

**YOGI VEMANA UNIVERSITY : KADAPA**  
**SYLLABUS FOR THREE YEAR B.A / B.Sc., DEGREE EXAMINATIONS**  
**ANTHROPOLOGY**  
**SEMESTER - I**

**Paper –I : INTRODUCTION TO SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

**Objectives :** This is a foundation course in Social Anthropology conveying to students, the meaning of the key concepts and to familiarize the students with the elementary concepts of the discipline.

**Unit – I :** Meaning and scope of Anthropology, Sub-divisions of Anthropology and their inter-relationship. (Physical Anthropology, Social / Cultural Anthropology, Archaeological Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology).

**Unit – II :** Meaning of scope of Social Anthropology, sub-divisions of Social Anthropology, (Ethnology, Ethnography, Economic Anthropology, Applied Anthropology)

**Unit – III :** Historical-development and Relationship between Social Anthropology and other Social Sciences History, Psychology and Sociology.

**Unit – IV :** Basic concepts: Society, Community, Social Group, Social Institution, Association, Social status, Social Role, Values & Customs.

**Unit – V :** Culture: definition, characteristics, components, elements of culture, cultural changes & cultural growth.

**Practical Credit- 2**

Methods and Techniques of Social Anthropology: The practical will include the following techniques and methods in collection of data in Social Anthropology.

1. Observation
2. Interview
3. Questionnaire and Schedule
4. Case study
5. Life history

**Reference Books:**

1. Beal, R and Hoijer, H (1979): An Introduction to Anthropology. Beattie, J (1999); Other cultures.
2. Behura, N.K. (1988) Anthropological thought and theories. Herskovits, M.J (1955) Cultural Anthropology.
3. Hoebel, E.A and Frost. E.L. (1979) Cultural and Social Anthropology. Majumdar, D.N. & Madan, T.N.: An Introduction to Social Anthropology. Suryanarayana, M. Samajika Manavasastram –Parichayalu (Telugu).
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6. Publications.
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12. Belmont: Wadsworth.

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15. Lang G. (1956). 'Concept of Status and Role in Anthropology: Their Definitions and
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18. Parsons T. (1968). *The Structure of Social Action*. New York: Free Press
19. Rapport N. and Overing J. (2004). *Key Concepts in Social and Cultural Anthropology*.
20. London: Routledge.
21. Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland (1971). *'Methods' In Notes*
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**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR : SEMESTER - II**  
**PAPER- II : SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

**SYLLABUS**

**Objectives** : Students of anthropology are supposed to be experts in human societies. In other words, they should know of the basic concepts that are used in such societies as well as the basic constituent units. This paper is designed to give them a grounding in such basic concept using examples from within and outside India. The skills pirated from the class should be useful to the student in analyzing any society in terms of the components and collect data regarding these units.

**Unit - I** : Definition of marriage, characteristics, forms and functions of marriage, ways of acquiring mates in primitive societies.

**Unit - II** : Basic Concepts: Exogamy and Endogamy. Basic ideas of incest. Theories of Incest.

**Unit - III** : Definition of family, types and functions of family, universality of family.

**Unit - IV** : Indian joint family, Impact of industrialization, Urbanization, education and modernization on the family.

**Unit - V** : Nature of kinship, degree of kinship, kinship terminology, kinship groups: Lineage, clan, phrany, Moiety; kinship-Application.

***Recommended Readings :***

Beal, R and Hoijer, H ( 1979): An Introduction to Anthropology

Hoebel, E.A and Frost. E.L. (1979) Cultural and Social Anthropology

Howards, Michael, C ( 1989 ): Contemporary Cultural Anthropology

Kottak, C.P ( 1991 ) : Cultural Anthropology

Haviland, W.A ( 1991 ) : Cultural Anthropology.

**2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR : SEMESTER III**  
**Paper – III : TRIBAL ECONOMY, POLITY AND RELIGION**

**SYLLABUS**

**Objectives:** This paper imparts the basic institutions of society. There are also units on ideas relating to cultural change and the applications of Anthropological knowledge. The skills imparted from this class should be useful to the student in analyzing any society in terms of its components and collect data regarding these units.

**Syllabus**

**Unit – I :** Economic organization: Definition. Different forms of tribal economy – food gathering, Hunting, Fishing, Pastoral, Horticultural, Agriculture.

**Unit-II :** Tribal polity- meaning, features of tribal polity, types of political organization (uncentralized, centralized ). Tribal welfare measures : Multipurpose Tribal Development Blocks (MTDB), Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP), Tribal Youth Self-employment Schemes (TRISEM).

