



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA (H) GE-Sociology
Paper Title:	Understanding Indian Society
Unique Paper Code:	2304001003
Semester:	I
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Work Plan			
Period	Units	Learning Objective	Topics to be Covered
1 st -10 th Aug	I (A) Indian Society: The Historical and Social Foundation	Develop a reflexive and nuanced understanding of Indian Society	Changing India
10 th -15 th Aug	I (B) =	=	Antinomies of Society
	II Foundational Institutions and Emerging Dynamics	Enable an understanding and sensitivity towards India's diversity and uniqueness.	
16 th -20 th Aug	II (A) Caste, Class, Religion and Scheduled Tribe.	=	Caste in Contemporary India
20 th -25 Aug	=	=	India's Middle Classes in Contemporary India
25 th -30 Aug	=	=	Politics of Language, Religion and Identity: Tribes in India
1 st -5 th Sep	=	=	Religions of India; Plurality and Pluralism
5 th -10 Sep	II (B) Family and Gender	=	Everyday Life in South Asia
10 th -15 Sep	=	=	On the Construction of Gender: Hindu Girls in Patrilineal India

15 th -20 th Sep	III (C) Village and City	=	The Changing Village
20 th -25 th Sep	=	=	Indian City after Economic Liberalization
25 th -30 th Sep	Political Economy	=	The Invention of Modern India
1 st -5 th Oct	=	=	A Concise History of Modern India
	II Emerging Issues and Challenges	Provides an intersectional understanding of complex social processes.	
5 th -15 th Oct	=	=	Sociology of Developing Societies
16 th -30 th Oct	=	=	Women's Movement in India
1 st -19 th Nov	=	=	Citizenship and National identity: From Colonialism to Globalism

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	The course throws light on different dimensions of Indian social life including institutional structures, processes and contemporary issues and challenges. The historical processes and ideological tensions underlying the diversity and uniqueness of various social formations.
II	Institutions and concepts like village, town, caste structure and politics, class dynamics, religion, tribes, family, gender and political economy in the context of India.
III	The building blocks and core processes of Indian Society are considered relationally and as intersecting fields.
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