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**SYLLABUS**  
**MA - PART I**  
**SOCIOLOGY – PAPER I**

**THEORATICAL PERSPECTIVES IN SOCIOLOGY**

1. **Historical and Social Context of the Emergence of Sociology :**  
(A) Nature and Context of Sociological Theory  
(B) Meaning of theory, Nature of Sociological theory, Types of Theories: Speculative and Grounded Theories, Macro and Micro Theory, Relationship between Theory and Research.
2. **Classical Traditions:**  
Durkheim: Division of Labour, Anomie and Suicide.  
Marx : Historical Materialism, Theory of the State  
Weber: Concept of Class, Power and Authority
3. **The Critical Theory and Neo-Marxism:**  
Frankfurt School – Ideas of J. Habermas  
Antonio Gramsci: Concept of Hegemony, Role of Masses  
Structural Marxism : Louis Althusser
4. **Interactional Perspective :**  
Symbolic Interactionism: George Herbert Mead  
Self and Society : Erving Goffman
5. **Phenomenological Sociology**  
Alfred Schutz  
Uniqueness and Typifications, Meaning to Situations, Structure, Subjectivity, Intersubjectivity, Bracketing, Essence, Objectivity.
6. **Ethnomethodology**  
Harold Garfinkel  
Objectivity, Common Sense Understanding, Qualitative Techniques.
7. **Recent Trends in Sociological Theorising :**  
Structuration Theory: Anthony Giddens  
Post modernism Debate

**Reading List :**

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|----|---------------------------------|------|--|
| 1. | Abraham Francis                 | 1982 | Modern Sociology Theory; Delhi, Oxford University Press  |
| 2. | Abraham, M. F. and J. H. Morgan | 1996 | Sociological Thought; Madras, MacMillan India Ltd.   |
| 3. | Aron, Raymond                   | 1965 | Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. I & II: Penguin, Chapters on Marx, Durkheim and Weber. |

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**MA - PART I**  
**SOCIOLOGY – PAPER II**  
**THEORETICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

**1. The Anthropological Perspective :**

- i) Distinctive features of the anthropological perspective on humans and society; relevance and significance.
- ii) The Anthropological Tradition : The Enlightenment legacy; the growth and development of Anthropology in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- iii) Anthropological Methodology : The comparative method; field work; text and context; objectivity and subjectivity; the study of ones' own society; the new ethnography
- iv) Anthropology and other Disciplines : The natural sciences, social sciences, humanities.

**2. Human Nature in Comparative Perspective :**

- i) Comparative Perspective on animal and human behaviour ; ethnology and sociology ; the role of biological and genetic factors in human behaviour.
- ii) Distinctive features and characteristics of the human species ; the evidence from comparative anatomy, neuro-physiology and paleontology.
- iii) The significance of an integrated perspective on human nature.

**3. The concept of Culture :**

- i) Quintessential features of culture : culture and human nature ; cultural conditioning ; culture and biology ; culture and environment.
- ii) Cultural diversity : pluralism and multi-culturalism cultural universals, cultural relativism.
- iii) Interpretation of culture : culture, meanings, symbols.
- iv) Culture-studies.

**4. Major Theoretical Perspectives :**

- i) Evolutionism and Neo-Evolutionism
- ii) Diffusionism and Culture Area Approach
- iii) Structural-Functionalism
- iv) Structuralism and Post-structuralism
- v) The Marxist Perspective
- vi) The Interpretive Approach
- vii) The Postmodernist and Feminist Approaches



## 5. Major sub-disciplines :

- i) Medical Anthropology
- ii) Ecological Anthropology
- iii) Linguistic Anthropology
- iv) Urban Anthropology
- v) Psychological Anthropology

