

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
Semester I
SOC UG 101 Honours
Basic Concepts in Sociology

Unit I: Basic Concepts

1. Sociology and the study of Society; Community and Association
2. Status and role
3. Institutions: Family & Kinship, Education, Religion, Economy and Politics
4. Groups and its types
5. Social Processes

Unit II: Culture, Socialization and Social Control

1. Components of culture: Values, Norms & Beliefs
2. Culture shock, ethnocentrism and xenophobia
3. Social Control
4. Agents of socialization and Social Control
5. Conformity and Deviance

Unit III: Social Stratification

1. Basis of social stratification
2. Forms of social stratification: Sex and gender, Race and ethnicity, Caste, Class and Power
3. The nature and sources of inequality; inequality and social stratification
4. Social Mobility

Unit IV: Social Change

1. Concepts of Social Change, Evolution, Progress and Development.
2. Theories of social change
3. Types of Social Change
4. Factors of Social Change

Essential Reading:

1. Alex Inkeles: (1975). Sociology. London: Prentice Hall
2. Berger, Peter. (1966). An Invitation to Sociology – A Humanist Perspective.
3. Bottomore, T.B, (1962). Sociology. London: George Allen and U
4. Giddens, Anthony. (2013). Sociology, 7th Edition. Cambridge: Pe Press.
5. Harlambos, M and Heald, R. M. (2006). Sociology: Theme and perspective, London: Harper Collins.
6. Jayaram, N. (1987). Introductory Sociology. Macmillan Press Lim
7. Johnson, Harry, M. (1973). Sociology. Bombay: Allied Publishers.
8. Kuppuswamy, B. (1984). Social Change in India, Delhi: Vikas Publications
9. Maclonis, John. (1996). Sociology New Jersey: Prentice Hall

Recommended Readings:

1. Bauman, Zygmunt. (1990). Thinking Sociologically. London: Blac
2. Fulcher, James and John Scott. (2007). Sociology. Third Ed. OUI
3. Worsley, Peter.Ed (1970). Modern Sociology: Introductory readin Harmondsworth: Penguin
4. Ganguli, Ramanuj and S.A.H. Molnuddin (2nd edition). 2013. Samakaleen Samjattwa. Bani Prakashan, Rina Publication, Kolka

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
SEMESTER II
SOC UG – 201 HONOURS
SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

Unit-I: Rise of Sociology

1. Enlightenment and its critique
2. Industrial Revolution and French Revolution
3. Positivism and its critique
4. Scientific and humanistic orientations of Sociological study, Sociological Imagination
5. Growth of Sociology and Social Anthropology in India

Unit-II: Classical Sociology – I

1. **Comte**: Positivism, Social Statics and Dynamics, Hierarchy of Sciences, Morality, Major contributions
2. **Spencer**: Evolution, Social Darwinism, Individualism, Major contributions
3. **Durkheim**: Social Fact, Suicide, Division of Labour, Religion, Morality, Major contributions

Unit-III: Classical Sociology-II

1. **Marx**: Dialectical and Historical Materialism, Base and Superstructure, Class Struggle, Alienation, Major contributions.
2. **Simmel**: Formal Sociology, Modern Culture, Dialectical Approach, Major Contributions
3. **Weber**: Social Action, Ideal Type, Authority, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, Major contribution.

Unit-IV: Sociology in India

1. **Benoy Sarkar**: Nature of Sociology, Progress, Personality, Indian Tradition, Major contributions
2. **Dhurjati Prasad Mukerji**: Nature of Sociology, Personality, Indian Tradition and Social Change, Major contribution
3. **G. S. Ghurye**: Caste, Tribe, Culture and Civilization, Major contributions
4. **M.N. Srinivas**: Caste & Varna, Social Change, Village, Major contributions

