

Master of Arts (Sociology)

PROGRAMME GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The two years master degree programme in sociology is designed for open and distance learning to provide advanced sociological knowledge, perspectives and skills to a wide cross section of students who are unable to access and also who do not have enough time for regular course. The purpose of this course is to introduce the basic concepts, methods and theories of sociological studies. Students will be introduced to the sociological perspective and will be presented with a set of core sociological concepts and tools to examine the social world and explore social issues. The course contents focuses on the concepts and theories of sociological, social research methods, social stratification and social mobility, rural and urban societies in the contemporary India. In addition, courses at this level are also concerned with the problems relating to globalization, development, mass media and social change.

ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES

Broadly, three orientations can be described/ defined with reference to the teaching of sociology: Job orientation (as in vocational courses), Knowledge orientation (as in personality and skill development) and Social orientation (as in responsible citizenship education). Keeping this orientation in mind, the programme emphasizes on the following Objectives:

1. To equip the students to critically understand and interpret social institutions, social issues and changes.
2. To generate in students the importance of understanding how gender, ethnic, racial and religion differences, among others, influence social structure and social processes in human societies.
3. To help students broaden their view of society beyond their own immediate experience and understand how and why their own experiences may be similar or different to the experiences of others.
4. To help students acquire skills that will be useful to them in their personal and professional life.

PROGRAMME CODE: 442C- S

DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME:

Minimum Duration: 2 Years

Maximum Duration: 4 Years

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION/ EXAMINATION:

Student has the option of writing the Exam in English/Hindi/Punjabi language.

SCHEME					
COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CR	CA	ETE	ETP
TERM 1					
DSOC411	CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT	4	30	70	0
DSOC412	SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP	4	30	70	0
DSOC413	PERSPECTIVES OF SOCIAL CHANGE	4	30	70	0
DSOC414	METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL RESEARCH	4	30	70	0
TERM 2					
DSOC415	STRUCTURAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY	4	30	70	0
DSOC416	SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY	4	30	70	0
DSOC417	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT	4	30	70	0
DSOC418	METHODS AND TOOLS IN SOCIAL RESEARCH	4	30	70	0
TERM 3					
DSOC511	RURAL SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	4	30	70	0
DSOC512	SOCIAL STRATIFICATION: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES	4	30	70	0
DSOC513	CLASSICAL INDIAN SOCIOLOGY	4	30	70	0
DSOC514	PERSPECTIVES ON URBAN SOCIETY	4	30	70	0
TERM 4					
DSOC515	SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT	4	30	70	0
DSOC516	FORMS OF SOCIAL STRATIFICATION	4	30	70	0
DSOC517	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIOLOGY	4	30	70	0
DSOC518	SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT	4	30	70	0
TOTAL CREDITS		64			

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	1	Course Title	CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT
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Weightage		
CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	The Development of Sociology in the 19th Century
2.	Auguste Comte: Intellectual Background, Theory of evolution and progress, The law of three stages, Hierarchy of the sciences, Social statics and social dynamics
3.	Karl Marx: Intellectual Background, Materialistic interpretation of history, Emergence of capitalism, theory of capitalist development- Commodities, surplus value, and processes of capitalism
4.	Karl Marx: Emergence of classes and class conflict, Alienation in the capitalist society, Marx's theory of social change
5.	Emile Durkheim: Intellectual Background, Contribution to the methodology of Sociology – Sociology as a Science - concept of social facts

