

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Sociology

SYS 508 Sociology of Minorities

Objectives: this course will help the learners to understand scientifically -

- 1 The issues of minorities in contemporary situation.
- 2 The social and economic conditions of minorities in India.
- 3 The political participation of minority communities.
- 4 The cultural positions of the minorities in spatio-temporal contexts.
- 5 The debates on the problems of the minorities and the solutions.

Course Outcome:

- CO1. Analyse the nature of minorities in India
- CO2. Understand Indian experience of defining minorities
- CO3. Understand human rights and social justice in minority communities
- CO4. Agencies that promote social justice among minorities in India
- CO5. Factors that promote minority welfare in India
- CO6. Role of the state in promoting the interests of the minorities
- CO7. Concerns and Social justice among minority communities
- CO8. Minority groups and human rights

Course Content:

Unit – I : Introduction

Hrs - 14

- a. Meaning, characteristics and types of minorities
- b. Scope of importance of Sociological study of minorities
- c. Approaches to the study of minority communities- Liberal, plural and multicultural.

Unit – II : Profile of Minorities in India

Hrs - 12

- a. Religious minorities.
- b. Linguistic Minorities.
- c. LGBTQ Community

Unit-III: State and Minority communities in India.

Hrs - 14

- a. Problems of minorities in India
- b. Psycho-social issues of minorities
- c. Constitutional provisions; Policies and programs for minority welfare; minority rights

Unit –IV: Social significance of Minorities in India

Hrs - 14

- a. Political participation and political representation

- b. Violence and displacement of minorities
- c. Contribution of minorities – health, education and economy

Unit -V: Minority communities and New Social Movements

Hrs - 12

- a. Citizenship, Exclusion and Social Movements
- b. Minority protests and mobilization
- c. Impact of nationalism and globalisation

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