

Open Elective
Paper Code: SWOE
Paper Title: SOCIETY AND SOCIAL WORK

INTRODUCTION

This course aims at introducing the learner to the dynamics of society, nature of human behavior, basic concepts of social work and its interventions. Understanding of these concepts in this course will help the students to understand the Individual

OBJECTIVES

- a) To develop an understanding of the basic structure of society, its institutions and the inequalities prevalent therein.
- b) To familiarize the learner to the intervention strategies that may be adopted to deal with societal problems.
- c) To introduce the learner to the basic concepts of Social work, its methods & interventions.
- d) To develop an overall understanding of the principles of Human Behaviour, adjustment & mal adjustment.

Course content

UNIT I

Society & its Institutions: Meaning and components of society, origin and development, characteristics of Indian society; Social Institutions: concept, forms - Family, Marriage, Kinship, Religion, Education, Media & Culture, Emerging trends.

Social Inequalities & Problems : Concept, causes and consequences, disadvantaged & marginalized groups : SC, ST & OBC, women, children, aged, unorganized labour, physically and mentally challenged, substance abuse, HIV / AIDS, sexual harassment, human trafficking, alienation – causes, consequences, preventive & remedial measures.

UNIT II

Psychology : concept, scope & importance; Basic Human Needs : Physical, psychological, social and intellectual. Motivation, frustration and conflicts – their impact

on behaviour; Stress – concept, coping and social support; Group psychology, attitudes, public opinion, mob behavior, leadership.

UNIT III

Mental Health : Concept of mental health and mental illness, common misconceptions about mental illness; types of disorders - Neurosis, Psychosis, Psychosomatic disorders, Psychopathic personalities and perversions, Personality disorders, Delusional disorder, Epilepsy, Suicide, Organic psychotic conditions – signs, symptoms & intervention.

UNIT IV

Social Work Interventions : Social Work: concept, definition, principles, values, ethics, methods and interventions of Social Work ; Different fields of Social Work, Social Service, Social Services, Social Welfare, Social Reform and Social Development; Welfare and developmental services in Indian Society, role of government, NGOs and the corporate sector.

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