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COURSE INTRODUCTION: SOCIAL WORK- HISTORY AND IDEOLOGY

This course is for the first semester of Bachelor of Social Work programme. This is one of the core course of social work that closely examines the concept of social work, its evolution as a profession and significant concepts related to social work. This course is designed to introduce you to a range of important perspectives of social work profession. It will also help in understanding the philosophical foundations or ideologies that builds the values and approaches to the practice of this profession.Objectives of this course is to orient the learners to the basic concepts of social work, to understand the basic values and principles of social work profession, to trace the history of professionalization of social work in India and abroad and to understand the significance of contemporary ideologies in the practice of social work.

In this course, the First Unit deals with the meaning, concept of social work, objectives, functions, principles and methods of social work. The Second Unit discusses the concepts related to social workl like- social service, welfare, reform, social justice, human rigts and others. The Third Unit traces the professional development of social work and social work education. The Fourth Unit explains in detail the code of ethics to be followed by social work professionals as given by the NASW.The Fifth and Sixth Unit focuses on the contemporary ideologies of social change and their significance in moulding social work's approaches. In the Seventh Unit there is detailed discussion on Fields of Social Work and the Eith Unit discusses the various settings in which social work is practiced extensively.

While going through a unit, you will notice some along-side boxes, which have been included to help you know some of the difficult, unseen terms. Some "ACTIVITY' (s) have been included to help you apply your own thoughts. Again, we have included some "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" questions in between at the end of the units. These have been designed to self-check your progress of study. It will be better if you solve the problems put in these boxes immediately after you go through the sections of the units and then match your answers with "ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PPROGRESS" given at the end of each unit.

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UNIT 3 : Historical Development of Social Work
Historical Development of Social Work; Professional Development of Social Work in USA, UK and india, Development of Social Work Education in India, Professionalization of Social Work.

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