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B.A. (Hons.) Sociology, Semester-VI

S. No.	Paper Title	Paper Code	Credit
1	Religion and Society	BSOH-606	4
2	Social Movements	BSOH-602	4
3	Gender Sensitization: Issues, Practices and Policies (CBCS)	BSOX- 63	4
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B. A. (H) Sociology
Semester-VI

Paper Code: BSOH-606

Credits: 4

Course Description:

This course seeks to equip the students with the conceptual and theoretical understanding of the relationships between religion and society, emphasising sociological and anthropological analysis of religion as a universal social institution, relationship of religion to other social institutions, study of selected religions in their socio - cultural contexts, religion as a source of social equilibrium and conflict, and types of religious movements.

The course will also shed light on practice of religion, what scholars call "lived religion," which we observe in everyday life. The focus will also be on the forces that affect and change some of our religious belief system and practices. These include modernization, secularization, globalization, fundamentalism, gender, and social conflict.

Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Familiarize students with the sociological approach to the study of religion and its relevance for informing our decisions as educated citizens in today's world.
- Examine a variety of religious texts, rituals, and practices in an effort to expand our knowledge of faith traditions beyond our own experience.
- Explore how religion has shaped people's understanding of themselves and their relationships with others.
- Think critically about the role of religion in contemporary society, with particular attention to current socio, cultural and political issues in global perspective.

Unit I: Contextualising Religion and Society: Concept and Approaches

- Early Debates on Myth, Magic, Science and Religion (*Tylor, Frazer, Malinowski etc.*)
- Sociological Approaches to Religion - *Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Peter Berger, Clifford Geertz,*
- Religious Organisation (*Sect, Cult, Denomination*)

Unit II: Religion in India: Diversity and Differences

- Indie and Non-Indie Religions (*Tribal Religion, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, and Christianity*)
- Pluralism, Secularism and Democracy
- Religion: Cooperation, Consolidation and Conflict (*Composite Culture, Communal Violence*)

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Unit: III Religion in Modern World: Contestation and Change

- Modernisation, Globalisation, Fundamentalism
- Religion and Gender
- New Forms of Religiosity, New Religious Movements and Future of Religion

Essential Readings:

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Social Movements

B.A. (Hons) Sociology

Semester- VI

Paper Code : BSOH-602

Credit: 4

Course Objectives:

It is a cliché that no society is static and change is persistence in human society, though the space, courses and direction of social change differ from society to society. Collective resentment accumulates into collective action and intensifies the processes of change which subsequently provide direction to social transformation. Social movement defiance statuesque and aspire for a just and desirable society. It has significantly contributed in shaping the course of history and continue plea better tomorrow. Identity, injustice, discrimination and exclusion, environment and ecological degradation and various such issues have brought about collective resentment and collective action. The paper attempts to provide a comprehensive understanding of social movements in India. The objective of the paper is to introduce students with concepts, theories, methods and issues of social movement in India. With case studies and narratives students are familiarized with the nuances of diverse social movements.

Learning Outcomes:

After Studying the course students will be able to:

- Explain the conceptual apparatuses and major approaches related to social movements.
- Discuss the various contesting identity and issues that intensifies resentment and collective action.
- Describe reasons and outcomes of important social movements which shaped our present day society.
- Describe the methods, approaches and techniques applied in collective mobilization.

UNIT-I: Making of Social Movement

- Injustice, Dissent and, Protest
- Conscientisation and Mobilization
- Redress and Negotiation

UNIT-II: Theoretical Perspective

- Marxist Theory and Alienation
- Liberal Theory and Relative-Deprivation

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- New Social Movements and Identity

UNIT-III: Social Impacts of Social Movement

- Transformation and Social Change
- Social Legislation and Policy
- Resurgence of Orthodoxy

Essential Readings

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Gender Sensitization: Issues, practices and policies

(CBCS) Course

B.A Semester- VI

Credit-4

Paper Code: BS0X-63

Course Objectives


The course is about gender sensitization which is mainly provide a broad understanding on gender sensitivity, the modification of behavior by raising awareness of gender equality concerns. Basically gender sensitizing is about changing behavior and instilling empathy into the views that we hold about our own and the other genders. This is a basic requirement of our society to understand the sensitive needs of a particular gender. It helps peoples to examine their personal attitudes and beliefs and question the 'realities' that they thought they know.

Women have always been deprived of their equitable rights on numbers of socio-cultural factors account. Till today women are facing different types of problems like-lack of supportive working environment, discriminatory practices, harassment, safety, social stigma, patriarchy etc., in different societies. To effectively address these concerns, a depth analysis and understanding of the issue is a requirement of time. Taking into account the recent scenario the Department of Sociology is introducing, gender sensitization paper for the students who are opting our CBCS paper and belongs to different streams.

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of the present course the students will be able to-

- 1-To realize on prevailing stereotypes images which is associated with men and women in our society
- 2-Raising awareness on Importance of the gender sensitization indifferent institutions
- 3-Developing insights into the issues of various forms of harassment of women and its consequences on family
- 4- Developing an understanding on gender equality in society
- 5- Imparting knowledge on laws related with women's rights


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Unit-1 Understanding Gender

1. Gender as a category
2. Gender, Sex and sexuality
3. Masculinity and Femininity

Unit-2 Gender Construction

1. Gender Inequality
2. Beyond the gender binary
3. Ideas and Discrimination on LGBT

Unit- 3 Gender Practices and Policies

1. Female Infanticide Eve teasing, Rape, Domestic violence
2. Pocso Act: Overview and Awareness
3. Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

Essential Readings:

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2. Bhasin, Kamla. 1993. What is Patriarchy? New Delhi: Kali for Women
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Contemporary Social Issues
B.A. Programme, VIth Semester
Course Code-BSO-601P

Paper code: BSO601P

Course Objective:

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This paper aims to deliberate on the contemporary issues and challenge the students to raise questions and seek solutions through sociological perspectives. This paper will prepare students to apply theory (praxis) and methods (techniques) of social sciences to a range of social issues and challenges. It is also intended to train students with sociological imagination.

I. Discrimination (Social Structure)


- Social Exclusion: Class and Ethnicity
- Homogeneity: Language and Lifestyle
- Stigma: Caste, Gender and Sexuality

II. Relative Deprivation (State and Policy)

- Distributive Justice: Access to Resources and Basic Amenities
- Poverty and Unemployment
- Migration

III. Social Security (Everyday Life)

- Global Warming
- Public Health (Sanitation and Hygiene)
- Risks and Fears



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11. Mary, E John et al. (eds.). 2006. *Contested Transformations: Changing economies and Identities in Contemporary India*. Tulika: New Delhi. Pp. 165-182, 215-236.
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B.A (Subsidiary)

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Course Objective:

This Paper aims to deliberate on the contemporary issues and challenge the students to raise questions and seek solutions through sociological perspectives. This paper will prepare students to apply theory(praxis) and methods (techniques) of social sciences to a range of social issues and challenges. It is also intended to train students with sociological imagination.

Unit-1

Discrimination (Social Structure)

- Social Exclusion: Class and Ethnicity
- Homogeneity: Language and Lifestyle
- Stigma: Caste, Gender and Sexuality

Unit-11

Relative Deprivation (State and Policy)

- Distributive Justice: Access to Resources and Basic Amenities
- Poverty and Unemployment
- Migration

Unit-III

Social Security (Everyday Life)

- Global Warming
- Public Health (Sanitation and Hygiene)
- Risks and Fears


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