

**APRCET-2024**  
**31-SOCIOLOGY**

**Unit – 1 : Sociological Theory**

1. Classical Sociological Traditions

- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Karl Marx

2. Structure – Functionalism and Structuralism

- Bronislaw Malinowski
- A. R. Radcliffe – Brown
- Talcott Parsons
- Robert K .Merton
- Claude Levi Strauss

3. Hermeneutic and Interpretative Traditions

- G .H . Mead
- Karl Manheim
- Alfred Schutz
- Harold Garfinkel
- Erving Goffman
- Clifford Geertz

4. Post Modernism, Post Structuralism and Post Colonialism

- Edward Said
- Pierre Bourdieu
- Michel Foucault
- Jurgen Habermas
- Anthony Giddens
- Manuel Castells

5. Indian Thinkers

- M.K. Gandhi
- B. R. Ambedkar
- Radha Kamal Mukherjee
- G.S. Ghurye
- M.N. Srinivas
- Irawati Karve

## **Unit – 2 : Research Methodology and Methods**

### **1. Conceptualizing Social Reality**

- Philosophy of Science
- Scientific Method and Epistemology in Social Science
- Hermeneutic Traditions
- Objectivity and Reflexivity in Social Science
- Ethics and Politics

### **2. Formulating Research Design**

- Reading Social Science Research, Data and Documents
- Induction and Deduction
- Fact, Concept and Theory
- Hypotheses, Research Questions, Objective

### **3. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods**

- Ethnography
- Survey Methods
- Historical Method
- Comparative Methods

### **4. Techniques**

- Sampling
- Questionnaire and Schedule
- Statistical Analysis
- Observation, Interview and Case study
- Interpretation, Data Analysis Report Writing

## **Unit – 3 : Basic Concepts and Institutions**

### **1. Sociological Concepts**

- Social Structure
- Culture
- Network
- Status and Role
- Identity
- Community
- Diaspora
- Values, Norms and Rules
- Personhood, Habitus and Authority
- Bureaucracy, Power and Authority

## 2. Social Institutions

- Marriage, Family and Kinship
- Economy
- Polity
- Religion
- Education
- Law and Customs

## 3. Social Stratification

- Social Difference, Hierarchy, Inequality and Marginalization
- Cast and Class
- Gender, Sexuality and Disability
- Race, Tribe and Ethnicity

## 4. Social Change and Processes

- Evolution and Diffusion
- Modernization and Development
- Social Transformations and Globalization
- Social Mobility

# **Unit – 4 : Rural and Urban Transformations**

## 1. Rural and Peasant Society

- Caste – Tribe Settlements
- Agrarian Social Structure and Emergent Class Relations
- Land Ownership and Agrarian Relations
- Decline of Agrarian Economy, De – Peasantization and Migration
- Agrarian Unrest and Peasant Movements
- Changing Inter – Community Relations and Violence

## 2. Urban Society

- Urbanism, Urbanity and Urbanization
- Towns, Cities and Mega – Cities
- Industry, Service and Business
- Neighborhood, Slums and Ethnic Enclaves
- Middle Class and Gated Communities
- Urban Movements and Violence

# **Unit – 5 : State, Politics and Development**

## 1. Political Processes in India

- Tribe, Nation State and Border
- Bureaucracy
- Governance and Development
- Public Policy : Health, Education and Livelihoods
- Political Culture
- Grass – root Democracy
- Law and Society
- Gender and Development
- Corruption
- Role of International Development Organizations

## 2. Social Movements and Protests

- Political Factions, Pressure Groups
- Movements based on Caste, Ethnicity, Ideology, Gender, Disability, Religion and Region
- Civil Society and Citizenship
- NGOs, Activism and Leadership
- Reservations and Politics

## **Unit – 6 : Economy and Society**

- Exchange, Gift , Capital, Labor and Market
- Mode of Production Debates
- Property and Property Relations
- State and Market: Welfarism and Neoliberalism
- Models of Economic Development
- Poverty and Exclusion
- Factory and Industry Systems
- Changing Nature of Labour Relations
- Gender and of Labour Process
- Business and Family
- Digital Economy, E- Commerce
- Global Business and Corporates
- Tourism
- Consumption

## **Unit – 7 : Environment and Society**

- Social and Cultural Ecology: Diverse Forms
- Technological Change, Agriculture and Biodiversity
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Ethno – Medicine
- Gender and Environment
- Forest Policies, Adivasis and Exclusion
- Ecological Degradation and Migration
- Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation

- Water and Social Exclusion
- Disasters and Community Responses
- Environmental pollution, Public Health and Disability
- Climate Change and International Policies
- Environmental Movements

#### **Unit – 8 : Family, Marriage and Kingship**

- Theoretical Approaches: Structure – Functionalist, Alliance and Cultural
- Gender Relations and Power Dynamics
- Inheritance, Successions and Authority
- Gender, Sexuality and Reproduction
- Children, Youth and Elderly
- Emotions and Family
- Emergent Forms of Family
- Changing Care and Support Systems
- Family Laws
- Domestic Violence and Crime against Women
- Honour Killing

#### **Unit – 9 : Science, Technology and Society**

- History of Technological Development
- Changing notions of Time and Space
- Flows and Boundaries
- Virtual Community
- Media: Print and Electronic, Visual and Social Media
- E – Governance and Surveillance Society
- Technology and Emerging Political Processes
- State Policy, Digital Divide and Inclusion
- Technology and Changing Family Relations
- Food and Technology
- Cyber Crime

#### **Unit – 10 : Culture and Symbolic Transformations**

- Signs and Symbols
- Rituals, Beliefs and Practices
- Changing Material Culture
- Moral Economy
- Education: Formal and Informal
- Religious: Organizations, Piety and Spirituality
- Commodification of Rituals
- Communalism and Secularism
- Cultural Identity and Mobilization

- Cultural and Politics
- Gender, Body and Culture
- Art and Aesthetics
- Ethics and Morality
- Sports and Culture
- Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism
- Religion and Economy
- Culture and Environment
- New Religious Movements