

U. P. HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES COMMISSION, PRAYAGRAJ**Syllabus****SOCIOLOGY**
(Subject Code-41)**Unit-1 : Basic Sociological Concepts and Institutions :**

Sociology- Definition, Nature and Scope
 Sociological Concepts, Sociological Perspective
 Basic Concepts-Community, Institution, Association, Culture, Custom, Norms and Values
 Social Structure: Meaning of Social Structure; Status and role
 Social Group: Primary & Secondary, Formal - Informal, Ingroup – Outgroup, Reference group
 Social Institutions : Marriage, Family, Kinship, Economy Polity, Religion, Education
 Social Stratification : Social differentiation, Hierarchy and Inequality, Exclusion
 Forms of stratification : Caste, Class, Gender and Ethnicity
 Theories of social stratification
 Social mobility : Meaning and types
 Socialization-Meaning, agencies and theories
 Social change and its types
 Evolution, Diffusion, Progress, Revolution, Transformation
 Theories of Social change
 Social reform and Social movement

Unit-2 : Sociological Theories and Perspectives :

Structural functional : Radcliffe Brown; Levi – Strauss; S.F. Nadel.; Malinowski, Durkheim, Parsons, Merton; J. Alexander
 Interactionist : Social action : Max Weber, Pareto
 Symbolic Interactionism : G. H. Mead, Blumer
 Conflict - Karl Marx, Dahrendorf, Coser, Collins, Althusser.
 Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology : Alfred Shultz, Peter Berger and Luckmann; Garfinkel and Goffman
 Structuration, Post – Modernism; Post Structuralism & Post-Colonialism; Bourdieu, Habermas, Giddens, Derrida, Foucault

Unit-3: Research Methodology, Methods and techniques :

Meaning and Nature of Social Research
 The scientific method
 Objectivity and subjectivity, Theory, fact and value
 Critique of positivism
 Ethical values in research
 Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
 Historical method, Comparative method, Hermeneutic method, Survey, Research Design, Hypothesis
 Sampling and its types
 Techniques of data collection : Observation, Questionnaire, Schedule, Interview
 Qualitative Methods : Observation; Case study; Content analysis
 Statistics in Social Research - Mean, Median and Mode

Unit- 4: Sociology of Development :

Theories of Development : Human development, Social development
 Sustainable development : Ecological and Social
 Modernization

Science, Technology and Society
 Globalization
 Issues related to Development
 Regional disparity
 Displacement
 Ecological degradation and environmental pollution
 ICT and Network Society

Unit-5: Urban and Industrial Society :

Urban- Industrial Society in the Classical Sociological Tradition
 Urbanization & urban problems
 Division of labour
 Bureaucracy
 Alienation
 Industrialization and Social Change in India
 Impact of industrialization on society
 Class and class conflict in industrial society
 Limitations of industrialization and urbanization

Unit-6: Tribal and Rural Society :

Meaning of Tribe, Tribe and Development, Tribal Studies
 Approaches to the study of Rural Society
 Rural – Urban differences
 Peasant and village studies
 Agrarian Institutions
 Caste and Jajmani system
 Agrarian class structure
 Land ownership and its types
 Panchayati Raj System
 Agrarian unrest, Peasant movements and farmers movement

Unit-7: Crime, Population and Gender Issues :

Meaning and Theories of Crime and Punishment
 Crime and delinquency
 Deviance and its forms
 White collar crime, Corruption, Nepotism, Terrorism, Cyber crime, Probation, Parole and Justice
 Concepts of Fertility, Mortality, Morbidity and Migration
 Theories of Population Growth
 Gender as a Social Construct, Patriarchy and Matriarchy, Theories of Gender; Gender and Development; Women and Development

Unit-8: Environment and Society :

Social ecology, Indigenous knowledge, gender and environment, development induced displacement & rehabilitation; ecological degradation and environmental pollution
 Environmental movements

Unit-9: Indian Sociological Perspectives :

Conceptualizing Indian Society
 Cultural diversity : Regional, linguistic, religious and tribal
 Indological / Textual Perspective : G. S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont
 Structural – Functional Perspective : M.N. Srinivas, S. C. Dube
 Marxian Perspective : D. P. Mukherjee, A. R. Desai
 Subaltern : B.R. Ambedkar; D. Hardiman
 Sociology in India and Sociology for India and Indigenization of Sociology

Unit-10: Contemporary debates in Sociology :

Debates on Tradition and Modernity in India

Issues of Nation Building : Fundamentalism, Secularism

Pluralism and Nation building; Democracy, Citizenship and Civil Society

Ethnicity and Identity

Challenges of LPG

Contemporary movements in India