Essential Readings

1. Bhupendra Kumar Nagla. (2008). *Indian Sociological Thought*, Jaipur: Rawat Publication.
2. Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar. (1990). *Indian Sociology, The Role of Benoy Kumar Sarkar*, The University of Burdwan, Burdwan.
3. Coser, Lewis. A. (1979). *Master of Sociological Thought*, New Delhi; Rawat Publication.
4. Dhanagare, D.N. (1993). *Themes and Perspectives in Indian Sociology*, Rawat Publication.
5. I.S. Kon (ed), (1989). *A History of Classical Sociology*, Progress publishers, Moscow
6. Irving M. Zeitlin. (2000), *Ideology and Development of Sociological Theory* (7th Edition), Prentice-Hall
7. Mill, C. Wright, (1967), *The Sociological Imagination*, Harmondsworth: Penguin.
8. M. Frances Abraham, (1982), *Modern Sociological Theory-An Introduction*, Oxford University Press, India.
9. Pramanik, S.K. 1994, *Sociology of G.S. Ghurye*, Rawat Publication, Jaipur
10. Raymond Aron. (1998), *Main Currents in Sociological Thought* (Vol. 1 & 2), Transaction Publishers
11. Timasheff, Nicholas Sergeevitch, (1967), *Sociological Theory: Its nature and growth*, 3rd edition, Random House,

Recommended Readings:

1. Bandopadhyay, Bholanath and Krishnadas Chattopadhyay (ed) (2012). *Bharater Samajtattwa Chintadhara*, Levant Books, Kolkata.
2. Bhattacharyya, Swapan Kumar and Gayatri Bhattacharyya. (2010) 'Dhurjati Prasad Samajtattwa', in Subir Bhattacharjee (Ed) *Dhurjati Prasad Rachanabali*, Dey's Publishing House, Kolkata.
3. Gupta, Bella Datta. (1972). *Sociology in India*. Centre for Social Research, Kolkata., Kolkata: Pragatishil Prakashak.
4. Giddens, Anthony. (1971), *Capitalism and Modern Social Theory: A Critical Analysis of the Writings of Marx, Durkheim and Weber*, Cambridge University Press
5. H.E. Barnes, (1948). *An Introduction to the History of Sociological Thought*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
6. Nisbet, Robert. (1967). *The Sociological Tradition*, London: Heinemann Publisher.

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
Semester III
SOC UG 301 Honours
Society in India

Essential Reading:

Ahuja, Ram (1993), Indian Social System, Rawat Publication, J
Beteille, Andre (2012rpt) Caste, Class and power: Changing pa
Stratification in Tanjore Village, Oxford University Press.
Bose, N.K., The Structure of Hindu Society

Unit I: Basic Institutions of Indian Society-I-Family, Marriage and Kinship

1. Family and Household: Types, Functions and changes
2. Kinship and Descent: Types, Importance, Changes and Regional variations
3. Marriage: Types, Rules and changes
4. Patriarchy and Sexual Division of Labour.

Unit II: Basic Institutions of Indian Society-II- Tribe and Religion

1. Problems in defining a Tribe in India; Tribe – Caste Continuum
2. Geographical Spread: Group of Tribes, Sub-Tribe, Moiety, Phratry, Family, Problems of Indian Tribes;
3. Colonial Policies and Issues of Integration and Autonomy in Tribal Life
4. Religion: Concept, Significance and Functions
5. Indian Religious Communities and Problems of Religious Minorities.

Unit III: Social Stratification in India

1. 'Varna' and 'Jati': Origin and Nature, Caste and Class
2. Features of Caste system: Jajmani system and the Ideology of Purity and Pollution
3. Changing Nature of Caste system: Dominant Caste, Sanskritization, Westernization, Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Classes
4. Caste, Class and Power in India

Unit IV: Social Change in India

1. Social Change in Pre-British and British India
2. Pluralism and Diversity: Great Tradition and Little Tradition, Reconciling Traditional and Modern Values
3. Westernization, Modernization and Globalization

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
Honours Course / Semester – IV
Contemporary Social Problems in India
SOC UG-401

Unit – I

1. Social problems: Meaning, Nature, Characteristics, Causes and Significance of study
2. Types of Disorganization: Social, Personal and Familial
3. Deviant Behaviour: Meaning, Types and Causes

Unit – II

1. Alcoholism: Drug addiction
2. AIDS: Ageism
3. Violence against women: Girl Children & Child Labour
4. Ethnic Problems and Violence: Causes, Effects, Measures of Control

