



SOC-DSC-152
SOCIETY IN INDIA

Full Marks: Semester-70 + Internal-30 = 100
Pass Marks: Semester-28 + Internal-12 = 40

No. of Credits: 3
No. of Lectures: 45

OBJECTIVE: The course aims to present a comprehensive, integrated and empirical profile of society in India. Continuity between present and past is an evident feature of society in India. While revealing the continuity in structure, focus is on contemporary society in India. Sociological perspective in India presented here may enable students to gain better understanding of their own situation and region.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- UNIT I : Indian Society**
Characteristics
Cultural and Ethnic diversity
Textual and Field views
- UNIT II : Social Composition**
Rural-Urban
Weaker Sections, SC/ST/OBC, Minority
- UNIT III : Institutions**
Family, Marriage: Features, Types, Functions and Change
Kinship: Meaning, Kinship system in North, South and other parts in India
- UNIT IV : Social change in India**
Sanskritisation
Westernisation
Modernisation
Little Tradition, Great tradition
Universalisation and Parochialisation
Globalisation
- UNIT V : Social Convergence and Integration**
Caste and class: Meaning, characteristics and interrelationships.
- Culture**
Emergence of Indian civilisation
The composite cultural legacy
Nation building: Social background problems.

READING LIST

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COURSE OUTCOME

A proper and profound understanding of the course contents is very much essential to envision a better society in India. The past, present and future prospects and growth of India will be more brighten if the above enlisted aspects are taken and used in a positive vibe with open mind and humanistic perspective.