

RELEVANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT:

In order to discuss about the relevance of sociology in today's society, at first we have to understand the meaning of sociology. Sociology is the scientific study of society as a whole in general. No other social science studies society as a whole, that's why other social sciences are special social sciences, but sociology is the general social science, because it studies society in general. So here our objective is how sociology is relevant in contemporary social situation, because by the advent of science and technology, various factors of social change are happening very spontaneously and frequently, like industrialization and urbanization. Rapid growth of industrialization and urbanization, rural social set-up as well as social institutions like marriage, family, kinship become break & changed, so in our modern, postmodern, industrial and also in post-industrial societies, where has created various kinds of social problems, like breakdown of joint family, emergence of nuclear family and neo-local families, divorce, orphan child and other social problems become arise gradually due to decrease of social relation and bond. Subjective relation have converted to objective relationship, our main objective to search the relevance of sociological study to reduce present social problematic condition. In this study we have used mixed method which is combination of library research as well as content analysis method and also empirical method (where has several direct field based experiences). In result, we have seen, by the emerging trends of sociological study, several problems become reduce gradually for instance displacement is one of the serious problems of growing industrial society, where land acquisition is happening anywhere. At that circumstances only sociologists and the students of sociology can realize their problems heartily because sociology can teach us human value and morality, so sociological study is very relevant in today's society.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Relevance of sociological study in today's society, now become very vital topic for discussion, sociology is a discipline which has emerged basically in the late eighteenth century and the beginning of Nineteenth century, though its development process become started by two major revolutions as in 1760, the industrial revolution & in 1789, the French revolution, yet sociological study had started from in the early beginning of our society, where sociology has no self identity as a distinct discipline. Sociological study was under the study of philosophy & political sciences, like the house mother, so no external identity has seen before eighteenth century. Basically philosophy was the father subject of all the social sciences. Sociology was the mother social sciences among all social science family. But how mother are maintaining all the function of house hold very silently and manage all the house hold very systematically, similarly sociology- has played the role to analyze several social phenomena & events and analytically shoot out its solution and help to make theory to understand human behavior & various pattern of behavior humanistically, sociology treat human behavior and interaction very carefully, which is purely humanistic, where has only human value and social value, sociology have thought us to judge human being by affectionately because she/he has emotion, sorrow, enjoy likeness and

dislike though other social sciences has influenced individual by economically, politically, religiously and also educationally. So where has the great scope to stratification and discrimination, so only sociological study can able to overcome the present social problem by the remedies as emphasis on subject ignore object, emphasis man ignoring money, emphasis humanity ignoring animality, emphasis equality ignoring inequality, emphasizing empathy ignoring sympathy, emphasizing socialism & ignoring capitalism. Now our contemporary society is running on a very problematic situation by the crazy corrupt attitude and practice of individual they never thought about others problem and straching his helping hand to disable. Only the study of sociology can help to realize the problem and help to solve very heartily.

2.SOCIOLOGY-A.CONCEPT:

Science of society in sociology, which social sciences study about the evolution, continuity, and structure-function of society is called sociology, it is the study of human and group behavior also. The main subject matter of sociology is society and its various patterns of social relationship means individual to individual, group to group, family to family and institution to institution in depth analysis of these relationship are the main function of sociology. Only sociology study whole society very generally, that's why sociology is a general science, but other social sciences study societies one aspect very specially that why other social sciences are special social science, for instance political science study only political aspect of society specially, History study the past, Anthropology study human race, Philosophy study only future of the society, economics study only the economical perspective of the society specially. So except sociology, all other social sciences are special social sciences.(Ghorai;2019)

Science-I. Natural Science: (Physics, Chemistry Mathematics)

II. Social Science: -a> General Social Science (Sociology); b> Special Social Science (Political Science, Economic, History, Anthropology, Philosophy).

Famous American sociologist Kingsley Davis defined that sociology is the general science of the society.