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Abraham, F. and Morgan, J.H. 1997, Sociological Thought. New Delhi: MacMillan India Limited
2. Coser, Lewis, 2003 (2nd Edition): Masters of Sociological Thought - Ideas in Historical and Social Context, Waveland Press, Inc.
3. Ritzer, George, 2010: Sociological Theory, Tata-McGraw Hill
4. Ashley, David & David Michael Orenstein, 2007: Sociological Theory: Classical Statements, Pearson Education India.
5. Hughes, John A., Martin, Peter, J. and Sharrock, W. W. 1995 : Understanding Classical Sociology – Marx, Weber and Durkheim, Sage Publications
6. Aron, Raymond 1965 – 1967: Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. I and II, Penguin, Chapters on Marx, Durkheim and Weber.
7. Adams, Bert N. & R.A. Sydie. 2001: Sociological Theory, Delhi: Vistaar.
8. Giddens, Anthony. 1997: Capitalism and Modern Social Theory, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	2	Course Title	SOCIOLOGY OF KINSHIP
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CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Sociology of Kinship: Nature and significance of the subject
2.	Basic terms and concepts: Lineage, clan, phratry, moiety, kingroup, kindred, incest, descent, Inheritance, succession, consanguinity and affinity.
3.	Approaches to the study of kinship: historical and evolutionary, Structural functional, Cultural, gender perspective
4.	Kinship terminology, Kinship as an organizing principle: descent- patrilineal, matrilineal, double and cognatic descent
5.	Kinship as an organising principle: descent groups, corporate groups and local groups, Changes in Land and Lineage Structure.

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Dharam Vir, 2006: Kinship, Family and Marriage: Changing Perspectives, New Academic Publishers
2. Uberoi, P. 1994. Family, Kinship and Marriage in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Kapadia, K.M., 1982: Marriage and Family in India, Oxford University Press

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	3	Course Title	PERSPECTIVES OF SOCIAL CHANGE
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CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1	Social Change: Definition, Characteristic, Sources, Change in structure and change of structure
2	Theories of Social Change: Evolutionary, cyclical, functionalist and conflict
3	Factors of Social Change: Demographic, Economic, Religious, Social, Cultural, technological, Geographical and Media
4	Social Change in Contemporary India: Trends of change; Processes of change: Sanskritization and westernization, Modernization and Secularization
5	Formulating social policies and programmes: policy and project planning, Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of methodologies

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Ahuja, Ram, 1994: Indian Social System, Rawat Publication.
2. Srinivas, M.N., 1963: Social Change in Modern India, University of California Press.
3. Sharma, K.L., 2007: Indian Social Structure and Change, Rawat Publication.

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	4	Course Title	METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL RESEARCH
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Elements of Scientific methods and various steps in social research; Objectivity/ Value Neutrality
2.	Basic concepts: Concept, hypothesis, theory and facts, facts and values; Ethical Issues in Social research
3.	Induction and deduction, propositions, syllogism and logical fallacies. Pure and Applied research
4.	Research Design: Meaning of research design, Selecting a research design; Types of Research Design: Exploratory, descriptive; Types of Research Design: longitudinal and cross-sectional or comparative
5.	Constructing an Instrument for data collection: Selecting a method for data collection, Establishing the validity and reliability of a research instrument

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Punch, K. F. and Punch K, 2005: Introduction to Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches Sage Publication.
2. C.R. Kothari, 2008: Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, New Age International Publishers.
3. Sjoberg, Gideon and Roger Nett, 2006: Methodology for Social Research, Rawat Publication
4. Kumar, Ranjit, 2010, Research Methodology: A step-by-step guide for beginners, Sage Publications.
5. Kumar, A. 2002. Research Methodology in Social Science. Sarup & Sons

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	5	Course Title	STRUCTURAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
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CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Emile Durkheim: Division of labour in Society – mechanical solidarity and organic solidarity, Theory of suicide, Theories of Religion
2.	Max Weber: Intellectual Background, Sociology as an interpretative science, Concepts of Verstehen and ideal types, Theory of social action – types of social actions
3.	Max Weber: Analysis of modern capitalism. Protestant ethic and emergence of capitalism, Concepts of status, class and power, Authority and power – types of authority, Bureaucracy
4.	Vilfredo Pareto: Intellectual Background, Contribution to the methodology – logico – experimental method,
5.	Vilfredo Pareto: Classification of logical and non-logical actions, Theory of residues and derivatives, Theory of social change- Types of elites, their classification, circulation of Elites.

