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Message from President



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Warm greetings from the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

I am delighted to invite you to the 10th Annual National Conference of AIAMSWP, taking place at the Wardha Samaj Karya Sansthan, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, India, on December 26-27, 2023. This year's theme, "Social Work Practices in Healthcare: Issues and Challenges," promises outstanding discussions and valuable academic sessions for esteemed delegates and scholars. I request you to spend your time in the conference and not miss the engaging scientific sessions.

10th ANC of AIAMSWP, 2023, offers a unique opportunity to connect with professionals nationwide, sharing ideas in the field of Health Social Work. I extend my felicitations to all participants and express confidence that under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Banshi Dhar Pandey, this event will be a resounding success.

A special thanks to our Governing Body members, office bearers, sub-committee members and notably, Hon. General Secretary Mr. Raghavendra Kumar Rai for his unwavering support. I am grateful to Dr. Narendra Kumar Singh, Vice-president of the association and chief editor of IJHSW for his generous contributions to AIAMSWP.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year 2024.

Cheers to the enduring success of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals!

Dr. Om Prakash Giri

President

All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals

Message from General Secretary



Dear Fellows,

Greetings from All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals.

On the behalf of office bearers and members of the association, I take this opportunity to welcome you to peruse the AIAMSWP, Newsletter-2023. AIAMSWP publishes an official newsletter from 2019 on annual basis with information of various activities like academic programs, annual national conferences, authorized meetings, elections of the office bearers, membership of the association, achievements and future action plans and other related aspects of the medical and psychiatric social work profession.

AIAMSWP team is working diligently for the standardization, promotion and welfare of the medical and psychiatric social work profession since its inception. Your association is moving ahead to achieving the desired goals of our profession step by step. So, my humble request to all of you for providing your contribution in the promotion of the social work profession in health care in India. Your vital role will play as an eye opener in the overall growth of our association and profession. Suggestions and feedback are always welcome from a member's side through mail at gsaiamswp@gmail.com

I am assure that the delebrations of 10th Annual national conference will be beneficial to all the participants who will attend the conference scheduled to be held on 26-27, December, 2023 at wardha, Maharashtra, organised by Samaj Karya Sansthan, Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra under the commendable leadership of Prof. Banshi Dhar Pandey,organizing secretary of the annual national conference, The necessary efforts taken by the office bearers for completion of alloted tasks of the association on the stipulated time are really appreciable. In the result of praiseworthy responsibility and dedication of the team of Indian Journal of Health Social Work (IJHSW) under the kind leadership of Dr. Narender kumar singh, Chief Editor, IJHSW, association are in the position to provide you on time publication of the association's journal. I congratulate the whole team for their hard work.

Come forward and Join your hands to reach at your professional destination.

Best Wishes!!

Raghavendra Kumar Rai

Hon. General Secretary, AIAMSWP

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Editorial

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Greetings from the AIAMSWP Newsletter Editorial Team

Starting from 2019, I am very happy to share you the fifth issue of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals' Annual Newsletter.

In response to professional social workers' concerns about the need for a national organisation, AIAMSWP was founded in 2009. It has tried since the beginning to unite Professional Social Workers on one stage in order to develop a collective identity for the Profession. AIAMSWP aims to achieve the dual goals of advancing the social work profession in the nation and defending the rights of social work professionals employed in the medical field.

Through welfare programmes, social awareness campaigns, and regular webinars, the association is dedicated to improving the position and knowledge of the social work profession in the health care system.

Many institutions have already addressed the issue of renaming medical social workers and psychiatric social workers as medical social welfare officers and psychiatric social welfare officers, and many more will do so in the near future.

In order to accomplish our goals, the social work growth and development association has established a number of committees, including social media, working, scientific, and others.

In order to discuss, deliberate, and develop conceptual frameworks in social work practice, the association principally focuses on bringing together professional social workers. The association is organizing its 10th Annual National Conference in Wardha SamajKarya Sansthan, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, on topiced "Social Work Practices In Health Care: Issues and Challenges on 26-27th Dec, 2023. You are cordially invited to join the AIAMSWP in this campaign.

Thanks and Best Wishes

Dr. Prashant Srivastava Editor

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES IN HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Prof.Banshi Dhar Pandey Director Wardha Samaj Karya Sansthan M.G.A.H. Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha Maharashtra

Social work aims to enhance human well-being and help meet basic and complex needs of all people, especially the poor, oppressed, and most vulnerable. That is why the field of social work becomes very broad. Health has a paramount place in the very broad spectrum of social work. This is the reason that social work has been an integral component of the health care system since long time, and the profession continues to play a key role in the psychosocial aspects of health care. In these days, social workers are present in settings across the health care continuum, including prevention and public health, primary and acute care, specialty care, rehabilitation, home health, long-term care, and hospice. Social workers in healthcare settings explain the changes patients may need to make in their lifestyle, housing, or employment. According to *The Social Workers in Hospitals and Medical Centers Occupation Profile* (2017), medical social workers employ a myriad of skills and approaches to ensure quality health care.

