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COURSE INTRODUCTION:

This is first paper of **M.A social work** (**MASW**) programme of first semester. The Master of Arts in Social Work (**MASW)** through distance education is a postgraduate program designed for students who want to pursue social work without attending full-time classes. It covers theoretical and practical aspects of social work and prepares students for roles in community development, social welfare, and related fields. This course provides an introduction to field of social work, exploring is values, principles, methods, and the role of social workers in various settings. Students are also expected to complete fieldwork or internships in social work settings. The program offers flexibility for working professionals or those with other commitments.

UNIT 1 : In this first unit, learners will be introduced to the social work practice with individuals i.e. social case work, social group work, social action; social welfare administration and social work research are the secondary methods of social work. This course mainly focuses on field work which a crucial part of social work because it provides practical experience helps apply theoretical knowledge, develop professional skills and fasters a deeper understanding of client environment.

UNIT 2 : Shall introduce the learners to the professional of social work is based on exploration of the philosophy, values, and related concepts such as social welfare, justice, and human rights.

UNIT 3: In this third unit , learners will be introduced to the evolution of social work, highlighting key figures and movements in both the global and Indian contexts.

UNIT 4: In this unit , learners will be introduced to the Core and extended methods, including casework, group work, and community organization, essential for social work practice.

UNIT 5: In this unit, learners will be introduced to the Ethical principles, dilemmas, and professional codes of conduct that guide responsible social work.

UNIT 6. : In this unit , learners will be introduced to the role of social workers in promoting and safeguarding human rights within their practice.

UNIT 7: In this unit , learners will be introduced to the strategies and interventions to support marginalized populations such as children, women, elderly, and persons with disabilities.

UNIT 8: In this unit , learners will be introduced to the focus on social workers' roles in mental health settings, including counseling and therapeutic techniques.

UNIT 9 : In this unit , learners will be introduced to the understanding family dynamics and providing interventions like counseling, mediation, and welfare programs.

UNIT 10 : In this unit , learners will be introduced to the role of social workers in hospital settings, providing emotional support, advocacy, and system navigation.

UNIT 11 : In this unit , learners will be introduced to the addressing educational barriers, supporting students, and tackling issues like inequality and dropout rates.

UNIT 12: In this unit , learners will introduce to the theories and approaches to strengthen communities, focusing on capacity-building and empowerment.

UNIT 13: In this unit , learners will introduce to the Impact of key social policies and laws on social work practice, with a focus on Indian policies like MGNREGA and NRLM.

UNIT 14: In this unit , learners will introduce to the the importance of research in social work and the use of quantitative and qualitative methods to inform practice. And democracy principles. On the other hand, help practitioners to be competent in their profession.

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UNIT STRUCTURE

1.1 INTRODUCTION :

Social work is a professional practice dedicated to enhancing the well- being of individuals, groups, and communities, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized. It involves addressing social problems, promoting social justice, and ensuring that individuals have access to the resources they need to live fulfilling lives. Social work combines knowledge from various disciplines like sociology, psychology, and law to create a comprehensive approach toward problem-solving andcommunity development. The objectives of social work include empowering individuals, fostering social change, promoting human rights, and improving access to essential services. Social workers aim to create a just society where all

individuals can achieve their full potential, regardless of them social, economic, or cultural background. Social work is based on certain assumptions : every individual has inherent dignity and worth, society are responsible for the welfare of its members, and change is possible through intervention and support.

These assumptions guide the ethical and professional practices of social workers. The functions of social work can be broadly categorized into preventive, curative, and developmental functions. Preventive functions aim to reduce the occurrence of social problems, curative functions focus on addressing existing issues, and developmental functions promote the overall growth and development of communities. Social work employs various methods such as casework, group work, community organization, social action, social welfare administration, and research. These methods help social workers address different kinds of issues, ranging from individual problems to broader community challenges.

The principles of social work include acceptance, confidentiality, individualization, self-determination, and the importance of human relationships. These principles are essential in establishing trust and fostering effective interventions.

1.2 LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Define social work and understand its historical development.
- Identify the key objectives that guide social work practice.
- Recognize the basic assumptions that underpin social workas a profession.
- Understand the various functions social workers perform indifferent settings.
- Explore the methods and techniques used in social work
- Learn practice and apply the principles that guide ethical andeffective social work.

1.3 MEANING OF SOCIAL WORK :

Social work is both a discipline and a profession dedicated to understanding and addressing social problems. It applies social theories to better comprehend society and uses therapeutic method to tackle social issues. Social work examines the causes and impacts of social problems on individuals, groups, communities, and society as whole. It employs a multidisciplinary approach, drawing from sociology, psychology, philosophy, economics, political science, law, and other fields. Unlike other social sciences, social work is profession that applies therapeutic models to address social issues. Social work is a profession that utilizes therapeutic models to address social issues. As an applied science, it incorporates

skills, methods, and techniques to influence human behaviour and resolve social problems. The term "profession" in this context indicates a high level of expertise and artistry in using social theories and therapeutic processes. While social work and sociology are related fields, they differ in focus, purpose, and methods. Social work is practice-oriented, concentrating on helping individuals, families, groups, and communities overcome social issues and enhance their well-being. This involves direct practice through counselling, advocacy, community organization, and social intervention. Social workers employ therapeutic methods and case management to meet their clients' needs and improve their quality of life. They operate in diverse settings such as schools, hospitals, community agencies, and private practices. In contrast, sociology primarily focuses on studying societal structures and patterns to understand human behaviour and social dynamics.

LET US KNOW:

Jane Addams (1860-1935), an American social reformer and Nobel laureate, was born in Cedarville, Illinois. She was educated at Rockford Female Seminary and Women's Medical College in Europe. In 1889, along with Ellen Starr, Addams established Hull House in Chicago, one of the first settlement houses in the United States. Addams played a significant role in the formation of the National Progressive Party in 1912 and the Woman's Peace Party, becoming its chairperson in 1915. She was elected president of the International Congress of Women at The Hague in 1915 and later the president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, established by The Hague congresses held in Zurich, Switzerland (1919), Vienna, Austria (1922), and Washington, D.C. Jane Addams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, sharing it with American educator Nicholas Murray Butler. Her notable works include

"Democracy and Social Ethics" (1902), "Newer Ideals of Peace" (1907),
"Twenty Years at Hull House" (1910), and "The Second Twenty Years at Hull House" (1930).

Sociology:

The term sociology is credited to the 19th-century social philosopher Auguste Comte, who first used it in 1838 to describe the scientific study of society. Sociology derives from the Latin word "socius" (companion) and the Greek word "logos" (science or study), meaning the science of human society. Sociology focuses on the study and analysis of social behavior, institutions, and structures. It aims to understand how society functions and the patterns of social relationships through research and theory

development. Sociologists utilize research methods such as surveys, interviews, and statistical analysis to study social phenomena. They primarily engage in academic research and teaching, aiming to advance knowledge and understanding of social dynamics, structures, and processes. Sociology applies this knowledge to develop theories and inform public policy, education, and further research.

Basic Concepts of Sociology:

Society: A group of people living in a defined territory who share a culture sociologists' study how societies are structured and how they changed over time.

Culture: The belief s, norms values, customs and artifacts thatmembers of a society use to cope with their world and with one another. It including language, symbols, rituals, and practices

Socialization: The process through which individuals learn and internalize the values, beliefs, and norms of society. This processstarts in childhood and continues throughout life , shaping individual's identities and behaviors

Social Structure: The organized pattern of social relationships and social institutions that together compose society. It providesa framework within which individuals and groups interact and are able to live together

social Institution : The organized and established systems that help society meet its needs. Key social institutions include family, education, religion, economy, and government.

Social Groups: A collection of individuals who interact with one another, share similar characteristics, and collectively havea sense of unity. Groups can be primary (e.g., family, close friends)or secondary (e.g., co-workers, classmates).

Social Network: A structure made up of individuals or organizations that are connected through various social relationships, ranging from casual acquaintance to close familial bonds.

Social Interaction: The process by which people act and react in relation to others. It includes face-to-face interactions as well as mediated interactions through technology.

Norms: The rules and expectations by which a society guidesthe behavior of its members. They can be formal (laws) or informal (customs and traditions).

Values: Deeply held principles or standards that guide behavior and judgments within a society. They represent what is considered good, desirable, and proper.

Social Change: The transformation of culture, social institutions, and social structure over time. Sociologists study the causes and consequences of social change, including factors like technology ,social movements, and economic shifts.

Auguste Comte: He is considered as the father of sociology. He originally used the phrase 'social physics for his new science of society but he had to drop this after sometime because his Intellectual rival the Belgian statistician Adolphe Queenlet used this as the title of his book in 1835.Comte wanted to distinguish his own views from early thinkers of society, so he coined the word 'sociology' in 1838 to describe the subject he wished to establish. Comte divide the sociology in to two major groupings:

Social statics: study of social structure, function, social system, socialrelationships etc.
Social Dynamics: study of social change, development, transformation andrevolutions etc.
Comte believed that this new science could produce knowledge of society based onscientific evidence.

1.4 DEFINITIONS :

The Indian Conference on Social Work (1957) defined social work as "a welfare activity based on humanitarian philosophy, scientific knowledge and technical skillsfor helping individuals or groups or community, to live a rich and full life". This definition indicates that social work involves a humanitarian approach to help peoplewith the use of scientific understanding and skills.

Marshall and Scott define social work as the generic term applied to the various organized methods for promoting human welfare through the prevention and reliefof suffering.

"Social work is that process which deals directly and differentially with persons who have problems relating primarily to their social situationand which endeavors, individual to individual to understand what help is needed and to assist the individual to find and utilize the help indicated".(Friedlander, 1951)

This definition says social work is a process that links resources that an individual can utilize to solve the issues relating to the social situation that surrounds us.
"Social work is an entity representing three clearly distinguished but inter- related parts: a network of social services, carefully developed methods andprocesses and social policy expressed through social institutions and individuals. All three are based on a view of human being, their interrelationships and the ethical

demands made on them" (Konopka, 1958).

Social work consists of definite services, methods and social policies that helps to solve issues faced by individuals as the person lives abiding social relationships and norms

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is social work?
2. Who is the father of social work?
3. Give any two definitions of social work?
4. What do you mean by sociology? What is the full from of sociology?
5. Who is known as the called sociology?

1.5   OBJECTIVES OF SOCIAL WORK :

The profession of social work has certain objectives. Objectives are statements or formulations of what we are trying to do in social work. Some of the most important ones are:

1. To solve psycho-social problems: issues affecting both psychological well-being and social relationships.
2. To fight against social evils to fulfil humanitarian needs: combating injustices like discrimination and basic needs of human
3. To solve adjust mental problems to create self- sufficiency: helping individuals adapt to their environment and become independent.
4. To integrate and coordinate the means and resources of social development: efficiently utilizing available resources to foster social development.
5. To develop democratic values, make provision for corrective and recreation services: promoting democratic principles and offering services for correction and recreation.
6. To change the environment in favor of individual's growth and development: modifying surroundings to support personal development.
7. To bring change in social system: transforming societal structures to improve social conditions.
8. To provide socio-legal help: offering assistance that addresses both social and legal issues.
9. Provide opportunities for development and social programme: creating and supporting initiatives that encourage personal and community growth.

The main motto of social work is: Helping people to help themselves!

It implies that social work profession functions in the underlying belief that through the use of methods, techniques and skills, the clients have to be empowered to help themselves. Rather than making the client dependent on the social worker for solving his/her problems, the client should be empowered to take his/her own decisions. The social worker assists the client in showing the path and in decision- making by building self-confidence of the client and helping in procuring resources.

1.6 BASIC ASSUMPTIONS OF SOCIAL WORK :

Clarke has given six major assumptions of social work. They are:

1. Social Work is a novice profession which necessitates intellectual activities accompanied by great individual responsibilities. It is not just academic but also practical in its aims.

2. Understanding of human personality is one of the bases of functioning of a professional social worker.

3. Social work and social welfare are not the same thing. Social welfare comprises of social institutions and the field of practice, while social work comprises of a body of practices which can be employed at many places in the large social welfare field.

4. Social work has its own processes, techniques and skills. It has a point of view and a philosophy. The social worker by nature his/her activities must use many types of services. Therefore, the social worker must have extensive knowledge about the resources of the community in which he/she Is working.

5. The social worker is concerned with the needs of individuals and with the environment that cause personal problems. The interaction of person and situation is the focus of the social worker.

1.7 FUNCTIONS OF SOCIAL WORK :

Social work is a profession that assists individuals in adjusting to the social environment and al soto modify the environment in favor of the client in appropriate areas. Social work operates to assist individuals in adjusting to the institutional framework of society, and attempts to modify the institutional framework itself in appropriate areas. Social work has four broad functions: curative/ remedial, correctional, preventive and developmental.

1.7.1 Curative/ Remedial Function: The objective of this approach is to cure or find solutions

(remedy)to physiological, psycho-social issues faced by clients or communities. Thus, it implies- after a problem has occurred, the next step is to solve/ cure it by providing various assistance. Under the curative function, the following services are provided: Medical services, health services, services relating to psycho- social and mental health, psychiatric service, child guidance, child welfare services, services for the handicappedand disabled and rehabilitative services.

1.7.2 Correctional Function: The main objective of correctional functions is to rectify or reform (mould) individuals/social practices in the right direction. Correctional social work has 3 broad areas. They are-individual reform services which include prison reform, probation, parole, other related services services for strengthening and improving relationship- family welfare services, school social work, industrial social work, services for social reform -employment services, prevention of prostitution, beggary, prohibition services and removal of untouchability

1.7.3 Preventive Function: It includes prevention of social evils and diseases by creating awareness and influencing policy formulation and implementation. Prevention services include life insurance, public assistance, social legislation, labour welfare, adult education and prevention of diseases and creating awareness against child labour, against gender discrimination and violence.

1.7.4 Developmental Function: Developmental tasks are socio- economic developmental activities, education and recreational services, urban and rural development programmes and the programme for integration. It focuses on both social and infrastructural development of groups, communities,

regions.

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CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

6. What is the main motto of social work?
7. What are two objectives of social work profession?
8. What do you mean by social function?
9. What are the four broad function of social work?
10. How do social work and social welfare differ?
11. Mention one of the based functioning of professional social work ?

1.8   METHODS OF SOCIAL WORK :

A method can be defined as an orderly way of procedure which is always carried out towards the attainment of a particular aim. Social work profession has certain methods which are employed for the benefit of the clients or the specific target groups. They are six in total, each of which uses differenttechniques.

They are:

      1.8.1 Social Case Work

      1.8.2   Social Group Work

      1.8.3 Community Organization

      1.8.4   Social Action

      1.8.5   Social Welfare Administration

      1.8.6   Social Work Research

The first three are the primary methods of social work. They are- social work practice with individuals i.e. Social Case Work, Social Group Work and Community Organization. The remaining three, i.e. Social Action, Social Welfare Administration and Social Work Research are the secondary methods of social work. Now, let us discuss the methods of social work in detail.

1.8.1 SOCIAL CASE WORK :

Social case work: social work practice with individuals is one of the primary methods of social work which is being practiced by social workers universally. This method enables the social functioning of individuals

which focuses on one-to-one relationship. Mary Richmond is the most important profounder of social case work. Her book titled 'Social Diagnosis' elaborately discussed the method of case work and its significance. Richmond defined case work as: 'Social case work consists of those processes which develop personality through adjustments consciously effected, individual by individual, between men and their social environment with their problems'. It can be defined as 'the art of doing different things for and with different people by cooperating with them to achieve at one and the same time their own and society's betterment'. Case work is identifiable, according to Richmond, bits aim of social betterment and its method of differential treatment. Case work is concerned with the utilization of available resources in the immediate environment and capacities in the individual, which may give him/her a fuller and more satisfying life, both economic and personal. The case worker deals with people and situations one by one. The four 'P' components s of Social Case Work are: Person, Problem, Place and Process.

Individuals are part of society and every person performs different social roles and duties. During this process, individual usually struggles with several problems in one or other form, which deter his performance as a social being. Every individual is distinctive with different nature, personality, several circumstances, needs and has a distinct approach of handling his / her life situations. To understand the distinctiveness of human behaviour and the individual differences, one needs to understand human being in diverse social environment and life experiences. As said- man is a social animal, each individual experiences interaction between biological, psychological and environmental factors. Unresolved problems that an individual faces would

affect his/her social functioning in turn causing stress to the person. This might affect the family, community life and all the social roles that one performs in the society. Social case work method tries to resolve individual issues mainly by restoring, maintaining or improving the person's social functioning by using the knowledge of human behaviour, communication, skills, relationship tool and the available resources. Case work method is used by social workers help people across age, gender and various sections of society to develop their functioning socially.

LET US KNOW: Mary Ellen Richmond (1861-1928) was a pioneering social work leader and reformer in the United States. Here are some key details about her:

Early Life and Education: Born on August 5, 1861, in Belleville, Illinois, Mary Ellen Richmond graduated from high school in 1879 and later attended the Chicago Institute of Social Science (later part of the University of Chicago), earning a diploma in 1893.

Career in Social Work: Richmond's social work career began in 1899 when she was appointed as the general secretary of the Philadelphia Society for Organizing Charity, marking the start of her significant

contributions to the field.

Contributions to Social Work: She is best known for her influential book "Social Diagnosis" (1917), which laid the foundation for modern social casework. In this book, she emphasized the importance of using scientific methods and individualized approaches to help clients overcome personal and social problems.

Professional Leadership: Richmond was instrumental in organizing and professionalizing social work in the United States. She played a crucial role in establishing the American Association of Social Workers (later the National Association of Social Workers) and served as its first executive secretary.

Legacy: Her contributions to social work practice, education, and policy continue to be highly regarded. Her emphasis on systematic analysis, professional standards, and the importance of individual client needs significantly influenced the development of social work as a profession.

Later Years and Death: Richmond continued her work in social reform and education until her death on August 12, 1928, in New York City.

