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All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

Message from General Secretary



Dear Friends,
Greetings from the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP).

You are reading the second edition of the AIAMSWP's Newsletter. It was decided that to inform our activities to our members and Social Work Professionals we have to publish newsletter once a year. A part from that it is also a good way to stay in touch with your colleagues & senior Social Work Professionals. I think you'll be surprised and excited about all the wonderful things happening by the Association. At the same time we hope to hear from you soon, and welcome your feedback! If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please address them to the editor, AIAMSWP Newsletter at aiamswpnewsletter@gmail.com.

Friends, the Team AIAMSWP is working very hard for betterment of Medical Social Work Professionals. We had given representation on 11-10-2019 and presented in parliament for meeting with Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and family Welfare, Rajya Sabha New Delhi to include the Medical Social Work Professionals in the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018. As you all know that the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 was introduced which seeks to regulate and standardise the education and practice of allied and healthcare professionals but the category of Medical Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work was not included. Secondly, we had achievement in change our designation Medical Social Worker to Medical Social Welfare Officer. Thirdly we developed a new website for Association with all information and facilities for transparency. I wish to inform all of you that we got ISSN number for Our Journal i.e "Indian Journal of Health Social Work". There has been many works done by team of AIAMSWP and some work in still progress. I hope, the uncompleted tasks will be finalized before 7th Annual National Conference of AIAMSWP at Imphal.

I am looking forward desperately you all to attend the 7th Annual National Conference of the AIAMSWP, which is to be held from on 6th & 7th February, 2020 at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), IMPHAL. The theme of this year "Social Research in Healthcare" is very relevant for social work professionals. My humble request to all of you to spend your time in the conference and do not miss the exciting scientific session. This conference will offer us all the opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends as well as share your ideas with Health Social Work Professionals from across the country. I extend my felicitations to all the participants of this National Conference. I am quite certain that under the dynamic leadership of Dr. W. Ranbir Singh this programme will be a great success for the Social Work Professionals and other interested Health/Mental Health professionals.

Lastly, I wish to thanks all my EC members of our Council, Office bearers and members of Committees for their unfailing support and efforts. My gratitude also goes to all our Joint Secretaries/ Zonal Secretaries who all have contributed their time and expertise generously of AIAMSWP.

Long live All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals!

Om Prakash Giri

Dr. Om Prakash Giri
General Secretary

All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

President Message



Dear Friends,

Social Research has always been a crucial part of health care. It draws together a critical mass of social scientists researching issues of public health, impact of globalisation on the health of population, health values, functioning of delivery of health care system etc. Health sociology also referred to as medical sociology studies the causes and consequences of health. I congratulate the organisers for choosing the theme of "Social research in health care" for the upcoming conference, since it is of overwhelming importance in productively enhancing the study of health care systems and policy making. Wishing all the best to the organisers in their relevant endeavour.

Ms. Rashmi Sharma
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From Editor's desk....

Greeting from the editorial team of the NEWSLETTER!

Dear friends It is great pleasure to present you the second issue of the annual Newsletter of the All India Association of Medical Social work Professionals.

It is pleasing that the association is expanding day by day and taking initiatives for the development of the Social Work profession.

The year 2019 was full of many activities and achievements. The starting of Journal of the association has given a platform for the researchers in the field of the social work. The Editorial board and Executive body did great efforts to get the ISSN recognition and successfully got the number for the journal.

The issues of changing the nomenclature of designation from Medical Social Worker to Medical Social Service Officer is also resolved due to the efforts of the association. Now according to the government orders many institutions and hospitals have made the change.

This year we are celebrating the social work day on 17 March 2020. The theme of the social work day is "Promoting the Importance of Human Relations". As a medical social work professional when we are dealing with the patients and relative as well as the community, it is our first priority to build the human relationship to fulfil our duties. Let us put our efforts for creating an enabling environment for the community to accept the health care services for betterment.

Today we are attending the conference at RIMS Imphal. The theme of the conference is "Social research for Health Care". We wish all the best for you all.

Friend, let us build a strong network, work hard and move forward; enhance our activities for betterment of the community and social work profession.

Happy New Year!!



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SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH AND HEALTH CARE

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The social sciences can be defined as the scientific study of human society and social relationships. There are several underpinning disciplines within the social sciences, notably sociology, social work, social psychology, anthropology etc. Social sciences also have influence on other inter disciplinary fields like science and technology studies and migration studies. Social sciences have the potential to enrich theoretical insights and methodological approaches which can positively enhance the study of health care systems and policy research.

Social science research has become a crucial part of the health care system. Disciplines such as social work, sociology, psychology, anthropology provide critical insights and knowledge in the field of health care research. All aspects related to human beings, including the state of their health are a direct function of the society they live in. WHO, in defining health, has laid emphasis on “social wellbeing”, indicating how crucial a role social science plays in the field of health research. With a concern for the human, social, cultural and the experiential, social science research has been vital to understanding how public health, health care and experiences of health and healing are embedded in various forms of social life such as politics, the economy, the family and community. This has been witnessed by the growth of research interests not only within academic disciplines, but also in health and social care policies and practices.

