

Department of Sociology

(School of Social Sciences)

University of Kashmir

Unit I Emergence of Sociology

- Historical background and the Emergence of sociology.
- Contributions of August Comte, Emile Durkheim; Herbert Spencer, Karl Marx; Max Weber,
- Functionalism: Premises and Propositions, Contributions of A. R. Redcliff-Brown, Bronislaw Malinowski, R.K. Merton, Talcott Parsons
- Symbolic Interactionism; Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology, Dramaturgy.
- Structuralism: Assumptions and Postulates, Contributions of C. Levi-Strauss;
- Post-Structuralism: Jacques Derrida and Michel Foucault, Structuration: Anthony Giddens.

Unit II Basic Concepts


- Society, Community Association & Organisation
- Social structure: Values and Norms; Status and Role; Social Groups, Networks.
- Social Institutions: Family, Marriage, Kinship, Religion, Economy, Polity.
- Social Processes: Socialization, Social Change, Social Conflict and Social Control

Unit III Research & Methods

- Formulation of Research proposal.
- Basic concepts: Hypothesis and its types, theory and fact, sources of data, research ethics and report writing.
- Research design and its types
- Techniques of research: Observation, case study, social survey, content analysis, questionnaire, interview and schedule
- Sampling and scaling: Concept, types and uses

Unit IV Indian Sociology: Approaches & Concepts

- Approaches to the Study of Indian Society: Structural-Functional : M.N. Srinivas, S.C.Dube; Indological: G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont; Marxian: D.P Mukherjee, A.R. Desai; Subaltern: B. R. Ambedkar
- Caste and Class; Jajmani System; Panchayati Raj institutions
- Processes of Social Change in India: Sanskritization, Islamization, Westernization, Secularization and Modernization
- Social Development in India: Women, Children, Aged, Minorities; Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development programmes.


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