

Undergraduate Program in Anthropology

Tribes and Peasants in India

Semester IV

Paper 09

Marks: 150 (Theory = 75; Internal Assessment = 25; Practical / Project = 50)

Theory

Unit I: Anthropological Concept of Tribe

1. Problems of nomenclature, definition and classification.
2. Features of tribes in India.

Unit II: Tribes and Wider world.

1. The history of tribal administration; Constitutional safeguards
2. Draft National Tribal Policy, Issues of acculturation assimilation and integration. Impact of development schemes and programme on tribal life.

Unit III: Anthropological Concept of Village

1. The concept of peasantry.
2. Approaches to the study of peasants – economic, political and cultural.
3. Characteristics of Indian village: social organization; economy and changes.
4. Caste system and changes.

Unit IV

Ethnicity Issues: Tribal and peasant movements; Identity issues

Practical

Reading of Ethnography: Students are required to read and analyze any two of the ethnographies (as listed below) and prepare a report based upon it. The report should clearly link up the study with the concept of tribe and peasantry and delineate clearly the concept used in the text.

1. Research questions/objectives of the study and their relevance.
2. Theoretical schema.
3. Methods and techniques used in the study.
4. Key findings and their significance in the context of the objectives of the study.
5. Critical analysis of the finding on the basis of contemporary available resources.

List of Ethnographies:

- Walker A. (1986). *The Todas*. Delhi : Hindustan Publishing Corporation Verrier Elwin (1992). *The Muria and their Ghotul*. USA: Oxford University Press.
- Malinowski M. (1922). *Argonauts of the Western Pacific*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd.
- Furer-Haimendorf C.V. (1939). *The Naked Nagas*. London: Methuen and Co.
- Evans-Pritchard E.E. (1940). *The Nuer: A Description of the Modes of Livelihood and Political Institutions of a Nilotic People*. Oxford : Clarendon Press.
- Majumdar D. N. (1950). *Affairs of tribes*. Lucknow: Universal Publishers Ltd.
- Dube S.C. (1955). *Indian Village*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd.
- Berreman G.D. (1963). *Hindus of the Himalayas*. Berkeley: California University Press.
- Urrithan K.M. (1997). *Identity, gender and poverty: Perspective of Caste and Tribes of Rajasthan*. USA : Berghahn Books
- Vitebsky P. (1993). *Dialogue with the Dead: Discussion of Morality among the Sora of Eastern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Firth R. (1936). *We the Tikopia*. London: Allen & Unwin Ltd.
- Freed S.A. and Freed R.S. (1979). *Shanti Nagar: The Effects of Urbanization in a Village in North India*. New York : American Museum of Natural History

Readings

1. Beteille A. (1998). „Concept of tribe in context of India“. In *Society and Politics in India: Essays in a Comparative Perspective*. Delhi : Oxford University press . [Unit I (Chapter-3)]
2. Beteille A. (2012). *The Peculiar Tenacity of Caste*. Economic & Political Weekly. March 31, 2012. Vol XLVII no 13 [Unit III (Page: 41-48)].

3. Gupta D. (1991). *Social Stratification*. Oxford University Press: Delhi [Unit II (section-1)]
4. Madan V. (2002). *The Village in India*. Oxford University Press: Delhi. (Section 1, V and VI and Chapters 6, 7 and 11).
5. Nathan D. (1998). *Tribe-Caste Question*. Simla: IAS. [Unit II (Chapter-1)]
6. *National Tribal Policy* (draft). (2006). Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Government of India.[Unit II]
7. Patnaik S.M. (1996). *Displacement, Rehabilitation and Social change*. Inter India Publication, Delhi. [Unit II (Chapter 7)].
8. Ray R. (2012). *The Naxalities and their Ideology*. (3rd edition), Delhi, Oxford university press. [Unit IV]
9. Shah G. (2002). *Social Movement and the State*. Delhi: Sage. [Unit IV]
10. Shah G. (2002). *Social Movement and the State*. Delhi: Sage. [Unit IV]
11. Shanin T. (1987). *Peasants and Peasantry*. New York, Blackwell. [Unit II (Chapters 1 and 2)]
12. Srivastava V.K. (2008). *The Concept of tribe in Draft Tribal Policy*. The Economic and Political Weekly. Vol XLIII No.50 [Unit II (Page: 29-36)]
13. Srivastava V.K. and Chaudhury S.K. (2009). *Sociology and Social Anthropology in India*. ICSSR Survey of Advances in Research. Pearson Delhi. [Unit II (Page: 50-117)]
14. Vidyarthi L.P. and Rai B.K. (1985) *Tribal Culture in India*, New Delhi, Concept Publishing Company. [Unit I (Page: 25-93)]
15. Wolf E. (1966). *Peasants*. NJ, Prentice Hall. [Unit II (Chapter 1)]
16. Xaxa V. (2003). Tribes in India. In Veena Das (ed.), *The Oxford Indian Companion to Sociology and social anthropology* Vol. 1. Delhi : Oxford University Press [Unit I (Page: 373 -408)].