

Approval: 4th Senate Meeting

Course Title	: Indian Society: Structure and Change
Course Number	: HS-381
Credits	: 3-0-0-3
Course Offered to	: B.Tech. 3 rd year
New /Old Course	: Old
Elective or Compulsory	: Elective
Semester	: Even or Odd

Course Description: This course enhances students understanding on Indian social structure. This course focuses on both structural and phenomenological aspects of Indian social system with a special attention to the notion of 'change'. By doing so it deals with a set of recurring social problems, that Indian society has been confronting, and analyzes them in the light of prominent theoretical and empirical observations.

Evaluation: The grades will be determined as follows:

Mid-term Quiz – I : 25%

Mid-term Quiz – II : 25%

End of the Semester Exam: 50%

Course Outline:

MODULE – I Classification of Societies based on Mode of Survival

- Hunting and Gathering Societies
- Herding or Pastoral Societies
- Horticultural Societies
- Agricultural or Agrarian Societies
- Industrial Societies

MODULE – II

Indian Society and Structure

- Traditional Hindu Society
- Indian Caste System
- Changes under Pre-Industrial Period
- Change under post-colonial Period
- Indian Jajmani System

MODULE – III

Social Change and Problems of India

- The idea of Nation and Nationalism
- Indian National movement

- Over-population
- Unemployment
- Poverty
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Dysfunctions of Urbanization
- Domestic Violence
- Corruption and Black Money

MODULE – IV

Social Change and Mobility

- Sanskritization
- Westernization
- Modernization
- Indian Tradition and Resilience

Social Movements

- The concept of Social Movement
- Formation of Social Movements
- Theories of Social Movements

Recommended Readings:

- Bipan, Chandra.1989. India's Struggle for Independence. Delhi: Penguin Books
- Deasi, A.R.1978. Rural Sociology in India. Delhi: South Asia Books
- Dumont, L. 1980. Homo Hierarchicus. University of Chicago Press
- Ghurye, G.S. 1932. Caste and Race in India. London: K. Paul, Trench, Trubner& Co.
- Gupta Dipankar. 1992. Social Stratification. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Rama Ahuja. 1992. Social Problems in India. Jaipur: Rawat Publications
- Shankar Rao. Sociology: Principles of Sociology. New Delhi: S. Chand & Company Ltd (Revised version).
- Srinivas, M.N. 1987. The Dominant Caste and Other Essays. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Srinivas, M.N. 1995. Social Change in Modern India. Delhi: Orient Longman