Mary Ellen Richmond's impact on social work theory and practice remains profound, and she is remembered as one of the foremost figures in the history of social work in the United States.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

12. What are the three primary method of social work ?
13. What is the meaning of case work?
14. Who is the founder of social case work?
15. What was the first book on case   work?
16. What is Marry Richmond's full name?
17. What are the 4p's of social case work?

1.8.2 SOCIAL GROUP WORK :

Group work is another significant primary method of social work profession. The purpose of groupwork is to enhance social functioning of an individual. It
is accomplished through groups which have the 'power to enhance problem- solving capacity, prevent the development of serious social problems, and restore and maintain the social functioning of members'. Group work is applicable in all settings of social work practice. It is a method that uses groups as a medium of therapy to modify and enhance social behaviour. Group workis applied to assist individuals to enhance their social functioning in a group setting and to cope more effectively with social environment. Social workers also work in clinicals well as non-clinical settings in which they work for socialcohesiveness and

integration. For example- group work with groups of children, patients with similar health issues or life-threatening diseases, vulnerable groups, the aged, youth in a community and many more.

Group workers continuously facilitate members evaluate their own behaviour and respect the individuality of other members. Whenever required, the group worker has to clarify their ideals, behaviour and resolve conflicts. Conflict among group members is a common phenomenon because of the variance of personalities of each of the members. Individuals with similar problems are constituted into a group for group therapy. One reason why forming groups can work effectively is because a positive group climate can be created based on the personal relations. Group members develop a feeling of mutuality and belongingness. They can relate to each other's problems, form a support system, help is resolving adjustment problems and enhance the social functioning.

CHEEK YOUR PROGRESS :

18. What is group work? Give one example?

1.8.3 COMMUNITY ORGNIZATION :

Community Organization is one of the primary methods of social work that involves mobilizing and empowering communities through their groups, leaders, advocates, volunteers' institutions, and organizations. It is a long-term process whereby people who are marginalized or living in poverty work together to identify their needs, create change, exert more influence in the decisions which affect their lives and work to improve the quality of their lives, the communities in which they live. Community organization is a method of intervention whereby a professional change agent helps a community action system composed of individuals, groups or organizations to engage in planned collective action in order to deal with special problems within the democratic system of values. This involves two major interrelated concerns: (a) the inter actional chess of working with an action system, which includes identifying, recruiting and working with members and developing organizational and interpersonal relationships among them which facilitates their efforts; and (b) The technical tasks involved in identifying problem areas, analysing causes, formulating plans, developing strategies and mobilizing the resources necessary to effect action. Example: Neighbours organizing to fix potholes and infrastructure problems in their area.

Gan grade (2001) defined community organization as the process by which the social system of the community provides for integration and adaptation within the community. This is a process that continues regardless of the work of the community organizer whose function it is to initiate, nourish and develop the

process. In participating in this process, the community organizer will have regard for certain values relating to the forms of social change and the means by which they may be brought about. The community organizer has to be expertise in human relationships who can hold the members together under difficult conditions to attain the goal of development.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

19. What do you mean by community organization? Give example.
20. Community organization is one of the_____of social work?

1.8.4 SOCIAL ACTION :

Social action is an organized group process that aims to deal with general social problems and enhancing social welfare by legislative, social or economic progress. It is a secondary method of social work that refers to organized and legally permitted activities designed to mobilize public opinion, legislation and administration in favor of socially desired objectives. Arthur Dunham (1958) defines social action "as efforts to bring about change or prevent change in current social practices or situations, through education, propaganda, persuasion or pressure, on behalf of objectives believed by the social actionists to be socially desirable". In a revised edition he refers to situations of conflict and allows for goals of change and methods to deal with them. It implies potential conflict situations and promotion of a cause, measure or objective. In a developing country, social work ought to go beyond the role of social welfare services or a therapeutic process. Kulkarni asserted- "Social action creates the necessary conditions and climate in which social work could be done more effectively." According to Siddiqui, welfare approach is gradually losing its significance and the inconsistency in democratic system demands the rights- based approach. According to him, social action is the most controversial and most challenging method of social work as a profession which has its core values as social justice and equality. Social Action method advocated the achievement of this objective

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

21. Social action is one of the___of social work.
22. What is the primary goal of social action?
23. How does Arthur Dunham define social action?

1.8.5 SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION :

Social welfare administration is another secondary method of social work that has twin concepts of social welfare and administration implanted in it. Thus, it requires an understanding of welfare as well as administration as a tool for achieving welfare. Social welfare has its roots in charity and social service. People in a society have inherently tried to take care of destitute and underprivileged individuals either because of kindness, philanthropy or religious and customary obligations. As governance systems evolved, with the changing political and social systems, there was an effort to institutionalize welfare. The welfare discourse has seen changing dimensions from charity to needs, to rights-based approaches.

Social work dictionary defines social welfare administration as a 'method used by those who have administrative responsibility to determine organizational goals for a social agency or other unit; acquire resources and allocate them cry out a program; coordinate activities towards achieving selected goals; and monitor, assess and make necessary changes in processes and structure to improve effectiveness and efficiency. Development planning is an integral part of social welfare and its administration. By social administration we mean that process which is used in the organization and administration of public and private services. It includes those activities which are undertaken for the benefit of individuals, groups and communities. Under social welfare and administration of such services, process of organization and direction is necessary to decide on how the available resources are to be utilized Social Welfare Planning: This involves setting objectives and determining the course of action to achieve them. It includes analysing current situations, identifying goals, and outlining steps to achieve them effectively.

These are key elements of postscore view planning: organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting, and budgeting.

- **Planning:** This involves setting objectives and determining the course of action to achieve them. It includes analysing current situations, identifying goals, and outlining steps to achieve them effectively
- **Organizing:** This refers to arranging resources and tasks in a structured way to achieve organizational objectives. It involves establishing roles, responsibilities, and relationships to facilitate goal attainment.
- **Staffing:** This involves selecting, recruiting, training, and developing employees to ensure the right people with the necessary skills are in the right positions within the organization.
- **Directing:** This focuses on guiding and supervising employees in the roles to achieve

organizational goals. It includes providing leadership, motivation, and communication to ensure tasks are performed effectively.

- **Coordinating :** This involves harmonizing activities and efforts across different parts of the organization to ensure consistency and synergy in achieving goals. It includes resolving conflicts and ensuring collaboration.

- **Reporting:** This entails monitoring and evaluating organizational performance against set objectives. It involves collecting data, analysing results, and communicating outcomes to stakeholders.

- **Budgeting:** This involves allocating resources (financial and otherwise) to various activities and projects within the organization. It includes forecasting financial needs, creating budgets, and controlling expenditures to ensure financial stability and efficiency.
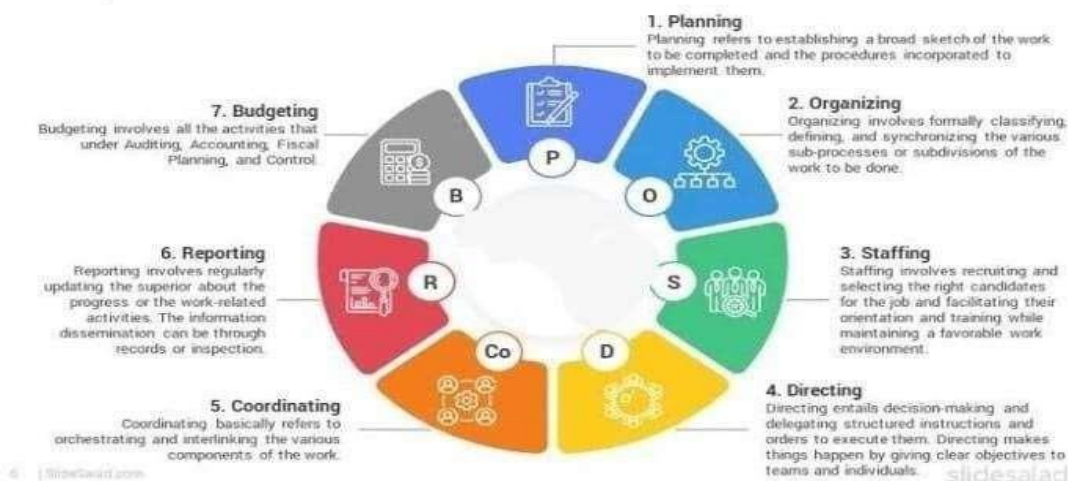
These elements collectively form the core functions of management, providing a framework for effective organizational leadership and operational success. Administration may be carried out by the government, an individual, a group, or any association. Welfare provisions are a fundamental part of the governance

system and administration. The ultimate goal is to achieve welfare for the people through the proper utilization of resources—human, capital, and natural. There are broadly two views about the scope of social welfare administration.

The Integral View:

There are certain components of welfare administration in concern withsocial welfare. They include:

- **Social Problems:** These are issues or conditions that negatively impact individuals or communities within society, such as poverty, crime, discrimination, and homelessness.
- **Social Services**: These are a range of public and private services designedto meet the social needs of individuals and communities. They include healthcare, education, housing assistance, counselling, and welfare benefits.
- **Social Security:** This refers to government programs that provide financial assistance and support to individuals and families during specific life events or circumstances, such as retirement, disability, unemployment, and bereavement.
- **Social Policy:** These are laws, regulations, and guidelines formulated by governments to address social issues, promote social welfare, and achieve societal goals. Social policies cover areas such as healthcare, education, housing, and employment Fundraising is also an integral part of social welfare administration and a fundamental component of social work.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

24. What is POSDCRB ?
25. .Mention fundamental components of social work?
26. -----------------is also an integral part of social work.

1.8.6 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH :

Social work research is an indispensable method that enhances the scope of social work research. Social Research According to Fanshel (1980) every profession must systematically carry out high quality research if its performance in the service of clientele is to remain effective and up to date. Research provides an in-depth understanding of a particular problem identified and thus contributes to the knowledge system. Research consists of numerous tools to describe, define, measure and evaluate their work. In social work profession, research skills are important since it is both a science and an art. As social workers, there is a lot of dependence on data base that provides information about the client's situations, a

group or community problem. Empirical data base is an important pre-requisite for social work intervention. When knowledge on various social situations cannot be found in prevailing literature or when there is a need to study the effectiveness of interventions social workers conduct their own research. Social work research is an important stream of research as it not only strives to penetrate into deep rooted social issues, but also strives to find solving techniques for such issues. Social workers continuously access data from multiple sources, file the progress of clients in individual or group interactions and write reports. These are documented and recorded. Social work research draws heavily from such primary data as well as secondary data.

1.9 PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL WORK :

Principles are the guiding assertions of statements which are guiding force for social work practice. These basic rules enable a practitioner to be competent in his/her profession. The objectives of social work can be fulfilled only within the framework of principles. Therefore, let us discuss the basic principles which are guiding force for social work practice.

1. **Principle of Individualization:** The principle of individualization is fundamental for effective social work practice since the betterment of the individual is the primary purpose of social work. Individualization is the recognition and understanding of each client's unique qualities and the differential use of principles and methods in assisting each one towards better adjustment and participate in the changing process. A social worker must treat his/her client not merely as a human being but a human being with his/her personal differences. The social worker must individualize the client, because for every client the situation and problem may be unique. What works with one client may not work with another. No two persons are alike in all qualities and traits. Their problems may be the same but the cause of the problem, the perception towards the problem and ego strength differs in every individual. Therefore, each individual client should be treated as a separate entity and complete information is required to establish close relations in order to solve his/her problem from root.

2. **Principle of Meaningful Relationship:** Professional relationship is essential for the success of social work practice. The quality of relationship is the corner stone of helping in social work. This relationship is developed in social work by demonstrating the interest in client, who is perceived as a real person with spontaneity and capacity for responsiveness within the democratic frame of reference the professional relationship involves a mutual process of shared responsibilities, recognition of other's rights, acceptance of difference, with the goal of socialized attitudes and

behaviour stimulating growth through interaction. The essence of relationship is seen as an interplay, a mutual emotional exchange, an attitude, a dynamic interaction, a connection between two persons and a mutual process.

3. **Principle of Self-determination:** Social responsibility, emotional adjustment and personality development are possible when the person exercises his freedom of choice and decision. An ethical principle that recognizes the rights and needs of clients to be free to make their own choices and decisions. Inherent in this principle is the requirement for the member to help the client know what the resources and choices are and what potential consequences of selecting anyone of them may be.

4. **Principle of Acceptance:** Social work accepts the individual as he is and with all his limitations. The social worker is expected to respect every client as human being without any judgmental attitude. A social worker must appreciate the variations within any group. He should avoid making assumptions about any person's cultural identity, beliefs or values on the basis of the person's external characteristics or membership in a particular population or demographic group. The principle of acceptance implies that social workers must perceive, acknowledge, receive and establish a relationship with the individual client as he actually is, not as we wish him to be or think he should be. It means that no matter how much the client may differ from the social worker, client need to be accepted and acknowledged as he is if we are to help him

5. **Principle of Social Functioning:** Social functioning refers to the functioning of people in their social roles and relationships, with emphasis on their relation to the environment. The common base of social work consists in a central focus on social functioning, an orientation towards people involved in the situation, use of social work values and the combined body of social work knowledge for working with individuals and groups.

6. **Principle of Tuning Behaviour :** Every individual has body, mind and intellect as three instruments of experiences through life constantly pulsates. These three instruments have their own distinct characteristics in each person. Hence each person has unique personality. There is a need of tuning these instruments regularly so that he may have the proper experience of the world fully. Social work therefore believes that through tuning of behaviour of an individual his problems can be minimized if not wholly solved and he feels and realizes a new strength running in his body and mind.

7. **Principle of Social Learning :** Social learning is a pre-requisite to the changes that are inevitably involved in problem solving. Change in individual, group or community will depend on their capacity to learn new facts, attitudes and ways of behaviour. Social learning is an essential part of

social work practice whether the change is initiated by social action or individual therapy.

8. **Principle of Confidentiality :** Confidentiality is essential to professional relationship. It is the foundation for any therapeutic relationship with a client. Therefore, worker should keep confidential the information which is being shared by the client. Sharing such information unnecessarily with outsiders can easily break worker client relationship. Ensuring the client of confidentiality of his/ her sharing personal information and experiences shared, builds up trust in theprofessional relationship between the client and the social worker.

9. **Principle of Communication:** Communication is the road through which the social worker identifies with the client. The function of social worker is principally to create an environment in which the client will feel comfortable in giving expression to his feelings. Client shouldfeel that he can tell his story in his own way and he may think that he is given due importance. Two-way effective communication is the key to the success of solving client's issues and empowering him/her. Communication ensures expression and analysis of feelings, experiences and information necessary to deal with for the wellbeing of the client.

Thus, the principles of social work are necessary for the profession that act as guidelines for social workers in dealing with client's issues and strive for the betterment of individuals, groups and communities. In this context, let us try to understand the main target groups of social work who are morevulnerable to discrimination and injustice. They are identified as 'vulnerable groups'. However, apart from the vulnerable groups, to anyone can seek professional social work help to deal with various issues faced in life- situations.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

27. Social work research draws heavily from such ----------------------aswell as-------------------.
28. What is the most important principle of all types of social work?
29. What is the principle of social learning?
30. Why is the principle of communication important?

1.10 LET SUM UP :

Social work is a discipline and a profession which is concerned with the causes of social problems, its impact on individuals, groups, communities and society at large and to deploy social work methods for its solution. It comprises of a multi-disciplinary approach to understanding society and its problems. In

summary, while both fields study society and social behavior, social work is practice-oriented with a direct focus on helping people, whereas sociology is research-oriented, aiming to understand and explain social phenomena. Social work draws heavily from the disciplines of sociology, psychology, philosophy, economics, political science, law, and others to gain a comprehensive understanding of society. The main motto of social work is: "Helping people to help themselves!" This implies that the social work profession operates on the belief that, through the use of methods, techniques, and skills, clients must be empowered to help themselves.

Social work has four broad functions: curative/remedial, correctional, preventive, and developmental. There are six methods of social work. The first three are the primary methods: social casework, social group work, and community organization. The remaining three—social action, social welfare administration, and social work research—are the secondary methods. Fieldwork is a crucial part of social work because it provides practical experience, helps apply theoretical knowledge, develops professional skills, and fosters a deeper understanding of client needs and their environment.

1.11   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Social work is both a discipline and a profession that focuses on understanding and addressing social problems. It applies social theories to better comprehend society and uses therapeutic methods tackle social issues. Social work involves applying skills, methods, and techniques to influence human behaviour and resolve social problems. This field draws from various disciplines, including sociology, psychology, philosophy, economics, political science, and law enhance to quality of life and well-being of individualsand Communities. Social works engage in direct practice, including counselling, advocacy, community organization and social intervention, in various settings such as schools, hospitals, community agencies, and private practice.

2. Jane Addams is often considered the father of social work.

3. Definitions of social work: The Indian conference on social work (1957). Social work is welfare activity based on humanitarian philosophy, scientific knowledge, and technical skills for helping individuals, groups or communities to live a rich and full life ". Marshall and Scott: Social work is generic term applied to the various organized methods for promoting human welfare through the prevention and relief of suffering.

4. Sociology is the scientific study of human society focusing onsocial behaviour, institution, structures. It aims to understand how society functions and the patterns of social relationships through research methods such as surveys, interviews and statistical analysis.

5. The term sociology originates from the Latin word socius meaningscience or study. Thus, sociology is the science of human society. August Comte is known as the "father of sociology"

6. The main motto of social work is "helping people to helping themselves." This implies that the profession aims to empower clients through methods, techniques, and skills so they can solve their own problems and make their own decisions, rather than becoming dependent on social work.

7. To solve psycho-social problems: This involves addressing and resolving issues such as discrimination, inequality, and other social injustices that negatively impact individuals and communities.

8. The social function of social work refers to the various roles and responsibilities that social works undertakes to assist individuals and responsibilities that social workers undertake to assist individuals and communities in adjusting to the social environment and institutional framework of society. These functions include curative, correctional, preventive, development. The four broad function of social work are: curative/remedial function, corrective/rehabilitative, preventive function, developmental function.

