

## Course Name: Cultural and Social Institutions of India

### Course Matrix:

Course Code	Course title	Credit	CIA	MSE	ESE	Max Marks	Semester	Course Type
(To be given by Academic Branch)	Culture and Social Institutions of India	4	20	30	50	100	I	Open Elective

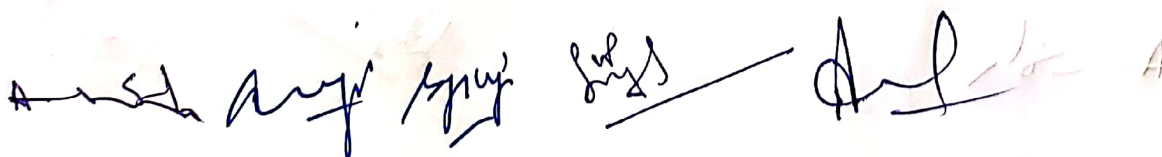
**Course Description:** Social institutions are complex and enduring structures that shape and regulate social life within a society. While they may vary in their specific forms and functions across different cultures and historical periods. Culture is the central concept in the life of the human beings. An in-depth study of culture will enhance the student's understanding of the behaviour and psychology of people across different societies.

### Course Objectives:

- CO1: To understand the meaning of culture and various other aspects associated with it.
- CO2: To demonstrate the importance of society and its influence on the human being
- CO3: To know about the different approaches to the study of kinship, family, and marriage
- CO4: To aware the students about the societal institutions concerning India
- CO5: To expose students to classical as well as contemporary themes in the field.
- CO6: To know the influence of Indian culture on the world

### Learning Outcomes:

- LO1: Students will understand the importance of Culture and its influence on history as well as on day-to-day life
- LO2: Familiar with the diversity associated with various aspects of culture. Importance of Indian culture and its influence on the world.
- LO3: Will demonstrate the importance of society and how it is different from association and community.
- LO4: Develop the ability to examine society and culture along with family and kinship both at the global as well as the Indian context
- LO5: Evolution of Family, Marriage, and Kinship in India and the contemporary aspects.



LO6: Analyse the changing nature of marriage kinship, and family relations in the Indian context

### **Unit 1: Introduction to Indian Culture**

Introduction to smirti tradition, Definition, Characteristics of Indian Culture . Concept of Holism, Universals, Acculturation, Enculturation, Transculturation, Culture change, Culture Shock, Cultural Relativism, Cultural Pluralism, Unique Culture of India

### **Unit 2- Kinship**

Definition, Descent, Kinship terminology, Types of Kinship, Incest taboo, Descent groups with respect to Bharat, Kinship Usages & Kinship terminology, Importance of Kinship in Bharat

### **Unit 3: Family Pattern India**

Definition, Universality of the family, Types of Family- Conjugal, Natal, Consanguine, nuclear, joint, extended, Rules of residence- Patrilocal, matrilocal, ambilocal, Bilocal, Neolocal, Avunculocal, Bilocal, Neolocal, Virilocal, Uxorilocal, Functions of Family, Concept of Vasudaika Kutumbakam

### **Unit 4: Marriage System in India**

Definition, types in ancient times and functions, Preferential and prescriptive types, types and forms of marital transactions

### **Unit 5: Indian Society**

Definition, Socialization, Associations, Community, Endogamy, Exogamy, Rites of Passage

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