

# SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Course Code: SOC–551

Type: Elective Course

Semester: Spring

L-T-P-C (3-1-0-4)

## Objectives of the Course:

The course offers a broad overview of the conceptualization of development and different perspectives that emerged in specific historical and political conditions. The debates on development will provide the better understanding of the recent issues in the area.

### UNIT I            **Some Basic Concepts**

Introduction to Sociology of Development; Growth, progress, modernization, development, developmentality, underdevelopment, human development, social development, sustainable development, happiness, captive mind

### UNIT II            **Theories and Critiques of Development**

Weber, Myrdal, Gusfield, Frank, Amin, Schumacher, Wallerstein

### UNIT III           **Development and Socio-economic Disparities**

Development and Gender; Development and marginalized groups; development and new peasant movement

### UNIT IV           **Contemporary Concerns on Development**

Food security; health care; Swadeshi movement; sustainable agriculture; alternative development; Post Development

## Essential Readings:

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