9. Social work and social welfare are not the same thing. Socialwelfare comprises of social institutions and the field of practice, while social work comprises of a body of practicesWhich he/she is working.

10. One of the basic functions of professional social work is curative/remedial function, which focuses on addressing problems after they have occurred by providing solutions and remedies, such as health services, mental health support, and assistance for individuals with disabilities.

11. Social case work, social group work community organization are the three primary methods of social work,
12. There are three methods of social work are: Social case work, socialgroup work, Community organization.

13. Social case work is a method of social work that involves a one-to-one relationship to help individuals improve their social functioning and resolve personal issues by utilizing available resources, and understanding human behaviour.

14. Mary Richmond is considered the founder of social case work.

15. The first book on case work is "Social Diagnosis" by Mary Richmond.

16. Mary Ellen Richmond.

17. There are 4s of social case work are: person, problem, place, process.

18. Group work method that uses group settings to enhance the social functioning of individuals by fostering mutual support, problem solving and social integration. For example, Groupwork with groups of children patients with similar health issues or life threating diseases, vulnerable groups, the aged, youth in community and many more.

19. Community organization is a method of social work that involves mobilizing and empowering communities to work together to identify their needs, create change, and improvetheir quality of life by engaging in planned collective action to address specific issues. Example Neighbours

organizing to fixpotholes and infrastructure problems in their area.

20. Primary methods.

21. Secondary method

22. The primary goal of social action is to address and resolve general social problems by mobilizing public opinion, legislation and administrative measures towards socially desirable objectives.

23. Arthur Dunham defines social action as efforts to bring about or prevent change in current social practices or situations through education, propaganda, persuasion, or pressure on behalf of objectives believed by social actionists to be socially desirable.

24. POSDCORB is an acronym representing the seven keyfunctions of management planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting and budgeting.

25. The fundamental components of social work include assessment, intervention, evaluation and case management, all aimed at promoting well- being and social justice for individuals and communities.

26. Fund raising.

27. Primary data, Secondary data.

28. The most important principle of all types of social work is the commitment to uphold and advocate for social justice and human rights.

29. The principles of social learning emphasize that observation, imitation, and modelling of behaviour demonstrated by others in social contexts.

30. .The principle of communication asserts that effective communication involves clarity, empathy, active listening and mutual understanding between parties involves in exchange.

1.12   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Explain the meaning of social work with any two definitions?
2. What is the relationship between sociology and social work?
3. Sociology as the study of society? Explain?
4. What is the main objective of social work?
5. Write down the function of social work?
6. Write down the function of social work?
7. Define and differentiate between the primary and secondary methods of social work?
8. .What are the principles of social work?Explain in detail?
9. How does social work research both science and arts?
10. According to you what is the most important principles of all types of social workpractice
11. Briefly explain POSDcoBR?
12. Briefly explain (answer all question)

(a) Social Problems

(b) Social Services

(c) Social Security

(d) Social Policy

1.13   ACTIVITIES [Any two] :

1. As a social worker, how can you effectively apply the principles of acceptance and communication to assist client in the field, ensuring that their individual needs and circumstance are respected and addressed?

2. As a social worker, how can you apply primary and secondary research methods during field visits to gather relevant data and develop effective interventions that address the specific needs of the community?

3. What are the main objectives of the social work programs at this fieldsite, and how are they being achieved?

4. What basic assumptions about human behavior and society and evidentin the way social work is practiced at this society ?

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UNIT 2 : Concepts related to Social Work

UNIT STRUCTURE

2.1   INTRODUCTION :

Building on the basics, Unit 2 provides a more nuanced understanding of the motivations behind social work. After learning the methods and principles in Unit 1, this unit contextualizes them within broader social and philosophical frameworks, such as how social workers apply their skills to address marginalization and promote social justice.

Social work is a novice profession and is guided by principles and values. In the previous unit we have discussed the objectives, functions and the six methods of social work. In the present unit let us discuss the philosophy, values and principles of this profession. Let us also understand the vulnerability of the

marginalized groups and why social work is necessary to dealwith issues of discrimination. Thesis aligned with the philosophy and objectives of social work practice. Vulnerable Groups such as the elderly, children, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and low-income populations often face several challenges, including health disparities due to limited access to healthcare and a higher prevalence of chronic diseases, economic hardship with higher rates of unemployment and poverty, educational barriers due to limited access to quality education and resources, social exclusion from discrimination and stigma, increased risks to safety and security, housing instability, and limited access to essential services.

Social work is essential in addressing these issues by providing support and interventions that promote inclusivity and quality of life. This aligns with the philosophy and objectives of social work practice, ensuring the profession remains dedicated to fostering a just and compassionate society. Social work's role in promoting dignity, respect, and person-
Cantered approaches underscore its crucial contribution to addressing complex social issues. Through advocacy, community organization, and direct practice, social workers strive to create positive change and improve the quality of life for vulnerable populations.

2.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- After going through this unit, you will be able to:
- Describe the philosophy and values of social work profession
- Explain the principles of social work
- Analyze the issues of marginalized groups and significanceof social working this regard

2.3   PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL WORK :

Philosophy is the beliefs and principles underlying any department of knowledge. It is the study of truths and principles of being, knowledge, or conduct. A belief (or system of beliefs) accepted as authoritative by some group or school. Thus, it is clear that the concept of philosophy is grounded in the understanding that there are truths and principles of our existence and that these truths are accepted by us as well as others. We can have a set of truths and principles that guide us in how we conduct ourselves and define what we expect from others.

The philosophy of social work is based on humanities, liberalism and democracy.

2.3.1 Humanitarianism: This value underpins the social work commitment to promoting human welfare and alleviating suffering social workers focus on the well-being of individuals and communities, striving to meet basic human needs and improve quality of life. This humanitarian outlook drives social workers to provide support, resources, and advocacy for those in need, often working with vulnerable and marginalized populations.

2.3.2 Liberalism: Emphasizing individual rights and freedoms, liberalism influences social workers to respect client autonomy and self-determination. Social workers support clients in making informed decisions about their lives, providing the necessary tools and resources to empower them.

2.3.3 Democracy: The democratic principles of equality, justice, and participation are central to social work. Social workers advocate for policies and practices that ensure fair treatment and equal opportunities for all individuals.

The philosophy of social work, grounded in humanitarianism, liberalism, and democracy, deeply influences the methods and approaches used by social workers. These guiding principles ensure that social work practice is focused on promoting human welfare, respecting individuals' autonomy, and advocating for social justice and equality. This philosophy shapes social work interventions across various settings, including healthcare, child welfare, and community development, enabling social workers to make a positive impact on individuals and communities. Except from devotion to welfare of human beings, social worker has to find a method of enabling those who are assisted to regain their confidence in themselves for the proper adjustment to normal life. The introduction of the concept and philosophy of democracy further strengthened the need to recognize every human being as an individual, worthy of respect and recognition, the individual being given the rights as well as responsibilities of an equal citizen in a democratic society. The consent of the governed, rule of the majority, respect for the creativeminority, freedom of assembly, speech and religion supported the development of the individual in his own right. Underlying these factors lay the philosophy of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. It is in the background of this philosophy of life that the methods of social work have been developed by the practitioners.

2.4   BASIC VALUES OF SOCIAL WORK :

Values are beliefs about what is good and desirable. It is defined as a conception of a standard, cultural or merely personal, by which things are compared and approved or disapproved in relation to one another, held to be relatively desirable or undesirable, more meritorious or less, more or less correct. The profession of social work is grounded in a value system that focuses on social justice and fairness. Following are the core values of social work:

1. Respect individuals' worth and dignity, encourage mutual participation, demonstrate acceptance, uphold confidentiality, express honesty and handle conflict responsibly.
2. Encourage individuals' active participation in the helping relationship and uphold their right to make their own decisions.
3. Assist clients in securing resources needed to enhance their social functioning
4. Ensure that social institutions are humane and responsive to human needs.
5. Accept and appreciate diverse populations
6. Hold themselves accountable for ethical conduct, quality of their work and continuous professional development

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. How does the philosophy of democracy contribute to social work?
2. What are the core beliefs underlying the philosophy of social work?
3. What are two core values of social work mentioned in the provide text?
4. What is the vulnerable group?

2.5.   MARGINALIZATION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS :

Marginalization is a complex as well as shifting phenomenon linked to social status. It is an experience that affects millions of people throughout the world. People who are marginalized have relatively little control over their lives, and the resources available to them. This results in making them handicapped in delving contribution to society. A vicious circle is set up whereby their lack of positive and supportive

relationships means that they are prevented from participating in local life, which in turn leads to further isolation. This has a tremendous impact on development of human beings, as well as on society at large. If we analyze the situation of marginality of the vulnerable groups, we would find that it is a complex phenomenon and needs to be examined along several dimensions. The areas of marginality include personal, collective, education, economic, health, cultural and ecological. Personal dimensions include inadequate food consumption, lack of employment, poor housing another facility, oppression etc. The collective dimensions are leadership imposed from outside, conflict among themselves, lack of resistance to discrimination etc. Economic marginalization includes lack of equitable access to land and other natural resources, poor wages for labour and not getting access to subsidized public input. Political dimension of marginalization is lack of representation and a political system which does not favour the interests of the marginalized section of society. Educational dimensions include lack of equal opportunity for education, inadequate reservations and lack of financial support for continuing higher education. Health dimensions of marginalization are lack of health facilities and inaccessibility of the people to decision making related to health. Other areas of marginalization are lack of community facilitiesand ecological imbalances due to deterioration of land, water, air and other natural resources.

- **Vulnerable groups:** Certain groups in the society often encounter discriminatory treatment and need special attention to avoid potential exploitation. This population constitutes what is referred to as vulnerable groups. But the task of identifying the vulnerable groups is not an easy one. There are multiple and complex factors of vulnerability with different layers and more often than once it cannot be analyzed in isolation. Most vulnerable marginalized groupsin almost every society can be summarized as below:

- **Women:** Under different economic conditions, and under the influence of specific historical, cultural, legal and religious factors, marginalization is one of the manifestations of gender inequality .Women face double discrimination being members of specific caste, class or ethnic group apart from being experiencing gendered vulnerabilities. They have always been viewed as passive recipients, rather than active participants capable of changing their life situation. In the process, women's participation and important contribution in the productive sphere is at best bypassed and at worst ignored.

- **Children:** Children form a very vulnerable part of the human society. They need special protection because of their fragile status of development. They face discrimination on the basis of caste, religion and ethnicity. Children's vulnerabilities and exposure to violation of their rights remain

spread and multiple in nature. The manifestations of these violations are various ranging from child labour, child trafficking to commercial sexual exploitation and many other forms of violation.

- **Scheduled caste:** The absence of equal opportunities in any walk of social life is a denial of equal status and equal participation in the affairs of the society. Caste in Indian society is a particular form of social inequality that involves a hierarchy of groups ranked in terms of ritual purity. In earlier period they were deprived of the right to education and thus were left suffering behind, socially and economically. They are a group who are in a state of oppression, social disability and who are helpless and poor. Structural discrimination against these groups takes place in the form of physical, psychological, emotional and cultural abuse which receives legitimacy from the social structure and the social system.

- **Scheduled tribes:** The scheduled tribes are a product of marginalization based on ethnicity. They are considered to be socially and economically disadvantaged. From the historical point of view, they have been subjected to the worst type of societal exploitation. They are mainly landless with little control over resources such as land, forest and water.

- **Old aged:** Ageing is a natural process. The vulnerability among the elderly is not only due to an increased incidence of illness and disability, but also due to their economic dependency upon their family members.

- **Minority:** Minority is most commonly used to refer to communities that are numerically small in relation to the rest of the population. In such cases size can be a disadvantage and lead to the marginalization of the relatively smaller communities. Minorities includes issues of power, access to resource and has cultural and social dimension.

- **People with disabilities:** People with disabilities have had to battle against centuries of biased assumptions, harmful stereotypes, and irrational fears. The stigmatization of disability resulted in the social and economic marginalization of generations with disabilities, and, like many other oppressed minorities, this has left people with disabilities in a severe state of impoverishment for centuries.

2.6   Challenges to vulnerable groups :

Vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, children, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and low-income populations, often face several challenges, including

- **Health Disparities**: Limited access to healthcare and higher prevalence of chronic diseases.

- ☐ **Economic Hardship**: Higher rates of unemployment, underemployment, and poverty.

- ☐ **Educational Barriers**: Limited access to quality education and resources.

- ☐ **Social Exclusion**: Discrimination, stigma and lack of social support.

- ☐ **Safety and Security :** Increased risk of violence, abuse, and exploitation.

- ☐ **Housing Instability**: Higher likelihood of experiencing homelessness or substandard living condition.

- ☐ **Limited Access to Services:** Challenges in accessing social services in accessing socialservices and legal protection.

These issues can significantly impact their quality of life and opportunities for advancement.

To summarize marginalization of vulnerable groups is a complex and serious problem which needs to be addressed at the policy level. A close understanding is required of the problems associated with the groups suffering from marginalization and the ways to reduce them. Social Work profession which is guided by humanitarian philosophy and values, promoting justice for the marginalized groups is one of the core objectives.

2.7   CONCEPTS RELATED TO SOCIAL WORK :

Social work profession draws its values from different concepts. Social work as a profession is of recent origin and it has its base of various concepts related to certain social processes. These processes have in some way or the other contributed to the evolving of social work profession. As discussed in the previous unit, the values and objectives of social work, a lot is drawn from these social processes that influence its methods and techniques.

Now, let us discuss some of these:

2.7.1. SOCIAL SERVICE :

Social Services are those organized activities that are primarily and directly concerned with the conservation, protection and improvement of human beings. They are the efforts to restore, enhance and maintain the social functioning of those in need of it through- enabling social resources like day care centres, funding organizations, hospices and others. Social work consists of the following entities-a network of social services, carefully developed methods and processes and social policies expressed through social institutions.

Social Service stems from the desire to help the needy fellow men in a human society. It was a religious

duty of a man to provide care and protection to the people suffering from various kindsof distresses. In India alms- giving was considered as a path of moksha. At present times as wellalms- giving to the poor is considered a social welfare activity and synonymously the term 'social work' is used for such acts of charity. However, alms-giving is not social work because the aim of help in social work is to solve client's problem scientifically. In social work profession causative factors are investigated and therapeutic models are utilized. *Shramadan* as Social Work concept- *Sharamadani*is to voluntarily provide physical help to any individual, group or community. Some examples are construction of public roads, public sanitation, help to flood victims or other natural and man-made disasters. In such activities labour is provided without any remuneration. Therefore, it cannot be said to be a major part of social work profession as it lacks proper techniques to help clients to deal with adjustment problems.

Social work is that process which deals directly with persons who have problems relating to the social environment. Thus, as the motto of social service is- helping the helpless, in social work it is- helping the helpless to help themselves. Social work fulfils the objectives of social services. The main aim is to equip individuals with the competence and resources essential for effective social participation.

2.7.2 SOCIAL WELFARE AND ADMINISTRATION :

Social Welfare consists of a wide range of specialized services for the vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of the society. Charity, philanthropy and relief to the vulnerable groups have been the traditional way of welfare. However, gradually this concept has been changing and welfare services became the citizen's rights. Thus, right to these basic facilities are implicit in the concept of social welfare. Social welfare and social work are historically related. These two words are still used synonymously by the common man. The distinction between the twois of recent origin. It has specific aims of welfare and development of the people and to cater to their needs. Development planning is an integral part of social welfare and its administration. By social administration we mean that process which is used in the organization and administration of public and private services. It includes those activities which are undertaken for the benefit of individuals, groups and communities. Under social welfare and administration of such services, process of organization and direction is necessary to decide on how the available resources are to be utilized. Social welfare administration may be carried out by the government, an individual, a group or any association. The ultimate goal is to achieve welfare for the people through proper utilization of resources- human, capital and natural. Thus, welfare administration requires planning, organizing, staffing, directing, co-ordination, recording and budgeting. Fund-raising is also an integral part of social welfare administration.

2.7.3 SOCIAL REFORM :

Social reform can be defined as change or replacement in the institutions which have become functionally irrelevant, totally or partially to the modern social order causing loss of quality of life, deprivations to sizeable sections of the society. Such reforms or changes can be initiated by a group of people who believe that certain social institutional changes are required either for social development or for eliminating certain social evils that victimize a particular section of the society. Institutional structure and its accompanying norms are modified, altered or eliminated as per the changing times and situations for general good of the society. It can be a slow process as change cannot be hurriedly absorbed by a society. Social reform brings change in social institutions and creates favorable conditions for the social progress for those who are continuously suffering from the discrimination and social neglect. Some examples of social reform are- women's rights, social upliftment of the *Harijans*, community service centres in slums, abolition of Sati and many more.

Social Reform also refers to the collective effort of a group of people with a common ideology who try together to reach to certain goals. Such goals can be summarized as: to bring down crimerate in society, to make efforts to elevate employment opportunities and fight poverty and to uplift overall economic and financial standard of the region. In the context of social reform, a reform movement is a kind of social movement that aims to make gradual change, or change in certain aspects of society, rather than rapid or fundamental changes. work has a historic identification with social reform. The fact that social problems result from system defects as well as individual maladjustments, more focus has been given to professional s cools to prepare people who can be agents of social change. Social reform does not require any specific skills; however, social work is practiced on the basis of professional skills to help the clients. Social reform involves radical change in social system but social work goes a step ahead by assisting the individual in freeing himself/ herself from his maladjustments in social life. Social reform played a great role in all religions. The history of the social reform movement is closely related to the Indian social structure. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the father of modern India is the leader of the Social Reform Movement which manifested itself in different parts of India.

