

**Department of Sociology**  
**Bachelor of Arts Sociology Syllabus**

**Semester I**

I Introduction to Sociology

II Society in India

**Semester II**

III Basic Concepts in Sociology

IV Indian Society: Issues and Problems

**Semester III**

V Foundations of Sociological Thought I

VI Social Change and Development: Concepts and Approaches

**Semester IV**

VII Foundations of Sociological Thought II

VIII Social Change and Development in India

**Semester V**

**Compulsory Paper**

IX Pioneers of Indian Sociology I

X Research Methodology

**Optional Papers** (Out of the following two papers the candidate has to offer one paper)

XI(A) Rural Society in India

XI(B) Gender and Society in India

**Semester VI**

XIII Pioneers of Indian Sociology II

XIV Methods of Sociological Research

**Optional Papers** (Out of the following two papers the candidate has to offer one paper)

XV(A) Urban Society in India

XVI(B) Population and Society in India

**Semester VII**

Paper-I: Modern Sociological Theories

Paper-II: Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment

Paper-III: Comparative Sociology

Paper-IV (A): Sociology of Environment

Paper-IV (B): Human Values and Professional  
Paper-V (A): Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)  
Paper-V (B): Sociology of Marginalized Communities

## **BA VIII Semester**

Major Projects (Field Work and Dissertation)

### **Bachelor of Arts Sociology Semester I**

#### **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 organised 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:**

Berger, P. 1963. *An Invitation to Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective*, Bantam: Doubleday Dell Publication

Bottomore, T. B. 1973. *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Bombay: George Allen & Unwin (Hindi translation available).

Davis, Kingsley. 1973. *Human Society*, New York: Macmillan (Hindi translation available).

Giddens, Anthony et.al. 2009. *Introduction to Sociology*, London: Polity Press (Hindi translation available).

Inkles, Alex. 1987. *What is Sociology*, New Delhi: Prentice-Hall (India).

Johnson, H. M. 1961. *Introduction to Sociology*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers (Hindi translation available).