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COURSE INTRODUCTION:

This Course is meant for the learners of fourth semester of MA Sociology programme of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. The course is titled *Political Sociology.* In this course the learners will be able to learn about different concepts and approaches employed by Sociologists to understand the relationship between politics and Society.

The first unit *in Meaning and scope of Sociology.* This unit will discuss how Political Sociology as a discipline emerged, its meaning and scope of study.

The second unit is *Concepts in Political Sociology.* Every discipline contain certain concepts unique to itself. This unit intends to discuss some of the important concepts discussed in Political Sociology.

The third unit *is Political Culture.* This unit seeks to discuss the meaning, symbols and the utility of Political culture.

The fourth unit is *Political Socialisation*. This unit will discuss the meaning and agents of Political Socialisation.

The fifth unit is *State.* This unit will discuss the meaning elements and nature of state.

The sixth unit is titled as *Theories of origin of state .*This unit will discuss the divine origin theory and the evolutionary theory.

The seventh unit is titled as *Marxist theory of origin of state.* This unit will discuss how state becomes an instrument in promoting the interest of the ruling class.

The eight unit is titled as Antonio Gramsci This unit will discuss the relation between state and civil society.

The ninth unit is titled as Authority and Legitimacy. This unit will discuss the meaning and types of authority and also the meaning, source and types of legitimacy

The tenth unit is titled as Elite Theory. This unit will discuss the elite theories of power.

The eleventh unit is titled as Social Movements. This unit will discuss the meaning, types and characteristics of social movements.

The twelvth unit is titled as Political Parties. This unit will discuss the concept, origin and characteristics of political parties.

The thirteenth unit is titled as Pressure group, interest group and lobbying. This unit will discuss the meaning, elements and features of pressure group; meaning and functions of interest group; meaning of lobbying.

The fourteenth unit is titled as Social Issues in India. This unit will discuss Regionalism, Communalism, ethnicity and multiculturalism in India.

While going through the units of the block, you will find that unit is further divided into certain sections and sub-sections, wherever necessary, for your better understanding. Again, the units carry certain *activities* after a particular section where needed. These “ACTIVITIES” will provide you the opportunity to practically apply your own thoughts based on the knowledge gained from reading the text in a particular section. Besides, in order to give you additional information on certain relevant topics, you will find a category called “LET US KNOW” after the sections in each unit. Another category that has been included at the end of each section of a particular unit is “CHECK YOUR PROGRESS”. The purpose of this category is to help you to asses for yourself as to how thoroughly you have understood a particular section. You may then match your answers with “ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS” given at the end of each unit. The section “FURTHER READING” in each unit contains the names of a few books which you might want to consult if you are intereted in learning more elaborately about the concepts discussed in a particular unit. Furthermore, the category called “POSSIBLE QUESTIONS” is intended to give you a hint of the type of questions you are likely to get in the examination.