



ALL INDIA CONFERENCE
ON
PROFESSION OF SOCIAL WORK AT CROSS ROADS
(Repositioning Social Work Education and Practice)

23rd& 24th February 2012

Organized by
UGC Centre for Advanced Study
Department of Social Work
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~~Call for Papers~~

BACKGROUND:

A profession that has been in existence for almost 75 years in the country, Social Work in India continues its struggle to come to the forefront of the nation building processes. Some of the challenges in its way forward could be summarized as under:

1. Absence of a nationally acclaimed body of professionals to guide and govern the profession through a common code of conduct (principles, values and professional ethics) for its education and practice.
2. Lack of legally empowered status of the profession.
3. Limited resource base (personnel and material) to intervene in the field of its scope and potential including the socio-psychological, economic & political spheres.
4. Inadequacy in dealing with issues related to uniformity and standardization of social work education and practice at all India level.

The UGC had recommended the setting up of a Council of Professional Social Work and accordingly, a draft bill known as **National Council of Professional Social Work in India Bill 1993** was prepared. However, the Bill did not see the light of the day. A UGC Model Curriculum on Social Work Education- 2001 was also prepared and circulated in order to ensure certain standards for Social Work Education. However, there is a dearth of scientific exploration and collective efforts to look into the execution aspect. Consequently, dilution in the standards of social work education and practice, imbalance in micro and macro levels engagements of the profession and unsatisfactory resource allocation for the proper growth and development of the profession across the country is clearly evident.

It is in this context that the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia proposes to hold a National Conference on the theme '*Profession of Social Work at Cross Roads: Repositioning Social Work Education and Practice*' on 23rd and 24th February 2012, to examine the various aspects of professional social work education and practice in India.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER:

The Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia has been in the forefront of social work education since the late 1960s. Its contribution has been well recognized by the profession and the University Grant Commission as well. The Department has recently been upgraded by the UGC as a Centre for Advanced Study in Social Work. The department recognizes that in order to position the social work profession as a foremost human service profession in the country, it is important that efforts to standardize the social work education, training and practice should be undertaken in the right earnest. The present "All India Conference on Profession of Social Work at Cross Roads" is an initiative in this direction.

SPECIFIC THEMES:

The conference shall deliberate on the following themes:

1. Standardization of Social Work Education: Issues and Concerns
2. Strengthening Associations of Professional Social Workers: Ways and Means

PARTICIPANTS:

Academicians and Scholars from various schools of social work in India, representatives of professional associations, leading practitioners and policy makers are invited to participate in the deliberations on the proposed themes.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

Papers with a serious engagement on the above themes are invited from educators and practitioners of Professional Social Work. The abstracts of the papers (not more than 250 words) should reach the conference organizers by email at

jamasocialworkconference2012@gmail.com or by post to the Director, All India Conference on "Profession of Social Work at Cross Roads", Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi -110025, latest by 31st December 2011. The abstracts would be reviewed and only the authors of selected abstracts would be called for the presentation of their papers in the Conference. The final papers should be received by the organizers latest by 15th January 2012.

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HOSPITALITY:

The Department of Social Work will make arrangements for food and stay of the invited delegates. The organizers regret that no TA/DA shall be paid to those whose papers are not accepted for presentation. Participants without papers or those whose papers have not been accepted for presentation shall have to make their own arrangements for stay, food and transport.

REGISTRATION FEE:

All delegates would be required to contribute the following token registration fee at the conference venue.

- Professionals/ Educators/ Officials: Rs. 500/-
- Students: Rs. 150/-