

B.A. I Semester
(MD/ID Subject - 4 Credits)

Course Title : Basics of Social Work

Course Objectives:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide students with a basic orientation to Social Work • To know the basic concepts of Social Work • To introduce Social Work as a potential professional career. • To understand the professional ethics and values of Social Work • To know about scopes of Social Work
Unit I	Fundamentals of Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaning, definitions, nature and objectives of Social Work • Relationship of Social Work with other Social Sciences • Basic concepts: Social Service, Social welfare, Society, Community, Culture, Social Problems, Social Justice. • Principles of Social Work
Unit II	Historical Development and Scope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical development - Social Work in the west and in India • Contribution of key social reformers and social movements • Social Work as a profession: values, ethics, • Voluntary Social Work and roles of Non-Governmental social welfare agencies
Unit III	Methods and Skills of Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods of Social Work-case work, group work, community organization, social action, Social Work research and social welfare administration. • Brief introduction: Social Welfare Administration and Social Policy • Essential skills of a Social Worker: Communication, Empathy, Active Listening, Problem-solving
Unit IV	Field And Scop of Professional Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fields of Social Work: Family and Child Welfare, , Development, Rural and Urban Development, Disaster Management labour welfare, medical and psychiatric Social Work, community development, correctional Social Work, youth welfare and school Social Work. • Motivating students to participate in community service • Practical activity: Prepare a poster/slogan or organize a small awareness campaign on a social issue

Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, students will gain a basic orientation to the new academic subject of **Social Work**, enabling them to understand its meaning, principles, and historical development, as well as its relation with other social sciences. They will be able to recognize the values, ethics, and methods of the profession, identify major fields and skills required of social workers, and develop initial interest, sensitivity, and motivation to engage in community service and explore Social Work as a potential career path.

Suggested Readings

1. Dubey, S.N. (2001). *Social Work: An Integrated Approach*. New Delhi: Sterling.
2. Friedlander, Walter A. (1977). *Introduction to Social Welfare*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall.
3. Desai, Murli (2006). *Ideologies and Social Work: Historical and Contemporary Analyses*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications.
4. Singh, R.R. (1994). *Professional Social Work in India*. Delhi: Allied Publishers.
5. Skidmore, Rex A. (1997). *Introduction to Social Work*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.
6. Chaudhary, D. Paul (1983). *Introduction to Social Work*. Delhi: Atma Ram & Sons.