## READING LIST

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| 1. Adam Kuper                          | 1973 | Anthropologists and Anthropology : The British Society                  |
| 2. Alan Barnard                        | 2000 | History and Theory in Anthropology                                      |
| 3. Adam Kuper and Jessica Kuper (ed)   | 1985 | The Social Science Encyclopaedia  |
| 4. Clifford Geertz                     | 1973 | The Interpretation of Cultures : Selected Essays                        |
| 5. Clifford Geertz                     | 1983 | Local Knowledge : Further essays in Interpretive Anthropology           |
| 6. Henriette L. Moore                  | 1988 | Feminism and Anthropology   |
| 7. Jacob Bronowski                     |      | The Ascent of Man   |
| 8. James Clifford and G.F. Marcus (ed) | 1986 | Writing culture : The Poetics and Politics of Ethnography               |
| 9. J.D. Roslansky                      |      | The Uniqueness of Man   |
| 10. J. J. Honigsmann (ed)              |      | Handbook of Social and Cultural Anthropology                            |
| 11. J. J. Honigsmann                   |      | Understanding culture   |
| 12. Marshall Sahlins                   | 1977 | The use and abuse of Biology : An Anthropological Critique of Sociology |
| 13. Marvin Harris                      | 1968 | The rise of Anthropological Theory                                      |
| 14. Peter Hammon                       |      | An introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology                     |
| 15. Robert Layton                      | 1997 | An introduction to theory in Anthropology                               |
| 16. Sol Tax                            |      | Horizons of Anthropology  |
| 17. Thomas Barfield                    | 1997 | The Dictionary of anthropology  |
| 18. Tim Ingold                         | 1994 | Companion Encyclopaedia of Anthropology                                 |
| 19. W.H. Thorpe                        |      | Animal Nature and Human Nature  |

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## MA - PART I SOCIOLOGY - PAPER III

### SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. **Historical Background:**

- (i) Enlightenment and the Idea of Progress
- (ii) Critique of the Unilinear and Universalistic Model
- (iii) Colonial Intervention
- (iv) Post World War II Context and the Concept of Development

#### 2. **Perspectives on Development:**

- (i) Modernisation Theory, its Critique
- (ii) Development of Underdevelopment, Dependency and Unequal Exchange, World Capitalist System
- (iii) Gender and Development
- (iv) Culture and Development
- (v) Environment and Development

#### 3. **Central Issues in Development:**

- (i) Developing Countries and the Western Model of Development
- (ii) The Gandhian Alternative "Hind Swaraj" and Schumacher "Small is Beautiful"
- (iii) North South Debate, Fourth World Theory
- (iv) Sustainable development, Ecofeminism
- (v) Participatory Development, Role of Non-Government Organisations.

#### 4. **Globalisation and Development:**

- (i) Role of International Organisations
- (ii) Globalisation and the Third World, Role of the State.

#### 5. **Development: The Indian Case:**

- (i) Post Independence Indian Reality, Uneven and Lopsided Development (class, caste, gender, ethnic groups, minorities)
- (ii) Development, its Social and Environmental Consequences.
- (iii) Development and Social Protest. Struggles against Destruction of Livelihoods and Environment
- (iv) Socio-economic Impact of Globalisation and its Effect: Differing View Points.





**SYLLABUS****MA - PART I  
SOCIOLOGY – PAPER IV****PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN SOCIETY**

1. **Overview of Indian Society**
  - Diversity
  - Cultural Synthesis
  - Hierarchies
2. **Emergence of Sociology in India**
  - Patrick Geddes: Urban Ecology
  - G. S. Ghurye: Caste and Race
  - A. R. Desai: Marxist Approach
  - Dalitist Approach
3. **Changing the Contested Hierarchies**
  - Structure of Caste
  - Dynamics of Caste and Inequalities
  - Caste, Class and Gender
  - Role of the State
4. **Tribal Communities**
  - Understanding Tribal Community (Tribe/Caste/Peasantry)
  - Ecology, Environment and Tribes
  - Nomadic Tribes
  - Denotified Tribes
5. **Dynamics of Change and Transformation**
  - Agrarian Relations
  - Industrialisation
  - Gender
  - Kinship, Marriage and Family
  - Economic Liberalisation and Rural-Urban Dynamics
6. **Sociology for India: Current Debates**
  - Pluralism
  - Politics, Religion and State.



