

**Department of Sociology**  
**West Silchar College**  
**Barjatrapur, Cachar, Assam**

### **History of Department**

The Department of Sociology of West Silchar College was introduced in the year 2001, affiliated to the Assam University, Silchar as Pass Course. The Department of Sociology has taken cognizance of the long-felt demand for the scholastic pursuit in the discipline of Sociology at the under graduate level in the region of Barak Valley, and for promoting an in-depth understanding of various social concepts and issues of western society, Indian society and North East India contextualized in the region and global milieu and necessitated by contemporary developments. It has traversed its journey by starting undergraduate course in Sociology in the academic session 2001-02 and the department was provincialized by the Government of Assam in 2021 with two sanction post of assistant professors

### **Faculty Members of the Department:**

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members of the academia, other professionals and the wider society in the striving for excellence is being firmly put in place.

### **The Motto of the Department**

The motto of the department is to impart theoretical knowledge regarding society as a whole and to study social life, social change and the causes and consequences of human behaviours. Investigate structure of groups, organizations, institutions and societies, and how people interact within the social economic and political contexts. Through Sociology, the department trains students to understand the basic social concepts like society, culture, status and role, social stratification, social control, social change, social development etc, social processes of society, social institutions and pattern of social, economic and political behaviour and mostly provide Knowledge in Indian caste, class and tribes, Changes and developments. The motto of the sociology department is to impart theoretical knowledge regarding development of sociology as an academic discipline and how over a period of time thinkers have conceptualized various aspects of society and draw attention to the key concepts and institutions of Indian society from an interdisciplinary perspective, which are useful for the understanding of Indian society. Thus, the course will provide knowledge to the students regarding major theoretical debates and concepts and linkage between social, political, economic and religion through themes such as power, governance, states etc. Thus, students will be able to learn the significance of sociological analysis for the studies of economic processes in local and global contexts.

### **Objective**

The Department of Sociology at West Silchar College was started in 2001. Since the very onset, the department has been actively engaging with the discipline of sociology through academics as well as curricular activities. The objectives of the department are:

- Building a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter, its scope and concerns of Sociology
- Distinguishing between common sensical knowledge and sociological knowledge
- Finding sociological meanings within mundane or everyday life
- Understanding the relationship of sociology with other disciplines, such as, anthropology, history, political science and natural sciences.
- Comprehending sociological concepts and theories by being able to draw from everyday realities and life experiences.
- Building a better understanding of the compositions of the society, and critically analysing how society functions and sustains itself.
- Understanding of Indian society in relation to family, kinship, caste, class, race, ethnicity, Tribes, change and development.

### **Programme-Specific Outcomes**

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## **Courses offered**

### **Three Year Degree Course under CBCS**

- Core Courses - Introduction to Sociology, Basic concepts in Sociology, Society in India, Foundation of Sociological Thoughts
- Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) - Sociology of Tribes, Rural Sociology
- Skill Enhancement Courses - Reading, Writing and Reasoning for Sociology, Gender Sensitization, Technique of Social Research.

### **FYUGP (NEP)**

Basic Concept in Sociology, Research Methodology, Sociology of Communication, Sociology of Tribes, Indian Society, Sociology of Health and so on.

## **Teaching methods adopted to improve student learning:**

- Traditional lecture method.
- Organizing departmental seminar.
- Remedial classes.
- Question – answer session.
- Use of audio – visual aids – WhatsApp groups

## **Participation in Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) and Extension activities:**

The students and the faculty members regularly participate in the activities of Social Responsibility and Extension activities organized by the college NSS Unit, IQAC, Green Audit Cell, Red Ribbon Club, women cell, etc.

### Scope for students

- The scope of sociology is widespread and it is difficult to explain its beginning and end as it has ability to cover wide range of concepts present in everyday life. As a multi-disciplinary discipline, Sociology with time has developed its connection well with other fields such as historical, biological, economy, psychology, political science, literature and so on. Methods and approaches covered in sociology is helpful in its applicability at theoretical, empirical and analytical level. The discipline offers the scientific approach to deal with common sensical phenomena occurring in a society while understanding it theoretically, historically analysing its context and focusing on the dimension of time and space, empirically validating it through field research and interpreting and analysing through sociological concepts.
- The scope of sociology is effective in understanding the roles, expectations and social relationships of individuals and their encounter with worldly affairs.

### Vision & Mission of the Department

- Sociology is the science of society where we engage with the concepts of caste, class, gender, ethnicity, religion, education, marriage, etc. that are present in everyday life. The study of sociology trains an individual to understand her/his relationship and interdependence with the society. It is the study of social, political and economic system where one understands the concepts of self and her/his identity, and its relation one's culture, its institutions, formal organisations and social networks, process of socialisation and interaction among groups and social roles of individuals.
- The discipline of Sociology has its preferred methodology for research. The use of these methods allows a rational and scientific approach while critically analysing problems of the contemporary world, both empirically and theoretically.
- The discipline of Sociology along with its methodical approach helps us to gain a microscopic as well as a macroscopic range of cultures and sub-cultures persisting throughout the world. The discipline and its structure also allow for an extensive understanding of social changes and their ongoing dynamics through by using speculative and practical approaches.

## Market Acceptability or Future of Courses Offered

- The courses offered will be helpful in offering avenues for engaging with think tanks, policy and research organisations.
- Students can apply to NGOs who are working on various socio-political and economic issues. The courses offered on methodology and methods of social research will provide them skills in carrying out field-based research in many organisational set ups.
- The opening up of 'Humanities and Social Sciences' departments in many professional institutes like Management and Engineering have increased the importance of subject of sociology in coming times.
- There is a growing need of sociological research in medical institutions where Sociology of Care and Well-being and Sociology of Health and Medicine has emerged as a new field focusing on bioethics and studying relationship of biological matter with society and its individuals. This gives a new perspective to understand the phenomenon of disease, humans and bio-matter with sociological lens.

## Job Avenues

Sociology is a vast subject and connects one with the related disciplines/fields of political science, development studies, social work, gender issues, journalism, human resource management etc. More specifically, some of the job avenues for sociology graduates are:

- Teaching in schools and higher education institutions.
- Management Consultants: In MNCs or corporate world after doing post-graduation one can apply as a consultant on possible remedies and present solutions by making use of quantitative and qualitative skills.
- Research Associates in projects by NGOs, think tanks and other nodal agencies of India and Abroad.
- Human Resource Management, Consultancy Services and Communication and Advertising sector.
- Medical Aid Institutions, Tourism, etc.

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## SWOC analysis of the department and future plans:

- **Strength:** A group of Two dedicated and hardworking teachers. Increasing rate of pass percentage in the final Examinations. Enrolments in the department of sociology is increasing year after year. The department of sociology of the college signed MOU with the department of sociology, Ramkrishna Nagar College , Karimganj and Maibong college, Dimahasao . As part of MOU the department undertakes “ faculty exchange and students exchange programme” and in in doing so students of these colleges are benefitted.
- **Weakness:** Insufficient teaching staff, Lack of departmental Library, study materials, audio-visual teaching aids, inferiority complex of the students and insufficient classroom.  
**Opportunities:** Already started the FYUGP course in Sociology, under NEP 2020 , Ready to undertake field Study, Research projects. Ready to organise Departmental seminar.
- **Challenges:** To develop the infrastructural facilities of the department. To motivate students to prepare themselves for higher studies.