

**JYOTI NIVAS COLLEGE AUTONOMOUS**  
**PROGRAMME: B.A**  
**SEMESTER – II - SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL LIFE IN INDIA**

**CREDITS: 3**

**NO OF HOURS: 45**

**COURSE PRE-REQUISITE(S):**

Mention only course titles from the curriculum that are needed to be taken by the students before registering for this course.

**COURSE OUTCOMES (COS):**

At the end of the course the student should be able to:

(Write 3-7 course outcomes. Course outcomes are statements of observable student actions that serve as evidence of knowledge, skills and values acquired in this course)

1. Understand the myths and realities of village India constructed by Western scholars
2. Understand the changes in land tenure systems and consequences
3. Appreciate the role of traditional social institutions and how they have responded to forces of change
4. Make an informed analysis of various development programmes and challenges encountered

**UNIT – 1: RURAL AND AGRARIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE**

**16 HOURS**

**Chapter No. 1:** Social Construction of Rural Societies: Myth and Reality (M N Srinivas)

**Chapter No. 2:** Agrarian Social Structure: Land Tenure Systems (Colonial Period); Post-Independence Indian Land Reform Laws

**Chapter No. 3:** Commercialisation of Agriculture

**Chapter No. 4:** Commodification of Land

**UNIT – 2: THEMES OF RURAL SOCIETY IN INDIA**

**14 HOURS**

**Chapter No. 4:** Rural Caste and Class Structure

**Chapter No 5:** Gender and Agrarian Relations

**Chapter No. 6:** Impact of Panchayat Raj System and Rural Politics

**Chapter No. 7:** Actors in Market - Weekly Fairs, Trading Castes, Emerging Trading Classes and Key Role of Intermediaries

**Chapter No. 8:** Emergence of Online and Virtual Commodity Markets - Features and Impact on Traditional Sellers and Buyers

**UNIT – 3: RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**12 HOURS**

**Chapter No. 7:** Induced Intervention: PURA, MGNREGA, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Akshara Dasoha, Water and Land Development Efforts

**Chapter No. 10:** Challenges to Sustainable Rural Development: Casteism, Factional Politics, Natural Calamities (Droughts and Floods), Utilisation of Water, Fertilisers and Pesticides

**TEXT BOOKS**

Desai, A R 1977, Rural Sociology in India, Popular Prakashan, Bombay

Doshi, S L and Jain P C 1999, Rural Sociology, Rawat Publications, Jaipur

Gouda, M Sateesh, Khan, A G and Hiremath, S L 2019, Spouse Abusal in India: A Regional Scenario, GRIN Publishing, Munich

Indira R 2011, Themes in Sociology of Indian Education, Sage Publications, Delhi  
Mulagund, I C 2008 Readings in General Sociology, Srushti Prakashana, Dharwad

Mulagund, I C 2008 Readings in Indian Sociology, Srushti Prakashana, Dharwad Singh,  
Katar 2009 Rural Development: Principles, Policies and Management, Sage Publications,  
New Delhi

Srinivas, M N 1960, The Myth of Self-Sufficiency of Indian Village, Economic Weekly,  
September 10, Pp.1375-78  
([https://www.epw.in/system/Giles/pdf/1954\\_6/22/village\\_\\_studies.pdf](https://www.epw.in/system/Giles/pdf/1954_6/22/village__studies.pdf))