B.Meaning: The word 'Sociology' is derived from two distinct as latin word 'Socius' which meaning companionship or society; and another Greek word 'logos' which meaning study or science. So etimologically sociology is the science of society. Great French philosopher **Auguste Comte** first coined the term '**Sociology**' in his famous book *The Positive Philosophy* ' in **1839**, smo he is treated as the founding father of sociology. Comte defined as "Sociology is the scientific study of social phenomena".

C.Definition: As a distinct discipline, sociology has certain genuine definition, which has indicated below:

According to **Herbert Spencer**, "Sociology is the study of social evolution and social change"

According to **Emile Durkheim**, "Sociology is the study of social fact".

According to **Max Weber**, "Sociology is the interpretative understanding of social action".

Kingsley Davis has given a satisfactory definition of sociology as; Sociology is the general science of society.(Rao;2012)

From the above definition, we can defined that, sociology is the scientific study of social life, here social life included economical, political, educational and religious life.

D.Nature of Sociology: Some definite characteristics of sociology as;

i> Sociology is a general science, not special science.

ii> Sociology is abstract science, not concrete in nature.

- iii> Sociology is an amoral science not moral or immoral science.
- iv> Sociology is concerned with only human value and social value.
- v> It is purely humanistic in nature, not materialistic.
- vi> It is fundamental for social understanding not natural.
- vii> Sociology more relevant to realise social needs.
- viii> It is more helpful to comprehend social problems.
- ix> Sociology is more relevant to improvement of society.
- x> Sociology helps to develop individual, group and society.(Giddens;2001)

3. RELEVANCE OF SOCIOLOGY IN TODAY'S SOCIETY:

In order to study the relevance of sociology in today's society, at first we have to understand the contemporary social situation and its various kinds of problems. Before industrialization, urbanization and the development of science and technology, society was very simple in nature and administered by the prevalence of religion. Where has no scope of scientific thinking, rationally and logic, where has prevailed customs, dogmas, superstition and orthodoxy, through, where has dogmatism and superstitious problem and also deprivation in another forms. But due to Industrial revolution in 1760 and French revolution in 1789, where has brought a sweeping change in society. A new horizontal expansion had started by the invention of science and technology, that moment a rapid industrialization and urbanization become started gradually. So, society become changed from premodern to modern society, where each and every social phenomena is judged by science and rationally. The common features of European villages has lost their long-term joint family system, social subjective integrity and affection, which has converted to objective base integrity and affection of urban life. Most of the scholar, intellectual have thought that society become developed by the process of rapid industrialization and urbanization, but with this urbanization where created several social problems also, No other social sciences were able to cope up with this social problem, as;

(A) Breakdown and Joint Family;

European village as well as joint family system have breakdown for migration to urban area to take industrial job and rapidly have established nuclear family, Joint families authority of senior male member has lost, responsibility for other family member became fade, subjective love and affection become objective and materialistic as well as money oriented, the fundamental pillar of joint family become breakdown in nuclear family structure, so where has increased divorce.

(B) Divorce:

By the breakdown of joint family in European country most of the European villagers, those who has taken job in the industry of industrial belt and built in township within a artificial housing complex that was purely economical class and competitive attitude, where has created an artificial social life, which has more harmful for enduring and strengthening between couple relationship. So in European society Divorce become rampant in every where, because the joint family system where has no authoritarian personality, humanitarian responsibility where has prevent only status based prosperity, that's why the family which is very nuclear unit of community miniature form of society, this family and treated as very very vital form of social institution in our social system become breakdown by the problems of divorce. Due to the problems of divorce, the family members as wife husband become frustrated and suffering by various kinds of psychological and sociological problems like

anxiety, jealousy, social discrimination and lack of social responsibility one side, and in another side their children become stigmatized and deprived. (Ahuja-2002)

