

UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5
2-Week Refresher Course on “Sociology & Social Anthropology” (RC-353)

w.e.f.- 10.03.2025 to 22.03.2025

Programme Team:

Prof. D. R. Thakur, Director

Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Assistant Director & Course Coordinator

Timing of Technical Sessions:

Warming-up Session: (i) 9.45 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (Yoga & Meditation)

(ii) 10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. (Reflection of previous day)

I 10.30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

II 12.00 noon to 01.30 p.m.

III 02.00 p.m. to 03.30 p.m.

IV 03.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.

Date & Day	Session	Topic	Resource Person
10.03.2025 (Monday)	I	Inauguration Session	Chief Guest: Prof. Rajinder Verma Hon'ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor, H.P. University, Shimla
	II	Overview of Programme	Prof. D.R. Thakur Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University Shimla
	III	Setting the Tone	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Assistant Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University Shimla
	IV	Breaking the Ice and Committee formulation	
11.03.2025 (Tuesday)	I	Status of Social Sciences	Prof. R. Indira Professor of Eminence & Head, Department of Sociology School of Social Sciences M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru ramaraoundira@gmail.com indiraramarao.ss@msruas.ac.in
	II	Status of Radical Sociology in India	Prof. Raiv Gupta Former Professor, Department of Sociology University of Rajasthan, Jaipur dr.gupta.rajiv@gmail.com
	III	Sociology for the 21 st Century	Prof. Kumar Suresh NIEPA-17-B, Sri Aurobindo Marg NCERT Campus, New Delhi. kumarsuresh@niepa.ac.in
	IV	Guidelines for individual Presentation / Discussion and Instructions on committee	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Assistant Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University Shimla
12.03.2025 (Wednesday)	I	Understanding Indian Society: Themes and Perspectives	Prof. Abha Chauhan Centre for Kashmir Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharmshala-176215 (H.P). abhavveer@gmail.com
	II	Digital Anthropology: Human Behavior in Digital Age	Dr. Chakraverti Mahajan Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi cmahajan@anthro.du.ac.in
	III	Social Construction of Reality: Visual Expressions as Method and Text	Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma (Retd.), Department of Sociology, HPU, Shimla
	IV	Reforms in Higher Education and Role of Teachers	Prof. Manish K. Verma Head, Department of Sociology, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow mkvbbau@gmail.com
13.03.2025 (Thursday)	I	Rurality: Rural Community under Globalisation in Himachal Pradesh	Prof. Sudha Vasani Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi. svasan@sociology.du.ac.in sudha.vasani@gmail.com

	II	Building a Future for All: The Path to Inclusive Development	Prof. Rashmi Jain Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur rashmi.jn1@gmail.com
	III	Understanding Domestic Violence: An Insight	Prof. Vishav Raksha HoD, Department of Sociology, University of Jammu, Jammu vraksha2@gmail.com
	IV	Individual Presentations	Prof. D.R. Thakur Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University Shimla
14.03.2025 (Friday)	I	Qualitative Methods: Revisiting Malinowski & Radcliffe-Brown	Prof. Ajailiu Niumai Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad ajainiumai@uohyd.ac.in
	II	Panel Discussion on “Future of Sociology and Social Anthropology in 21 st Century”	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Assistant Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University Shimla
	III	Individual Presentations	Prof. Satish Kumar Sharma (Retd.), Department of Sociology, HPU, Shimla
	IV	Importance of Yoga	Dr. Arpita Negi Assistant Professor, Department of Yoga, H.P. University, Shimla
15.03.2025 (Saturday)	I	Emergence of New Sociology: Collapse of Conventional Theories	Prof. Ashok Kaul Retired Emeritus Professor of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi ashokkaulbhu@gmail.com
	II	Sociological Imagination: Feminist Perspectives	Prof. Arvinder A. Ansari Department of Sociology, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi arvinder2009@gmail.com
	III	Ethnography as a Method	Dr. Rukshana Zaman Associate Professor, Discipline of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi rukshee@gmail.com
	IV	Individual Presentations	Prof. Neelima Kanwar Dean, Faculty of Languages, H.P. University, Shimla. neelimakanwar@gmail.com
17.03.2025 (Monday)	I	Challenges in Teaching & Research in Social Sciences Today	Prof. Rajesh Gill (Retd.) Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh rajeshgill09@yahoo.com
	II	Digital Revolution, Culture and Surveillance Capitalism	Prof. Antony Palackal Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram antonaypalackal@gmail.com
	III	Environment and Climate Resilience	Prof. D.R. Thakur Director, UGC-MMTTC, H.P. University, Shimla
	IV	Individual Presentations	Dr. Ravinder Chauhan Principal, Govt. Degree College, Chopal (H.P.) principalgdcchopal@gmail.com drrc1967@gmail.com
18.03.2025 (Tuesday)	I	Triangulation in Social Research	Prof. Rajesh Misra (Retd.) Former Head, Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow rajeshsocio@gmail.com
	II	Structuralism, Post-Structuralism and Post-Modernism	Prof. Chandan Kumar Sharma Department of Sociology, Tezpur University