Unit – III

1. Poverty and Unemployment: Concept and Magnitude: Causes & Consequences: Strategies for Alleviating Poverty.
2. Population: Trends and Policies in India: Migration: Causes & Consequences, Population Explosion: Causes and consequences.
3. Communalism: Concept & varieties, Problems
4. Casteism: Meaning & Caste related violence

Unit – IV

1. Crime: Meaning, causes
2. Juvenile Delinquency: Meaning, Causes-Prevention and Rehabilitation.
3. Cyber Crime: Corruption
4. Terrorism: Causes, Effects, Measures of control

Essential Reading:

Ahuja, Ram (2000): Social Problems in India, New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

Berreman, G.D. 1979, Caste and other inequalities; Essays on Inequality, Merrut: Folklore Institute

Burra, Neera. (2010) Born to work, New Delhi; OUP

Bose, Ashish. (1991) Demographic Diversity in India, Delhi, India B.R. Publishing Corporation.

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
HONOURS COURSE/SEMESTER V
METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL RESEARCH
SOC UG – 501

Unit-I:

1. Social Research: Meaning, Scope and Significance
2. Positivism and Empiricism in Sociology: A Critique
3. Objective and Subjective in Social Research.
4. Theory and Fact in Social Research.
5. Ethics of Social Research.

Unit-II:

1. Types of Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative; Descriptive, Exploratory and Experimental Research; Basic and Applied Research
2. Methods: Comparative, Historical, & Empirical
3. Conceptualization and formulation of Hypothesis.
4. Source of Data: Primary & Secondary.
5. Research Design: Experimental, Cross-Section, Longitudinal, Case Study and Comparative

Unit - III:

1. Breaking down the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide: Triangulation of Research
2. Survey Method, Questionnaire & Interview
3. Observation
4. Ethnography & Case Study

Unit - IV:

1. Sampling: Definition and Types, Utility of Different types of sampling.
2. Use of Statistics in Sociology; Measures of Central Tendency
3. Report Writing Process: Coding, tables, graphs, histograms
4. Report Writing

Essential Readings:-

- Amir B. Marvasti, 2004, Qualitative Research in Sociology, London: Sage.
Babbie, Earl. 1995, (7th Edition), The Practice of Social Research, Belmont: CA Wadsworth.
Bailey, K., 1994, Methods of social research. Simon and Schuster, 4th ed. The Free Press New York NY 10020.
Beteille, A. 2002, Sociology: Essays on Approach and Method, New Delhi: OUP.
Beteille, A and Madan, T.N. 1975. Encounter and Experience: Personal accounts of Field work. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
Bryman, Alan, 2004, Quantity and Quality in Social research, New York: Routledge.
Gupta, S.P., 2007, Elementary Statistical Methods, Sulhan Chand & Sons.
Jayaram, N. 1989. Sociology: Methods and Theory. Madras: MacMillian.
Kothari, C.R. Research Methodology. New Delhi: Vishwa Prakashan, 1990
Punch, Keith. 1996. Introduction to Social Research. London: Sage
Srivastava, V.K (ed) 2004. Methodology and Fieldwork. New Delhi: OUP
Seinivas, M.N. and A.M.Shah. 1979, Fieldworker and the Field. New Delhi, OUP
Young, P.V. 1988. Scientific Social Surveys and Research. New Delhi: Prentice Hall
Recommended Reading:-
Bajaj and Gupta. 1972. Elements of Statistics. New Delhi: R.Chand and Co.
Brown, Radcliffe, A.R. 1958, Methods in Social Anthropology, Delhi: Asia Publishing Corporation.
Durkheim, E. 1958, The Rules of Sociological Method, New York: The Free Press.
Goode, W.E. and P.K.Hart. 1952. Methods in Social Research. New York: McGraw Hill.
Lofland J. and Lofland L. 1984, Analysing Social Settings: A Guide to Qualitative Observation and Experiment, California: Wadsworth
Mills, C.W. 1959, The Sociological Imagination, London: OUP
Nesbet, Robert, 1976, Sociology as an art form
Weber, Max. 1949, the Methodology of the Social Sciences, New York: The Free Press.