2.7.4 SOCIAL JUSTICE :

The term 'social justice' was coined by Jesuit Luigui Taparelli during the 1840's. It is a concept which describes a movement towards a socially just world based on concepts of human rights and equality. Without social justice, rights and equality a society cannot exist. It is based on laws and regulations which

includes the process of making rules and punishment in cases of violation of laws. Justice is a central moral standard in social life. It identifies particular rules which can be used to assess the rightness of an act or institution, in order to encourage specific arrangements that will promote procedural fairness, just distribution or equality. It refers to the concept in which justice or fairness is achieved. Social justice determines whether a society hasa high degree of economic egalitarianism that can be achieved through progressive taxation, income or property redistribution. Social work profession has its base in the values of social justice and human rights. Social work believes in achievement of social justice for all. Without justice a society cannot grow or even exist for that matter. The methods and techniques used in social work aims to achieve social justice and welfare for all. These are some of the basic foundations of social work.

2.7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS :

Human rights are natural rights of human beings that begin with restoration and protection of human dignity. Human Rights are referred to as universal, indivisible, inalienable and intergenerational. Since time immemorial, the 'inferior races' have been tortured by the superior and dominating races in some or the other way. Such incidents and events resulted in violence and bloodshed as the dominated races resisted exploitation around the globe. Gradually, each country realized the urged for independence and the need for a civilized and peaceful society. Thus, every country united to fight for the common cause of national independence. After new governments were formed, all joined hands to achieve liberty, equality and fraternity among the people which resulted in international awakening on Human Rights. The various categories of human rights have been adopted in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights on **10th December which is also celebrated as Human Rights Day.** The declaration proclaims the personal, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of humans. Among the rights are the right to life, liberty and security of a person.

The Universal Declaration contains three distinct sets of human rights :

- Political or individual freedoms, right to a fair trial, freedom of speech and religion, freedom of movement and assembly, guarantees against discrimination, slavery and torture which fall under political and civil human rights.
- Economic, social and cultural rights : A set of collective rights among nations- a social and international order. It requires inter-governmental co- operation on world issues like freedom, economic development andenvironmental protection. There should not be any domination or exploitationoperated by a country on another.

The social work profession emphasizes greatly on the concept of human rights. The International Federation of Social Workers state that "social workers respect the basic human rights of individuals and groups as expressed in the UDHR and other international conventions derived from that Declaration. For the profession of social work, achievement of human rights for all people is a fundamental requirement. To achieve this objective, social workers believe that individuals, groups and communities should be involved in positive action and make sure that we ourselves do not violate the rights of others.

2.7.6 SOCIAL SECURITY :

Social Security is the security that the society aspires to achieve through appropriate organizations and institutions against certain risks to which people are vulnerable. It can be said to be a programmed of protection against possibility of modern life like sickness, unemployment, old age dependency, accidents and others. Social security can be provided through public assistance, social insurance, health, education and social welfare services. Social work profession draws a lot from the concept of social security as well since social work consists of social security in its programme activities so that individuals can lead a secured life. Social workers need to be aware of the social security measures and provisions available in their area of practice. Thus, the social worker can play the role of resource mobilizer while being the connecting link between the client and the social security programs.

2.7.7 SOCIAL POLICY AND LEGISLATION :

Social policy and legislation are sets of rules guaranteed by the government of a particular state to ensure the welfare and protection to all sections of its people. It provides compulsory provisions for social welfare and are non-discriminatory in nature. Social welfare is not possible without legal provisions for solution of social welfare. It constitutes a body of rules recognized by a community as binding upon itself. The main objectives of social policy and legislation are to enhance the wellbeing of the society by providing people with protection from injustice and by punishing those who violate such rules.

Social policies and legislation also deal with various social problems that hinder social and economic development. They bring about social reforms; social changes deal with social problems and propound social rules and principles. The main objective of social policies and legislation is to ensure the security of the society to improve its social and economic condition. Therefore, it is closely related to social work profession. Social workers, with the use of methods like community organization, social action and social work research strive to formulate and alter social policies and legislations for the benefit of all sections of the society.

2.7.8 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT :

Social development is one of the basic objectives of social work profession. It is about improving the well-being of every individual in society so they can reach their full potential. Thesuccess of society is linked to the well-being of each and every citizen. Social development means investing in people. It requires the removal of barriers so that all citizens can journey toward their dreams with confidence and dignity. It is about refusing to accept that people who live in poverty will always be poor. It is about helping people so they can move forward on their path to self-sufficiency.

To reduce poverty, we need to take a social development approach and invest in our people. By investing in people, we can reduce poverty. We need to go beyond looking at government to find ways to develop our most valuable resources, our people. We need to share responsibilitywith community organizations, businesses, universities and municipalities in the task of improving the well-being of all and preventing and reducing poverty. Social workers work closely with individuals, groups and communities to bring about development and social development is one major broad objective of social work practice. Thus, to achieve social development, social welfare and administration, reform, providing social security measures becomes very crucial.

CHECK YOUR RPROGESS :

5. Difference between social policy and social legislation?
6. What do you mean by social welfare and administration?
7. What is the term of social justice?
8. What are human rights?
9. What do you mean by social justice?
10. Which are the measures through government provided social security to the public?
11. Which day is celebrating as human right development?
12. What is the full from of UDHR?
13. Who is the father of universal Declaration of Human Rights?
14. Who first coined the term social justice?
15. Mention one examples of social reforms?

2.8   LET SUM UP :

Values are beliefs about what is good and desirable. Social work as a discipline of study and as a profession has certain values. lathe philosophy of social work is based on humanities, liberalism and democracy. principles are the guiding assertions of statements which are guiding force for social work practice. These basic rules enable a practitioner to be competent in his/her profession the principle of meaningful relationship between social worker and the client highlights the essence of relationship is seen as an interplay, a mutual emotional exchange, an attitude, a dynamic interaction, a connection between two persons and a mutual process. Communication is the road through which the social worker identifies with the client. The function of social worker is principally to create an environment in which the client will feel comfortable in giving expression to his feelings. Thus, communication is an inevitable guiding principle of social work profession .principle of individualization is fundamental for effective social work practice since the betterment of the individual is the primary purpose of social work. Individualization is the recognition and understanding of each client's unique qualities and the differential use of principles and methods in assisting each one towards better adjustment and participate in the changing process. if we analyze the situation of marginality of the vulnerable groups, we would find that it is a complex phenomenon and needs to be examined along several dimensions. The areas of marginality include personal, collective, education, economic, health, cultural andecological.

2.9   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. The philosophy of democracy contributes to social work by recognizing every individual's worthy of respect and recognition, granting them equal rights and responsibilities in democratic society.

2. The core beliefs underlying the philosophy of social work are the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, humanitarianism , liberalism and democracy.

3. (a) Respect individual's worth and dignity.

    (b) Encourage individuals' active participation in helping relationship and uphold their right to make their own decisions.

 4. A vulnerable group is a population at increased risk of adverse health or social outcomes due to factors such as disability, socio economic status ,minority status .

5. Old age, children, people with disability, minority, women.

6. Social administration: The implementation and management of socialpolicies and services to address public needs and enhance social welfare.

7. The term social justice is the equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, ensuring fair treatment and participation for all individualsin society.

8. Human rights are fundamental rights and freedoms that every person is entitled to, such as the right to life, liberty, equality, regardless of nationality, gender, ethnicity, or religion.

9. Social justice involves promoting fairness equality, and rights within society, ensuring all individuals have access to resources, opportunities , and protections, regardless of their back ground status.

10. The government provides social security to public through measures such as pensions, unemployment benefits, health insurances and welfare programme.

11. Human Rights Day is celebrated on December 10th each year .

12. The full from of UDHR id the Universal Declaration of Human Rights .

13.   The father of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is oftenconsidered to be Rene Cassin .

14. The term " social justice "was first coined by the Italian Jesuit Priest LuigiTaparelli "in the 1840 .15. One example of social reform is women's rights , social upliftment of the Hari years

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2.10   MODEL QUESTION:

1. Describe the philosophy of social work and explained how it influences the method usedby social work?

2. What is the problems face by vulnerable groups?

3. Explained the concept of social work?

    (a) Social justice

    (b) Social reform

    (c) Human rights

    (d) Social security

    (e) Social policy and legislation

    (f) Social development

(g) Social service

(h)   Social welfare and administration

2.11   ACTIVITIES [Any two] :

1. As a social work how can you raise awareness with in the community about the social process that influences its development and what methods and technique can you employ in the field to effectively educated and engage community members?

2. As a social worker, how can you identify and support vulnerable groups during field visits and what specific strategies can you implement to address their unique needs and challenges in the community?

3. Reflect on the site's commitment to human rights and social justice. How are these concepts embedded in their work?

4. Policy and Development: Observe how the sting engages with social policies and contributes to social development in the community.

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UNIT 3 : History and Development of Social Work

UNIT STRUCTURE

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3.1   INTRODUCTION:

After learning about the core concepts and values of social work, Unit 3 gives students insight into how these ideas have evolved historically. The historical context provides perspective on how social work principles, ethics, and interventions have been shaped by societal changes and challenges over time.

This unit explores the evolution of social work both globally and within the Indian context. The foundation of social work is deeply rooted in addressing social issues, advocating for justice, and supporting marginalized populations. The key figures and movements in this field, such as the Settlement Movement in the West and pioneers like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in India, have greatly shaped its development.

3.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the historical evolution of social work globally and in India.

- Identify key figures and movements that influenced the development of social work.

- Analyze the milestones in the professionalization of social work.

3.3   GLOBAL AND INDIAN CONTEXT : EVOLUATION OF SOCIAL WORK:

The evolution of social work globally is deeply rooted in society's responses to social inequality, poverty, and injustice. It developed as a formal profession during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, primarily in Europe and North America, as industrialization and urbanization intensified social issues like homelessness, unemployment, and exploitation.

1. Early Foundations: In the early stages, social work emerged from charity work and religious outreach. Many religious organizations, such as Christian missionaries and Buddhist monks, played pivotal roles in helping the needy through voluntary services.

2. The Charity Organization Society (COS) : Established in London in 1869, the COS sought to organize charity efforts systematically. Its mission was to investigate cases of poverty and provide organized support. This became a foundation for the development of social work methods like casework.

3. Settlement House Movement: One of the key global movements influencing social work was the Settlement House Movement*, led by Jane Addams in the US with the establishment of Hull House in 1889. This movement focused on addressing the needs of immigrants and the urban poor, combining social reform with hands-on social services.

4. Global Influence of Human Rights: After World War II, social work began to embrace human rights more actively. The formation of the United Nations and its adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) profoundly shaped the mission of social workers to promote justice, equality, and the protection of human dignity. Global institutions like the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) now define social work principles aligned with human rights.

Indian Context of Social Work

The Indian evolution of social work is closely tied to its historical, social, and cultural context. India has a rich tradition of social welfare, embedded in religious teachings and community solidarity, but formal social work developed in response to colonialism, social reform, and post-independence nation-building.

1. Pre-Colonial Social Welfare: Ancient Indian societies practiced charity and community support, driven by religious doctrines from Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, and Sikhism. These traditions emphasized helping the poor, elderly, and disabled as a moral duty.

2. Social Reform Movements: In the 19th and early 20th centuries, reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Jyotirao Phule, and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar* focused on eradicating social evils such as caste discrimination, child marriage, and the plight of widows. These reform movements laid the foundation for social work in India by addressing social inequalities and injustices.

3. Gandhian Philosophy: Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of Sarvodaya (welfare for all) significantly shaped social work practice in India. He advocated for the upliftment of the marginalized, particularly Dalits and rural communities, through non-violent means and community-based development. Gandhi's principles emphasized self-reliance, equality, and community participation.

4. Post-Independence and Institutional Development: After gaining independence in 1947, India focused on nation-building through poverty alleviation, education, and healthcare programs. The establishment of professional social work institutions, like the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in 1936, formalized social work education in India. Today, social workers engage with key national programs like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), focusing on poverty alleviation, women's empowerment, and sustainable development.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What was the key role of the Charity Organization Society in the development of social work?
2. .How did the Settlement House Movement contribute to the growth of social work in the global context?
3. What role did Mahatma Gandhi play in shaping social work in India?
4. How did post-independence India institutionalize social work as a profession?

3.4   KEY FIGURES , AND MOVEMENT SHAPING ITS DEVELOPMENT

The development of social work as a profession has been shaped by numerous key figures and movements across different regions. These individuals and groups laid the foundation for modern social work by responding to pressing social issues such as poverty, inequality, health, and education. Below are some of the most influential figures and movements that have helped define social work globally and in India.

Global Figures and Movements

1. Jane Addams (1860-1935)

   Jane Addams is often referred to as the "mother of social work." She co-founded Hull House in Chicago in 1889, one of the most famous settlement houses in the United States. Hull House aimed to improve the lives of immigrants and the poor in urban areas by providing social services and education. Addams was also a leader in advocating for women's suffrage and peace. Her work laid the foundation for community-based social work and the emphasis on social reform.

2. Mary Richmond (1861-1928)

   Mary Richmond is considered a pioneer in the field of social work casework. Her book "Social Diagnosis" (1917) was one of the first to outline a structured approach to understanding and addressing individual needs through social work. Richmond's contribution helped establish casework as a core method in social work, focusing on direct engagement with individuals and families to address personal and social problems.

3. The Charity Organization Society (COS)

   Founded in London in 1869, the COS was one of the first organizations to apply a structured approach to charitable work. The organization sought to reduce poverty through systematic investigation and coordination of relief efforts. This movement introduced the practice of casework and the belief that poverty could be solved through more organized social interventions, which became a foundation for professional social work.

4. The Settlement House Movement

This movement, which began in the late 19th century, focused on improving the lives of the urban poor by living among them and offering education, healthcare, and social services. Led by figures like Jane Addams in the US and Samuel Barnett in the UK, the movement brought attention to issues such as labor conditions, child welfare, and education reform, and helped shape the role of social workers in addressing systemic social problems.

5. Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)

Although primarily known for his contributions to psychology, Freud's work on the psychoanalytic theory* heavily influenced early social work practice, particularly in casework and therapeutic interventions. His ideas on the importance of understanding the psychological and emotional lives of individuals became a key component of social work focused on mental health.

Indian Figures and Movements

1. Raja Ram Mohan Roy (1772-1833)

Often regarded as the father of modern Indian social reform, Raja Ram Mohan Roy was a pioneer in the fight against social injustices such as the caste system and the practice of Sati (widow burning). His efforts to promote women's rights, particularly in advocating for widow remarriage, education for girls, and the abolition of child marriage, laid an important foundation for social reform in India.

2. Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of Sarvodaya (the welfare of all) significantly influenced the development of social work in India. He promoted the idea of serving the marginalized, particularly the poor and Dalits, and emphasized self-reliance, community-based development, and non-violent social change. Gandhi's work inspired generations of Indian social workers to focus on rural development and the empowerment of disadvantaged communities.

3. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (1891-1956)

As a social reformer and architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar played a critical role in challenging caste-based discrimination and promoting social justice. His work in advocating for the rights of the Dalits (formerly known as "untouchables") and his emphasis on equality, education, and human dignity remain central themes in Indian social work, particularly in work related to marginalized groups.

4. Vinoba Bhave (1895-1982) and the Bhoodan Movement

Vinoba Bhave, a follower of Gandhi, initiated the Bhoodan Movement (Land Gift Movement) in 1951, aimed at addressing the unequal distribution of land in India. Bhave encouraged wealthy landowners to voluntarily donate land to landless peasants. This movement, rooted in the principle of voluntary service for the common good, is an important example of social work in action, focusing on rural development and social justice.

5. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

Founded in 1936, TISS was the first school of social work in India and has played a pivotal role in professionalizing the field. It has trained generations of social workers, with a focus on research, practice, and community development. TISS's contributions to social policy and welfare programs in India have been instrumental in shaping the modern practice of social work in the country.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

5. How did Jane Addams contribute to the development of social work?

6. What was Mary Richmond's major contribution to social work?

7. How did Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy influence social work in India?

8. What role did Dr. B.R. Ambedkar play in shaping social work related to marginalized groups in India?

3.5   LET US SUM UP

In this unit, we explored the evolution of social work from both global and Indian perspectives. Social work emerged as a response to social inequalities, poverty, and injustice, shaped by key figures and movements such as Jane Addams and the Settlement House Movement in the West. Similarly, in India, social reformers like Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar played pivotal roles in shaping the profession, advocating for social justice and the welfare of marginalized populations. Over time, social work has evolved into a formalized profession with educational institutions like TISS and its influence on policies aimed at addressing various social issues. Social work continues to be a dynamic field that integrates historical perspectives with contemporary challenges, both globally and in India.

3.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION

1. The COS organized charity efforts systematically, focusing on casework methods to investigate and address poverty.

2   The Settlement House Movement provided social services to the urban poor, emphasizing community engagement and social reform.

3   Gandhi promoted Sarvodaya (welfare for all), focusing on non-violent social change, community development, and uplifting marginalized populations like the Dalits.

4   Institutions like TISS were established, professionalizing social work through education and research. Social workers were integrated into national programs like MGNREGA and NRLM.

5   Jane Addams co-founded Hull House, providing essential services to immigrants and the poor, and was a pioneer in community-based social work.

6   Mary Richmond developed the casework method and introduced a systematic approach to diagnosing and addressing individual social issues.

7. Gandhi's philosophy of non-violent social change, self-reliance, and upliftment of marginalized groups significantly shaped community-based social work in India.

8. Dr. Ambedkar fought against caste-based discrimination and advocated for the rights of Dalits, influencing social work focused on social justice and equality.

3.7   MODEL QUESTION

1. Explain the role of the Settlement House Movement in shaping social work globally.
2. Discuss the influence of Mahatma Gandhi's Sarvodaya philosophy on social work practice in India.
3. Compare and contrast the contributions of Jane Addams and Mary Richmond to social work.
4. Analyze the impact of the Charity Organization Society on the professionalization of social work.
5. How did post-World War II human rights movements shape the mission of global social work?
6. Examine the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to social work related to marginalized communities in India.
7. Discuss the significance of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in the professionalization of social work in India.
8. What role did social reform movements play in the evolution of social work in India?
9. Explain the importance of the Bhoodan Movement in addressing rural inequality in India.
10. How did Freud's psychoanalytic theory influence early social work practices, particularly in casework?