Health is often viewed as an individual trait arising from life style choices and individual physiology. Social sciences research has contributed in improving the definition of health and well-being by providing an understanding of intersections between social structures, culture, the prevalence of illness among individuals and groups, the availability and acceptance of treatment and the functioning of the health care delivery system at large. Health, from a sociological perspective, can be defined as a state of complete well-being: physical, mental and emotional. This definition emphasises the importance of being more than disease free and recognises that a healthy body depends upon a healthy environment and a stable mind.

The major areas of investigation in social science encompass the social determinants of health and disease, the social behaviour of patients and health care providers, the social functions of health organisations and institutions, the social patterns of utilisation of health services, the relationship of health care delivery systems to other social institutions and the social policies towards health.

In the end, we can say that social science research has inevitably enhanced our understanding of medical and health policies, including the understanding of patient -provider interaction and the impact of social processes upon the health of individuals and social groupings. By studying how societies work, we get a better and more comprehensive understanding of how social factors influence individual beliefs. It also helps us understand the social beliefs and factors responsible for ill health, providing us glimpses into the possible points for targeted interventions. organ failure diseases.

6th Annual National Conference of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals on "GI Disorders and Transplant-Medical Social Work Perspectives".

The 6th Annual National Conference of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals at JIPMER was organized during 04th-05th January, 2019 at JIPMER, Academic Centre, Jawaharlal Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research Puducherry. The theme of the conference was "GI Disorders and Transplant - Medical Social Work Perspectives and Challenges". The Medico Social Service wing and Department of Surgical Gastroenterology, of JIPMER Hospital hosted the conference.



The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Rakesh Aggarwal, Director, JIPMER, Puducherry by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural address, Dr. Aggarwal said that Medical Social Work professionals are playing a key role to build the confidence of the patients and the organ donors. At the families of the patients and the donor both undergo traumatic conditions. The support of the medical social work counselors helps them in handling the psycho social aspects of trauma. Organizing Chairman Dr. Biju Pottakatta, Professor & Head of the Department of Surgical Gastroenterology in his welcome address narrated the motive behind the conference theme. Mrs. Srividhya Kichenacoumar, organizing secretary paid the vote of thanks.

The Scientific program of the conference began with the Key Note Address by Dr. Surendra Kumar Verma, and Ms. V. Chitrlekha on the theme of the conference i.e. "GI Disorders and Transplant-Medical Social Work Perspectives and Challenges". Two special lectures were organized on the day one. The first lecture was delivered jointly by Dr. Sandip Chandrasekar and Dr. Jose Antony. Dr. Chandrasekar enlightened the audience about Common GI Malignancies: Clinical Presentations, along while Dr. Jose Antony discussed about Civilizing Health: A Social Work Mandate. In second special lecture, Ms. Maheshwari awarded about Stoma. Ms. Hena Melya discussed about the Ostomy Care: Social Stigma and Taboos in the community. On second day two symposiums and workshops were organized. In the conference 60 researchers from all over the country presented their research papers. The conference concluded with valedictory function which has followed award and "Appreciation certificate" for outstanding work for AIAMSWP and best research papers on 5th January 2019.

List of Seminar/ Conference organized by AIAMSWP

Sr no	Programme	Theme	Venue	Year
1	National Seminar	Social Work Practices in healthcare: Challenges and Innovations	PGIMER, Chandigarh	2014
2	National Seminar	"Medical Social Work Practices in Hospital Setting: Creative Interventions & Future Avenues	AIIMS, New Delhi	2015
3	National Seminar	Social Work Practices in Health Care: Emerging Health Issues Among Women	Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi	2016
4	National Seminar	Social Work Practices in Health Care Advance Approaches and Emerging Trends	KGMU, Lucknow	2017
5	National Conference	Social Work intervention in Health/Mental Health Setup	GMCH, Chandigarh	2018
6	National Conference	GI Disorder and Transplant- Social Work Perspective	JIPMER	2019

New Publication Started by AIAMSWP



Indian Journal of Health Social Work On the completion of a decade of inception of AIAMSWP, The association has taken a step ahead by starting its official publication in the form of Research Journal entitled “Indian Journal of Health Social Work (IJHSW)”. The first volume of the Journal for January-June, 2019 was launched on the occasion of 6th Annual National Conference of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals held at JIPMER Hospital, Pondicherry on 4th January 2019.