TRIPURA UNIVERSITY
HONOURS COURSE/SEMESTER V
SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
SOC UG – 502

Unit-I:

1. Meaning, Nature and Scope of Sociological Theory
2. Philosophical Perspectives of Sociological Theories: Positivism, Hermeneutics
3. Recent Trends in Sociological Theory: Major arguments of Structuration and Post-Modern Theory

Unit-II:

1. Functionalism- Major Arguments and Critical Appraisal
2. Contributions of Radcliffe Brown & Malinowski
3. Contributions of Talcott Parsons & Robert Merton

Unit - III:

1. Structuralism – Major Arguments
2. Contribution of Claude Levi-Strauss
3. Symbolic Interactionism: Major Arguments
4. Contribution of Charles Horton Cooley & George Herbert Mead.

Unit - IV:

1. Conflict Theory: Arguments of Karl Marx & Simmel
2. Contribution of Dahrendorf & Cosers
3. Exchange Theory: Major Arguments
4. Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology: Major Arguments

Essential Readings:-

- Abraham, Francis, 1983; Modern Sociological Theory
Baert Patrick, 1998, Social Theory in the Twentieth Century, Polity Press.
Bottomore and Nisbet, 1978, A History of Sociological Analysis, Heinemann, Coser,
Lewis, A. 1979. Masters of Sociological Thought, New York: Harcourt Brace.
Collins, R. 1956. The Functions of Social Conflict, New York: The Free Press.
Levi-Strauss, C. 1993. "Structure and Dialectics", in Structural Anthropology Volume. Harmondsworth: Penguin.
Merton, R.K. 1968. Social Theory and Social Structure, New York: Free Press.
Mead, G.H. 1934 (Fourteenth Impression 1967), Mind Self and Society, Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Part III
Parsons, T. and E. Shils (eds) 1951. Towards a General Theory of Action. New York: Harper and Row Publishers.
Ritzer, George. 1992. Modern Sociological Theory, New York: McGraw-Hill
Smart Barry, Michael Foucault, 2002, Routledge.
Turner, Jonathan H. 1995. The Structure of Sociological Theory, (4th Edition), Jaipur and New Delhi: RAwat.
Wallace and Wolf, 1985, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Prentice Hall.

Recommended Readings

1. Bert N. Adams & R.A. Sydie, 2001, Sociological Theory, Pine Forge press.Sage
2. Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, 2012, Marxism and Post-modernism

Tripura University
Honours Course/Semester VI
Rural and Urban Sociology
SOC UG 601

Unit-I:

1. Origin, Scope, Subject matter & Importance of Rural Sociology
2. Meaning of the term 'Rural', Distinguishing features of 'Rural': Ecological, Economic, Social, Cultural
3. Agrarian Society and Agrarian Class Structure in India
4. The myth of 'self-sufficient village community', Dynamics and Changes in Rural Society; Impact of Migration

Unit-II:

1. Rural Social Structure
2. Rural Social Stratification
3. Rural Economy and Panchayat-Raj System and Panchayati Raj
4. Evaluation of Some Rural Development Scheme: GDP, MGNREGA, IRDP & SGSY

Unit-III:

1. Origin, Scope, Subject matter & Importance of Urban Sociology
2. Notion of Urban spaces & Urbanism; Urban Community and its Distinctive Features
3. Origin & Growth of cities, City Characteristics and Types, Classification of Urban Centres in India
4. Rural-Urban Contrast & Rural-Urban Continuum & Rural-Urban interactions

Unit-IV:

1. Processes and Patterns of Urbanization in India
2. Impact of Urbanization in Indian Society
3. Urban Issues – Housing, Basic Amenities, Sanitation, Unemployment, Poverty, Slums and Environment
4. Democratic Decentralization-Role of Urban Local Bodies in India

