

Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Arts Sociology Syllabus

B.A. (Minor)

Semester I

Paper- Introduction to Sociology

**Course outcome**

This introductory paper is intended to acquaint the students with sociology as a social science and the distinctiveness of its approach among the social sciences. It is to be organized in such a way that even students without any previous exposure to sociology could acquire an interest in the subject and follow it,

**Paper I: Introduction to Sociology**

**Unit I:** Sociology and Common Sense; Sociology as a Science; Sociology as a Perspective: Sociological Imagination; Sociology as Humanistic Discipline.

**Unit II:** Sociology and other Social sciences (Anthropology, Psychology, Economics, Political Science, History); Practical Significance of Sociology.

**Unit III:** Social Group, Community, Association, Society and its Types, Social Institution Family, Education, State and Religion.

**Unit IV:** Culture and Civilization; Pluralism, Multiculturalism and Cultural Relativism.

**Prescribed Readings:**

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## Semester II

### Paper: Indian Society: Issues and Problems

#### Course outcome

It is presumed that the student has some familiarity with Indian society by virtue of the fact that he is a member of it and that he has observed and experienced some facets of it. However, this familiarity is likely to be superficial, selective and rather fragmentary. The course is aimed at rectifying these limitations by presenting a comprehensive, integrated and empirically-based profile of Indian society. The continuity between the present and the past is an evident feature of Indian society. Though this continuity is reflected in the structure of the course, the focus is on the contemporary Indian society. It is hoped that the sociological perspective on Indian society presented in this course will also enable students to gain a better understanding of their own situation and region.

**Unit I:** Unity and Diversity in Indian Society; Regional Diversities: Issues of Autonomy, Identity and Integration.

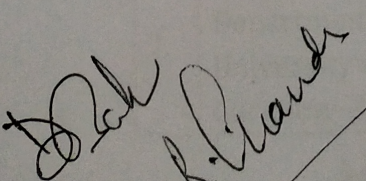
**Unit II:** Tribal Communities in India: Geographical Distribution, Assimilation, Integration and Assertion; Backwardness and Underdevelopment of Tribes in India.

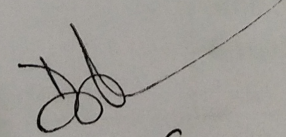
**Unit III:** Casteism and Politics of Caste in India; Communalism and Politics of Communalism in India.

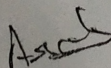
**Unit IV:** Social Classes in India: Agrarian-rural and Industrial-urban; The Middle Class; Exclusion versus Inclusion: Backward classes, Dalits, Minorities, and Women.

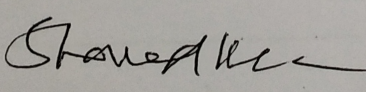
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