

## **SW 460 - Social Work Methods: Work with Communities**

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### **Course Objectives**

- To understand and analyze community as a dynamic entity
- To comprehend the concept, context and strategies of community work
- To develop commitment to the cause of the people on the margins

### **Learning Outcome:**

- Able to develop sensitivity and awareness about complexities, and specificities of various communities
- Able to understand the ideological orientations of various community work models and interventions
- Able to demonstrate understanding context, concept and strategies of community work

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Unit I: Community Work: Concept, History and Contexts**

- Introduction to Social Work in the Community
- Introduction to Community Organizing - Context
- Historical Development of Community Organization Practice
- Indigenous approaches to community work - Gandhi, Vinoba, Ambedkar and others from North east

### **Unit II: Fundamentals of Community Organization**

- Community organization- Theories  
Critical theory, Feminist Perspectives, Civil society Perspectives, Postmodern Perspectives
- Self, and the Community Organizer – Reflection, Clarity
- Critical Organizing Frame Works – Rothman's Models, Mondros and Wilson's Models, Alinsky Tradition, The Educational Method's of Paulo Frierie
- Skills, Roles in Working with Communities

### **Unit III: Community Organization Practice**

- Addressing Social Exclusion through Community Organization
- Community work with people on the margins - Dalits, minorities and adivasis/tribals

- Designing community interventions : Tools- Community analysis, participatory Approaches, - use of PLA, LFA, Problem analysis, Stakeholder analysis,

#### **Unit IV- Community Organization Practice in the North east India**

- Identity, Ethnicity and Community in the North east India
- History of Community Organization Practice in North east India – Srimanth Sankardev Movement, Community Work and Christian Missionaries, Tribal Movements
- Community Organization in North east India – Current Scenario

#### **Textbooks:**

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#### **Additional Readings:**

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