

# *CHAPTER # 01*

## *INTRODUCTION*

### *Lecture no: 05*

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

- *Relationship between social work and sociology*
- *sociological theory and its applications to social work*

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIOLOGY

*Social work is scientific based knowledge and skill which uplift the life of a person, a group or a community to mobilize their resources to meet their needs. It is undertaken through an agency by the professional social workers.*

*On the other hand sociology is the scientific study of human society, social behavior, social institutions, social reforms, social actions etc.*

*though the two subjects are different in nature from each other. Sociology deals with the theoretical aspect of social world in depth, but social work deals with the theoretical as well as practical aspect of the individual, group and community life.*

*Social work stress more on practice and service. It does not concentrate the social world deeply. Its major focus is on the professionalism and skills of the individuals. It teaches the practitioner/social workers that how to attract the individuals, and mobilize the community resources to cope with the needs and demands of the community. Social work always try to make the people self sufficient through self-help.*

*However, there is good relation between the two subjects, even a lay man considers the two subjects as the same. Some of points which bring them close to each other are portrait in the next slides.*

- 1) *Both of the subject deal with the human society.*
- 2) *Both of them stress upon the social reforms, social rehabilitation.*
- 3) *Both of the subjects sociology and social work identify, analyze and solve the social problems.*
- 4) *Both of them try to create social integration and avoid social disorganization.*
- 5) *Both sociology and social work look at the society essentially as a network of social relationships and aim at the social uplift of its weaker section.*
- 6) *Sociology help the social work in studying social problems, and find the solution for the betterment of society at large.*

- 7) *Both sociology and social work teach and make their students to understand the social world, orientate and persuade to work for the betterment of society.*
- 8) *Both of the subjects try to uplift the socio-economic life of the community people.*
- 9) *The work done by the sociologists is forerunner for the social work.*
- 10) *In many cases the social workers depend upon the sociologists while understanding the norms, values, culture, customs of the people.*

## *SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY AND ITS APPLICATIONS TO SOCIAL WORK*

*In sociology we usually stress and study social world, social issues, the culture and other aspects of the social world. We deal with the social reforms, social rehabilitation, social revival, social organization and social integration. We try to explore all factors which destabilize the social order and creating social disharmony among the social beings. We try to find out all those threats which keep the social fabric at stake.*

*To study and evaluate these threats sociologists have been from the very first day conducting studies and researches (conti .....*

*to explore the root causes of these issues. They gather data from the main stake holders/sample so that to uncover the facts. The sociologists provide ways and suggestions for the solution of these complexities/issues.*

*Most upon they develop the theories which reflect the social psychology, and help to understand the nature of the people.*

*These studies and theories have much more impacts on the social life of the people. Sociologists on one hand if not involved in direct service of the community, but on the other hand their contributions in theoretical domain provide enormous relief to the social workers to determine their directions in the service delivery.*

*Sociologists have developed many theories about the different aspects of social life, which are the guide steps for social work practitioners. These studies and theories have made the social workers to understand the situation precise and accurately.*

*Sociological theories are mostly related to cultural change, social change, social mobilization and awareness, rural development, community socio-economic position, family affairs, education, public health awareness, social reforms etc.*

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