3.8 ACTIVITIES (Any two)

1. Conduct a field-based community needs assessment by engaging with a marginalized community. Identify key social, economic, and health issues faced by the community members. Document your findings and propose practical social work interventions ?

2. Case Study on Identify a contemporary social reform initiative in your local area. Study the movement's objectives, strategies, and impact on society. Compare it with historical social reform movements and reflect on its relevance to modern social work ?

3. Based on the principles of Mahatma Gandhi's rural upliftment philosophy, design a community-based development plan for a rural area. Focus on self-reliance, sustainable practices, and inclusive participation of community members ?

4. Engage in an advocacy project that promotes the rights and welfare of Dalit communities in India. Develop a plan to raise awareness about caste discrimination and empower marginalized groups through education, legal support, or social work interventions ?

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UNIT 4 : Methods of Social Work

UNIT STRUCTURE

4.1 INTRODUCTION:

After learning about the history of social work, students now explore the practical tools developed as a result of that history. These methods reflect the evolution of practice in response to the needs identified through historical development. This unit delves into the core and extended methods of social work, providing a foundational understanding of casework, group work, and community organization. Additionally, the unit introduces 4.2advanced methods like social welfare administration, action, and research.

4.2 Learning Objectives:

- Comprehend the core methods of social work practice and their application.

- Explore the role of extended methods in enhancing social work interventions.

- Develop skills to integrate various methods in addressing social issues.

4.3   CORE METHODS : CASE WORK , GROUP WORK , AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

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1. Casework: Casework is a method of direct social work intervention that focuses on helping individuals overcome their personal challenges by analyzing their situation and working towards solutions. It involves counseling, understanding personal problems, and supporting clients with resources.

  2. Group Work: Group work focuses on helping individuals in a collective setting. It involves therapeutic, educational, or skill-building groups where members share experiences, collaborate on tasks, and benefit from mutual support. The group setting fosters learning, behavior change, and social skills.

3. Community Organization: Community organization is the method of mobilizing resources and people to address common issues affecting a community. It involves empowering communities through collective action, capacity building, and creating sustainable social change by addressing systemic problems.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is the primary goal of casework?
2. How does group work differ from casework?
3. What are the key principles of community organization?
4. In what setting is group work most effective?
5. How does community organization contribute to sustainable change?
6. What are the stages involved in casework?
7. Give an example of an issue that community organization can address.

4.4   EXTENDED METHODS : SOCIAL WELFARE ADMINISTRATION, ACTION , AND RESEARCH

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1. Social Welfare Administration: This method involves managing social services and programs aimed at improving well-being in society. It includes policy formulation, program implementation, and evaluation.

2. Social Action: Social action refers to organized efforts to bring about social change by addressing systemic inequities, injustices, and inequality through campaigns, protests, and advocacy.

3. Social Research: Social research is a scientific method used to study social problems, behaviors, and phenomena. It provides data-driven insights to inform policies and practices in social work.

CHECK YOUR PROGRES:

8. What is the role of social welfare administration in society?

9. Define social action in the context of social work.

10. How does social research contribute to social work practice?

11. What are the key components of social welfare administration?

12. What is the difference between social research and social action?

4.5   LET SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the core methods of social work, including casework, group work, and community organization, which serve as the foundation for social work practice. These methods help address individual, group, and community-level challenges through targeted interventions. Additionally, we examined the extended methods such as social welfare administration, social action, and social research, which broaden the scope of social work by focusing on policy implementation, systemic change, and evidence-based practice. Together, these methods enable social workers to support clients holistically and drive sustainable social change.

4.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION

1. The primary goal of casework is to help individuals address and overcome personal challenges through direct intervention and counseling.

2. Group work focuses on collective settings where individuals benefit from mutual support, while casework involves one-on-one interventions.

3.The key principles include participation, empowerment, collective action, and sustainability.

4.Group work is most effective in therapeutic, educational, and skill-building environments where group members can support and learn from each other.

5.It mobilizes community members and resources to address systemic issues, leading to long-term solutions.

6.The stages include intake, assessment, intervention, evaluation, and termination.

7.Community organization can address issues like poverty alleviation, health awareness, or infrastructure

development.

8.It manages and delivers social services and programs to improve the overall well-being of individuals and communities.

9. Social action involves collective efforts to bring about social change by challenging and addressing systemic issues like poverty or discrimination.

10. It provides data and insights to understand social issues better, which helps in the development of evidence-based interventions and policies.

11.The key components include planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, and evaluating social welfare programs.

12.Social research focuses on studying social problems scientifically, while social action involves organized efforts to solve these problems through direct intervention.

4.7   MODEL QUESTION

1. Define casework and explain its key steps in the intervention process.
2. Discuss the benefits and challenges of group work in social work practice.
3. How does community organization empower marginalized communities?
4. Compare and contrast the roles of a social worker in casework and group work.
5. What are the major differences between community organization and advocacy?
6. Discuss the importance of social welfare administration in delivering public services.
7. Explain the steps involved in conducting social research.
8. What role does social action play in addressing social justice issues?
9. How does social research support the development of social policies?
10. Describe the challenges faced by social workers in implementing social action campaigns.

4.8   ACTIVITIES (Any two)

1: Analysis Choose a social issue (such as domestic violence, poverty, or education inequality) and develop a case study for an individual facing this issue. Using the core method of casework, outline how a social worker would intervene, from intake to termination. Include potential challenges and resources that might be necessary for successful intervention.

2. Community Organization Project Identify a common issue affecting a community, such as lack of access to clean water or healthcare. Create a community organization plan that details how you would mobilize resources and community members to address this issue. Include steps for capacity building, collective action, and sustainable change.

3.Research Proposal Development Develop a simple research proposal for studying a social issue such as unemployment or housing insecurity in an urban or rural area. Outline the key research questions, methodology, and how the data collected would inform social work practice and policy development

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UNIT 5 : Social Work and Ethics

UNIT STRUCTURE

5.1 INTRODUCTION:

After understanding the core and extended methods of social work, students now learn the ethical considerations they must observe while practicing those methods. Ethics serve as the guiding framework for applying social work methods responsibly. This unit addresses the ethical principles that guide social work practice, including integrity, confidentiality, and non-discrimination. It also explores ethical dilemmas and the professional code of conduct in managing conflicts during practice.

5.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the ethical principles fundamental to social work.

- Analyze ethical dilemmas and decision-making in social work practice.

- Familiarize with the professional code of conduct for responsible social work.

5.3   ETHICAL PRINCIPLES : INTEGRITY , CONFIDENTIALITY, AND NON – DISCRIMINATION :

Ethical principles form the cornerstone of social work practice, helping professionals maintain trust and respect with clients, communities, and institutions. Let's break down three critical ethical principles:

1. Integrity: Integrity in social work refers to the adherence to high standards of moral and ethical conduct. Social workers must demonstrate honesty, fairness, and consistency in their professional actions, ensuring that their work is always aligned with ethical standards. Integrity fosters trust between the social worker and the client, enabling effective intervention and support.

2. Confidentiality: Confidentiality is essential in maintaining the privacy of clients' information. Social workers must safeguard all personal data shared during their practice, ensuring that such information is only disclosed, when necessary, legally mandated, or ethically justified (such as in cases of harm). This principle ensures that clients feel safe sharing sensitive information without fear of repercussions.

3. Non-Discrimination: Non-discrimination involves treating all clients with equal respect and fairness, regardless of their race, gender, age, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status. Social workers must actively avoid any form of bias or prejudice, advocating for inclusivity and equity in the services they provide.

5.4   DILEMMAS : NAVIGATING CONFLICTS : NAVIGATING CONFLICTS IN PRACTICE

Ethical dilemmas in social work often arise when conflicts occur between competing values or interests. Social workers frequently find themselves in situations where upholding one ethical principle may compromise another. Examples of ethical dilemmas include:

- **Client Autonomy vs. Well-being:** A social worker might face a dilemma when a client's choice (autonomy) may lead to harm. For instance, a client refusing medical treatment presents a challenge where the worker must balance respect for the client's decision and their duty to prevent harm.
- **Confidentiality vs. Legal Obligations:** While confidentiality is a key principle, social workers might be required to break confidentiality when there is a risk of harm to the client or others. For example, reporting child abuse or a threat of violence.

▪ **Resource Allocation:** Social workers in resource-scarce environments may face dilemmas about how to allocate limited resources equitably, knowing that helping one client could mean denying assistance to another.

Navigating these conflicts requires critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and a firm understanding of the professional code of conduct.

5.5   CODE OF CONDUCT : GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL WORK

The Code of Conduct in social work serves as a guiding framework for ethical and professional conduct, ensuring social workers uphold the core values of the profession while engaging with individuals, families, and communities. It is a crucial tool for navigating the challenges of the field, reinforcing the commitment to human rights, dignity, and social justice. By adhering to this code, social workers maintain integrity and accountability, ensuring that their actions foster trust, respect, and fairness. Let us delve into each of these essential guidelines in depth:

1. **Respect for Client Rights**

Respecting the rights of clients is a cornerstone of the Code of Conduct, ensuring that social workers place human dignity, autonomy, and rights at the forefront of their practice. Social workers are required to:

▪ Uphold Human Dignity: Every individual is inherently valuable, and social workers must recognize and promote this value. This means working to protect and honor the rights of all people, regardless of their background, and ensuring that no one's dignity is compromised in the process of receiving services.

▪ Promote Autonomy: Autonomy in decision-making is a fundamental right. Social workers must respect and support clients in making informed choices about their own lives, ensuring they are provided with all the necessary information to make empowered decisions without undue pressure.

▪ Ensure Respectful Interactions: Treating every client with respect is imperative, which includes showing empathy, listening without judgment, and valuing each individual's unique experiences and perspectives. This promotes a safe and respectful environment where clients feel heard and supported.

By integrating these principles, social workers ensure that clients are not only recipients of services but

active participants in their own empowerment, reflecting the values of fairness and respect for human rights.

2. Provide Equitable Services

The Code of Conduct also emphasizes the need for equitable access to services, ensuring that all clients, regardless of their circumstances, receive fair treatment. Social workers are tasked with:

- Promoting Accessibility: Social workers must ensure that services are accessible to all, especially those who face systemic barriers due to their socioeconomic status, race, gender, disability, or other factors. Accessibility includes overcoming physical, financial, and social obstacles that may prevent individuals from receiving adequate support.

- Practicing Non-Discrimination: Equality is at the heart of ethical social work. Social workers must actively work against discrimination by ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly, without bias or prejudice. This means providing services that are free from any form of exclusion or marginalization based on identity or social status.

- Ensuring equitable services is not just about treating everyone the same but rather recognizing and addressing the unique challenges and needs of different individuals to promote fairness and inclusion.

3. Maintain Professional Boundaries

Maintaining professional boundaries is critical to ethical social work practice, as it safeguards both the client and the social worker from potential conflicts or harm. This principle requires:

- Avoiding Conflicting Relationships : Social workers must avoid entering into relationships with clients outside the professional realm, such as becoming personally involved in their lives beyond the scope of social work services. Dual relationships, such as becoming friends or business partners, can lead to conflicts of interest and compromise professional objectivity.

- Preserving Objectivity: By maintaining clear boundaries, social workers can remain objective in their assessment and intervention strategies. This helps ensure that decisions are made solely in the best interests of the client, free from personal influence or emotional entanglement.

- Ensuring Ethical Decision-Making : Clear boundaries allow for ethical decision-making, where the social worker can operate within a framework that prioritizes the client's well-being without the risk of personal or professional conflicts.

Adhering to professional boundaries ensures the social worker maintains their role as a trusted and impartial advocate, preserving the integrity of the client-worker relationship.

4. Engage in Self-Care

Self-care is recognized as an ethical responsibility in social work, as the emotional and physical demands of the profession can be immense. Social workers are encouraged to:

- Recognize the Importance of Self-Care : Social workers must acknowledge the impact of their work on their personal well-being and take proactive steps to manage stress and prevent burnout. This includes balancing work with personal life, engaging in stress-relieving activities, and seeking supervision or counseling when necessary.

- Prioritize Well-Being : By prioritizing their own health—whether through regular rest, physical activity, or mental health support—social workers can maintain the energy and emotional stability needed to perform their duties effectively. Self-care is essential for long-term sustainability in the profession.

- Maintain Professional Competence : A well-cared-for social worker is more likely to make sound decisions, exhibit empathy, and maintain ethical practice. By engaging in self-care, social workers ensure that they remain competent and capable of meeting the demands of the profession.

Self-care is not a luxury but a necessity in social work practice, helping professionals remain resilient in the face of challenging and emotionally charged situations.

5. Advocate for Social Justice

Finally, advocacy for social justice is a core value in social work, requiring professionals to challenge inequities and strive for a more just society. Social workers are expected to:

- Address Inequality : Social workers have a duty to address and challenge the systemic inequalities

that affect marginalized groups. This involves identifying areas of injustice—whether economic, social, or political—and working to change policies, laws, and practices that perpetuate these inequalities.

- Promote Fairness : Advocacy extends beyond individual cases to the broader societal context. Social workers must promote fairness in the distribution of resources, opportunities, and rights, ensuring that all individuals have the chance to live dignified and fulfilling lives.

- Empower Marginalized Populations : Social workers play a key role in empowering individuals and communities who have been marginalized or disenfranchised. This involves advocating for their rights, amplifying their voices, and supporting them in achieving greater autonomy and self-determination.

Advocating for social justice is not only about responding to the immediate needs of clients but also addressing the larger structural forces that contribute to inequality and injustice.

Conclusion

The Code of Conduct serves as a vital blueprint for responsible and ethical social work practice. By adhering to its core principles—respect for client rights, equitable services, professional boundaries, self-care, and social justice advocacy—social workers can effectively navigate the challenges of their profession while maintaining the trust and well-being of the clients and communities they serve. This code not only ensures accountability and ethical decision-making but also reinforces the profession's commitment to fairness, dignity, and the promotion of a more just society.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is the principle of confidentiality in social work?
2. Explain the concept of integrity in social work.
3. What are the key ethical principles in social work practice?
4. Explain the dilemma of "client autonomy vs. well-being."
5. How does the Code of Conduct ensure ethical social work practice?

5.6   LET SUM UP :

This unit has outlined the ethical principles essential to social work practice, such as integrity, confidentiality, and non-discrimination. We also explored the common dilemmas faced by social workers in practice, particularly conflicts between ethical principles. Additionally, the unit introduced the professional Code of Conduct, which serves as a guideline for responsible and ethical behavior in social work, with emphasis on respecting client rights, providing equitable services, maintaining professional boundaries, engaging in self-care, and advocating for social justice.

5.7   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1.Principle of Confidentiality: Ensures client information is kept private, unless disclosure is legally required or to prevent harm.

2. Concept of Integrity: Involves honesty, transparency, and ethical behavior in all social work practices.

3. Key Ethical Principles: Include respect for dignity, self-determination, confidentiality, integrity, and social justice.

4. Client Autonomy vs. Well-being: Balancing a client's right to make choices with their best interests and safety.

6. Code of Conduct: Provides ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and professional social work practice.

5.8   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Define and explain the principle of non-discrimination in social work.

2. How does integrity impact the client-social worker relationship?

3. Describe an example of an ethical dilemma related to client autonomy.

4. Discuss the importance of maintaining professional boundaries in social work practice.

5. What are the guidelines for self-care in the Code of Conduct for social workers?

6. How can social workers advocate for social justice in their practice?

7. Explain the conflict between confidentiality and legal obligations in social work.

5.9　　　ACTIVITIES (Any two) :

1. Identify a real-life ethical dilemma faced by a social worker. Analyze the dilemma and propose possible solutions by applying the ethical principles learned in this unit.

2. Develop a case study that illustrates the balance between client confidentiality and the social worker's duty to report a threat to the well-being of the client or others.

3. Research a social justice issue in your community. Prepare a brief report on how social workers can address this issue by following ethical principles.

4. Participate in a role-play where you simulate a scenario involving an ethical conflict in social work. Reflect on the ethical decision-making process used.

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UNIT 6 : Social Work and Human Rights

UNIT STRUCTURE

6.1 Introduction
6.2 Learning Objectives
6.3 Human   Rights: Role in safeguarding dignity, equality, and justice.
6.4 Social Workers' Role: Advocating and promoting human rights in practice.
6.5 Let Us Sum Up,
6.6 Answer to Question
6.7 Model Question,
6.8 Activities ,
6.9 Reference,
6.10 Further Reading

6.1   INTRODUCTION :

Ethical principles form the foundation of advocating for human rights. Ethical practice requires social workers to protect the rights of individuals, and this unit expands on how they can promote dignity and justice through their roles. This unit emphasizes the role of social work in advocating for human rights, particularly in promoting dignity, equality, and justice. Social workers' role in upholding these rights in practice is discussed.

6.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the connection between social work and human rights.

- Identify ways social workers can promote human rights in their practice.

- Explore the challenges of integrating human rights into social work practice.

6.3   HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAFEGUARDING DIGNITY, EQUALITY , JUSTICE :

Human rights serve as a universal framework to protect the inherent dignity, equality, and justice for

all individuals. Dignity, as a core principle, refers to the inherent worth of every person, and human rights are designed to protect this worth from violations and abuses, ensuring that all individuals are treated with respect and fairness. Equality, another fundamental element, ensures that every individual is granted the same rights and opportunities, regardless of their background, gender, race, religion, or socioeconomic status. The principle of justice plays a crucial role in addressing inequalities and ensuring that violations of human rights are not only recognized but also corrected. Justice mechanisms, such as legal frameworks and institutions, work to provide accountability and redress for those whose rights have been violated, thus restoring their dignity and reinforcing equality. Together, dignity, equality, and justice form the pillars upon which human rights are built, guiding societies towards fairness, inclusivity, and respect for every individual's fundamental freedom. These principles help in creating an equitable society where everyone is empowered to reach their full potential without the fear of discrimination or oppression.

