

NeHCA - 555

Nepalese Society and Culture

Semester -1st

Paper -V

Cr -3

Teaching hours- 48

Objective

The main objective of the course is to provide the theoretical base of culture in order to understand and study the culture concepts and main features of Nepali society and culture.

Unit: 1 Introduction of Culture Concepts

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- a. Definition of culture.
- b. Characteristic of Culture: - Culture is Man-made, sharing, learning, transmission and culture is Dynamic, Various Theories of Culture Change.
- c. Culture Relativism: - Cultural Variation and Pluralism, Ethnocentrism.
- d. Tangible and Intangible Culture: Brief outline of Tangible and Intangible Cultural heritage of Nepal with special focus on language, faiths, festivals and rituals. Main features of UNESCO convention on Tangible Cultural heritage (1972) and Intangible Cultural heritage (2003)
- e. Cultural Policy of Nepal 2010

Unit Evolution of Culture and Perspectives.

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- a. Evolutionism:- E.B. Tylor, L.H. Morgon, Herbert Spencer.
- b. Diffusionism:- British School, German School and American School.
- c. Functionalism: - Emile Durkheim, B.K Malinowski and A.R. Radcliffe - Brown.
- d. Cultural Ecology:- Julian Steward.
- e. Culture and Symbolism:- Clifford Geertz and Victor Turner

III. Nepalese Society and Culture

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- a) Himalayan Region, Hill Region, and Terai Region of Nepal: General Introduction with relation to the Ecology, Environment and Economy; People of Himalayan, Hill and Terai Region and their Settlement pattern, ethnic/ caste distribution in Nepal.
- b) Social Structure: Caste System, Family, Kinship, Marriage, Life Cycle Rituals, Subsystem, Shamanism and Cultural Institutions of Nepal .

Unit: IV Emerging Social and Cultural Issues in Nepalese Society

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- a. Ethnicity
- b. Gender
- c. Regionalism
- d. Concept of Inclusion

Unit: V Concepts of National Integration

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- a. National integration.
- b. Process of Nepalization.
- c. Sacred Complex of Nepal - The Concept.

Reading Materials.

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