

The **RC 02 (Family, Marriage, and Kinship)** section of the Indian Sociological Society focuses on the study of family structures, marriage practices, and kinship networks within society. The objective of this section is to explore how these institutions shape and are shaped by social, cultural, economic, and political factors in India. It delves into the complexities of familial relationships, marriage norms, and kinship roles, offering a deeper understanding of both traditional and modern perspectives on these institutions.

Objective:

1. **To Understand Family Dynamics:** Examine how family functions as a primary social unit and its evolving role in contemporary society.
2. **Marriage and Social Norms:** Analyze marriage practices, rituals, and their significance in Indian social structures, while considering the impact of modernization, migration, and globalization.
3. **Kinship Networks:** Study the intricate kinship ties and how they influence social relationships, inheritance, gender roles, and identity within various communities.
4. **Cultural and Regional Variations:** Investigate the diversity of family and marriage customs across India's varied cultural, regional, and religious contexts.

Scope:

1. **Traditional vs. Modern Perspectives:** Comparative studies of traditional family structures and modern transformations due to factors like urbanization, economic changes, and social mobility.
2. **Gender and Power Relations:** Understanding the role of gender in family dynamics, marriage arrangements, and kinship systems, including issues like patriarchy, matriliney, and changing gender roles.
3. **Legal and Policy Implications:** Assessing how laws and policies (such as marriage laws, inheritance rights, etc.) impact family and kinship practices.
4. **Social Issues and Family Challenges:** Exploring issues like child marriage, dowry, divorce, inter-caste and inter-religious marriages, and their impact on the social fabric.

Regards

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