6.4 SOCIAL WORKER'S ROLE : ADVOCATING AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRACTICE

Social workers play an essential role in advocating for and promoting human rights through their professional practice. Grounded in a commitment to social justice, their primary objective is to empower vulnerable populations and protect individuals from discrimination, exploitation, and marginalization. Social workers act as advocates, mediators, and change agents who bridge the gap between policy and practice by ensuring that human rights are upheld in all aspects of social work interventions. Their role extends beyond direct practice to include advocacy at the policy level, where they strive to influence and shape social policies that promote human rights and social justice. This involves not only addressing immediate individual needs but also tackling systemic issues that perpetuate inequality and injustice. Social workers also have a responsibility to raise awareness about human rights violations, both within the communities they serve and in broader societal discussions. By doing so, they contribute to creating a more informed and empathetic society. Furthermore, their ethical responsibility requires them to continuously reflect on their own practices to ensure that they are promoting dignity, equality, and justice in every interaction. Social workers collaborate with various stakeholders, including governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and community groups, to design and implement programs that address human rights concerns, ensuring that all individuals have access to essential resources and opportunities for personal and community

development.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is the role of human rights in safeguarding dignity?

2. How do human rights promote equality?

3. What is the importance of justice in human rights?

4. How are human rights and social work connected?

5. What are the core principles of human rights?

6. Define the social worker's role in advocating for human rights.

7. What challenges do social workers face in promoting human rights?

8. How can social workers integrate human rights into their practice?

9. Why is dignity central to human rights?

10. How does equality in human rights contribute to social justice?

11. What is the role of advocacy in social work?

12. Explain the importance of justice in social work.

13. How can social workers address discrimination?

14. What strategies can social workers use to promote human rights?

15. How does social work practice influence human rights policies?

6.5   LET SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the critical relationship between social work and human rights, focusing on the ways in which human rights safeguard dignity, equality, and justice. Human rights provide the foundation for a just and equitable society, ensuring that all individuals are treated with respect and without discrimination. Social workers play a vital role in promoting these rights by advocating for vulnerable populations and working to address systemic issues that undermine human dignity. We also discussed the challenges that social workers face in integrating human rights principles into their practice, including addressing discrimination and advocating for policy changes. Overall, social workers are key actors in promoting human rights and social justice, contributing to the empowerment of individuals and communities alike.

6.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION   :

1. The role of human rights in safeguarding dignity: Human rights protect the inherent worth of every individual, ensuring they are treated with respect and fairness.

2. Human rights promote equality: Human rights ensure that all individuals have equal access to rights and opportunities, regardless of background or identity.

3. The importance of justice in human rights: Justice ensures that human rights violations are recognized, corrected, and that accountability is maintained to restore dignity and equality.

4. Human rights and social work are connected : Social work is grounded in advocating for human rights and social justice, focusing on protecting vulnerable populations from marginalization and inequality.

5. Core principles of human rights: Dignity, equality, and justice are the core principles that guide the protection of individual freedoms and rights.

6. Social worker's role in advocating for human rights : Social workers act as advocates, promoting human rights by addressing discrimination, inequality, and supporting systemic change.

7. Challenges social workers face in promoting human rights : Social workers often face structural barriers, limited resources, and societal resistance when advocating for human rights.

8. social workers can integrate human rights into their practice : By incorporating human rights principles into interventions, policies, and advocating for systemic reforms.

9. Dignity is central to human rights : Dignity underscores the intrinsic value of each person, forming the basis for all human rights protections.

10. Equality in human rights contributes to social justice : Ensuring equal rights promotes fairness and addresses systemic inequalities, key to achieving social justice.

11.The role of advocacy in social work : Advocacy helps amplify the voices of marginalized individuals and pushes for systemic reforms to uphold human rights.

12. The importance of justice in social work : Justice in social work ensures that inequalities are addressed, and those harmed by violations receive redress.

13. Social workers can address discrimination : By challenging discriminatory practices and policies, and empowering marginalized groups through education and advocacy.

14.Strategies social workers can use to promote human rights: Social workers can engage in policy advocacy, public education, and direct intervention to protect and promote human rights.

15. Social work practice influences human rights policies: Social work interventions highlight systemic issues, contributing to the development of policies that protect and promote human rights.

6.7   MODEL QUESTION   :

1. Explain the relationship between social work and human rights.
2. How do human rights safeguard dignity, equality, and justice?
3. What are the key responsibilities of social workers in promoting human rights?
4. Describe the challenges faced by social workers in integrating human rights into their practice.
5. Discuss the role of advocacy in social work concerning human rights.
6. How do social workers ensure the protection of human rights in marginalized communities?
7. What is the role of human rights in addressing discrimination?
8. Explain the concept of dignity in the context of human rights and social work.
9. How does social work contribute to ensuring justice for vulnerable populations?
10. What is the impact of human rights education on social work practice?

6.8   ACTIVITIES (Any two) :

1. Research and create a presentation on the role of social work in advocating for human rights in marginalized communities.

2. Conduct a case study analysis of a social work intervention that addresses human rights violations and promotes social justice.

3. Write a reflective essay on how human rights principles can be integrated into your social work practice.

4. Participate in an online forum discussing human rights challenges in contemporary social work.

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UNIT 7 : Social Work and Human Rights

UNIT STRUCTURE

7.1 Introduction
7.2 Learning Objectives
7.3 Vulnerable Populations: Children, women, elderly, and persons with disabilities.
7.4 Intervention Strategies: Methods to support and empower marginalized groups.
7.5 Let Us Sum Up,
7.6 Answer to Question
7.7 Model Question,
7.8 Activities ,
7.9 Reference,
7.10 Further Reading

7.1   INTRODUCTION :

After learning about human rights, students now focus on how these rights are applied in real-world contexts to protect vulnerable populations. Human rights principles guide intervention strategies aimed at empowering marginalized groups. This unit focuses on the unique challenges faced by vulnerable populations, including children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Intervention strategies for supporting and empowering these groups are outlined.

7.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Identify vulnerable groups and their specific needs.

- Understand intervention strategies to support marginalized communities.

- Develop skills to empower vulnerable populations through social work.

7.3   VULNERABLE POPULATION : CHILDREN, WOMEN , ELDERLY , AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Vulnerable populations often face significant socio-economic, physical, and emotional challenges, making them more susceptible to marginalization, neglect, and exploitation. Children, for instance, are highly dependent on adults for their basic needs, protection, and guidance. This dependence often makes them

vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, and neglect, especially in impoverished or unstable environments. Women, particularly in patriarchal societies, frequently encounter systemic gender-based discrimination, including limited access to education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and exposure to violence such as domestic abuse and sexual harassment. The elderly, on the other hand, face age-related physical and mental health issues that can lead to isolation and neglect. Many elderly individuals struggle with financial insecurity and insufficient social support systems. Persons with disabilities face a range of obstacles, from physical barriers in public spaces to social stigma and discrimination. They often lack access to adequate healthcare, education, and employment, making it challenging to lead independent and fulfilling lives. These populations require focused attention and support to ensure that their rights are upheld and that they are empowered to participate fully in society.

7.4 INTERVENTION STRATGIES : METHODS TO SUPPORT AND EMPOWER MARGINALIZED GROUPS

Intervention strategies aimed at empowering marginalized groups must be comprehensive and adaptable to the specific needs of each population. For children, social workers can implement child protection services that prevent abuse and neglect while providing support in education and healthcare. Child advocacy initiatives are also essential in ensuring that children's rights are recognized and respected. For women, empowerment strategies include legal aid to help them navigate issues related to domestic violence, gender discrimination, and inheritance rights. Economic empowerment programs, such as skill development and microfinance initiatives, enable women to achieve financial independence and break free from cycles of poverty. The elderly benefit from community-based services that provide healthcare, social engagement, and access to financial assistance through pension schemes or other social security programs. These services help combat isolation and ensure that the elderly maintain their dignity and quality of life. Persons with disabilities require accessible infrastructure, inclusive education systems, and employment opportunities. Advocacy for policy changes, such as the implementation of disability rights laws, ensures that they have equal access to public spaces and services. Social workers play a critical role in raising awareness, building community support networks, and advocating for the rights of vulnerable groups to promote a more inclusive and equitable society.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What defines a vulnerable population?
2. Discuss the primary challenges faced by children in marginalized communities.
3. How can social workers help address issues related to gender-based violence?
4. What are some of the common issues that the elderly face in today's society?
5. Explain the concept of social inclusion and its significance for persons with disabilities.
6. What are some effective strategies for empowering women in patriarchal societies?
7. How does educational support impact the lives of vulnerable children?
8. What is the role of social workers in advocating for the rights of the elderly?
9. What are the primary barriers that persons with disabilities face in accessing employment?
10. Why is vocational training important for marginalized groups?
11. What is the significance of life skills education for children?
12. How does legal aid empower women facing domestic violence?
13. What social security schemes are available for the elderly in India?
14. How do community-based support systems benefit persons with disabilities?
15. What is the importance of advocacy in promoting the rights of vulnerable populations?

7.5 LET SUM UP :

This unit highlighted the specific challenges faced by vulnerable populations such as children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. It also explored various intervention strategies designed to empower and support these groups. Social workers are essential in addressing the needs of marginalized communities, advocating for policy changes, and implementing programs that promote inclusion, dignity, and equality.

7.6 ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Vulnerable populations are groups at higher risk of discrimination, neglect, and exploitation due to various socio-economic or physical factors.

2. Children often face issues such as exploitation, lack of access to education, and vulnerability to abuse.

3. Social workers can provide counseling, legal assistance, and support systems for survivors of gender-based violence.

4. The elderly face isolation, health deterioration, and financial insecurity, often lacking adequate support systems.

5. Social inclusion ensures that persons with disabilities have equal opportunities to participate in all aspects of life.

6. Empowerment strategies for women include access to education, legal protection, and economic independence through skill-building programs.

7. Educational support for vulnerable children ensures they receive the skills and knowledge necessary for a brighter future.

8. Social workers play an advocacy role in ensuring the elderly have access to healthcare, social services, and financial support.

9. Barriers include lack of accessible infrastructure, discrimination, and limited support for workplace accommodations.

10. Vocational training equips marginalized individuals with skills necessary for employment, leading to financial independence.

11. Life skills education teaches children problem-solving, communication, and emotional regulation, helping them build resilience.

12. Legal aid helps women assert their rights, seek justice, and access resources to escape abusive environments.

13. Social security schemes, like the National Pension System, provide financial aid to the elderly, reducing their vulnerability.

14. Community-based support systems offer social interaction, healthcare, and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

15. Advocacy ensures that marginalized groups' needs and rights are recognized and addressed in policy-making processes.

7.7   MODEL QUESTION   :

1. What is meant by vulnerable populations? Provide examples.
2. Discuss the challenges faced by children in marginalized communities.
3. What are some of the common challenges that elderly populations face?
4. How do social workers empower vulnerable women?
5. What is the role of inclusive education for persons with disabilities?
6. How can social security schemes improve the lives of the elderly?
7. Why is vocational training crucial for marginalized populations?
8. Describe the intervention strategies used to address domestic violence.
9. How do laws and policies support the rights of persons with disabilities?
10. What are the benefits of life skills education for children?

7.8 ACTIVITIES (Any two) :

1. Write a case study on a successful social work intervention for vulnerable women in your community.
2. Develop a community-based project plan to support the elderly through healthcare services and social engagement.

3. Conduct a research paper on the barriers faced by persons with disabilities in education and employment.

4. Create an awareness campaign on the importance of child protection services in marginalized communities.

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UNIT 8: Social Work and Mental Health

UNIT STRUCTURE

8.1 Introduction
8.2 Learning Objectives
8.3 Role in Mental Health: Providing support in psychiatric settings.

8.4 Counselling and Therapy: Techniques for assisting clients in mental distress.

8.5 Let Us Sum Up,
8.6 Answer to Question
8.7 Model Question,
8.8 Activities ,
8.9 Reference,
8.10 Further Reading

8.1   INTRODUCTION:

Vulnerable populations often face mental health challenges, and this unit focuses on how social workers provide specialized support in this area. The understanding of marginalization in Unit 7 complements the focus on mental health support for these populations. This unit highlights the role of social workers in psychiatric settings, providing support to individuals experiencing mental health issues. The use of counseling and therapeutic techniques is also discussed.

8.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the role of social work in mental health services.

- Explore counseling and therapy techniques for supporting mental health clients.

- Address the challenges faced in providing mental health support.

8.3   ROLE IN MENTAL HEALTH : PROVIDING SUPPORT IN PSYCHIATRIC SETTINGS

Social workers play a pivotal role in psychiatric settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and community-based mental health programs. Their support often begins with a comprehensive assessment of the individual's mental, emotional, and social well-being. Social workers then collaborate with medical

and psychiatric professionals to create an integrated treatment plan.

Key roles include:

- **Assessment and Diagnosis Support:** Social workers help assess the social and environmental factors contributing to a person's mental health condition. This includes working closely with families, caregivers, and community resources.
- **Individual and Family Counseling:** In psychiatric settings, social workers provide therapeutic counseling to individuals and families, addressing concerns such as depression, anxiety, and trauma.
- **Crisis Intervention:** Social workers are often the first responders in situations of acute mental distress. They manage crises by offering immediate emotional support and helping clients navigate through the mental health system.
- **Advocacy and Referral:** A key responsibility involves advocating for the client's needs, ensuring they receive necessary treatments, and linking them with relevant community resources and social services.
- **Rehabilitation and Reintegration:** Social workers aid in the rehabilitation of individuals recovering from psychiatric illnesses, supporting their reintegration into society, and promoting self-sufficiency.

8.4 COUNSELL ING AND THERAPY : THECHNIQUES FOR ASSISTINGCLIENTS IN MENTAL DISTRESS

In mental health practice, counseling and therapy are essential components used to guide individuals in distress toward emotional stability and recovery. Some widely used therapeutic techniques in social work are:

1. **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT):** This method helps individuals recognize and alter negative thought patterns contributing to their emotional and psychological distress. Social workers use CBT to assist clients in managing conditions like depression, anxiety, and PTSD.
2. **Solution-Focused Therapy:** This brief and goal-directed therapy focuses on finding solutions rather than delving into problems. Social workers use this technique to empower clients to focus on their strengths and resources.

3. **Motivational Interviewing:** This client-centered approach is effective in dealing with individuals struggling with substance use, helping them find the motivation to change harmful behaviors.

4. **Trauma-Informed Therapy:** Social workers frequently work with individuals who have experienced trauma. This therapeutic approach ensures that the client's past trauma is recognized and addressed in the treatment process.

5. **Group Therapy and Family Therapy:** Social workers often use these techniques to create a supportive environment where individuals and their families can share experiences, improve communication, and learn coping strategies together.

These techniques are implemented with care, taking into account each client's unique psychological and emotional needs, to promote long-term healing and growth.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is the role of social workers in mental health care?

2. How do social workers contribute to psychiatric settings?

3. What is Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)?

4. What is trauma-informed care?

5. What is the importance of family therapy in mental health?

6. How does crisis intervention help in mental health settings?

7. What are social workers' responsibilities in mental health advocacy?

8.How does motivational interviewing benefit clients with substance use disorders?

9. What is the goal of solution-focused therapy?

10 . What role does group therapy play in mental health treatment?

8.5   LET US SUM UP :

This unit underscores the important roles social workers play in psychiatric settings, such as providing emotional support, advocating for clients, and utilizing various counseling and therapy techniques. Their expertise helps individuals manage their mental health and navigate the complex

mental health care system. By integrating assessment, therapy, and advocacy, social workers contribute to the overall well-being and recovery of their clients.

8.6 ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Social workers provide emotional support, advocacy, and therapeutic interventions in mental health care.

2. They assess clients, offer counseling, and collaborate with medical professionals for holistic care.

3. CBT is a technique that helps individuals change negative thought patterns to improve emotional well-being.

4. Trauma-informed care recognizes the impact of past trauma on a client's current mental health.

5. Family therapy fosters communication and emotional support, contributing to holistic recovery.

6 Crisis intervention provides immediate emotional support and connects individuals to appropriate services.

7. They advocate for clients' access to services, rights, and proper treatment.

8. Motivational interviewing helps clients find internal motivation to change destructive behaviors.

9. The goal is to empower clients by focusing on their strengths and potential solutions.

10. Group therapy offers a supportive environment where clients can share experiences and learn coping skills.

8.7 MODEL QUESTION :

1. What is the role of social workers in mental health care?

2. How do social workers provide support in psychiatric settings?

3. Explain the counseling techniques used by social workers in mental health practice.

4. Discuss the importance of crisis intervention in mental health settings.

5. What are the challenges faced by social workers in providing mental health support?

6. How does Cognitive Behavioral Therapy assist clients in mental distress?

7. Describe the key features of trauma-informed therapy.

8. What role does family therapy play in mental health recovery?

9. Explain how social workers advocate for clients in psychiatric care.

10. Discuss the importance of motivational interviewing in dealing with substance use disorder.

8.8   **ACTIVITIES (Any two) :**

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1. Conduct a case study on the role of social workers in a psychiatric setting, focusing on client support strategies.

2. Role-play a counseling session using one of the therapeutic techniques discussed in the unit.

3. Research and present on the challenges faced by social workers in providing mental health care in India.

4. Write an essay on the importance of trauma-informed care in mental health practice.

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UNIT 9 : Social Work and Families

UNIT STRUCTURE

9.1 Introduction
9.2 Learning Objectives
9.3 Family Dynamics: Understanding structures and relationships.

9.4 Interventions: Counselling, mediation, and welfare programs to strengthen families.

9.5 Let Us Sum Up,
9.6 Answer to Question
9.7 Model Question,
9.8 Activities ,
9.9 Reference,
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9.1   INTRODUCTION :

Mental health support often involves working with family systems, as family dynamics can contribute to mental well-being. The transition from individual mental health to family counseling connects the two units. This unit explores family dynamics, structures, and relationships. Social work interventions such as counseling, mediation, and welfare programs are examined to help families overcome challenges.

