

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Course Code : EXT 101

Course Title : Rural Sociology

Credit Hours : 3 (2+1) Full Marks: 75 Theory: 50 Pratical: 25

OBJECTIVES

Upon the completion of this course the students will understand the sociological concepts, theories and their contribution and application in agriculture development and the field of agriculture extension education system.

I. SYLLABUS

Sociology and rural sociology- differences and similarities in meanings and concepts, contribution to agriculture extension, social institutions, social processes, norms, values, socialization and deviance, social cultures, customs and traditions social structure and social systems, some important sociological theories, social changes process, impact and factors of change, social groups, formation and behavioural change, social festivals, rituals and social heritage and their relationship to social change and development.

II. COURSE OUTLINE

A. Lecture

S.N.	Topic	No. of Lectures
1.	Sociology: Meaning, scope, importance and relationship with other social sciences	1
2.	Rural Sociology: Meaning, nature, and scope	1
3.	Development of Rural Sociology as a major field of sociology	1
4.	Differences between rural and urban society, Rural Urban Continuum	1
5.	Social movement: meaning and causes of social movement	1
6.	Types and theories of social movement	1
7.	Social change: meaning, factors of social change	1
8.	Theories of Social Change	1
9.	Social process (process of social interaction): Accommodation, Adjustment, Amalgamation, Assimilation	1
10.	Social Process: Cooperation, Consensus, Competition, Conflict, Integration	1
11.	Social stratification: meaning and bases (class, caste, ethnicity, power, gender)	1
12.	Social mobility and dynamics of emerging identity	1
13.	Rural dynamics: migration	1
14.	Culture and customs in rural Nepal: caste-based norms (folkways, mores)	1
15.	Culture and customs in rural Nepal: value and belief systems in relation to rural development	1

16.	Common social ceremonies, rituals and festivals: types and importance	1
17.	Rural-social institutions: Concept and importance	3
a.	Social institutions: household, family and its type, marriage system	
b.	Economic institutions: farming, fishing, hunting, exchange labor, child labor and labor exploitation Educational institutions: types and functionc.	
c.	Religious institutions: types of religion, their maintenance and followers	
d.	Political institutions: state and its elements, function	
e.	Recreational institutions	
f.	Interrelationship of rural social institutions and its importance	
18.	Traditional caste system and their occupation in Nepal	1
19.	Social exclusion: Origin and development of the concept of social exclusion	1
20.	Paradigms and domain (gender, ethnicity, class and caste) of social exclusion	1
21.	Socialization: meaning, stages and agents	1
22.	Theories of socialization	1
23.	Social groups: Meaning, types of social groups	1
24.	Social deviance and social control: meaning, types, theories and mechanisms	2
25.	Social problems and means of remedies	1
26.	Social Action: Methods of social work and agricultural professionals as Change Agents;	2
a.	Concepts, importance, types and methods of social work; the concepts of change agents and client groups and the role of agricultural professionals as change agents;	
b.	The principles of professional behaviors of change agents	
Total		30

B. Practical

S.No.	Topic	No.of Practicals
1.	Visit of rural community and identify social research issue	1
2.	Study on urbanization as a phenomenon influencing rural areas	2
3.	Learn about contemporary agriculture and process of globalization	2
4.	Proposal development on study of social research	1
a.	Techniques of data collection (observation and document studying)	1
b.	Techniques of data collection (Focus group discussion, interview)	1
c.	Questionnaire design: types and process	2
d.	Data editing, coding, entry and analysis	2
5.	Report writing	2
6.	Presentation of report	1
Total		15

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