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ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Abraham, F. and Morgan, J.H. 1997, Sociological Thought. New Delhi: MacMillan India Limited
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3. Ritzer, George, 2010: Sociological Theory, Tata-McGraw Hill
4. Ashley, David & David Michael Orenstein, 2007: Sociological Theory: Classical Statements, Pearson Education India.
5. Hughes, John A., Martin, Peter, J. and Sharrock, W. W. 1995 : Understanding Classical Sociology – Marx, Weber and Durkheim, Sage Publications
6. Aron, Raymond 1965 – 1967: Main Currents in Sociological Thought, Vol. I and II, Penguin, Chapters on Marx, Durkheim and Weber.
7. Adams, Bert N. & R.A. Sydie. 2001: Sociological Theory, Delhi: Vistaar.
8. Giddens, Anthony. 1997: Capitalism and Modern Social Theory, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	6	Course Title	SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
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CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Marriage: concept, forms, significance, Monogamy and polygamy, Mate selection in India and the West, Bride-wealth and Dowry
2.	Changing trends in marriage, Divorce, widowhood and remarriage, Rules of residence: virilocal, uxoriocal, neolocal and natolocal residence, The genealogical method
3.	Family & Household, Definition of Family, nature of family, Forms and functions of family, Development Cycle of family in India.
4.	Joint Family: Forms and functions, Impact of Industrialization, Urbanization and Modernization on Joint Family, Future of Family: Emerging alternatives- Singlehood, cohabitation, Female headed households
5.	Family Problems: Violence in families, Desertion & Divorce, Dowry death & Bride Burning, Family and marriage in India: Regional diversities Forces of change, family in the context of care of the child and the aged. Demographic dimensions of family and marriage

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ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Dharam Vir, 2006: Kinship, Family and Marriage: Changing Perspectives, New Academic Publishers
2. Uberoi, P. 1994. Family, Kinship and Marriage in India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3. Kapadia, K.M., 1982: Marriage and Family in India, Oxford University Press

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	7	Course Title	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT
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Weightage		
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Critical Perspectives on Development: Ecological, liberal, Marxian; Paths of Development: Capitalist, socialist, mixed economy, Gandhian;
2.	Agencies of Development: State, market, non-governmental organizations
3.	Social Structure and Development: Structure as a facilitator/inhibitor: Development and socio-economic disparities; Gender and development
4.	Culture and Development: Culture as an aid to development; Culture as an impediment to development
5.	Development and displacement of tradition; Development and upsurge of ethnicity; Indian Experience of Development: Sociological appraisal of Five- Plans; Social consequences of economic reforms, Socio-cultural repercussions of globalization, Social implications of info-tech revolution

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Webster, Andrew, 1997: Introduction to the Sociology of Development, Palgrave MacMillan
2. Sheobahal Singh, 2011: Sociology of Development, Rawat Publication
3. Gore, M.S., 2003: Social Development, Rawat Publication
4. Harrison, D. 1989: The Sociology of Modernization and Development, Sage Publication

Course Code	D	S	O	C	4	1	8	Course Title	METHODS AND TOOLS IN SOCIAL RESEARCH
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Quantitative Methods and Survey Research: Survey techniques, Sampling Design, Questionnaire and Interview schedule, Reliability and Validity, Limitations of Survey
2.	Qualitative Research Techniques I: Techniques and methods of qualitative research, Participant observation, Ethnography
3.	Qualitative Research Techniques II: Case study method, Content analysis, Oral history, narratives, Methodological dilemmas and issues in qualitative research, Validity and reliability in qualitative research
4.	Statistics in Social Research: Methods: Meaning, characteristics of statistical method; Measures of central tendency: Mean, Median, Mode; Measures of Dispersion: Standard Deviation
5.	Statistics in Social Research: Correlational Analysis: Test of significance and co-variance, Writing a Research Report

