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**Department of Sociology
Undergraduate Syllabus
MAJOR (Non-Lab Based Course)**

**Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-1)
Semester – I
Credits – 5 (75 hours)**

INTRODUCING SOCIOLOGY

1. Sociology: Discipline and Perspective (25hrs.)

- 1.1. Emergence of Sociology
- 1.2 Sociology and Common Sense, Sociological Imagination
- 1.3 Sociology and Social Anthropology: Relationships

2. Some Basic Concepts (35hrs.)

- 2.1 Individual and Social Groups
- 2.2 Culture: Concepts and Meaning, Subculture, Counter culture, Cultural Lag
- 2.3 Socialization: Concept, Processes and Agencies
- 2.4 Social Processes: Integrative and Disintegrative
- 2.5 Social Control: Types and Agencies
- 2.6 Social Change: Concept and Theories (Linear and Cyclical)

Reading Reference:

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MAJOR (Non-Lab Based Course)
Discipline Specific Core Course (DS-2)
Semester – II
Credits – 5 (75 Hours)

INTRODUCING INDIAN SOCIETY – I

1. Caste (20hrs.)

- 1.1. Caste: Concept, Features
- 1.2 Critique of Caste system
- 1.3 Caste Mobility: Sanskritization, Westernization
- 1.4 Disintegration of Caste System

2. Village (10hrs)

- 2.1 Structure and Change
- 2.2 Agrarian Class Structure

3. Family (15hrs.)

- 3.1 Traditional joint family
- 3.2 Disintegration debate

4. Tribe (15 hrs)

- 4.1 Problems of definition: The term, Tribes as indigenous, Adivasi consciousness
- 4.2 Tribal Problems

Reading Reference:

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Tutorial (1credit) = 15 hours

Total: 5 Credits = 75 hours
