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National Conference on

Indigenous Social Work: Challenges, Responses and Way Forward

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Professional Social Work education and practice in the post colonial nations had been largely dominated by Western knowledge systems and standards. Apart from lacking cultural relevance, the dominance of Eurocentric knowledge systems has the potential of endangering and displacing established local, popular and indigenous knowledge systems. Despite this being institutionalized as an academic discipline in the west, the basic underpinning of social work is humanism, which is natural to any human society. Professional Social Work in the Indian subcontinent has been enriched and influenced by various indigenous approaches of social work. The order of these social work approaches are the religious traditional approach, the liberal reformist approach, the secular missionary approach, the ethical revolutionary approach and professional social work approach.

Social Work, being a practice based profession, has been responding to the immediate needs by finding locally viable solutions for local problems. Social work has also been engaged in dialogue and knowledge formation around the processes of globalization, liberalization, the affects of market forces and media in the lives of people. However, as an academic discipline, Social Work in India like many other disciplines continues to be Eurocentric and colonized for years. The second University Grants Committee review of social work curricula in 1980 introduced the syllabi for social work training engaging more with the Indian social realities. For long, it has been dominated by the American social science knowledge base, owing to the extensive use of their literature and faculty training, while there has been a dearth of indigenous literature.

One way forward for the growth of the profession is the recognition of social work as a profession amongst its users and the state. This necessitates a stocktaking of the indigenous knowledge base, the challenges and the opportunities available to strengthen it. Thus, Indigenous Social Work is a conscious step towards contextualizing Social Work Practice in Indian socio-cultural perspective.

Objectives of the Conference

The conference aims to provide a platform to various stakeholders like social work educators, researchers, development activists, students and practitioners to discuss and deliberate the status of indigenous social work and its issues and challenges. The conference attempts to engage these issues theoretically as well as empirically. It proposes to theoretically address the status of social work education and to empirically assess the implications of liberalisation, privatisation, globalisation and other recent changes on social work practice in India, especially the indigenous social work.

The broad objectives of the conference are given below:

1. To review historical experiences of social work practice in India and identify the futuristic issues, challenges, problems and constraints in practising the indigenous social work practice in India.
2. To evaluate the role of social work in deconstructing and reconstructing a vision of indigenous social work practice.
3. To create a forum for a dialogue on indigenous social work amongst social work practitioners, educators, researchers and students.
4. To critically examine the scope, and coverage of indigenous social work in the Indian context.
5. To learn about the theories and practices of indigenous social work from field experiences, collecting and disseminating this knowledge base.
6. To suggest a blueprint and strategies by the ways of collecting and creating volumes of indigenous social work literature.

Themes of the Conference

1. Indigenous Social Work: History, Philosophy, Ideology and Methodology
2. Indigenous and Innovative Social Work Models and Approaches.
3. Anti-oppressive Social Work: Indian Perspectives and Practices.
4. Field Work Training Models: Problems and Challenges

5. Indigenous Practices of Social Protection and Social Security
6. Indigenization of Social Work Ethics and Legislations
7. Indigenous Social Work: Social Issues and Concerns (Human rights, Social justice, Poverty, Unemployment, Health, Livelihood, Education etc.)
8. Development, Sustainability and Indigenous Social Work
9. Neo liberalization (Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization) and Indigenous Social Work
10. Indigenous Social Work Education: Curricula, Pedagogy and Research
11. Indigenous Social Work: Spirituality and Faith-based Practices
12. Indigenous Social Work and Marginalized Sections (Dalit, Tribes, Women, Religious minorities, Sexual minorities and other)
13. Indigenous Practices by Civil Society Organizations and Social Work Practitioners
14. Indigenous Social Work and Social Movements

Proposed Outcomes of the Conference

The conference papers will be published by reputed national/international publisher and it will be available to policy makers, academician and research scholar for various purposes. Proceeding and recommendations will be submitted to the concerned Ministries, Government of India for further consideration and action.

Call for Papers

Papers are invited from the academicians, practitioners, policy makers, social activists, research scholars, and social work students on the above mentioned themes. The abstract, full text of the paper and power point presentation should be sent to the E-mail id socialwork2018.jmi@gmail.com. The **guidelines** for submission of abstracts and full papers are as follows:

Guidelines for Abstract and Deadline

The abstract should not exceed 250 words. The cover letter with the abstract should include title of the abstract, the author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, mailing address, contact number, E-mail ID. Authors are requested to kindly send the abstract through E-mail socialwork2018.jmi@gmail.com latest by **July 16th 2018**.

Guidelines for Full Paper and Deadline

- The length of full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. should be between 5000 to 6000 words.
- The full paper should be in English and typed in MS-Word in Times New Roman with font size 12.
- Bibliographical references should be arranged alphabetically and given at the end of the text in the APA format.
- The full version of paper should be submitted in both hard and soft copy latest by **August 31st, 2018.**

A Committee will review the abstracts and full papers and information regarding acceptance, modification, rejection and presentation shall be communicated to the authors subsequently.

Traveling Allowance and Hospitality

The participants are advised to arrange traveling expenses from their respective institutions. The organizing committee will make modest arrangements for boarding and lodging on payment basis in the University Guest House for outstation participants only after receiving the confirmation of participation well in advance. Registration fees and charges for accommodation are given below:

Registration Fee

Categories	Registration	Accommodation	Total
Academician, NGOs representatives	Rs. 1000	Rs.1500	Rs.2500
Research Scholar and Students	Rs. 800	Rs. 1500	Rs.2300

Registration Fee includes conference kit, lunch on both days and a conference dinner.

The registration fee may be sent through a Demand Draft in favour of **“Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia”**, payable at New Delhi along with duly filled registration form to the **Conference Organizing Secretary, Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia, (A Central University) Jamia Nagar, New Delhi:110025**

Important Dates

Last date for Submission of abstract	16 th July, 2018
Notification of selected abstract	30 th July, 2018
Last date for submission of full paper	31 st August, 2018
Last date for registration	31 st August, 2018
Conference Dates	16 th -17 th November, 2018

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