9.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Analyze family dynamics and their impact on individuals.
- Explore social work interventions to strengthen family systems.
- Develop skills for mediating and counseling within families.

9.3 FAMLIY DYNAMICS : UNDERSTANDING : STRUCTURES AND RELATIONSHIP

Family dynamics refer to the intricate patterns of interactions and relationships that occur within a family unit. These dynamics are shaped by the family structure, which includes various forms such as nuclear, extended, single-parent, and blended families. The structure determines how roles, responsibilities, and relationships are distributed among family members. Understanding family

dynamics involves analyzing power structures, communication patterns, emotional bonds, and conflicts within the family. For instance, in patriarchal families, the father or elder male often holds authority, while in more egalitarian structures, decision-making is shared. Family relationships, whether between parents and children, spouses, or siblings, influence the emotional and psychological well-being of individuals. Social workers must consider cultural, economic, and social factors that affect family dynamics, particularly in diverse contexts like India, where joint and extended family systems may still prevail. Recognizing these complexities is vital for addressing family issues and strengthening relationships within the family unit.

9.4 INTERVENTIONS : COUNSELLING , MEDIATION, AND WELFARE PROGRAMA TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES .

Social work interventions in families aim to support the resolution of conflicts, improve communication, and promote healthy family functioning. Counseling is a common intervention where social workers offer a safe space for family members to express emotions, discuss concerns, and develop coping strategies. Family counseling can address a variety of issues, including marital problems, parenting challenges, and intergenerational conflicts. Social workers often use therapeutic techniques such as cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) or solution-focused therapy to help families resolve issues and improve their relationships. Mediation is another critical intervention, particularly in situations where families face disputes, such as separation or divorce. A social worker acts as a neutral party to facilitate discussions between family members, aiming for a mutually agreeable solution that prioritizes the welfare of all parties, especially children. Welfare programs designed to strengthen families include government initiatives that provide financial, educational, and health support. For instance, programs like the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in India offer nutrition, immunization, and preschool education to promote the well-being of children and their families. Social workers play a key role in connecting families to these resources, ensuring that they access necessary support for stability and growth.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :
1. What are family dynamics, and how do they shape family relationships?
2. How can understanding power structures within a family aid in social work practice?

3. What are the key differences between nuclear and extended family structures?

4. How can communication patterns impact family relationships?

5. Describe the role of counseling in addressing family conflicts.

6. How can mediation help resolve disputes in cases of family separation or divorce?

7. What is the significance of family welfare programs in supporting vulnerable families?

8. How do cultural factors influence family dynamics in India?

9. What role do social workers play in connecting families to welfare programs?

10. How does the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program benefit families in India?

9.5   LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the complexities of family dynamics, including the various structures and relationships that shape family life. We discussed key social work interventions such as counseling, mediation, and welfare programs, which are crucial in supporting families through their challenges. By understanding the intricacies of family dynamics and applying appropriate interventions, social workers can effectively help families improve their overall functioning and well-being

9.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Family dynamics shape family relationships by determining interactions, roles, and emotional bonds within the family unit.

2. Understanding power structures helps social workers navigate authority and decision-making patterns within the family for effective interventions.

3. Nuclear families consist of parents and children, while extended families include additional relatives like grandparents, uncles, and aunts.

4. Communication patterns can either strengthen family relationships through openness or create conflict through miscommunication.

5. Counseling helps address emotional and relational issues by offering families a space to express concerns and develop coping strategies.

6. Mediation aids in resolving disputes by facilitating neutral discussions and promoting mutually acceptable solutions, especially during separation or divorce.

7. Family welfare programs provide essential support, such as financial aid, education, and healthcare, to vulnerable families in need.

8. Cultural factors influence family dynamics by shaping roles, traditions, and expectations within families, particularly in diverse societies like India.

9. Social workers connect families to welfare programs by identifying their needs and guiding them to appropriate resources and services.

10. The ICDS program supports families by offering nutrition, health, and education services to improve child and family well-being.

9.7 MODEL QUESTION :

1. Define family dynamics and discuss how different family structures influence relationships.

2. Explain the importance of counseling and mediation in social work with families.

3. How do welfare programs contribute to strengthening family systems?

4. Discuss the cultural factors that affect family dynamics in India.

5. What are the roles of social workers in addressing family conflicts?

9.8 ACTIVITIES (Any two) :

1. Interview a family and observe their communication patterns. Write a report on how family dynamics shape their relationships.

2. Role-play a family counseling session in class, focusing on conflict resolution techniques.

3. Research a welfare program in India aimed at supporting families and present its key features.

4. Conduct a mediation exercise with a case study of a family facing divorce or separation and reflect on the mediation process

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UNIT 10:   Social Work in Healthcare

UNIT STRUCTURE

10.1 Introduction
10.2 Learning Objectives
10.3 Healthcare Role: Supporting patients and their families in hospital settings.

10.4 Services Provided: Emotional support, advocacy, and navigating healthcare systems
10.5 Let Us Sum Up,
10.6 Answer to Question
10.7 Model Question,
10.8 Activities ,
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10.10 Further Reading

10.1   INTRODUCTION :
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Family crises, including health issues, require social work interventions in healthcare settings. The focus shifts from family welfare to managing healthcare-related stress, support, and advocacy.

This unit covers the role of social workers in healthcare settings, focusing on supporting patients and their families. Services such as emotional support, advocacy, and navigating healthcare systems are discussed.

10.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the role of social workers in healthcare settings.

- Explore the types of support provided to patients and families.

- Address the challenges faced by social workers in healthcare.

10.3   Healthcare Role: Supporting patients and their families in hospital settings.

In healthcare settings, social workers play a crucial role in addressing the emotional, psychological, and practical needs of patients and their families. Their support ranges from helping individuals cope with diagnoses, hospitalization, and treatment plans to facilitating communication between patients and healthcare providers. Social workers act as mediators between the medical team and the family, ensuring that patients' rights and preferences are

respected, and they provide vital information about treatment options and resources.

In hospital environments, social workers assist families in understanding complex medical information and decision-making processes. They provide guidance on long-term care planning, rehabilitation, and discharge options. Moreover, social workers often offer grief counseling, especially in cases of terminal illness, helping families come to terms with loss and supporting them in navigating the emotional challenges that accompany severe medical conditions. Their role in advocating for patient rights and ensuring holistic care makes them indispensable members of the healthcare team.

10.4 Services Provided: Emotional support, advocacy, and navigating healthcare systems :

Social workers in healthcare settings provide a range of services designed to support patients and their families throughout the healthcare journey. One of their primary functions is offering emotional support to patients who are facing distress due to illness, injury, or hospitalization. Social workers create a safe environment where patients and families can express their fears, anxieties, and concerns. They offer counseling to address emotional issues, helping individuals manage stress and develop coping strategies during difficult medical situations.

Advocacy is another essential service. Social workers advocate on behalf of patients to ensure that they receive fair treatment, have access to appropriate healthcare services, and understand their rights within the medical system. They work closely with healthcare providers to ensure that patient voices are heard in treatment decisions, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, or those with disabilities.

Finally, social workers assist patients and families in navigating healthcare systems This includes helping them understand complex medical terminology, guiding them through insurance processes, and connecting them to community resources such as home care, financial aid, or rehabilitation services. Social workers bridge the gap between medical institutions and community support, ensuring continuity of care even after patients leave the hospital.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. What is the role of social workers in hospital settings?
2. How do social workers provide emotional support to patients and families?

3. What advocacy services do social workers offer in healthcare?
4. How can social workers assist patients in navigating healthcare systems?
5. Explain the importance of social workers in long-term care planning.
6. How do social workers mediate between healthcare teams and families?
7. What are the challenges faced by social workers in hospital settings?
8. How can social workers support patients dealing with terminal illnesses?
9. What role do social workers play in ensuring patients' rights?
10. How do social workers connect patients with community resources

10.5   LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the vital role of social workers in healthcare settings, emphasizing their support for patients and families. We discussed key services such as emotional support, advocacy, and assistance in navigating complex healthcare systems. By understanding the healthcare role of social workers and the services they provide, we can appreciate their contribution to the holistic well-being of patients and their families.

10.6   ANSWE TO QUESTION :

1. Social workers in hospital settings support patients and families by addressing emotional, social, and practical needs during medical care.

2. Social workers provide emotional support by offering counseling, listening to concerns, and helping patients cope with stress or illness.

3. Social workers advocate for patients' rights, ensuring they receive appropriate care and that their voices are heard in healthcare decisions.

4. Social workers assist in navigating healthcare systems by explaining medical information, guiding insurance processes, and connecting patients to resources.

5. Social workers play a crucial role in long-term care planning by helping patients and families make informed decisions about rehabilitation and post-discharge options.

6. Social workers mediate between healthcare teams and families by facilitating communication and ensuring patient preferences are respected.

7. Social workers in hospital settings face challenges like high caseloads, emotional strain, and complex family dynamics.

8. Social workers support terminally ill patients by offering grief counseling, emotional support, and end-of-life care planning.

9. Social workers ensure patients' rights by advocating for their needs and making sure they understand their treatment options.

10. Social workers connect patients with community resources like home care, financial assistance, and rehabilitation services to ensure continuity of care.

10.7   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Discuss the role of social workers in hospital settings and the support they provide to patients and families.

2. How do social workers advocate for patient rights in healthcare settings?

3. What are the primary services provided by social workers to assist patients in navigating healthcare systems?

4. Explain the importance of emotional support in healthcare and how social workers contribute to it.

5. Describe the challenges faced by social workers when mediating between families and healthcare providers.

6. What role do social workers play in long-term care and discharge planning?

7. How do social workers address the psychological needs of patients dealing with chronic illness?

8. Discuss the role of social workers in managing grief and loss for terminally ill patients and their families.

9. What strategies do social workers use to ensure continuity of care post-hospitalization?

10. How can social workers ensure ethical practice in healthcare settings?

10.8   ACTIVITIES :

1. Conduct a case study on a hospital social worker's role in long-term care planning.

2. Interview a social worker in a healthcare setting and report on the advocacy services they provide.

3. Research a healthcare program in India that includes social work interventions and present its key features.

4. Role-play a scenario where a social worker mediates between a healthcare provider and a patient's family to resolve a conflict.

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Unit 11: Social Work in Education

UNIT STRUCTURE

11.1 Introduction
11.2 Learning Objectives
11.3 School Social Work: Supporting students, families, and addressing educational barriers.

11.4 Inequality and Dropout Rates: Tackling systemic issues in education.
11.5 Let Us Sum Up,
11.6 Answer to Question
11.7 Model Question,
11.8 Activities ,
11.9 Reference,
11.10 Further Reading

11.1 INTRODUCTION :

Similar to their role in healthcare, social workers provide emotional support, advocacy, and intervention in educational settings. Addressing systemic barriers in education is an extension of advocating for families in healthcare. Similar to their role in healthcare, social workers provide emotional support, advocacy, and intervention in educational settings. Addressing systemic barriers in education is an extension of advocating for families in healthcare. This unit examines school social work, including addressing barriers faced by students and their families. Social workers' role in tackling educational inequalities and dropout rates is explored.

11.2 LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the challenges faced by students in educational systems.

- Explore the role of social workers in addressing educational inequalities.

- Develop strategies to reduce dropout rates through social work interventions.

11.3   SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK : SUPPORTING STUDENTS , FAMILIES , AND ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL BARRIERS :

School social workers are integral to educational systems, providing critical support to students facing a variety of challenges. These professionals work within schools to help students overcome barriers such as emotional, psychological, or social difficulties that can affect their academic performance. Key roles of school social workers include:

1. **Emotional and Behavioral Support:** Social workers offer counseling to students dealing with anxiety, depression, behavioral issues, or family crises. By providing a safe space for students to express their feelings, social workers help them build coping strategies.

2. **Family Engagement and Support:** School social workers often act as a bridge between schools and families. They engage with parents to address issues like absenteeism, financial challenges, and lack of access to resources that might hinder the child's educational progress.

3. **Educational Advocacy:** Social workers advocate for the rights of students, particularly those with learning disabilities or special needs. They work closely with teachers and administrators to develop Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and ensure that students receive the necessary accommodations.

4. **Addressing Bullying and Peer Conflict:** Social workers play a crucial role in addressing bullying and mediating peer conflicts. They design anti-bullying programs and train students in conflict resolution skills.

5. **Attendance and Dropout Prevention:** By identifying at-risk students early, social workers intervene to prevent dropouts. They provide support to help students stay engaged in school, addressing the underlying issues that contribute to absenteeism.

11.4   INEQUALITY AND DROPOUT RATES : TACKLING SYSTEMIC ISSUES IN EDUCATION

Educational inequality is a major issue in many countries, including India. Inequalities often stem from systemic factors such as poverty, caste discrimination, gender bias, and geographical disadvantages, leading to high dropout rates among marginalized communities. Social workers play a pivotal role in addressing these inequalities by:

1. **Identifying Systemic Barriers:** Social workers identify barriers to education such as inadequate resources, poor infrastructure, and biased attitudes that disproportionately affect students from

disadvantaged backgrounds. These barriers may include lack of access to textbooks, technology, transportation, and safe learning environments.

2. **Supporting Marginalized Students:** Social workers assist students from marginalized communities, such as tribal groups, girls from rural areas, and students from lower-income families, by ensuring that they receive equitable opportunities. This involves creating awareness about government scholarships, mid-day meal schemes, and educational assistance programs.

3. **Reducing Dropout Rates:** Dropout rates are higher among students who face systemic challenges, including poverty and discrimination. Social workers engage with these students to prevent dropouts by addressing the root causes, such as family financial pressure, the need for child labor, or lack of parental support.

4. **Advocacy for Policy Change:** School social workers advocate for policy changes that address educational inequalities. By pushing for more inclusive policies, they help ensure that all students, regardless of their background, have access to quality education.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. Define the role of a school social worker.

2. List two challenges students face in educational systems.

3. How do social workers support families in educational settings?

4. What are some systemic barriers to education?

5. Explain how social workers help reduce dropout rates.

6. Describe the role of social workers in addressing educational inequality.

7. How do school social workers handle behavioral issues?

8. Mention two ways social workers advocate for students' rights.

9. What strategies do social workers use to engage families in education?

10. Discuss the importance of social workers in promoting inclusive education.

11.5   LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the critical role of social workers in educational settings. School social workers provide vital support to students and families, addressing emotional, behavioral, and social barriers to education. They play a key role in advocating for students' rights, engaging

families, and promoting inclusive education. Social workers also tackle systemic inequalities in education by advocating for policy changes and implementing interventions to reduce dropout rates. These efforts contribute to creating a more equitable and supportive learning environment for all students.

11.6 ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. A school social worker supports students' academic, emotional, and social development by addressing issues that affect their learning.

2. Two challenges students face in educational systems are bullying and lack of access to quality resources.

3. Social workers support families in educational settings by connecting them with resources and offering counseling and guidance.

4. Systemic barriers to education include poverty and inadequate school funding.

5. Social workers help reduce dropout rates by providing early interventions and support for at-risk students.

6. Social workers address educational inequality by advocating for fair policies and providing support to marginalized students.

7. School social workers handle behavioral issues through counseling, behavior modification plans, and collaboration with teachers.

8. Social workers advocate for students' rights by ensuring access to special education services and promoting anti-discrimination policies.

9. Social workers engage families in education by organizing workshops and fostering open communication between school and home.

10. Social workers play a crucial role in promoting inclusive education by supporting students with disabilities and advocating for equitable practices.

11.7   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Discuss the role of school social workers in addressing educational barriers.

2. How do social workers contribute to reducing dropout rates?

3. Explain the importance of family engagement in school social work.

4. What are the systemic challenges in education, and how do social workers address them?

11.8   ACTIVITIES :

1. Interview a school social worker and report on how they address educational inequalities.

2. Develop a case study on a student at risk of dropping out and propose interventions.

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Unit 12: Social Work and Community Development

UNIT STRUCTURE

12.1 Introduction
12.2 Learning Objectives
12.3 Community Development: Theories and approaches for strengthening communities.

12.4 Capacity-Building: Empowering local groups to drive their development.

12.5 Let Us Sum Up,
12.6 Answer to Question
12.7 Model Question,
12.8 Activities ,
12.9 Reference,
12.10 Further Reading

12.1   INTRODUCTION :

The inequalities addressed in educational settings often have roots in larger community issues. Social workers move from addressing individual barriers to working with entire communities to promote development. This unit explores the theories and approaches to community development, with an emphasis on empowering local groups to take charge of their development through capacity-building.

12.2   LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the principles of community development.

- Analyze different approaches to strengthening communities.

- Develop skills in empowering local groups through capacity-building.

12.3   COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT : THEORIES AND APPROCHES FOR STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

Community development refers to the process of improving the quality of life in a community by strengthening its social, economic, and environmental aspects. The primary goal is to empower individuals and groups to work together to solve common problems and build a sustainable future. Some key theories and approaches to community development include:

- **Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD):** This approach focuses on the strengths and assets within a community, such as human resources, social networks, local institutions, and physical assets. By leveraging these resources, communities can drive their own development instead of relying solely on external aid.

- **Participatory Development:** This theory emphasizes the active participation of community members in the decision-making process. By involving the community in planning, implementing, and evaluating development programs, this approach ensures that initiatives are culturally relevant and address the actual needs of the population.

- **Social Capital Theory:** Social capital refers to the relationships and networks that exist within a community, which can be used to facilitate cooperation and collective action. Strong social capital enables communities to mobilize resources and support each other in achieving shared goals.

- **Sustainable Development:** This approach focuses on balancing economic, social, and environmental goals to ensure that development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It emphasizes long-term solutions that promote environmental protection, social equity, and economic growth.

- **Rights-Based Approach:** This theory focuses on ensuring that community development aligns with human rights principles. It emphasizes equity, non-discrimination, and participation, advocating for marginalized groups to have a voice in the development process.

These theories collectively offer frameworks for addressing the complex challenges communities face. Social workers, by understanding these approaches, can tailor interventions to meet the specific needs of different communities, ensuring that development is inclusive and sustainable.

