

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Anthropology ;

Course Work

Paper - I (A) (For Social Anthropology) Conceptual and Theoretical Developments

Unit-1

Nature of social science, Relationship of social sciences with natural / physical sciences and humanities. Empiricism, Rationalism and Positivism.

Unit-2

Interpretive approach, symbolism and symbolic anthropology, new ethnography, cognitive anthropology.

Unit-3

Marxism and Marxian anthropology. Contributions of Indian anthropologists to theoretical traditions.

Unit-4

Concepts of culture pluralism and multiculturalism, ethnicity, globalization, civil society, post-modernism, nation building, Diaspora studies. Future of anthropology.

OR

Paper -I (B) (For Physical Anthropology); Conceptual and Theoretical Developments

Unit-1

Nature of social sciences, Relationship of social sciences with natural / physical sciences and humanities; Empiricism, Rationalism and Positivism.

Unit-2

Old and New physical anthropology, Evolutionary forces (processes), Micro and Macro evolution. Taxonomy; Genus, Species and Population, Phylogenetic Tree, Human Variation: Morphological and Genetical Sociobiology of Hominoids. The process of Hominization.

Unit-3

Theories of Modern Human Origin; (i) Punctuation Model, (ii) Centre Edge Model, (iii) Days Three Model, (iv) Neanderthal phase Hypothesis, (v) Pre- Neanderthal Hypothesis.

Unit-4

Theories related to rise of Modern Man; (i) Out of Africa theory or Unilineal or Complete Replacement theory (ii) Multilineal or Multiregional theory (iii) Partial Replacement theory. Bottlenecks in Human evolution.

Paper – II; Research Methodology

Unit-1

Nature of anthropological research, Quantitative and qualitative aspects in research and their relationship. Triangulation, Problem of subjectivity, objectivity and reflexivity in anthropological research.

Unit-2

Research design : concept and types. Formulation of research design including preparation of synopsis. Field work in urban setting.

Unit-3

Writing up quantitative and qualitative research, Use of SPSS in anthropological research. Gene frequency estimation, morphological and genetic distance analysis.

Unit-4

Fieldwork hazards and tensions, culture shock and rapport establishment, ethics and politics of research, Participatory methodologies - PLA, PRA and focused group discussion.

Paper-III (A) (For Social Anthropology); Contemporary Issues

Unit-1

Indian Society : Structure and Change (Family, Marriage, Economic Organization, Political Organization, Religion). India's changing village.

Unit-2

Issues concerning Dalits, tribal communities and religious minorities in India. Human Development Index - major issues.

Unit-3

Gender Studies; Recent trends concerning women and masculinity.

Unit-4

Role of NGOs and Mass Media in changing Indian society. Issues related to empowerment (right to information, Right to Education, Right to Food security, etc.)

OR

Paper - III (b) (For Physical Anthropology); Contemporary Issues

Unit-1

Recent trends in Physical Anthropology: Structure of Human Population- Demographic and Genetic.

Unit-2

Race, Human Adaptability. Human Ecology (Population), Forensic Biology, Recent issues in Anthropometry, Ergonomics, Kinanthropometry.

Unit-3

Human Genome project, Genetic Epidemiology, Distribution of Genetic diseases in Human Populations, Chromosomal Evolution in Primates.

Unit-4

Human Evolution; evidence of DNA sequencing; Fossil DNA Electrophoresis. Nature selection in humans. Evolutionary future of Humankind in India and world.