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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Economic Sociology is a significant area of study within the disciplinary dynamics of Sociology. This course is meant for M.A. Sociology course (Third Semester). It is designed to help the learners have a deep understanding about various concepts and theoretical dimensions regarding the study of Economic Sociology. This course comprises of thirteen units, which are divided into two blocks. The first block is constituted of six units (Unit 1 - Unit 6). The second block comprises of seven units (Unit 7 - Unit 13). This course begins by providing an introductory understanding of Economic Sociology. It is followed by detailed discussions on the various theoretical perspectives that provide an insight into the discipline. Further, important concepts, ideas and relevant issues and aspects associated with the discipline have been discussed in detail. After going through the entire course, the learner shall get a detailed understanding regarding the various aspects of the area of Economic Sociology

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

This is the first block of the course and comprises of six units. This block intends to provide the learners a basic understanding regarding Economic Sociology. After reading this block the learners will be able to understand the different aspects and theoretical perspectives associated with the discipline.

Unit 1 of this block, titled as 'Economic Sociology: An Introduction' discusses the Meaning, Definition, Scope and importance of Economic Sociology.

Unit 2 of this block, titled as 'Basic Concepts' discusses the key concepts like value, market, GDP, growth and development, etc.

Unit 3 of this block, titled as 'Functionalist Approach to Economic Sociology' highlights the functionalist approach.

Unit 4 of this block, titled as 'Marxist Approch to Economic Sociology' provides an explanation of the Marxist ideas, key arguments and criticisms, necessary for understanding the discipline.

Unit 5 of this block, titled as 'Property' discusses the concept of property from a sociological perspective, and also provides important theoretical perspectives about the concept of properrty.

Unit 6 of this block, titled as 'Exchange' provides a sociological understanding of the concept of exchange, and also highlights important theoretical perspectives necessary to understand the concept of exchange.

While going through the units of the block, you will find that each 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”. 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 “MODEL QUESTIONS” is intended to give you a hint of the type of questions you are likely to get in the examination.