IJHSW is the culmination of the collective effort of social work professionals across the country to create a platform for exploration, discussion, research and action on the social determinants and correlates of

health care. IJHSW is a bi-annual, peer reviewed E-journal which will be published in the month of January and July in every year. The journal accepts original research work, review articles, case reports, informative materials, commentary, forum, & brief communication related to social work practice in health care. The Journal is being appreciated and is getting the recognition nationwide. Last year the journal has also been received the ISSN number (2582-1393). Dr. Narendra Kumar Singh, Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi is the Chief Editor of the Journal. This is further to inform you all that all issues of this journal are available on the association's website i.e. <https://aiamswp.org.in> in PDF format.

AIMSWP Newsletter

The Association has also started the publication of Annual Newsletter to communicate about the activities to the association. The first edition of the newsletter was published at of 6th Annual National Conference of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals held at JIPMER Hospital, Pondicherry on 4 January 2019. This Newsletter will be published once a year. Newsletter will provide information of various activities of our Association. Both the publication will be available for the members on the association's website i.e. <https://aiamswp.org.in> in PDF format. Mr. Sanjay Bhonge is looking after the responsibility as an Editor of the Newsletter.

World Social Work Day Celebration at PGI Chandigarh

The Association of Medical Social Workers, PGIMER, Chandigarh with collaboration of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals organized “Continuing Social Work Education (CSWE)” on “Promoting the Importance of Human Relationship in Health Care” on 30th March, 2019 on the occasion of World Social Work day 2019 at PGI Chandigarh. The CSWE was inaugurated by Chief Guest Prof. Jagat Ram Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh, in the presence of Prof. Arvind Rajwanshi, Dean PGIMER, Chandigarh & Guest of Honor for the event.

On this occasion, in his inaugural speech Prof Jagat Ram highlighted the importance of the role of Medical Social Workers in the field of Health Care. He insisted that while providing health care services one should work hard to build human relationship to provide quality health care services. Prof. Rajwanshi also expressed his view on this occasion. The faculty members from PGIMER, Chandigarh, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Professional social workers from other medical colleges and institutions, public health practitioner, other health practitioners, students and scholars of Social Work from Northern India were also present. of Psychiatry, Ranchi, in his speech elaborated “Need for Community Based Interventions: Why it is required?”



All the deliberation and discussion during the CSWE duly reflected on the theme-“Promoting community and Environmental Sustainability”. Two concurrent scientific sessions were also organized during the Continuing Social Work Education (CSWE) Programme. In these scientific sessions 20 research papers were presented by the researcher. The CSWE concluded with valedictory function.

AIAMSWP Demands Inclusion of “Medical Social Work” in Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018



The All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) has submitted the representation before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and family Welfare, Rajya Sabha New Delhi Chaired by Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav, on 11th October 2019. The purpose of representation was to include the Medical Social work in the “Schedule” of Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018. The Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on December 31, 2018. It seeks to regulate and standardize the education and practice of allied and healthcare professionals. The “Schedule” mentioning the list of Allied and Health Care Professionals in the bill did not have Medical Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work under 15 specified “Recognized Category”. To fight against this

injustice to Social Work Profession, AIAMSWP decided to raise the issue. Dr. O. P. Giri, General Secretary, AIAMSWP and Mr. B R Shekhar prepared the representation after having extensive study of the Bill and detailed discussion with other members of AIAMSWP at AIIMS Delhi on 10th October 2019.

On behalf of AIAMSWP, Dr. Giri attended the Parliamentary Committee meeting along with Mr. B R Shekhar, Dr. Anil Goswami, and Mr. Rajeev Maukhari on 11th Oct 2019. Dr. Giri and other members of AIAMSWP gave the rationale for inclusion of “Medical Social Work” in Allied and Health Care Professionals list. The representation team got a very positive response. The parliamentary committee gave assurance that our voices will be heard and needful will be done. Mr. Sushil Mishra (SJH), Mr. Aftab Alam & Mr. Vivek also attended the meeting.



Annual General Body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

Annual General Body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals was conducted on 4th January 2019 at 3 pm at JIPMER Pudducherry.

The Vice President of the association Mr. S. K. Upadhyay chaired the meeting. Dr. O. P. Giri, General Secretary of the Association presented the minutes of the last AGM held at Chandigarh. He also presented the action taken report. In his speech he welcomed the new members.



Governing body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

The governing body meeting was organized at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi on 11 October 2019. Ms, Rashmi Sharma, President of association Chaired the meeting. most of the designated members attended the meeting.

In this meeting many important issues were discussed and decisions were taken. Many issues were adopted for the approval for Annual General body Meeting which will be held at RIMS Imphal.

*Celebration of 10 years of Inception of
All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals at
Hotel Accord*



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**How to become
a member of AIAMSWP**

You all know that All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals was established in the year of 2009. The aim of this association is to improve the standards of service, teaching, training and research on the subject of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work at all levels. This association is dedicated to make the Professional of Medical and Healthcare Social Work more skillful as well as efficient to understand various facets and issues pertaining to Healthcare system of our country. As it is well known fact that alone we can do so little, together we can do so much for society. So, those who want to become a member of this association they have to visit on the association website i.e. www.aiamswp.org.in for the detail information.