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Indian Sociology: Emerging Vistas

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***Abstract:** Though formal teaching of sociology is little more than 100 years old in India, teaching and research in India has expanded rapidly. It was mainly because of the efforts of pioneers as G. S. Ghurye, R. K. Mukherjee, D. P. Mukerji, M. N. Srinivas and others. After independence, sociology got a boost because of challenges of nation-building and liberal funds provided by UGC. Even before independence and after, sociologists in India have been busy studying institutions like caste, joint family and village which are primarily rural. Now, they have ventured into newer areas as Urban Sociology, social movements, Sociology of small groups, Sociology of economic development etc. In this paper, the author draws attention to the emerging vistas in sociology as Action sociology, Sociology of sanitation, Applied Sociology, Sociology of consumerism, Sociology of atrocities, Sociology of disability, Sociology of homicide and suicide, and Sociology of LGBT Question. The author himself has done yeomen service in the area of Action sociology and Sociology of sanitation.*

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