

PAPER - II SOCIOLOGY OF CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

Objectives

Social change has always been a central concern of sociological study. More recently it has gained in greater salience partly because of its unprecedented rapidity and partly because of its planned character. Not surprisingly, development has emerged as a pronounced concern and as a remarkable feature of our times. Accordingly, the relevance of the course 'Sociology of Change and Development' can hardly be overemphasized.

The course is designed to achieve the following objectives :

to provide conceptual and theoretical understanding of social change and development as it has emerged in sociological literature;

to offer an insight into the ways in which social structure impinges on development and development on social structure; and to address in particular the Indian experience of social change and development.

to prepare the students for professional careers in the field of development planning, including governmental, non-governmental agencies engaged in development.

- UNIT-I** Meaning and Forms of Social Change in structure and change of structure.
Theories and Factors of Social Change : linear, cyclical and curvilinear, demographic, economic, religious, bio-tech, info-tech and media.
- UNIT-II** Social Change in Contemporary India : trends of change, processes of change
sanskritization, westernization, modernization, secularization
Changing Conceptions of Development : economic growth, human development, social development; sustainable development, the question of sociocultural susceptibility, multiple susceptibilities.
- UNIT-III** Critical Perspectives on Development ; ecological, liberal, marxian.
Theories of Development and Underdevelopment peripheri, world-systems, unequal exchange modernization theories, centre.
- UNIT-IV** Paths and Agencies of Development : capitalist, socialist, mixed economy, Gandhian state, market, non-governmental organizations.
Social Structure and Development : structure as a facilitator/inhibitor, development and socioeconomic disparities, gender and development.
Culture and development : Culture as an aid / impediment to development and displacement to tradition, development and upsurge of ethnicity.
- UNIT-V** Indian Experience of Development : Sociological appraisal of Five-Year Plans, social Consequences of economic reforms, socio-cultural repercussions of globalization, social implications of info-tech revolution.
Formulating Social policies and programmes : Policy and project planning implementation, monitoring and evaluation of methodologies.