

MS- 103 SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION: HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY AND FIELDS**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- i) Understand the philosophy and evolution of concepts in the field of social welfare in national and international context.
- ii) Appreciate the development of various perspectives in social work.
- iii) Understand the growth of profession of Social Work with reference to values, knowledge, skills.
- iv) Appreciate the various approaches in professional social work and its expanding field.
- v) Reflect upon own values vis-à-vis that of social work profession.

COURSE CONTENT:

Unit-I	<p>Basic Concepts : Social service, social services, social welfare, social welfare services, social work, human & social capital, social action, social reform, social security, social work intervention. Welfare vs. development orientation in social work.</p> <p>Philosophy and Values of social work.</p> <p>Evolution of Social Work in, U.K., U.S.A. and India; Traditional vs. professional social work; Ideological perspectives: charity, philanthropy, humanitarian, humanistic-rationalistic, radical, human rights and social inclusion;</p>
Unit-II	<p>Assumptions of social work; Social work Goals - ameliorative, remedial, rehabilitative, promotional, developmental and transformational.</p> <p>Characteristic features of professional social work; regulatory mechanisms in social work.</p> <p>Social Work Components: Principles, Values (intrinsic vs. instrumental), Process, Phases, Methods, Skills & techniques.</p> <p>Interplay of various systems in social work practice - client system, target system, change agent system, and action system.</p>
Unit-III	<p>Influence of Social thinkers and social scientists in the development of social work.</p> <p>Contribution of social sciences theory and research to social work and vice versa.</p> <p>Perspectives in social work practice: Integrated Social Work practice, Ecological perspective in social work, System theory and Radical theory, Feminist theory, Existential theory and Rational Emotive theory, Marxian theory, Gandhian theory, and Rights perspective.</p> <p>Approaches to Social Work: psycho-dynamic, problem-solving, inter-actionist, integrated.</p>
Unit-IV	<p>Social Work Settings – Institutional and Non-institutional.</p> <p>Fields of social work-I: Family and Child Welfare, Community Development, School Social Work.</p>
Unit-V	<p>Fields of social work-II: Labour Welfare, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, Correctional Social Work.</p> <p>Roles of Social Worker – educator, guide, facilitator, enabler, planner, catalyst, mediator, advocate, confronter, change-agent, system-linkage roles.</p> <p>Applicability of the principles of social work in practice.</p>

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