

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Syllabus of Semester – III of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on Under Graduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2025-26

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

BA. (Hons) Sociology

Multi-Disciplinary Course: Indian Society – Social Problems & Issues

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Indian Society: Social Problems & Issues MDC-219-C	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Basic Knowledge of Sociology

About the Course:

Social problems and issues are one of the major papers offered in Sociology, Social Science and Humanities. Social problem is condition in Society which is judged to be undesirable and in need of reform or elimination. The social issues like poverty, unemployment, migration, crime, delinquency, drug abuse, child abuse, crime against women, crime against children, discrimination on the basis of Caste, class & religion, corruption, family and health problems, education, political, economic, cultural and environment issues and human rights violation all need to be seen in the socio-economic repercussions. This course explains about the social problems faced by the individuals and the society and introspects how to handle the issues in socioeconomic perspectives. This course is imperative to all Social science and sociology students as it deals with major problems of society and equip them to deal with it to overcome certain issues by helping the concerned individual or society or authorities towards making a better society.

Unit 1: Understanding Social Problems: Concepts, Theories, and Economic Inequality (15L)

- Introduction to Social Problems and its classification
- Structural & Social Disorganization & Social problems
- Sociological theories and social problem
- Economic inequality

Unit 2: Social Inequality and Marginalized Communities in India (15 L)

- Caste and Gender Inequality
- Impact of Rising Social Disharmony
- Religious and Ethnic Minorities
- Backward Classes and Dalits

Unit 3: Social Deviance, Substance Abuse, and Social Consequences (15L)

- Social Deviance
- Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- Substance Abuse and Prostitution
- Drug Abuse in India

Unit 4: Contemporary Social Issues (15 L)

- Crime and Delinquency
- Corruption
- Changing Profile of Crime and Criminals
- Suicide

Books and Reference

1. Economic Dimensions of Gender Inequality: A Global Perspective by Janet M. Rives
2. Corruption in India. (Agenda for Action) by Sanjivi Guhan, Paul Samuel
3. Preventing violence against women and children by Ronald B. Taylor
4. Epoch of Disharmony by Billiam
5. Social Disorganization in India by Memoria, C.B.
6. Indian Social Problems: A Sociological Perspective (English) paperback- 1 january 2015 by C. N. Shankar Rao.
7. Sociology of Indian Society paperback -1 September 2004 by C. N. Shankar Rao
8. social problems in india , rawat publication 2012, ram Ahuja
9. Indian social problems vol 1 paperback-1 January 2009 allied publishers by G R Madan.
10. Indian social problems vol 2 paperback-7 January 2013 allied publishers by G R Madan