

#### **CORE-4: SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT**

Change is the law of nature and every society is subject to change. Social change has always been a central concern of Sociological study. Change takes different forms. Change has its pattern which is spelt out by various theories. Change is often propelled by various factors. This paper is designed to provide some ideas to the student about such process, theories and factors.

**Objectives:** After going through this paper, the student can

- Derive knowledge about the meaning, nature, forms and patterns of change.
- Get an idea about the theories that explain change and their adequacy in explaining so.
- Get an impression about the factors that propel change in the society.

**Learning Outcomes:** This paper is expected to provide a wholesome idea to the students about the process of social change. They can relate their experience with the theoretical explanations.

Unit-1 : Social Change : Meaning and nature. Social Progress, Evolution and Development.

Unit-2 : Theories of Social Change : Evolutionary theory, Cyclical theory, Conflict Theory, Functionalist theory.

Unit-3 : Factors of Social Change: Cultural, Economic, Technological, Ideological, Demographic

Unit-4 : Economic Growth and Social Development : Indicators of Social Development, Human Development Index, Gender Development Index

Unit-5 : Models of Development : Capitalist, Socialist, and Gandhian.

**Essential readings:**

1. Moore, W.E. 1965 Social Change, Prentice-Hall of India. New Delhi
2. Gandhi M.K., Hind Swaraj
3. Schumacher, E.F., Small is Beautiful
4. Narain, Shreeman, Principles of Gandhian Planning
5. Mishra, B., Capitalism, Socialism and Planning.
6. UNDP, Human Development Report