

Revised Syllabus 2008 – 2009
F.Y.B.A. – ANTHROPOLOGY
G – 1 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology

First Term

1. Introduction

16 Lectures

- a) Meaning, Nature, Scope and Uses of Anthropology
- b) Main branches of Anthropology: Social, Cultural and Physical
- c) Relationship of Anthropology: With Sociology, Psychology, History and Biology
- d) Characteristics of Anthropology:
 - i. The holistic/comprehensive study of Man
 - ii. The comparative perspective
 - iii. The study of primitive communities
 - iv. The science of Man
- e) Human origin and evolution – stages of human evolution, Physical and Cultural Aspects of human evolution, concept of race and human variation

2. Social organization

16 Lectures

- a) The Family-
 - Definition
 - Types – Patrilineal, Matrilineal
 - Characteristics, functions of joint and nuclear
- b) The Marriage
 - Definitions, functions and characteristics
 - Rules of exogamy and endogamy
 - Age at marriage among Adivasis
 - Preferential types of marriage
 - Cross cousin, Levirate and Sororate
 - Divorce – the customary practice among the Tribals
 - Orthodox and un-orthodox means of marriage
- c) The Kinship
 - Family, Kin, Clan
 - Types of kin
 - Clan and kinship system
 - Functions of clan and kinship
 - Kinship behaviour – avoidance, teknonymy, joking relationship, avunculate, couvades

3. Political Organization

16 Lectures

- a) Definitions and nature
- b) Nature of deviance – Culture specific – Traditional
- c) Means of social control
- d) Law and justice
- e) Punishments
- f) Nature of Tribal leadership – Headmen (indigenous), hereditary etc

Second Term

4. Economic Organization

14 Lectures

- a) Characteristics of primitive economic system
- b) Types of economic activities
- c) Types and stages of economy – Hunting and gathering, pastoralism, shifting cultivation and settled agriculture among tribal communities
- d) The concept of property and inheritance

5. Religious Organization

14 Lectures

- a) Religion: Definition, belief and rituals
- b) Religion and science
- c) Forms of religion: Animism, Animatism, Nature worship
- d) Totem, taboo, Shaman (Bhagat)
- e) Magic – White magic, black magic, characteristics and aims of magic

6. Culture

20 Lectures

- a) The study of society and culture
All aspects of culture – inter relationships among these aspects – the primitive society
- b) The concept of culture
 - i. Definitions of culture – general, E.B. Tylor, Iravati Karve
 - ii. The four elements of culture
 - iii. The attributes of culture
 - iv. Culture and personality, culture and cultivation
 - v. Material and non-material aspects of culture
 - vi. Features of Indian civilization and culture
 - vii. The concept of cultural lag
 - viii. Race and racism – Race, culture and environment

PRESCRIBED BOOKS –

1. Manavshastra: Samajik Va Sanskritik – Y.S. Mehendale (Marathi Book)
2. Manavshastra – N.S. Vaidya (Marathi Book)
3. Samajik Manavshastra – Vilas Sangve (Marathi Book)
4. Aadim – Dr. S.S. Kulkarni (Marathi Book)
5. Introduction to Social Anthropology – Mazumdar & Madan
6. Origin of Man and His Culture – S. Fucus

RECOMMENDED BOOKS –

1. Cultural Anthropology – Keesing & Keesing
2. Races & Culture of India – Mazumdar
3. Adivasis – Government of India
4. Sanskriti: Nisarga Ani Jeevan Shailee – Dr. S.S. Kulkarni (Marathi Book)