Reading List

1. Ranvinder Singh Sandhu (2003) (ed.) *Urbanization in India*. New Delhi: Sage.
2. Bettle, Andre. 1974. *Six Essays in Comparative Sociology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Chauhan, B.R. 2003. "Village Community", in Veena Das, *The Oxford India Companion to Sociology and Social Anthropology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
4. Chauhan, B.R. 1990. *Rural-Urban Articulations, Etawah: A.C. Brothers*
5. Desai, A.R. 1979. *Rural India in Transition*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
6. Desai, A.R. 1959. *Rural Sociology in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan.
7. Doshi, S.L. & Doshi, P.C. Jan. 1999. *Rural Sociology*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
8. Paul, Sujit Kumar (2015), *Rural Development: Concept and Recent Approaches*, Concept Publication, New Delhi
9. Patel Sujata, & Kushal Deb, 2006. *Urban Studies: Oxford in India readings in Sociology and social anthropology*, Oxford University Press
10. Ramachandran Ranganathan, 1994, *Urbanization & Urban Systems in India*, OUP, New Delhi
11. Rao, M.S.A. 1974. *Urban Sociology in India*. New Delhi: Orient Longman.
12. Rao, M.S.A. 1981. "Some aspects of the Sociology of Migration", *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 30,1.
13. Redfield, R. 1956. *The Little Community*. Chicago: Chicago University Press.
14. Srinivas, M.N. (Ed.). 1955. *India's Villages*. Calcutta: Government of West Bengal Press.
15. Srinivas, M.N. 1977. *Village, Caste, Gender and Method: Essays in Indian Anthropology*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Tripura University
Honours Course/Semester VI
Industrial Sociology
SOC UG-602

Unit-I:

1. Origin, Nature, Scope of Industrial Sociology
2. Industry as a Social System
3. Changing Nature of work
4. Growth of Unorganized/Informal Sector

Unit-II:

1. Conceptualizing Industrial Society, Salient Features Industrial Society, Post-Industrial Society
2. Industrial organization-Features, Pre-requisites and Functions
3. Approaches to the study of Industrial Societies: The Classical Approach, Scientific Management, Human Relation Theory

Unit-III:

1. Labour management Relations Conciliation, Collective bargaining and Adjudication
2. Participatory Management
3. Human Resource Management

Unit-IV:

1. Trade union-Origin, Growth, its Importance
2. Challenges of Trade Union in the Age of Globalization

Essential Readings:-

- Amitai, Etzioni. 1964. *Modern Organizations*. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall.
- Auster, Carol, *Sociology of Work*, OUP
- Bell, D. 1976. *The coming of Post-Industrial Society*. London: Heineman.
- Blauner, R. 1964. *Alienation and Freedom*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Erkson, K. and S.P. Vallas. 1990. *The Nature of work: Sociological Perspectives*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press.
- Etzioni, A. and jargowsky, P.A. 1990. The false choice between high technology and basic industry" in K. Erkson and P. Vallas (eds) *The Nature of work: Sociological Perspectives*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press.
- Gisbert Pascal. 1972. *Fundamentals of Industrial Sociology*. Bombay: Tata McGraw Hill.
- Ghosh, Biswajit. 2008. 'Economic Reforms and trade Unionism in India-A Macro view', *Industrial Journal of industrial Relations*, Vol.43, No. 3 (Jan., 2008), pp. 355-384.
- Gouldner, A.W. 1954. *Patterns of industrial Bureaucracy*. New York: The Free Press Horowitz, *Industrial Sociology*
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- kumar, K. 1999. *From Post-Industrial to Post-modern society*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell publishers Ltd.
- Kumar, K. 1973. *Prophecy and progress*. London: Allen Lane.
- Laxmana, C.et. al. 1990. *Workers, Participation and Industrial Democracy*. New Delhi: Ajantha Publications.
- Punekar, S.D. 1978. *Labour Welfare, Trade Union and industrial relations*. Himalaya Publishing House, Bombay.
- Ramaswamy, E.A. 1978. *Industrial Relations in India*. Macmillan, New Delhi.
- Ramaswamy, E.A. 1994. *Rayon Spinners: The Strategic Management of Industrial Relations*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Schneider EV. 1957. *Industrial Sociology*. New York: McGraw Hill.