

SOCIOLOGY OF STRATIFICATION AND MOBILITY

The main purpose of this paper is to make the students aware of the perspectives of understanding the various types of inequalities prevailing in societies; it also emphasizes the nature and types of inequalities, and its implication for society.

1. Nature and Characteristics of Social Stratification
  - a) Meaning of Social Stratification
  - b) Characteristics of Social Stratification: Social, Ancient, Universal, Diverse, Consequential
2. Processes of Social Stratification
  - a) Differentiation
  - b) Ranking
  - c) Evaluation
  - d) Rewarding
3. Approaches to Social Stratification
  - a) Structural-Functional Approach to Stratification
  - b) Kingsley Davis and W.E. Moore, Talcott Parsons, Melvin M. Tumin
  - c) Weber's Approach to Social Stratification
4. Forms of Social Stratification - Caste System in India
  - a) Features of Caste
  - b) Change in Caste System in India
5. Social Class
  - a) Features, Determinants and Classification
  - b) Problem of Identifying Class
6. Race
  - a) Meaning and Features of Race
  - b) Classification - Risley and Guha
  - c) Problems of Racial Domination Conflicts
7. Social Mobility
  - a) Meaning of Social Mobility
  - b) Types of Social Mobility
  - c) Factors for Social Mobility
8. Occupational Mobility
  - a) Meaning of Occupational Mobility
  - b) Inter-generational and Intra-Generational
  - c) Prestige Grading of Occupations
9. Measurement of Social Mobility
  - a) Problems of Measurement
  - b) Subjective and Objective Criteria

## 10. Social Mobility in India

a) Trends of Social Mobility: Past and Present

b) Channels of Social Mobility: Education, Modern Occupation, Income, Polity

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