SW 4815: FORCED MIGRATION AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

Objectives

- To introduce the students to the concepts of Forced Migration
- To enable the students to understand the magnitude of forced migration on Human Development
- To help students to understand the role of a social worker in situations of forced migration.

UNIT I

Introduction and concepts: Forced Migration: definition, types: Conflict induced, disaster induced and development induced. Types of Forced Migrants: Refugees, internally displaced, asylum seekers, environment displacees, trafficked people, smuggled people, environmental and disaster displacees. (10 Hours)

UNIT II

Global Scenario: Mapping world displacement, major geo political issues in displacement. Laws and conventions related to displacement: United Nations Convention on Refugees, the protocols, guiding principles of Internal displacement, OAU, Carthegen Declaration and other regional instruments. (10 Hours)

UNIT III

Forced Migration in India: History of forced migration in India, causes and consequences, relief and rehabilitation of forced migrants. Role of the State in dealing with refugees and IDPs. (10 Hours)

UNIT IV

Case Studies in Forced migration: Narmada Bachao Andolan, Polavaram, Tsunami (2004), Tibetan refugees, Sri Lankan refugees, Chin Refugees, Chackma Refugees and other long term displacement in India. (5 Hours)

UNIT V

Social Work Practice and forced migration: Disaster mitigation and Social Work response: five stages of disaster preparedness. Interventions with long term refugees and idps, participatory planning for displaced communities, durable solutions for displacement and Social Work. Role of Social Workers in national and international organizations working on forced migration. (10 Hours)
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- McCarth, J. (Ed.) (1999) Captured voices. London: Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