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Punch, K. F. and Punch K, 2005: Introduction to Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches Sage Publication.
2. C.R. Kothari, 2008: Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, New Age International Publishers.
3. Sjoberg, Gideon and Roger Nett, 2006: Methodology for Social Research, Rawat Publication
4. Kumar, Ranjit, 2010, Research Methodology: A step-by-step guide for beginners, Sage Publications.
5. Kumar, A. 2002. Research Methodology in Social Science. Sarup & Sons

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	1	Course Title	RURAL SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION
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30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Rural sociology: Definition, Significance and scope, subject matter of rural sociology
2.	Distinctive characteristics of rural society: Joint family, ritual structures, Occupation, labour market and technology
3.	Debates of mode of production and agrarian relation- tenancy lands and labour, Hindu Jajmani system and changing labour market
4.	Agrarian legislation and rural social structure, Rural and urban continuum, rural and urban migration
5.	Dynamics of Rural India: Inter - caste tensions, rural leadership, Poverty, rural indebtedness, farmers' suicide

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. J.B.Chitambar, Introductory Rural Sociology by, New Age International Ltd,India, 2nd Edition, (1997)
2. Sharma R.K. Rural Sociology, 2011, Atlantic Publishers: New Delhi

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	2	Course Title	SOCIAL STRATIFICATION: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Understanding Social Stratification: Concept, Characteristics, Processes of Social Stratification, Social Stratification and Social Inequality
2.	Concepts in Social stratification: A brief introduction to caste, class, race, ethnicity & gender
3.	Theories of Social Stratification – I: Functional theory: Davis & Moore, Parsons
4.	Theories of Social Stratification – II: Conflict theory – Karl Marx, R. Dahrendorf ; Multidimensional/combined theories- Max Weber, Andre Beteille
5.	Social Mobility: Determinants, Patterns of Mobility in Caste and Class, Mobility in closed and open systems of stratification, Changing Dimensions of Social Stratification: Emergence of Middle Class system

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Sharma, K.L., 2010: Perspectives on Social Stratification, Rawat Publication
2. Bendix and Lipset (eds.), 1970: Class, Status, and Power: Social Stratification In Comparative Perspective, Routledge and Kegan Paul
3. Gupta, Dipankar (Ed.), 2010 (Reprint): Social Stratification, Oxford University Press
4. Tumin, Melvin, M. 1967: Social Stratification–The Forms and Functions of Inequality, Prentice Hall.

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	3	Course Title	CLASSICAL INDIAN SOCIOLOGY
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Weightage		
CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Introduction to India society: Modernisation and Development of Indian Society, Basic Pillars of Indian Social Structure: Village, Caste, Joint family
2.	Theoretical Perspectives (Indological/Textual): G.S. Ghurye, Louis Dumont.
3.	Theoretical Perspectives (Structural Functionalism): M.N. Srinivas, S.C. Dube.
4.	Theoretical Perspectives (Marxism): D.P. Mukherjee, A.R. Desai, R.K. Mukherjee
5.	Theoretical Perspectives (Synthesis of Textual and Field Views): Irawati Karve, A.M. Shah.

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL.

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. A TEXT BOOK OF SOCIOLOGY by S.KAPILA, NEW ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CO, 4th Edition, (2013)
2. READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY PART-LLL by MADHURIMA, NEW ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CO, 10th Edition, (2013)

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	4	Course Title	PERSPECTIVE ON URBAN SOCIETY
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Weightage		
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30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Sociological dimensions of urbanisation, factors of urbanisation, Social consequences of urbanisation
2.	Ecological Theories of Urban growth: Burges' Concentric Zone theory, Hoyt's Sector theory, Harris and Ullman's Multiple Nuclei Theory
3.	Urbanism as a way of life, City industrial urban-base, its growth and special features, Industry cantered developments in cities
4.	Ethnic tensions in Urban India, Indian city and its growth, migration
5.	Urban planning in India: Need, Initiatives in the Five Year Plans, Urban institutions, Factors affecting urban planning, regional planning

