

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
DC	NHSC 515	Digital Society	3	0	0	3

Course Objective

The course aims to enable students to acquire critical sociological understanding of the ways in which new communication technologies have created virtual communities, online social relations, social change and the social and cultural aspects of digital media

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- be able to understand and gain an in-depth and critical knowledge of the key issues, debates, principles, concepts and theories in the field of digital society
- understand the relations between digital media and social change, sociability, power disparities, surveillance, work and participation
- understand the prevailing culture of politics, Controlling, connecting, disconnecting and consumption

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Introduction: The History of Digital evolution	2	Understanding the origin and relevance of digital media, and their use in contemporary societies and cultures
2	Rise of network societies: Virtual Communities and Networks	3	Understanding how the growth of digitization has led to emergence of network society and communities influencing the functioning of the entire society.
3	Theorizing Media: a. Power and Communication b. Public and Private c. Globalization and visibility d. Mediated World and the Self	9	Understanding the theories and perspectives for analyzing the role of digital media in contemporary societies
4	Internet and Everyday life : sociability and seeking information	8	Understanding the impact of digitization on the sociability of the members of society and the way they seek information.
5	Digital Media: Television, Culture and Politics in society	9	Understanding the impact of digitization on the lives of people from various regions of the world, while paying special attention to the socio-cultural and political effects of social media tools