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**Syllabus  
OF  
Sociology  
(General & Major)**

**Semester – III**

**2014**

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SOC UG 301- Elective

SOCIETY IN INDIA

**Unit-I: Nature and Feature of Indian Society**

1. Society in pre-British and British India: Landownership pattern, Self-sufficient village economy, growth of rural poverty and indebtedness and rise of new social classes
2. Modern India: Symbol of unity and diversity; Problems of national integration
3. Concept of village, Towns and cities : Features and Growth

**Unit-II: Composition of Indian Society**

1. Changing status of women, Problems and Empowerment
2. Tribes in India: General Features of Tribal Society: Problems in Defining a Tribe in India, Tribe – Caste Continuum: Group of Tribes, Tribe, Sub Tribe, Moiety, Phratary
3. Schedule Caste and Other Backward Class – Problems and upliftment Measures

**Unit: III: Basic Institutions of Indian Society**

1. Caste system- social mobility in the caste system: Jajmani system, Sanskritization; Caste and Class.
2. Family- Types, Function and Changing Nature of Family in India.
3. Kinship- Definition, Types, Usage and Importance in Social Life
4. Marriage- Types, Rules and Changes

**Unit: IV: Convergence and Ideas related to Indian Society**

1. Decentralization and Rural development in India: Role of Panchayati Raj system with special reference to Tripura.
2. Pattern of Urbanization in India: Characteristic, Features and social effects
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