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Welcome you all back dear students.

I will teach you the subject named "Sociology of social work" in the 3rd semester M.Sc. sociology. I hope that you will find it easy and interesting.

We will cooperate with each other. I will try my level best to teach you in easy and understandable way, and expect from you people that you would devote your maximum time to learn the subject. If there was any query or difficulty, I am ready any time that you may ask.

In the slides below we will switch towards the contents of the course.

CHAPTER # 01

Introduction

In today's lecture we will go through the following points.

- *What is social work*
- *Who is a professional social worker*
- *The definitions of social work*

WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK

Social work is knowledgeable and skilled activity. Through this approach it is identified that how social work skills and interventions can be used in practice to enhance effectiveness and to help bring the kind of changes, results or outcomes that are being sought. The social work profession promotes social change, problem-solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilizing theories of human behavior and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. (IFSW/IASSW, 2000) (Trevithick, 2012)

Social work is a dynamic activity that had developed out of , and is influenced by, evolving social, economic, political and cultural factors. It is a profession. Social work means to enable or incapable individuals, single or in group to do any work through self efforts. It is only an enabling activity, which is carried out through a professional social worker, who is attached to an agency or organization.

social work is not a form of charity, which is given to support a person for a specific time, but it provides help to a person/group or a community to make them self-sufficient through self–help.

WHO IS A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER

A professional social worker is that one who has professional degree (bachelor or master) of social work from a recognized college/university. He knows the knowledge and skills that how to mobilize and develop the community. On the other hand the person who is performing a social work activity but having no professional degree of social work from any recognized college/university is called a volunteer worker.

DEFINITIONS OF SOCIAL WORK

Deferent exporters of social work have defined social work in different ways. Some of the definitions are given below.

➤ **W.A. Friedlander**

"social work is a professional service, based upon the scientific knowledge and skill in human relations which assist individuals, alone or in group, to obtain social and personal satisfaction and independence. It is usually performed by a social agency or a related organization".

➤ **Charles Zastrow**

"social work is the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, families, organizations and communities to enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and to create societal conditions favorable to their goals".

➤ **H.H. Stroup**

"social work is the art of bringing various resources to bear on individual, group and community needs by the application of a scientific method of helping people to help themselves".

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