

**Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Foundation Year (Since 1920)**

**National Conference**

**On**

**CHANGING PARADIGMS OF SOCIAL WORK ISSUES AND CONCERNS  
17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

**Organized By**

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Rapid economic transformations and technological changes have altered the landscape of personal, family and community problems. Though liberalization, privatization and globalization have brought some benefits to the Indian economy but the neo-liberal market driven economy has led to newer sets of psychosocial problems, life-style related health problems, growing ecological concerns, and social justice and human rights concerns. Urbanization, displacement of populations and care of the underprivileged people have also affected the existing societal structure. Currently, the gap between affluent and not so affluent is quite skewed as substantial part of the population continues to live in poverty owing to inequities in income distribution, discrimination, insufficient and inappropriate educational and employment opportunities. These changes among others have altered the nature of social issues and have created the possibility for emergence of newer ways to undertake social work practice. Given this, social work practice is undergoing substantial changes in scope and emphasis.

Global definition of social work according to International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) 2014, says that “Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to

address life challenges and enhance wellbeing”. Accordingly it is being observed that Social Work is becoming broad based and interdisciplinary. Social Work these days emphasizes on the trend which is being titled towards promotion and prevention rather than curative and rehabilitative aspects of social concerns. Possibly, due to the 'shrinking of the universe', social work profession, like many other, is also becoming 'transnational' and this has opened a whole new area for the active engagement of professional social workers and other professionals of non social work origin. All these trends have created an ever-increasing demand on social work profession. Thus, there is a need to bring together leading researchers, academicians and various practitioners to deliberate on these issues.

### **Objectives of the Conference**

- To understand the changing perspectives and approaches on issues and concerns of social work practice
- To explore the changing paradigms for addressing social issues and concerns
- To highlight the myriad challenges faced by the professionals in their respective area of work.
- To gain familiarity with intervention strategies used for addressing social work issues and concerns.
- To identify a niche for social workers in the emerging social concerns.

### **Expected Outcomes**

The two days national conference would stimulate the participants and enable them to understand the emerging discourses and practices in contemporary times. The conference would throw light on ideas about issues and concerns of social work practice, intervention strategies, managing the challenges in addressing them and explore the possibilities for creating a single platform for academic and practice based exchanges of ideas and experiences. This would contribute to building up of indigenous literature for social work profession.

## **Themes and Modalities of the Conference**

In this context two day national conference is being organized on March 17-18, 2020. The thrust of the conference is on following themes:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Themes</b>
1	Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Social Justice
2	Migration and Displacement
3	Health and Wellbeing
4	Environmental Issues and Climate Change
5	Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship
6	Marginalised population groups

Various sub-themes aim for providing an opportunity for exchange of ideas and dissemination of knowledge among practitioners and scholars. The modalities include discussion, deliberation and paper presentations by experts working in any of the domains mentioned above.

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