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COURSE INTRODUCTION : SOCIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL WORK

This course is for the first semester of Master of Social Work. It lays the foundation of basic concepts of sociology and psychology necessary for the knowledge of social work trainees. This course depicts the relationship between sociology, psychology and social work.Sociology is the scientific study of society and psychology helps in understanding the factors affecting behaviour.Thus, this course closely examines human interactions and socio-cultural phenomena and the effects of these on groups and individuals. This course is designed to introduce you to a range of basic sociological principles so that you can develop your own sociological imagination.It will also help in understanding the factors contributing to the development personality, the concepts that will be beneficial to social workers in understanding human behaviour better and to know the physical, psychological and social changes of various developmental stages.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION (BLOCK-1)

In this course, the First Unit deals with the meaning, concept of society, its components, the demographic variables, Malthusian Theory and demographic complexities in the Indian society. The Second Unit discusses the importance of sociology in social work and helps in understanding the theories of society.The Third Unit explains the role of culture and the social institutions like family, marriage, kinship. The Fourth Unit deals with the concept of social stratification and also explains how caste and class divide the Indian society. Fifth Unit explains in detail the various agencies of socialization and means of social control. Sixth Unit focuses on the concept of social change and the significance and forms of social movement. In the Seventh Unit there is a very detail discussion on various social problems with focus on Indian society and issue of immigration and human trafficking in North-east India.

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 and 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.