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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This 3 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 2 of the course titled **"Indian Society"** attempts to familiarise the learners about some other very important aspects of Indian Society such as its Economy, Polity, Rural Life and Rural Power Structure, Processes of Social Change and also about its social problems and issues. Unit 9 discusses about the nature of economy and how it has changed over the period of time Unit 10 discusses about Indian Polity and its different dimensions. Unit 11 explains about Rural Life in India where emphasis has been laid upon Agrarian Class Structure and Land Reforms. Unit 12 has discussed about Rural Leadership-its characteristics, determinants, role and significance. Unit 13 discusses about the different social processes like Sanskritisation, Westernisation, Modernisation, Globalisation and Industrialisation which have brought changes to Indian Society. Unit 14 discusses about some of the major social problems in India like Corruption, Black Money and Smuggling. Unit 16 discusses also discusses some major social issues like Communalism, Regionalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism.

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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