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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course of the B.A 3rd Semester programme titled **"Indian Society"** focuses on the different aspects of the Indian society especially its major social institutions. The course contents are divided into two blocks, namely, Block-1 and Block-2. Block 1 has eight Units and Block two comprises of seven units. **Unit1** of the course discusses about the diversities that exists in India and how unity in India is maintained irrespective of its multiple diversities. **Unit 2** explains about the different types of Societies that exists in India. **Unit 3** tries to explain the institutions of Family and Marraige in the context of Indian Society. **Unit 4** discusses about the Kinship system of India. **Unit 5 and Unit 6** discusses about Indian Caste System, Its characteristics, nature and changing dynamics. **Unit 7** focuses on the Tribes in India. **Unit 8** discusses about the status of women in Indian Society. **Unit 9** discusses about the nature and evolution of Indian Economy. **Unit 10** explains about the different aspects of Indian Polity. **Unit 11** discusses about Rural Life in India particularly focusing on Rural Class Structure and Land Reforms in India. **Unit 12** talks about Rural Leadership where attempt has also been made to explain the learners about Rural Power Structure. **Unit 13 d**iscusses about how different processes have contributed to social change in India. **Unit 14** and **Unit 15** deals with various social problems and social issues in India.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

The Block 1 of the course titled **"Indian Society"** attempts to familiarise the learners about Unity in Diverisy in India, the Types of Indian Society, Family, Marraige, Kinship, Caste, and Tribe of India. It also discusses about the status of Women in India. Unit 1 is about Unity and Diversity in India where discussions have been made on the different froms of diversities that exists in India and how there is Unity amidst diversity in India. Unit 2 discusses about the three different types of Societies that co-exist in Inda i.e Urban Society, Rural Society and Tribal Society. Unit 3 helps the learners to understand about the nature of family and marriage in India and some of the important concepts related to the institutions of family and marriage such as Househod, Patriarchy so on and so forth.Unit 4 discusses about Kinship system in India and its variations across different regions in the country. Unit 5 explains about the Indian Caste System, its characteristics, meaning of some important concepts like Jajmani System, Dominant Caste so on and so forth. Unit 6 focuses on the changing aspects of caste system particularly emphaising on Casteism and Caste Mobilisation. Unit 7 discusses about the different aspects of tribes in India and also about the different approaches towards the Tribals and their development.Unit 8 talks about the status of women in India by focusing on different periods in histroy.

In order to make the text more interesting and informative, a section called LET US KNOW has been provided in all the units. This section try to provide some additional information regarding the content of the unit. Further, in order to enable the learners to continuously check their progress regarding the content, some questions has been put at the end of various sections of a unit with the heading CHECK YOUR PROGRESS. The answers to the questions of CHECK YOUR PROGRESS section has been provided at the end of each unit. In the end of each unit few Model Question of long and short type is provided in order to provide an idea of the question 'pattern' to be expected in the examinations by the learners.

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