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COURSE INTRODUCTION:

This Course is meant for the learnersof third semester of MA Sociology programme under the revised semester system of Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University. The course is titled *Sociology of Education.* In this course the learners will be able to learn about the interphase between society and education. Learners will be able to learn different concepts and approaches employed by Sociologists to understand the process involved in education.

This course comprise of two blocks - block 1 and block 2. Block 1 will contain in 7 units and block 2 will contain another 7 units.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

This is the first block of the course. This block cosists of seven units.

The first unit *of this block is Sociology of Education: An Introduction.* This unit will discuss how Sociology of Education as a discipline emerged, scope of study and the theories related to the study.

The second unit is *Importance of Education*. This unit intends to discuss why education is important for a society.

The third unit *is Agents of Education.* This unit seeks to discuss about the different agents in a society which imparts education.

The fourth unit is *Functionalist Approach to Uniderstand Education*. This unit will discuss how the functionalist theory view education.

The fifth unit is *Marxian Perspective to Understand Education.* This unit will discuss how the Marxists view the institution of Education.

The sixth unit is titled as *Knowledge, Power and Education* This unit will discuss how the concept of knowledge is associated with power.

The seventh unit is titled as *Critical Pedagogy* .This unit will discuss Paulo Freire's idea of Education.

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