

Learning Materials for Sociology Minor Course

1. Introduction to Sociology

Topics:

- What is Sociology?
- Society, Culture, and Social Institutions
- Sociological Imagination (C. Wright Mills)
- Founders: Marx, Weber, Durkheim

Resources:

- Book: Anthony Giddens - Sociology (Chapters 1-3)
- Video: Crash Course Sociology (YouTube)

2. Indian Society: Structure and Change

Topics:

- Caste and Class in India
- Family, Kinship and Marriage
- Village and Urban Society
- Social Movements and Change

Resources:

- Book: Nadeem Hasnain - Indian Society: Structure and Change
- Documentary: India Untouched (Caste Discrimination)

3. Gender and Society

Topics:

- Gender vs. Sex
- Patriarchy, Masculinity and Femininity
- Gender-Based Violence
- Intersectionality: Caste, Class, Gender

Resources:

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- Book: Nivedita Menon - Seeing Like a Feminist
- Article: Kumar, Radha (1993) - History of Doing
- Case Study: Gulabi Gang / Chipko Movement

4. Social Research Methods

Topics:

- Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
- Survey, Interview, Ethnography
- Positivism vs Interpretivism
- Ethics in Research

Resources:

- Book: C.R. Kothari - Research Methodology
- Exercise: Design a short questionnaire on caste or gender bias

5. Contemporary Social Issues

Topics:

- Education and Inequality
- Unemployment and Migration
- Environmental Problems
- Media and Society

Resources:

- Book: Harsh Mander - Looking Away: Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India
- Video: Sociology Guide on Indian Social Problems (YouTube)

Bonus: Free Online Platforms

- SWAYAM / NPTEL Sociology courses by Indian Professors
- EPW (Economic and Political Weekly) for research articles
- JSTOR / Google Scholar for academic papers (if accessible)