKhJLMhFYDi

(3) Sociology of Caste in India, CEC-UGC.
Link: https://youtu.be/pykIo_3nGa0?si=n_--PuzPhaZXAII

(4) Study of Caste in India, CEC-UGC.
Link: https://youtu.be/Vs3B2B7ntn4?si=MFqHQjkYpi4G5PMY

(6) Globalisation and its impact on India, Vidya-Mitra, MHRD
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ss2DQ2Gax54
   (5) Social Inequality, Exclusion and Inclusion, DPUE DKPUCPA
Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCEXXdcmiLE

Sample Question

Part-I

Fill in the blanks. (1x12)

(a) _____ used the concept "purity and pollution" to define Indian caste system.

Part-II

Answer any 8 questions within two or three sentences. (2x8)

(a)   Define caste.

Part -III

Answer any 8 questions within 75 words each. (3x8)

(a) Write a short note on 'doctrine of karma'.

Part-IV

Answer all the questions within 500 words. (7x4)

(a) Discuss the major factors of unity in India.