

4TH SEMESTER

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC COURSE (CORE)

ANT417C: ANTHROPOLOGY - SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND CULTURE CHANGE

Credits: THEORY: 4, PRACTICAL: 2

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UNIT 1: MARRIAGE

1.1. Marriage: The problem of universal definition of marriage, form and functions of marriage and rules of residence.

1.2. Rules of Marriages: Exogamous and Endogamous marriages.

1.3. Monogamy, Polygamy: Polygyny and Polyandry; Mate selection: Cross cousin and Parallel cousin marriage.

1.4. Customary Practices among Indian Tribal Communities

UNIT 2: FAMILY AND KINSHIP

2.1 Typology and Functions of family: Nuclear, Joint, and Extended.

2.2 Residence: Patrilocal, matrilineal, Neolocal, Virilocal, Unoxrilocal

2.3 Kinship types and functions, Descent groups: Kindred, lineage, clan, phratry, moiety.

2.4 Descent and alliance theories of Kinship.

UNIT 3: RELIGION

3.1 Concept and Definitions of religion.,

3.2 "Primitive" Forms of Religion: Animism, Animatism, Naturism, Totemism, Taboo, Myth.

3.3 Polytheism and Monotheism Magic, Science and Religion.

3.4 Religious Practitioners: Sorcers, Witch, Shamans, Priests, Medicine man.

Unit: 4: TRIBE

4.1 The problem of defining tribes in India; Tribe-a colonial category, re-defining tribes in India

4.2 Weaker sections in Indian Populations: Scheduled Tribes (ST) and "Primitive" Tribal Groups (PTGs),

4.3 Major tribal groups and tribal States in India

4.4 Brief introduction of Tribes of Jammu and Kashmir

Project Work

Credits-02

A Project work to be submitted in the college and carry out one of the following researches:

1. Study of the effects of consanguineous marriages with special references to marriages in Kashmir Division.
2. Visit to some religious sites and study the detailed religious customs followed there.
3. Visit to some Tribal Communities and study their customary practices.

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Mazumdar, D.N. and T.N. Madan (1960): An Introduction to Social Anthropology..

Haviland, William. A (1993): Talking about People: Reading in Contemporary Cultural Anthropology.

Malinowski, Bronislaw (1948): Magic, Science and Religion, and other essays. Schultz, Emily A. and Lavenda Robert H. (2005): Cultural Anthropology.

Bailey, F.G. (1960): Tribe, Caste and Nation: A study of Political Activity and Political change in highland Orissa

Haimendorf, Christoph Von Fuhrer (1982): Tribes of India: The Struggle for Survival.