



Indraprastha College for Women

University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2025

Course Name:	B.A. (H) Sociology
Paper Title:	Sociology of Religion
Unique Paper Code:	2302102303
Semester:	III
Faculty(s):	Dr. Seema Tamta
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Thinking through Religion	1-4 5-9 10-13	a. Religion in Sociology b. Magic, Science and Religion c. Atheism
II	Religion and Ritual	14- 19 20- 24	a. Rites of Passage b. Ritual
III	Sociological Engagements with World Religion	25- 28 29- 33 34- 36 37- 42	a. Hinduism b. Islam c. Christianity d. Buddhism
IV	Religion, State and Society	42- 45	Religion, State and Society
20 th Nov			DISBERSAL OF CLASSES

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Thinking through Religion

II	Religion and Ritual
III	Sociological Engagement with World Religion
IV	Religion, State and Society
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Davie, G (2003). The Evolution of the Sociology of Religion: Theme and Variations. In Handbook of the Sociology of Religion, Michele Dillon, Cambridge University Press. Pp 61- 75
2.	Durkheim, E. (2001). The Elementary Forms of Religion Life. A New Translation by Carol Cosman, OUP: Oxford. Pp.25- 46
3.	Malinowski, B. (1948) Magic, Science and Religion and Other Essays. The Free Press: U.S.A.Pp 35-70
4.	Van Gennep, A. The Rites of Passage. Routledge & Kegan Paul: London, Introduction and pp1-14, 116-145. (1960)
5.	Parry, J. Death and Digestion: The Symbolism of Food and Eating in North Indian Mortuary Rites, Man , New Series, Vol. 20, No. 4 , pp. 612-630 Published by: Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland. (1985)
6.	Shah A.M. and. M.N. Srinivas. Hinduism. In International. Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Vol.6, pp358-66. (1968)
7.	Gilsenan, M. Recognising Islam: An Anthropologist's Introduction. Croom Helm: London. Pp 9-37. (1982)
8.	Parsons, T. Christianity. In International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences Vol. 2, pp 425-447. (1968)
9.	Gethin, R. The Buddha: The Story of the Awakened One . In The Foundations of Buddhism, OUP:Oxford, Chapter 1, pp. 7-34. (1998)
10.	Smith. D. E. India as a Secular State, Princeton University Press. Ch. 1, 2 pp. 3-54. (1963)

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	0
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment/Quiz/Project/Presentation - Class Test - Attendance		30
		12	
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	NA	NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90