TRIBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Course Objectives:

- 1. To enable students to understand the unique nature of tribal culture
- 2. To develop sensitivity and commitment for working with tribal community
- 3. To provide knowledge on the government and voluntary efforts towards tribal development
- 4. To equip students with specific skills and techniques of working with tribal Communities.

I. **Tribes**: Definition, concept, characteristics of the tribal community; nomadic and de- notified tribes; History of Indian Tribes and tribes in Tamil Nadu; Regional distribution of tribes and Nehru's Panchsheel Principles of tribes.

II. **Social System of Tribes**: Socio economic conditions; Cultural and religious aspects; status of women: dress, food, & marriage-polygamy, polyandry, Dormitory marriage; Status of Children; Tribal leadership and Political Participation -Local, State, and National levels.

III. **Problems of Tribes**: Child Marriage, Poverty, Ill-health, Illiteracy, Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Exploitation and atrocities on tribes; Immigration and its related problems. Lack of infrastructure facilities and amenities; Tribal Resettlement and Rehabilitation and its related problems. Tribal Movements and Tribal Revolt, Naxalpari movement

IV. **Tribal Development Administration**: Administrative stricture at Central, State and District levels; Hill Development Councils; Functions of Tribal Development Blocks/Agencies; Constitutional provisions for the protection of tribes; Research and Training in Tribal Development. Role of Voluntary Agencies in Tribal Development.

V. Tribal Development Programmes: Tribal Development Policies, Tribal Area Development Programme; Hill Area Development Programmes; Tribal Sub-Plans, Forest land cultivation, Need and Importance of social work practice in Tribal areas, Application of social work methods in tribal development, Problems in implementation of tribal development programmes.

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