(C) Spoil Child: A spoil child is a very modern sociological terminology, which has thought first by Professor (Dr) Ruby Sain, (Prof. of Sociology) during her lecture in Oxford University, where she has described about this spoil child problem formally and theoretically as how did the process of modernization and westernization are the breaking factor of joint family system and helping to establish nuclear family, with it increasing divorce, and child become spoiled also. Where a social tragedy have arrive in the life of child of the divorced parents and working couples. The child become spoiled when they are parted from their parental love, affection, acceptance, suggestion and guidance, the child have to face health hazard, nutritional problems, problems of social security and also frustration. After all they have to carry on the burden of social stigmatisation. People consciously and unconsciously have to blame that his or her parents become separated from each other. So from the peer group to parental relatives everywhere the child have to face insulting and only insulting. That's why the child have to bound to lost their mental stability and social security. In most of the cases, only to live their physical survive they have to absorb with some low payment job under someone in a hazardous condition as child labour.

(D) Child labour: child labour is a vital social problem. Though it is the constitutionalization and urbanization in feudal society even also in slave society, where has no existence of child labour, but after Industrial revolution and French revolution the society become developed economically, politically and educationally, not socially rather society has lost its socio-cultural elements, which was more ceteric component of society as love, affection, emotion, sharing, co-operation, coordination mutual help, at least to give human value to other human beings authority, responsibility, common sharing of common resources but by the emergence of capitalistic mode of production, which has gain also some economic accumulation and profit making attitude but also lost with it the social attitude equality as well as equal distribution of social resources become more anti in socialistic society. So, those who has accumulated money by making Industry they become richest and most of the labourer become alienated and face a social hardship situation to provide their subsistence. So, gradually they have become very poorest of the poor and have sent their children to early earn something and became child labour, in this way a pathological problem have created in our contemporary society. A child, who is a future of our nation but being a labour in a hazardous situation, never able to develop their personality properly. Once upon a time they became smuggler, drug-addicted, anti-social, gambler, dacoits, thief, deceiver, cheater, bagger, vagabond etc.

These above said, special social problems and its root causes be reveal by analytical and empirical study of sociology only. No other social sciences can able to check and control those problem from our society. If we observe all social sciences are special social science, they never emphasize on a specific perspective of society in depth, yet where has seen a lack of integrity and balance among different social perspective. It is quite impossible to remove only kind of social problem that may be political, economical, educational, religious by social sciences of respectively Political science, Economy, Education, Philosophy except the study of Sociology. Because Sociology not only is the study of society it focused on each and every aspect and institution, organization agencies, group, community, family and individual also. So, a strategical and systematical study is being done properly in Sociology even in sociological study, where has not happening one way hegemonic study process, where has more scope of alternity study that means to see from below other social sciences judge

each and every perspective from above morally but sociology can able to take a stand among and between, a middle range that can maintain a balance between two.

4. CONCLUSION:

So, in Today's society, there are prevailing various kinds of social problem have to meet or solve by the application of social research method as well as social enquiry because the discipline sociology and disciple of sociology both has more intensive scope of social analysis scientifically and socially. That's why in each and every stream of study like engineering, medical, law, where sociological study is mandatory. Because of the Professional of each field can have clear conception and ideas about societies, where has existed without clear conception of individual, attitude, family background, community sentiment, social attitude no engineer will be success to construct a multi storied building beside slum areas in metropolitan. No doctor can able to root out causes of disease of patient and no lawyer will be identified the real culprit and to give the proper judgement. In today's society one of the most fundamental problem is displacement. For rapid growth of Industrialization various industrial project like heavy industry, luxury industry, small industry, shopping mall, hydel power project and for the social development. Various kind of environmental element become hamper with it, the people become displaced from their native land for developmental project. So, to realize the actual misery of displaced person or community, only sociologist can realize their problem heartily and properly than economist, politician, educationist or any others.

In the concluding part we can say that to remove the social problems and to be established a balanced heartily Society, only sociology can study only more relevant in today's society.

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