12.4 CAPACITY – BUILDING : EMPOWERING LOCAL GROUPS TO DRIVE THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Capacity-building is a critical component of community development, focusing on strengthening the skills, resources, and abilities of local groups to take charge of their development. This process includes:

- **Training and Education:** Providing education and skill-building opportunities enables community members to take an active role in addressing their own needs. Training programs can focus on leadership, financial management, health, and other relevant topics.

- **Leadership Development:** Building strong local leaders is essential to the long-term success of community development. Leaders can mobilize resources, unite community members around common goals, and advocate for external support when necessary.

- **Institutional Strengthening:** Capacity-building efforts also focus on strengthening local institutions, such as community-based organizations (CBOs) and cooperatives. These institutions provide a platform for collective action and can become the backbone of sustainable development efforts.

- **Resource Mobilization:** Empowering communities to identify and mobilize their own resources, whether financial, human, or social, ensures that they are less dependent on external support. This can involve setting up community savings groups or organizing local fundraising initiatives.

- **Advocacy and Networking:** Capacity-building efforts often include teaching communities how to advocate for their rights and connect with other groups or institutions that can provide support. This enables them to access necessary resources and services, both locally and nationally.

By focusing on capacity-building, social workers empower communities to become self-sufficient, resilient, and capable of addressing the challenges they face. This approach not only promotes development but also enhances social cohesion and the collective strength of the community.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. Define community development.
2. Explain the asset-based approach to community development.
3. What are the key elements of participatory development?
4. How does social capital theory apply to community development?
5. Discuss the importance of sustainable development in community work.
6. What is the role of capacity-building in community development?
7. How do social workers help in leadership development within communities?
8. Describe two methods of resource mobilization in community development.
9. What are the rights-based approach to community development?
10. How can local groups use advocacy and networking for development?

12.5　　LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the fundamental concepts of community development and capacity-building. Community development is a collaborative process that aims to improve the overall well-being of communities by strengthening their social, economic, and environmental conditions. Social workers play a crucial role by facilitating this process through various approaches such as asset-based development, participatory methods, and sustainable development frameworks. Capacity-building, on the other hand, focuses on empowering local groups to take charge of their development through education, leadership development, and resource mobilization. Together, these strategies create a foundation for long-lasting and inclusive community growth.

12.6　　ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Community Development : It is a process where local communities collectively engage to solve common problems and improve their social, economic, and environmental well-being.

2. Asset-Based Approach : This approach focuses on identifying and utilizing existing strengths and resources within a community rather than addressing its deficiencies.

3.Participatory Development : Key elements include community involvement in decision-making, empowerment, transparency, and collective action to meet development goals.

4. Social Capital Theory : It applies by emphasizing the importance of social networks, trust, and cooperation in fostering collective community action and development.

5. Sustainable Development : Sustainable development ensures that community growth meets present needs without compromising future generations' ability to thrive, balancing economic, social, and environmental factors.

6. Capacity-Building : It involves developing skills, knowledge, and resources within communities to enhance their ability to drive and sustain their own development.

7. Social Workers in Leadership : Social workers promote leadership by mentoring individuals, fostering group collaboration, and enhancing community members' capacity for self-governance.

8. Resource Mobilization Methods : Two methods include community fundraising and building partnerships with external stakeholders, such as NGOs or government agencies.

9. Rights-Based Approach : This approach integrates human rights principles into community development, ensuring that marginalized populations are empowered to claim their rights and participate fully.

10. Advocacy and Networking: Local groups can use advocacy to influence policies and decision-makers, while networking helps them build connections to gain resources and support for their initiatives.

12.7   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Discuss the various theories of community development.
2. How does capacity-building empower communities to drive their development?
3. What role does social capital play in the development of communities?
4. Analyze the sustainable development approach in community work.
5. Explain the participatory development approach and its relevance in today's context.
6. What is the role of leadership in community development?
7. How do community-based organizations (CBOs) contribute to capacity-building?
8. Discuss the role of advocacy in community development.
9. Explain the importance of institutional strengthening in community empowerment.
10. How can community development be made inclusive and sustainable?

12.8   ACTIVITIES :

1. Conduct a case study on a successful community development project and discuss the theories applied.
2. Develop a capacity-building plan for a local community group focusing on leadership and resource mobilization.

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Unit 13: Social Policy and Legislation

UNIT STRUCTURE

13.1 Introduction
13.2 Learning Objectives
13.3 Social Policy Role: Impact on practice and welfare provisions.

13.4 Key Laws: Major policies shaping social work in India (e.g., MGNREGA, NRLM).

13.5 Let Us Sum Up,
13.6 Answer to Question
13.7 Model Question,
13.8 Activities ,
13.9 Reference,
13.10 Further Reading

13.1   INTRODUCTION :

Social workers need to understand social policy to effectively promote community development. Policies like MGNREGA directly impact community empowerment, linking community development to legislation. This unit focuses on the role of social policy in shaping social work practice and welfare provisions. Key laws such as MGNREGA and NRLM are explored to understand their impact on the profession.

13.2   LEARING OBJECTIVES :

- Analyze the influence of social policy on social work practice.

- Explore key legislation shaping social work in India.

- Develop an understanding of the policy framework within which social work operates.

13.3 SOCIAL POLICY ROLE : IMPACT ON PRACTICE AND WELFARE PROVISIONS :

Social policy is a critical framework for guiding the actions and strategies of social workers, as it determines the allocation of resources, sets welfare standards, and influences how services are delivered to communities. Social workers must understand the policies that govern welfare provisions to effectively advocate for the marginalized, promote social justice, and work towards systemic change.

In the context of social work, policies serve as blueprints for addressing issues like poverty, unemployment, health, education, and housing. They influence not only the scope of welfare services available but also the quality and inclusiveness of these services. For example, a policy that promotes universal healthcare can significantly impact a social worker's ability to ensure access to health services for all clients, especially vulnerable groups like women, children, and the elderly.

Policies like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provide direct opportunities for social workers to engage in community development by ensuring employment rights. This law empowers rural populations by providing guaranteed work, which not only alleviates poverty but also promotes social and economic inclusion. Similarly, policies that focus on housing, healthcare, and education create environments where social workers can facilitate access to basic human rights.

Welfare provisions often focus on improving quality of life through financial support, healthcare, education, and housing, and these directly impact social work practice. For instance, social workers in public health settings benefit from policies that prioritize mental health, allowing them to deliver services under a supportive legal framework. Social policies that incorporate social justice principles help social workers address societal inequities and push for inclusive growth. Therefore, the role of social policy in shaping practice is not just operational but deeply intertwined with social work ethics, values, and the mission to create social change.

13.4   Key Laws: Major policies shaping social work in India (e.g., MGNREGA, NRLM).

Several key laws shape the field of social work in India, each providing a foundation for social justice, equity, and community empowerment. These laws create avenues for social workers to contribute to national development goals, especially in rural and marginalized communities. Below are two pivotal policies:

1. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA):
   Enacted in 2005, MGNREGA is one of the largest work guarantee programs globally, aimed at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing 100 days of wage employment

per year to every rural household. Social workers play an important role in this scheme by facilitating community awareness, helping people apply for work, ensuring transparency in the implementation of projects, and advocating for beneficiaries. MGNREGA not only helps in poverty alleviation but also contributes to gender equity by ensuring equal wages for women, thereby empowering rural women.

2. National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM):

Launched in 2011, NRLM is a major poverty alleviation initiative that seeks to promote self-employment and organization of rural poor into self-help groups (SHGs). It aims to empower the rural poor, especially women, by providing them with financial services and livelihood opportunities. Social workers in this framework work closely with SHGs to facilitate capacity building, skill development, and financial literacy, empowering rural women to become economically independent.

Other important policies include the Right to Education Act (RTE), which ensures free and compulsory education for children, and the National Health Policy, which focuses on providing universal access to healthcare. These policies provide social workers with a legal foundation to advocate for community rights, push for systemic improvements, and contribute to the overall development of society.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. Define social policy and its role in social work.
2. Explain the impact of MGNREGA on community development.
3. What role do social workers play in implementing NRLM?
4. How do welfare provisions affect social work practice?
5. Discuss the importance of policy in ensuring equitable access to social services.
6. What are some challenges social workers face in engaging with social policies?
7. How does MGNREGA promote gender equity in rural areas?
8. Explain the concept of welfare provisions and their relevance to social work.
9. What strategies can social workers use to promote awareness of MGNREGA in rural areas?
10. Analyze how NRLM supports economic empowerment for women.
11. Discuss the influence of the Right to Education Act on children's welfare.
12. How do healthcare policies shape the role of social workers in public health?
13. Explain the importance of social policy in achieving social justice.
14. Describe the relationship between social policy and poverty alleviation.
15. In what ways can social workers advocate for policy improvements in their communities?

13.5   LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the significant role that social policy plays in shaping social work practice and welfare provisions. We discussed how policies like MGNREGA and NRLM influence the daily work of social workers, providing frameworks for community empowerment, social justice, and poverty alleviation. By understanding and engaging with these policies, social workers can better advocate for the needs of marginalized groups, ensuring that welfare services are accessible and inclusive.

13.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Social Policy: It refers to guidelines and frameworks created by governments to address social issues, ensuring welfare and equity, and plays a key role in shaping social work practice by guiding interventions.

2. Impact of MGNREGA: It enhances community development by providing guaranteed employment, improving rural infrastructure, and reducing poverty.

3. Social Workers in NRLM : Social workers help in mobilizing self-help groups, facilitating capacity-building, and supporting income generation initiatives under NRLM.

4.Welfare Provisions: They provide essential services like health, education, and income support, which are crucial for social workers in delivering effective interventions.

5.Policy and Equitable Access : Policies ensure fair distribution of social services, protecting vulnerable populations and promoting social inclusion.

6. Challenges in Social Policy : Social workers often face bureaucratic barriers, lack of resources, and political constraints when engaging with social policies.

7. MGNREGA and Gender Equity: MGNREGA promotes gender equity by mandating equal wages for women and encouraging female participation in the workforce.

8. Welfare Provisions in Social Work: Welfare provisions ensure the basic needs of individuals are met, supporting social workers in addressing poverty and inequality.

9. MGNREGA Awareness: Social workers can organize community meetings, use local media, and collaborate with local leaders to spread awareness about MGNREGA.

10. NRLM and Economic Empowerment : NRLM supports women's economic empowerment by promoting self-help groups, access to credit, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

11.Right to Education Act : It improves children's welfare by ensuring free and compulsory education, enhancing their future opportunities and social mobility.

12.Healthcare Policies : These shape social workers' roles by defining their involvement in health education, advocacy, and ensuring access to healthcare for vulnerable populations.

13.Social Policy and Social Justice: Social policy is crucial for addressing inequalities and ensuring fair treatment, helping to achieve social justice.

14.Social Policy and Poverty Alleviation: Social policy provides targeted interventions like employment schemes, healthcare, and welfare support to reduce poverty.

15. Social Worker Advocacy: Social workers can advocate for policy improvements by engaging with stakeholders, conducting research, and using grassroots mobilization.

13.7   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Discuss the relationship between social policy and social work practice.
2. Explain the impact of MGNREGA on poverty alleviation and community development.
3. Analyze the role of social workers in implementing NRLM.
4. How do key social policies in India promote social justice and welfare?
5. Discuss the challenges faced by social workers in ensuring the effectiveness of welfare provisions.
6. Explain the significance of the Right to Education Act in shaping social work with children.
7. How do social policies influence gender equity in India?
8. What is the role of social workers in advocating for healthcare policies?
9. Discuss the role of welfare provisions in addressing social inequities.
10. Explain how social policies can be reformed to better serve marginalized communities.

13.8   ACTIVITIES (Any two) :

1. Conduct a case study on the implementation of MGNREGA in a rural village.
2. Interview a social worker about their experiences working within the NRLM framework.
3. Create a community awareness campaign on the Right to Education Act.
4. Develop a workshop for rural women on financial literacy under NRLM.

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Unit 14: Research in Social Work

UNIT STRUCTURE

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14.1 INTRODUCTION :

Social workers use research to evaluate the effectiveness of social policies and programs. The understanding of legislation and policy in Unit 13 is deepened by learning how to measure their impact through research. This unit emphasizes the importance of research in social work practice, introducing basic research methods, both quantitative and qualitative, to inform evidence-based practices.

14.2 LEARNING OBJECTIVES :

- Understand the importance of research in informing social work practice.
- Explore quantitative and qualitative research methods used in social work.
- Develop skills to apply research findings to improve social work interventions.

14.3 IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH : INFORMING PRACTICE WITH DATA -DRIVEN APPROACHES

Research in social work is essential because it provides a foundation for evidence-based practice, ensuring that interventions and strategies are informed by solid data. By using research, social workers

can assess the effectiveness of policies, programs, and services, allowing them to advocate for improvements and innovations that benefit communities. Data-driven approaches help social workers identify patterns, predict outcomes, and develop solutions to complex social issues.

Informed decision-making is particularly important in a profession where the well-being of individuals and communities is at stake. Research enables social workers to make objective, informed choices based on empirical evidence rather than assumptions or anecdotal information. For example, research studies on poverty can help social workers design more effective programs that directly address the underlying causes of economic disadvantage. Similarly, research on mental health can guide practitioners in selecting therapeutic interventions that have been proven to work.

Research also helps in measuring the impact of interventions. Social workers can track progress, assess client satisfaction, and evaluate whether their methods are achieving desired outcomes. In the long run, research strengthens the credibility of the social work profession by grounding its practices in rigorous evidence. Furthermore, research contributes to the development of social work theories, policies, and practices that are responsive to societal changes and emerging challenges.

14.4 BASIC METHOD : BASIC RESEARCH METHOD : QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES IN SOCIAL WORK.

Quantitative research methods in social work focus on the collection and analysis of numerical data to understand social phenomena. These methods allow social workers to measure variables, test hypotheses, and generalize findings to larger populations. Some of the basic quantitative research techniques include surveys, experiments, and secondary data analysis.

Surveys : Surveys are widely used in social work research to collect data from a large number of respondents. These can be structured questionnaires or interviews that capture information on people's experiences, attitudes, or behaviors. For instance, a survey might be used to understand community satisfaction with welfare programs or the prevalence of mental health issues in a given population.

Experiments : Experiments allow social workers to establish cause-and-effect relationships by manipulating one variable to see how it affects another. This method is particularly useful in evaluating the effectiveness of interventions, such as testing whether a new job training program increases employment rates among the unemployed.

Secondary Data Analysis : This involves using existing data collected by other researchers or

organizations. Social workers may analyze government data, census reports, or previously conducted research studies to gain insights into social issues without the need for original data collection.

Quantitative methods are valuable because they provide objective, replicable, and generalizable findings. They enable social workers to make data-driven recommendations to improve programs, policies, and interventions. However, it is important to complement quantitative methods with qualitative approaches to capture the nuanced, subjective experiences of individuals.

CHECK YOUR PROGRESS :

1. Why is research important in social work?
2. How does research help in improving social work interventions?
3. What are the benefits of data-driven approaches in social work?
4. Define quantitative research in the context of social work.
5. How are surveys used in social work research?
6. What is the role of experiments in social work research?
7. Explain secondary data analysis and its relevance to social work.
8. How can research inform social policy?
9. Discuss the importance of evaluating social work programs through research.
10. How can social workers use research to address community needs?

14.5   LET US SUM UP :

In this unit, we explored the critical role of research in social work practice, focusing on the importance of data-driven approaches to inform decision-making. We also examined basic research methods, particularly quantitative techniques, that social workers use to collect and analyze data. By applying these methods, social workers can improve interventions, advocate for policy changes, and contribute to the development of evidence-based practices.

14.6   ANSWER TO QUESTION :

1. Research is important in social work because it provides evidence-based knowledge to inform practice and improve outcomes for individuals and communities.

2. Research helps improve social work interventions by identifying what works, why it works, and how it can be effectively implemented in different settings.

3. Data-driven approaches in social work offer benefits by ensuring that decisions are based on accurate information, leading to more targeted and effective interventions.
4. Quantitative research in social work involves the systematic collection and analysis of numerical data to understand patterns, relationships, and impacts within social phenomena.
5. Surveys are used in social work research to gather information from a sample population about behaviors, attitudes, and needs, helping to identify trends and areas for intervention.

6. Experiments in social work research help evaluate the effectiveness of interventions by comparing outcomes between groups subjected to different conditions.

7. Secondary data analysis involves using existing data to explore new research questions, which can provide cost-effective insights relevant to social work practice.

8. Research informs social policy by providing evidence on social issues and the effectiveness of various policies, helping policymakers create informed and effective legislation.

9. Evaluating social work programs through research is crucial to determine their impact, ensure accountability, and make improvements where necessary.

10. Social workers can use research to address community needs by identifying problems, designing interventions, and measuring their effectiveness to promote sustainable change.

14.7   MODEL QUESTION :

1. Discuss the significance of research in social work practice.
2. Explain how quantitative research methods contribute to evidence-based practice in social work.
3. Analyze the role of surveys and experiments in social work research.
4. How does research inform social work interventions and policies?
5. Discuss the benefits and limitations of quantitative techniques in social work research.
6. How can secondary data analysis be useful in social work research?
7. Explain the role of research in evaluating social work programs and services.
8. Discuss the importance of data-driven decision-making in social work.
9. How does research contribute to the development of social work theories and practices?
10. Explain how quantitative research methods can address societal issues like poverty and inequality.

14.8   ACTIVITIES :

1. Conduct a survey on community perceptions of a local social welfare program.
2. Analyze a research paper on mental health interventions in social work and present the findings.
3. Develop a research proposal on the impact of employment training programs for marginalized communities.
4. Review government data on poverty rates in your region and write a report on how social workers can address this issue.

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ASSIGNMENT QUESTION(Any two) :

1. Discuss the objectives, basic assumptions, and functions of social work ?

2. Analyze the intervention strategies used by social workers to support vulnerable groups, including children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities ?

3. What are the key research methods used in social work practice?