SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS

Course Code: SOC-560
Course Mode: L-T-P-C: 3-1-0-4
Course Type: Elective Course
Semester: Spring

Objectives of the Course:

Sociology of Health and Illness has emerged as a new way of looking at the social contextualization of health which otherwise has been overlooked in the discourse on medicalisation and health care in general. Special attention is paid to health and its relationship with diverse social institutions in India with a focus on recent advances, agencies and stakeholders in this area

UNIT I **Sociology of Health: Basic Concepts and Approaches**

Health, Illness, sickness, diseases, healing, hygiene; Medicalization; Medical Model

Dimensions and indicators of health

Social epidemiology: Approaches

UNIT II **Perspectives on Sociology of Health**

Functionalist, Conflict, Interactionist, and Post-Modern

UNIT III **Health Care Institutions**

Family and Health care: The elderly, gender

State and health Care: Health for all; maternal and child health; family welfare programs; Drug policies and patents; Sanitation

Hospitals and Health Care: Hospital as a social organization (Doctors, Nurses and Patients); Community Health Care; Rural Health Programs; Commercialization of health care services

Unit IV **Indigenous Knowledge systems of medicine in Developing Countries**

Systems of Medicine and alternative practices; NGOs and Health Care; Communicable diseases

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