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	III	Participant Observation	Prof. R.P. Mitra Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, Delhi rpmitra@gmail.com ; rp_mitra@yahoo.co.in
	IV	Individual Presentations	Dr. Ruchi Ramesh Principal, Govt. Degree College, Darlaghat (H.P.) rameshruchi_06@yahoo.co.in
19.03.2025 (Wednesday)	I	Economic Sociology	Prof. Gurpreet Bal Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar gbal.judge@gmail.com
	II	Social Anthropology and Sociology: A History of Researching Society	Prof. Tulsi Patel Former Professor, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. pateltulsidse@gmail.com
	III	Individual Presentations	Prof. Rashmi Jain Department of Sociology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur rashmi.jn1@gmail.com
	IV	Empirical Research Perspectives through Narrations	Prof. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee Department of Sociology, 1 Reformatory Street, Alipur, Kolkata 700027 sudeshnabasumukherjee@gmail.com
20.03.2025 (Thursday)	I	Medical Tourism in India: Public Health Perspective	Dr. Sunita Reddy Associate Professor Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, JNU sunitareddyjnu@gmail.com
	II	Cultural Change in India: Exploring Folk Deities in North-West Region	Prof. Abha Chauhan Centre for Kashmir Studies, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharmshala-176215 (H.P.). abhaveer@gmail.com
	III	Writing Culture in the Digital Age: Reflections on Anthropology and Ethnography	Dr. Apparao Thamminaina Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad apparao@uohyd.ac.in
	IV	Development of Sociology in India	Prof. B.K. Nagla Former Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, MDU, Rohtak bnagla@gmail.com
21.03.2025 (Friday)	I	Research in the field of education: Beyond Policy and practices	Dr. Suresh Babu G.S. Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi gssbjnu@gmail.com
	II	Methods and Approaches in Sociology and Social Anthropology	Prof. Biswajit Ghosh Former Vice Chancellor and Former Professor of Sociology, The University of Burdwan West Bengal bghoshbu@gmail.com
	III	Agrarian Relations in India: Some questions & Clarification	Prof. Arvind Chauhan Former Professor & Head Department of Sociology, Barkatullah University, Bhopal

	IV	Hidden Talent	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Assistant Director, UGC-MMTTC, Shimla
22.03.2025 (Saturday)	I	Idea of Culture	Prof. Soumyajit Patra SKB University, Purulia, West Bengal soumyajit-patra@skbu.ac.in
	II	MCQ Test	Dr. Shreeya Bakshi Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology, CUHP, Dharmshala shreeyaiju@gmail.com
	III	Valedictory Ceremony	Chief Guest: Prof. Mamta Mokta, Dean Student Welfare, H.P. University Shimla
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