



**FIRST SEMESTER 2019-2020**

Course Handout Part II

01-08-2019

In addition to Part-I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table), this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

*Course No.* : GS F231  
*Course Title* : Dynamics of Social Change  
*Instructor-in-Charge* : Suchismita Satpathy

**Scope and Objective of the Course:** The objective of the course is to enable the students analyze the nature of society, social processes, social institutions, socio-cultural, and structural changes. Students will have a clear, and brief understanding of the principal theoretical perspectives, factors, processes, patterns and consequences of social change. It will help students identify factors that stimulate or inhibit the acceptance of change, and get a brief idea on present day social movements.

**Textbooks:**

1. Abraham, Francis M. 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Contemporary Sociology: An Introduction to Concepts and Theories. New Delhi: OUP

**Reference books**

1. Das, Veena, ed. 2011. Handbook of Indian Sociology. New Delhi: OUP
2. Haralambos, Michael and Holborn Martin 2008. (Seventh Edition). Sociology Themes and Perspectives. London: Collins Educational
3. Dube, S. C. 1992. Understanding Change: Anthropological and Sociological perspectives. New Delhi: SOS Free Stock
4. Singh, Y. 2008. Social Change in India. New Delhi: Har-Anand Publication.

**Course Plan:**

Lecture No.	Learning objectives	Topics to be covered	Chapter in the Text Book
1	Introductory class	Brief on what will be covered under this paper, how to proceed and introduction to social change as a concept.	
2 and 3	Define social change as a concept- Nature	What is social change? The nature of social change,	1



	of society: obstacles, rate and direction of change	Social Change as distinct from cultural change, growth, development. Is social change inevitable?	
4-7	Examine the basic theoretical perspectives and role of agencies of social change-education, leadership, propaganda, legislative reforms	Change as explained by Pioneers of Sociology Comte, Marx, Spencer, Durkheim and Weber: From simple to complex societies Linear change Cyclical change Centre-periphery models	1
8-11	Classify the broad theoretical strands.	Macro theories of Social Change Evolutionary theories Conflict theories Structural-functional theories Systems theories Social-psychological theories	17
12-15	Identify the major processes and patterns of social change with special reference to India	Social Change processes Sanskritisation Westernization Industrialization Modernization	Handout will be given in the class
16-18	Analyze how Population growth and Urbanization bring social change	Urbanization Theories of Population, Demographic Transition, Population in India	15
19-22	Examine the factors of social change.	Technological Ideological Economy Political Indian Constitution and Law Demographic	Reference book S C Dube Ch. 3
23-27	Inspect why and how social stratification and social change are related.	Social change and Social stratifications: Caste System, Theories, Caste and Class in India, Social Mobility	9,10,
28-32	Identify the spheres where change is experienced	Culture, Social Norms, folkways, Mores, Cultural Diversity; Cultural Change; Socialization; Peer Groups, Mass Media; Evolution of Societies, three typologies,	4,5,6,7,8

		types of social groups, Social Organization, Deviance and Social Control	
33-37	Analyze changes in various Social Institutions in Indian society.	The family, Marriage, caste Kinship Religion in India Economy: Globalization, Privatization, liberalization, PPP, Five year plans Polity: State and Government, Theories of Power.	11, 12, 13,14
37-42	Assess critically why there is resistance to social change	Resistance Theories of Collective Behavior; Forms of Collective Behavior; Social Movements: peasant and land reform, Bhoodan and Gramdan Environment and Sustainable Development	16

#### Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Nature of Component
Assignment 1	30 min.	15		Open Book
Mid-semester Examination	60 min.	30	3/10, 1.30 -- 3.00 PM	Close Book
Assignment 2	30 min	15		Open Book
Comprehensive Examination	3 hrs.	40	10/12 FN	Close Book

**Chamber Consultation Hour:** Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2.00 pm- 3.00 pm. Chamber No. K 126

**Notices:** Notices, if any, will be displayed on CMS.

**Make-up Policy:** The make-up for an evaluation component will be given only in genuine cases. In health related issues student has to bring a letter from warden as per the latest SWD guidelines.

#### Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:

Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.



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