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Bose, Ashish : India's Urbanisation 1901-2001 (Tata McGraw Hill, N. Delhi)
2. Kosambi Meera, 1994, Urbanisation and Urban Development in India, ICSSR, New Delhi

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	5	Course Title	SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Weightage		
CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Dynamics of Rural India: Interplay of caste, class and power; peasant uprisings, Village Panchayats: History and organisations
2.	Planned change for rural society, Panchayatraj, local self government, Community development programmes and rural development strategies
3.	Rural Development programme: NREGA, Participatory approach to Rural Development; Major agrarian movements in India- A critical analysis
4.	Changing village social organisation: Green Revolution and social change
5.	Land reforms and social change; Globalisation and its impact on agriculture

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. J.B.Chitambar, Introductory Rural Sociology by, New Age International ltd,india, 2nd Edition, (1997)
2. Sharma R.K. Rural Sociology, 2011, Atlantic Publishers: New Delhi

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30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Forms of Social Stratification: Caste, Class, Gender, Social Stratification in Urban and Industrial Settings
2.	Caste: Concept, As a system of Stratification, Mandal Commission-The Sociological Debate, Resurgence of caste in contemporary Indian Society
3.	Class: Class in advanced societies, Middle Class and New Middle Class. Class and mobility: Occupation and mobility, education and mobility, Caste and Class – Interface
4.	Race and Ethnicity: Race, Racial group, ethnic groups; minority & majority relations, Causes of racial and ethnic inequality
5.	Gender and Stratification: Patriarchy and the Subordination of Women, The Family as a Site of Inequality, Gender, Work, and Entitlements

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL (SLM)

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. Sharma, K.L., 2010: Perspectives on Social Stratification, Rawat Publication
2. Bendix and Lipset (eds.), 1970: Class, Status, and Power: Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective, Routledge and Kegan Paul
3. Gupta, Dipankar (Ed.), 2010 (Reprint): Social Stratification, Oxford University Press
4. Tumin, Melvin, M. 1967: Social Stratification–The Forms and Functions of Inequality, Prentice Hall.

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	7	Course Title	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIOLOGY
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COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Theoretical Perspectives (Civilisational): N.K. Bose, Surajit Sinha
2.	Theoretical Perspectives (Subaltern Perspective): B.R. Ambedkar, David Hardiman.
3.	Contextualization, the use of native categories in the analysis of Indian society
4.	Indianisation/indigenization, Sociology for India
5.	Challenges of Globalization

READINGS: SELF LEARNING MATERIAL.

ADDITIONAL READINGS:

1. A TEXT BOOK OF SOCIOLOGY by S.KAPILA, NEW ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CO, 4th Edition, (2013)
2. READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY PART-LLL by MADHURIMA, NEW ACADEMIC PUBLISHING CO, 10th Edition, (2013)

Course Code	D	S	O	C	5	1	8	Course Title	SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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Weightage		
CA	ETE (Th.)	ETP
30	70	0

COURSE CONTENT:

Sr. No.	Content
1.	Introduction to Urban sociology: Significance and scope of the study of urban sociology, subject matter of urban sociology
2.	Origin and development of cities, typologies of city
3.	Patterns and Trends of Urbanization (with reference to India),
4.	Changing occupational structure, and its impact on social stratification- class, caste, gender, family
5.	Urban Issues: Problems of housing, slum development, Urban environmental problems, Urban poverty, Urban unemployment

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1. Bose, Ashish : India's Urbanisation 1901-2001 (Tata McGraw Hill, N. Delhi)
2. Kosambi Meera, 1994, Urbanisation and Urban Development in India, ICSSR, New Delhi