**MA PART - II**  
**Sociology Paper VII**  
**Environment and Society**

**1. Introduction**

- Basic concepts: Nature, Ecology, Environment - Changing Human-Nature Relationship
- Nature, Modern Science and Technology

**2. Perspectives of Environmental Issues**

- Cultural ecology
- Environmental Determinism and Possibilism
- Classical Sociological theory
- Marxist perspectives - Recent contributions

**3. Environmental Issues (Global Context)**

- Nature and extent of environmental degradation
- Global environment politics: history, major issues - North-South dialogue
- Gender and environment
- Sustainable development

**4. Environmental Issues**

- The state of India's environment
- Depletion of resources and its impact on local communities - Traditional systems of resource management
- Environmental struggles / movements / protests
- Recent experiments in resource management : local and state initiatives

**5. Social Impact Assessment**

- Dams
- Parks and Sanctuaries , - Infrastructure



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M. A. PART II**

**Sociology Paper V- INDUSTRY, LABOUR AND SOCIETY.**

1. Industrialisation and Social Change: Features of industrial society. Impact of industry on social institution's (family, kinship, caste, community).
2. Industry and Labour in India: Evolution of industries and the labour force. Labour commitment.
3. Formal organisations: Structure and change.
4. Work and Technology-1: Work and alienation," Technology and employment Gender and technology.
5. Work and Technology-2: Taylorism, Fordism, Flexible Specialisation.
6. Labour Market: Stocffire"(segmentaiaion and fragmentation). Factors influencing the labour market (social stratification, caste, kinship, region, gender). Politics of regionalism.
7. Industrial Relations : Nature of conflict and conflict resolution. Changing role of the State.
8. Trade Unions: Evolution of trade unions. Growth and influence of trade unions in India. Trade unions and politics. Problems relating to caste, ethnicity and gender.
9. Economic Liberalisation and Globalisitipn: Labour In a globalising world. Status -of public sector and privatisation. Voluntary retirement scheme.

### **Reading List**

- Anderson, M. (ed) (1986X Sociology of the Family, Penguin, Harmondsworth.
- Bagchi, Amiya (ed) (1994), New Technology and the Workers' Response: Micro-electronics, Labour and Society, Sage Publications, Delhi.
- Bannerji, N. (1991), Women in Changing Industrial Scenario, Sag Publications, Delhi.

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## MA PART - II [SOCIOLOGY]

## PAPER VIII - SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENT

**1. Introduction**

- Concept and definition of Social Movements Characteristics,

**2. Approaches to the Emergence of Social Movements**

- Conflict Approach - class and power Structural-functional Approach.
- Relative Deprivation Theory.
- Resources Mobilization Theory.

**3. Processes in Social Movements**

- Role of Ideology, Leadership and Communication.
- Schisms, Splits & Counter Movements.
- Relationship between Social Movements and Political Parties.

**4. Themes in Social movements**

- Power
- Justice
- Identity

**5. Social Movements and Social Change**

- Reform
- Revival (Restorative)
- Revolution

**6. Globalization and Social Movements**

- Dimensions of globalization
- Implications: Positive and Negative

**7. Case Studies of Social Movements**

- Tribal Movements (Warli Movement)
- Dalit Political Movements
- Ethnic Movements (Shiv Sena Movement)

**8. New Social Movements**

- Women's Movements
- Environment Movements



## M. A. PART – II

## SOCIOLOGY PAPER VIII – GENDER AND SOCIETY

1. Introduction and Basic Concepts and Theories in Gender Studies, Sociological Analysis, Gender critiques of Content Method and Methodology.
2. **Women in Modern India**
  - Interpretation of the status of Women in Colonial India.
  - Rewriting the History of Women in Colonial India and Non-Brahmin Perspectives.
3. **Profile of Women in Contemporary India**
  - Demographic Status
  - Sex Ratio, Age of Marriage
  - Policies and Programmes of the State
4. **Gender, Family and Kinship**
  - Descent, access to property, dowry
  - Labour and Kinship
  - Socialization Practices
5. **Gender Caste and Tribe in India**
  - Women as gateways of caste system (Readings on Phule; Ambedkar and Periyar)
  - Understanding Gender and Tribe
  - Gender, Caste and Class in India
6. **Gender and Media**
  - Marginalisation of Women's experiences
  - Women's writings
  - Audio-visual Media and Dominant Representations of Women
7. **Women's Movements in India**
  - The Nationalist Movement
  - Women in Ambedkarite and Self-respect Movement
  - Women in the Left Movements
  - Emergence of Autonomous Women's Groups
  - Challenges to Women's Movement in 1990s onwards
8. **Contemporary Issues**
  - Gender and Communalism
  - Women's rights on human rights
  - Gender and globalisation