

MDC-111: CULTURE AND SOCIETY
(Contact Hours-45, Credits-3)

Course Objectives (COs):

The course intends to familiarize the students with the conceptual and theoretical aspects of society and culture.

Learning Outcomes (LOs): The students will be able to develop insights and examine various concepts related to culture and society. The students are expected to learn components of culture and cultural diversity of India and North-East region of India.

Unit- I: Conceptual and Theoretical Aspects

Culture, Cultural Lag, Society
Components of Culture (Edward B. Tylor)
Functionalist theory of culture (Broislaw Malinowski)
Symbolic Interaction (George Herbert Mead)

Unit- II: Culture and its Attributes

Language
Food
Religion
Technology

Unit- III: Socio-Cultural Diversity - India and North-East India

Linguistic, Religious and Ethnic Diversity in India
Unity in Diversity: Contemporary Understanding
Socio-cultural Diversity of North-East India
Indigenous Knowledge Systems of the Tribes of North-East India

Suggested readings:

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- Ogburn, William F.1922. *Social Change with Respect to Nature and Original change*. Chicago: Chicago Press.
- Ranjan, Geetika. 2016. *Approaches to the study of Indian Culture and Society*. New Delhi: Pragun Publications.
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