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PAPER – III: Industrial Sociology

Objectives:

At the end of the course, the scholars will be able to

- 1. Understand the theoretical perspectives of social organization, work personalisties and dynamics of organizations, and their related aspects.
- 2. Learn about various aspects of organizational culture, organisational socialisation interrelationships between organisation and the individual and organizational problems.

UNIT - I Sociology of Organizations: Theoretical Perspectives

Bureaucracy - Max Weber; Human relations - Friz J Roethlisberger and William J. Dickson; Comparative Study of Organizations - Peter M. Blau Decision-making Theory - James G March and Herbert A Simon.

UNIT - II Work Personalities

Backgrounds of workers, workers' experiences and traits, workers' predisposition and orientation to work; Workaholics, over workers, average workers, under workers, and work inhibited; Determinants of work personalities; Factors affecting the development of work personalities-Demographic and Historical.

UNIT - III Dynamics of Organizations

Organizations and their environments - Direct and Indirect; Organizational design: Bureaucratic systems, Adoptive systems, Authority, Responsibility and power; Organisational Change, Organisational Conflict and Organisational Effectiveness.

UNIT - IV Organizational Culture and Organisational Socialisation

Organizations create their cultures; Types of Socialization: Anticipatory Socialization, Accommodative Socialization, Role Management Socialization Organisational Socialisation; Methods of Socialization: The outcomes of Socialization, Characteristics of effective Socialisation and Socialisation as an integration strategy.

UNIT – V Organisation and the Individual, and Organizational Problems

Personal and organizational goals, Morale and Motivation; Alienation; Commitment; Organizational Problems: Role of trade unions in maintaining industrial relations; Trade union leadership; Role of Government in solving industrial problems; Workers' unrest.

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Paper III – Perspectives in Gender Studies

Objectives:

At the end of the course, the scholars will be able to

- 1. Understand the theoretical perspectives of women related issues, women in family and society, and related issues.
- 2. Learn about various aspects of women's health, discrimination on women and changing power structure at family with a special focus on recent research.

UNIT - 1 Theoretical Perspectives

The origin of the family, private property and the state: Engels. Conflict theory of sexual stratification: Randall Collins Women in the public Domain: Peggy Sandy The exchange network theory: Richard Emerson

UNIT - II Women in Society

Status of Women: Women in the changing society, social status of women, Economic status of women, Religious status of women, Policies and programmes to improve the status of women.

UNIT - III Women and Family

Structural problems in dual career family Network and support system for working and non- working women Quality of life perspective and contribution of women

UNIT - IV Women and Health

Women in early childhood – Nutrition and health care in infancy, Impact of early Marriage and adolescent childbearing on women's health. Women in reproductive age – Reproductive rights and choice, Socioeconomic determinants of reproductive health, Prospects for improvement in reproductive health. Women in old age – older women and the life course

UNIT - V Discrimination on Women and Changing Power Structure at Family

Power structure and decision making in family – Decision making among dual earner and single earned household – Access to resources and power. Gender abuse: Domestic violence, Rape, Abortion, Female infanticide, Widowhood, Harassment and exploitation, Laws pertaining to violence of women.

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Paper III – Sociology of Social Stratification in India

Objectives:

At the end of the course, the scholars will be able to

- 1. Understand the concepts and various dimensions of social stratification, theoretical frameworks of social stratification, caste structure in olden days and present days and also the relevance of class, caste and power in Indian context.
- 2. Learn about various aspects of gender and stratification, ethnicity, communities and other changing stratification systems in the recent past.

UNIT - I Social Stratification:

Concepts and Theoretical Frameworks Concepts: social stratification; social structure; social processes; social differentiation; social equality and inequality; social hierarchy; power and domination, authority and hegemony; social mobility; open and closed systems (estate and caste) of stratification, status inconsistency, relative deprivation, status strain/stress, alienation, social distance.

Theoretical Frameworks: Social stratification and Structural functionalism – Talcott parsons; Marxism/Conflict perspectives – Karl Marx; Weberian Interactionist perspective and Critical Perspectives.

UNIT - II Castes: Old and New

Caste system in traditional India: G.S. Ghurye; Louis Dumont; M.N.Srinivas; Andre Beteille. Concepts: Varna; jati; jajmani system. Caste Today: Socioeconomic transformation and the caste; Caste and political process. Caste and identities; emergence of Dalit ideology; Dynamics of caste conflicts.

UNIT - III Relevance of Class, Caste and Power

Feudal system; Inequality and Poverty; Agrarian Social Structure and Change; Development of capitalism; the changing profile of rural and urban classes. Bourgeoisie, Embourgeoisement and Proletariats; India's middle classes;

Caste and class nexus in India. Pluralism – Ideology, political parties and interest groups; Status, Class and Party; Politicisation of caste.

UNIT - IV Gender and Stratification

Concepts: Sex and Gender; Patriarchy; Gender differentiation; Barrier to marital communication; Gender and poverty; Caste and gender; Female infanticide; gender and labour markets; Capitalism and gender.

UNIT - V Ethnicity, Communities and other changing stratification systems
Race and caste; Ethnicity; Culture and power, Indian tribes; India's ethnic minorities; Structured inequality and its Dynamics of contemporary society; Changing realities of status, class, and power.

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