**Unit – III:** Meaning of applied and action Anthropology; The modern trends in Indian Tribal Culture. Impact of Hindu and Christian Culture on Tribes.

**Unit – IV :** Religion : Definition, constituents of Religion. Theories of origin of religion- Animism, Animatism, Totemism, Naturalism. Functions of religion.

**Unit – V :** Magic: Types of Magic; Magic, Religion and science; Shaman, Priest, folk medical practioner.

***Recommended Readings :***

Anderson, M. (ed)(1971): The Sociology of the Family.

Beal, R and Hoijer, H ( 1979): An Introduction to Anthropology

Ember, C.R. and Ember, M: (1996) Anthropology

Herskovits, M.J (1955) : Cultural Anthropology

Mair, Lucy (1989) An Introduction to Social Anthropology

Majumdar, D.N. and T.N. Madan (1963) : An Introduction to Social Anthropology,.

Radcliff-Brown, A.R. (1952): Structure and function in primitive societies

**2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR : SEMESTER - IV**  
**Paper – IV : PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF INDIA**

**SYLLABUS**

**Unit - I :** India as cultural Region in terms of language and socio- economic conditions; Unity and Diversity; Racial difference. Culture and Personality approaches; Field work tradition in Anthropology. Major contributions of E.B. Tylor, B. Malinowski, Radcliffe Brown, M.N. Srinivas, L.H. Morgan, D.N. Majumdar.

**Unit – II :** Tribe : Definition, Characteristics, Distribution of tribes in India, Ethnography of tribes: Chenchus, Gonds, Todas, Tribal movements in India, Reasons behind the movement, Rampa Movement, NaxalBari Movement, Srikakulam Movement.

**Unit-III :** Problems of Indian Tribes: Land alienations, Displacement, Rehabilitation and Education, British Policy towards tribes in India. Post independent Govt. Policy. Constitutional safeguards.

**Unit-IV :** Caste system : Characteristics of caste; Theories of caste origin, jajmani system; Dalits ( who are dalits and their developments ), Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes; constitutional safeguards; Poverty , Untouchability ; Education.

**Unit-V :** Caste Mobility: Sanskritization, Westernization; characteristics of Indian villages, changes in Indian villages after Independence.

***Recommended Readings :***

Bose, Nirmal kumar: Tribal life in India

Hutton, J.H: Caste in India

Majumdar, DN: Races and cultures of India

Prasad Rao, D.L. : Grameena Samudayalu ( Telugu ) Telugu Academy publications.

Srinivas, M.N. Social change in India

Srinivas, M.N. Social Structure

Vidyarthi, L.P. & Rao, K.N. Tribal culture of India.

Hussain naidu : Tribal Problems.

Vidyarthi, L.P. : Applied Anthropology.

Srinivas M.N. (1996) Social Change in Modern India.

Haimendorf, C. (1982) : Tribes of India – The Struggle for Survival.

Singh, K.S. (1990) (cd) : The Tribal Situation in India Simla.

**2<sup>nd</sup>YEAR : SEMESTER -IV**  
**Paper – V : THEORIES IN SOCIAL / CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

**SYLLABUS**

**Objectives:** This is a foundation course in social/cultural Anthropology. It will help better appreciation of the materials in human understanding in social relations. The objective of the course is also to sensitive the students with main theoretical trends in terms of their ideological and methodological implications.

**Syllabus**

**Unit – I :** Aspects of culture : Culture universal, Cultural relativism, Cultural integration dynamics of culture : Acculturation, Transculturation.

**Unit-II :** Cultural Evolution: Unilinear Evolution; Neo Evolution; Morgan, Leslie White, Julian Steward, Marx and Engles.

**Unit – III :** Diffusion of Culture : British and Americal Schools, Structural Functionalism.

**Unit – IV :** Culture and Personality approaches; Field work tradition in Anthropology.

**Unit – V :** Major contributions of E.B. Tylor, B. Malinowski, Radchitte Brown, M.N. Srinivas, L.H. Morgan, D.N. Majumdar.

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Beal, R and Hoijer, H ( 1979): An Introduction to Anthropology

Behura, N.K. (1988) Anthropological thought and theories Calcutta.

Hoebel, E.A. and Frost, E.L. (1979) Cultural and Social Anthropology.

Jha, M (1983) An Introduction to Anthropological thought New Delhi.

Kottak, C.P. (1996) cultural Anthropology.

Upadhyay, V.S. and G. Pandey (1993) : History of Anthropological thought.

