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**Notification**

This is for information of all concerned that the learners who have taken admission to the 4<sup>th</sup> semester of the 4 year undergraduate programme with Sociology as Major/Core subject along with Education as Minor/Elective subject are not required to take “Distance Education” Course/Paper under Sociology Major/Core subject. In lieu of this paper those learners will have to choose any one the following two options:

**Option A:** They can enrol in an Online Course in SWAYAM Platform as specified below

OR

**Option B:** They can opt for a Community Engagement Work as a part of their Major/Core course requirements as per the specified guidelines enclosed herewith.

**Option A: Taking Online Course in SWAYAM Platform**

- Under the Option A, the learners can get themselves enrolled in any one of the following Online Courses:

<i>Name of the Course</i>	<i>Offered by</i>	<i>Link for enrolment</i>
Understanding Tribals	IGNOU	<a href="https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/nou25_hs41/preview">https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/nou25_hs41/preview</a>
Social and Political Philosophy	KKHSOU	<a href="https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/nou25_hs70/preview">https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/nou25_hs70/preview</a>

- The last date of enrolment for the above SWAYAM Course is **September 15, 2025**.
- All learners willing to take SWAYAM Courses shall have to complete their admission in SWAYAM Portal before the last date of admission.
- Evaluation of these courses shall be like any other courses i.e. 30 marks for assignment and 70 marks for the end semester examination.
- Assignments for these courses shall be shared to the learners by the concerned programme coordinator separately.
- End semester examination shall be conducted by the University in the usual pen and paper mode like any other examination for various courses.
- After taking the admission the learners shall have to inform the University about their SWAYAM Course via using this link <https://forms.gle/S6zpYmmzdyDv2tpr5>
- Special WhatsApp Groups will formed by the concerned programme coordinator for the learners opting for SWAYAM courses to provide necessary academic and non-academic supports to the learners.

**Option B: Community Engagement Work**

Learners opting for the Option B can refer to the **Guidelines for the Community Engagement Work** as given under.

  
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**Guideline for Community Engagement Work at the Undergraduate Level**  
(for the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester learners of Sociology as Major/Core along with  
Education as Minor/Elective Subject)

This community engagement work is meant for the learners of the 4th semester of 4 Year Undergraduate Programme having Sociology as Major/Core subject along with Education as Minor/Elective subject. This work can be chosen by learners in lieu of the Sociology Core Paper titled "Distance Education".

This community engagement work is designed based on the University Grants Commission's "Guidelines for Fostering Social Responsibility & Community Engagement in Higher Education Institutions in India 2.0" (December 2022). This community engagement work shall carry total of 4 credits: 2 credits for Fieldwork + 2 credits for Report writing.

This course aims to bridge theory and practice, promote mutual learning between students and communities, and foster values like empathy and active citizenship.

If a learner chooses this community engagement work in lieu of the Sociology Core Paper "Distance Education" then he/she is supposed to do the following:

- a) Select any one or two villages (maximum) nearby and plan a visit to the village for minimum one week
- b) Select any one of the following themes and/or topic for your field work as a part of your community engagement work

**Some suggestive topics:**

**1) Rural Governance and Development:**

Under this theme/topic the learner shall try to understand the important processes, institutions, issues, challenges of rural governance and development in the selected village or villages. During the field work, the learner is expected to identify the local/community leaders, Panchayat functionaries, grassroots officials, institutions, community organisation and interact with the key functionaries to understand the processes of rural governance and development, issues of local level planning and major challenges faced with respect to community participation.

**2) Traditional Knowledge and Practices**

Under this theme the learner shall conduct a field work to document and understand traditional knowledge and practices of the community relating to health, medicinal plant, agriculture, waste management and/or natural resource management. The learners are expected to meet the important persons in these areas and interact with them regarding their traditional knowledge and practices

**3) Issues relating to Urban Slum or Urban Informal Sector**

Under this theme the learners are expected to carry out field work in urban slums to understand their conditions of living and livelihood. The learners can also conduct field works among urban informal sector workers to understand their conditions of present livelihoods, levels of income, and problems face by them. The learner can interview few households and/or individuals for the purpose.

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**4) Functioning of various development programmes**

Under this theme the learners are expected to carry out field works to understand the processes and benefits of various development programmes currently being implemented in rural and urban areas. Based on the field work conducted the learners will describe the processes of implementation, benefits received by the people and challenges faced in the delivery of any of these programmes (e.g. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, Swachh Bharat, PM Awaas Yojana, Skill India, MGNREGA, SFURTI, Atma Nirbhar Bharat etc.) Learners may also provide suggestions for improving the program's implementation for the poor.

*Note: Always obtain consent from the people/field on which the study will be based, prioritise safety.*

c) Based on the field work conducted the learners will prepare a 10-12 page report containing the following:

- Title/Theme of the Work
- Introduction
- Data and Method (Observation/interview/Questionnaire)
- Findings
- Conclusion
- Reflections and Recommendations
- Geo-tag photographs of Field Works as Annexures

d) Along with the Field Report the learners have to submit a Field Diary in the following format duly signed by the learners

Date of Visit	Place of Visit	Summary of the Works Completed

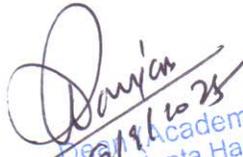
e) The learners shall submit the Field Report along with their Field Diary to their respective study centres and the study centres shall complete the evaluation of the Reports.

f) The Field Report shall carry 70 marks out of 100 marks. Field Report will be evaluated on the basis of the learners' extent of community engagement (total 20 marks), level of understanding of the selected theme/topic (total 30 marks) and skills of report writing (total 20 marks).

g) The Last Date of Submission of Field Report along with Field Diary is October 20, 2025.

h) The learners submitting the field work report shall have face a viva on their field work and field work report either in online/offline mode. The viva shall carry 30 marks. Details of viva examinations along with the date, time and place of viva shall be notified by the University separately after October 20, 2025.

i) For any doubt and query kindly contact the concerned Coordinator of UG Sociology Programme.

  
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This is issued with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

  
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