

Paper **SWS403: UNDERSTANDING OF INDIAN SOCIETY**

PROGRAMME OUTCOME

Course specific Objectives:

- To introduce the various perspectives on understanding Caste, Class, Association and Institution
- To introduce the student to the nature, extent, causes, and control of various social problems in India.
- To understand the situation and statues of women in India.
- To understand the sociological perspective for social work.
- To understand the incidence, forms, causes and consequences of social deviance, as well as social and governmental regulations towards the same.

Unit I

Indian Society Features: Concept of Society-Definition, Major Elements of Society, Features of Indian society, Community, Groups, Associations and Institutions; Social institutions: meaning, definitions and characteristics; marriage, family, religion, Caste and class system. Structural Analysis of Society, emerging trends in Indian culture, Family, Marriage, values and life styles.

Unit II

Social Problems in India

Major Social problems –Concept, Causes, Consequences and Measures :Poverty, Population growth, Illiteracy, Unemployment, Beggary, Child Labour, Caste-based Discrimination, Communalism, Corruption, Suicide, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Sex Work, HIV AIDS, Youth Unrest, Development and Displacement, Human Trafficking.

Unit III

Situation and Status of Women in India: Historical review of status of women in Indian society, Women in Family, religion, education, health, political, economic and legal status; situation of girl child in India; Sex determination, Female Infanticide, sex ratio, mal-nutrition, early marriage, teenage pregnancies, Women Trafficking, Dowry Death.

Unit IV

Sociological concepts for social workers

Socialization, Social control, Social Stratification, Social Change and Social Disorganization (meaning, need and importance its types). Importance of Sociological Perspectives for Social Workers in present context.

Unit V

Social Deviance and Control:

Introduction: Social Deviance, Crime, Rape-Nirbhaya Case, Domestic violence and harassment, Drug Menace, Juvenile in Conflict with Law. An introduction to IPC- Indian Penal Code, Offences related to marriage; Hindu code bill and anti-rape laws; Judiciary: Criminal Procedure Code- Outline; Role of Police, family court, Mahila adalath, National and state commissions for Women and Children.

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