

## **DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC (CORE) COURSE**

### **Semester-VI**

#### **HSC620C2: SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

**(CREDITS: THEORY-4, PRACTICAL-2)**

#### **THEORY (4 CREDITS)**

#### **Part I: Sociological Concerns and Orientation**

##### **Unit I Sociological Orientation**

- Society, Culture and Institutions
- Family, Kinship and Relationships
- Social Groups and multiplicity
- Cultural diversity in contemporary life.

##### **Unit II Emergence of New Ideological Orientations**

- Social mobility and social change
- Emergent Cultural Stereotypes
- Ethnographic approaches to the study of groups.
- Appreciating cultural plurality, Interconnection between the spheres
- Sociological Studies of Children, Youth and Women the aged: Empirical Problem & Frameworks.

#### **Part II: Economic Theory and Environment**

##### **Unit III: Introduction – Economic system, Consumption and production and distribution**

- Definition, scope of Economics, Central problems of an economy
- Wants – Classification and Characteristics.
- Engel’s Law of Consumption, consumer’s surplus.
- Supply – Law of Supply, Elasticity of Supply, equilibrium of Demand and Supply.
- Factors of Production– land, labour and capital, National Income estimates
- Types of Markets
- Types & functions of Banks
- Revenue, Taxation and International trade

##### **Unit IV: Indian Economic Environment**

- Structure of Indian Economy: Changing structure of Indian Economy.
- Constraints on growth: issues of population, income distribution, poverty, unemployment, inequality and migration, food security.
- Role, importance and organization of Indian Agriculture.
- Role, importance and problems of Indian industries, India's International Business and Balance of payment problems.
- Resent developmental programmes of the Government of India: Jana Dhana Yojna, Sarva Siksha Yojana.
- Planning: models, objectives and achievement
- Issues related to health, education, environmental problems and gender

#### **PRACTICAL**

##### **Part 1 Practical**

- Changing families & relating in society.
- Individuals facing Conflicts and consensus in society.
- Changing status and roles in varied spaces in family, work the elderly and its implication on the individual and society across cultures.
- Experiences of exclusion on the individual: caste, minority, disability, violence, immigration
- Religion and Culture
- Case studies, narratives, films, fieldtrips to different regions, communities like tribal, rural, urban

## **Part II Practical**

- Field Visit (to do the comparative economic studies)
- Case Studies related to current economic issues (Developmental and Environmental)
- Data interpretation and analysis (to see the trends of growth and development of certain sectors or vice versa.)

## **RECOMMENDED READINGS**

- Abhraham, M. F. (2006). Contemporary Sociology: An introduction to concepts and theories: New York: Oxford University Press.
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