Department of Sociology
UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

THRUST AREAS OF RESEARCH

Globalization and Identity Formation

- How global cultural flows (media, technology, consumerism) influence identity construction in Kashmir.
- The negotiation between global and local (glocalization) in shaping cultural practices and social identities.
- The impact of transnational Islamic movements and global religious trends on local religious practices.

Migration and Displacement

- Impact of migration on family structures, especially in rural areas.
- Migration patterns due to education, employment, and globalization

Identity, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

- Study of ethnic identities, religious diversity, and communal relations in a conflict-ridden society.
- The politics of identity in a region divided by geopolitical tensions.
- Nationalism, regionalism, and the shaping of collective identity in Kashmir.

Gender Studies

- Gender roles in the context of modernity and how they affect women's participation in public life.
- Access to education and healthcare for women.

Education and Social Mobility

- Role of education in fostering social mobility, especially in rural Kashmir.
- The link between education and delayed marriage, particularly for women.
- Educational inequalities

Health and Well-being

- Sociological impact of mental health issues due to prolonged conflict.

- Access to healthcare services and its sociopolitical determinants.
- Substance abuse and its growing influence on Kashmiri youth.

Religion and Society

- Interplay of religion and politics in shaping Kashmiri society.
- Religious movements, Sufism, and the influence of Islamic teachings on everyday life.
- Religious pluralism

Caste, Class, and Social Stratification

- Class divisions and caste-based dynamics in the context of economic hardship and conflict.
- Urban-rural divides and economic inequalities.
- Social mobility and caste interactions

Environmental Sociology

- The impact of climate change, environmental degradation, and natural disasters on social life.
- Human-environment interactions, particularly the socio-economic effects of floods and deforestation.
- Sustainable development, agriculture, and rural livelihood in the region.

Media, Communication, and Technology

- The role of media in shaping narratives of conflict and peace in Kashmir.
- Social media's influence on youth, identity, and political activism.
- Digital divide and the access to information