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TOPIC- Concept Of Urban Sociology

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URBAN SOCIOLOGY

- LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To know about sociology
- to understand the meaning of Urban sociology

- INTRODUCTION

Sociology is the study of society , patterns of social relationships, social interactions, and culture that surrounds everyday life. It is a social science that uses various methods of empirical investigation and critical analysis to develop a body of knowledge about social order and social change. Sociology can also be defined as the general science of society. It is the youngest of the social sciences. August comte, the father of sociology, first of conceived the word ‘sociology’ in 1838 . He had intended to name the new science social physics, but he rejected this term after a Belgian scholar , Adolphe quetelet , began to make a statistical studies of the society and to call his area of endeavour social physics.

The word sociology is a barbaric combination of Latin word ‘socius’ and greek word ‘logus’ , socius means society and logus connotes study on a high level and socius points the society. In other words , sociology is the ‘science of society’.

- DEFINITIONS

Harry M. Johnson “ Sociology “ is the science that deals with social groups their internal for or modes of organization , the process that tend to maintain or change this forms of organisation , and the relations between groups”.

MacIver - “Sociology is about social relationships the network of relationships we call society”.

For scientific study of sociology, all its subjects matters are divided in to several major branches. Like -

1. Sociology of knowledge.
2. Sociology of education.
3. Sociology of religion.
4. Sociology of crime.
5. Rural sociology.
6. Urban sociology.
7. Industrial sociology.
8. Medical sociology.
9. Political sociology.

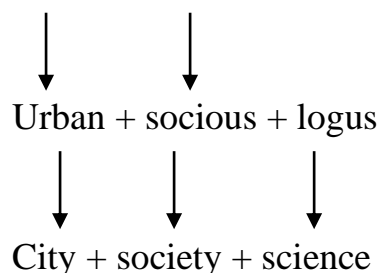
We will discuss about urban sociology.

• **URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

Sociology is not an ancient study. Indeed, it began its career as a science in the last century only. Urban sociology, is being a branch of sociology, is naturally much less old than the parent study. As a matter of fact, the systematic discipline of urban sociology came into being in 20th century only.

Urban sociology is a study of impact of city life on man’s social actions, social relationships, social institutions and types of civilisation derived from and based on urban modes of living. it is a normative discipline of sociology seeing to study the structures , environmental processes, changes and problem of an urban area and by doing so provide inputs for urban planning and policy making.

Urban sociology



We can say that urban sociology is scientific study of urban society.

- **DEFINITIONS OF URBAN SOCIETY**

- According to Nels Anderson - “Urban sociology concerns society and living in towns and cities”.
- E.Bergal – “Urban sociology deals with the impact of city life on social actions, social relationships, social institutions and types of civilizations derived form and based on urban modes of living”.
- According to Quinn - “In sociological sense , the science related to the study of structure of cities and urbanners in urban sociology.

In the other word, urban sociology studies the development of town, social disorganization, the problems of urban life and town planning. It makes a study of the interaction between the urban environment and the development of human personality. It also studies the structure, role and the permanent and changing elements of the family.

- **Origin of urban sociology-** As a matter of fact, the systematic discipline of urban sociology came into being in 20th century only. As in the case of rural sociology, maximum work in the field of urban sociology has also been done in the United States of America. The Chicago school of sociology comprised a group of theorists and sociologists at the university of Chicago who conducted a series of urban sociological studies between 1915 and 1940. The pioneers of Chicago school were Louis Wirth, Robert E Park ,Ernest W Burgess, RD McKenzie.

The pace of development of urban sociology in India has been slow compared to the us and the other countries but after independence many studies were done in the direction of urban sociology in India.

- **EXAMPLE**

- Studies of Crane and Ghurye (1955, 1962).
- Study of Ahmadabad by Kenneth Gillion (1968).
- Study of Bombay by C. Dobbins (1975).
- Baily’s study of Allahbad (1975).
- Study of Calcutta by Pradeep Sinha (1978).
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- **CONCLUSION**

In other words , we can say that urban sociology is the sociological study of the life and human interaction in metropolitan areas. It is a normative discipline of sociology seeking to study the structures, environmental processes , changes and problems of an urban area and by doing so provide inputs for urban planning and policy making.