Professional social workers provide services to individuals and families throughout the life span, addressing the full range of biopsychosocial—spiritual and environmental issues that affect well-being. The diverse healthcare environments in which social workers operate—including hospitals, community clinics, public health prevention programs, acute care facilities, hospices, and outpatient medical centers with specialized services or patient demographics—it is imperative for practitioners to equip themselves with extensive cross-cultural knowledge.

All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) is a professionals association that has been continuously active in the field of healthcare and medicine for more than a decade. AIAMSWP holds a conference every year. The prestigious 10th National Conference of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals is being organized by Wardha Samaj Karya Sansthan, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, (Maharashtra) this year on the theme Social Work Practices in Healthcare Setting. The conference aims to provide a forum for academics, healthcare professionals, medical practitioners, public health experts, social activists, NGO representatives, volunteers, young researchers, and students to exchange insights and enhance their understanding of the multifaceted challenges and issues in social work within the healthcare sector.

Journey of Inclusion of Medical Social Work/Social Work/ Psychiatric Social Work Profession under the National Commission for Allied & Healthcare Professions Act, 2021

Dr. O P Giri President, AIAMSWP

Mr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, government of India introduced the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 in the Rajya Sabha on December 31, 2018. The bill aimed to regulate and standardize the education and practice of allied and healthcare profession. The bill was subsequently referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare for examination. AIAMSWP officials discovered that the Bill acknowledges over 52 professions in the allied and healthcare sector, but the Medical Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work profession was not included in the bill. After discussion in a governing body meeting, AIAMSWP decided to advocate for the inclusion of this profession. Simultaneously, the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare released a press notice and inviting memoranda/views from individuals and other stakeholders on The Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018.

On 11th October 2019, Dr. O.P. Giri, the General Secretary of AIAMSWP, accompanied by one person was invited by the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare. The purpose of the invitation was to seek association's views on various provisions of The Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018, following the submission of a memorandum by the AIAMSWP secretariat advocating for the inclusion of Medical Social Work/Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work Professionals under the bill. On October 11, 2019, Dr. O.P. Giri, General Secretary of AIAMSWP, along with Dr. Anil Goswami, Sh. B R Shekhar, and Sh. Rajeev Maikhuri, presented our rationale in a meeting. Each participant provided significant inputs, resulting in a highly positive response and assurance that our concerns would be addressed.

Subsequently, on January 31, 2020, the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare submitted comprehensive 161-page report on the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill in the Rajya Sabha. This report was made public on February 1, 2020. The Committee acknowledged AIAMSWP at more than six instances in its report endorsing several of our demands and recommending the inclusion of Medical Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work/Social Work in the Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill, 2018.

The Government of India embraced nearly all the recommendations from the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. They introduced the bill in the Rajya Sabha, designated as The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill, 2020 (a renaming of the Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill, 2018) on September 15, 2020. The Rajya Sabha approved the bill on March 16, 2021, followed by the Lok Sabha on March 24, 2021.

The Gazette Notification on March 28, 2021, marked the establishment of the National Commission for Allied & Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, concluding the successful journey of incorporating Medical Social Work/Social Work/Psychiatric Social Work profession into the afore mentioned bill/act.

Throughout this process, numerous members of AIAMSWP's Governing Body provided unwavering support. Special acknowledgment goes to Mr. B. R. Shekhar, Mr. Sushil Kumar Mishra, Mr. Pankaj Singh, and Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Tripathi for their continuous efforts and support and contributing to AIAMSWP's historic achievement for Medical & Psychiatric Social Work Professions.

I seize this moment to express gratitude to every member of AIAMSWP for your unwavering support and congratulations to all of us on this remarkable achievement.



Meetings of AIAMSWP



Emergency Governing Body Meeting (virtual mode)

The Emergency Governing Body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) was held on 04-04-2023 on virtual mode regarding filling up the vacant post of Governing body after the deceleration of the result of election for governing body 2023-2025 and concerned decision was taken accordingly.



Governing Body Meeting (virtual mode)

The Governing Body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) held on 10-09-2023 on virtual mode. Many important decisions were taken.



Annual General Body Meeting of AIAMSWP

The Annual General Body Meeting of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) was held on 26.03.23 from 11 AM onward on virtual mode (through Google meet) under the Chairmanship of Sh. B R Shekhar, President, AIAMSWP. More than 80 Members attended the meeting. Dr. O. P. Giri, General Secretary of the Association presented his report for last year. Confirmation of previous minutes of meeting and other necessary approvals have been done during this AGBM.

Governing Body Election of AIAMSWP for 2023-2025 General Body Elections was also followed by the General Body Meeting. Mr. Ram Kumar facilitated the Governing Body Election as a returning officer. The governing body was elected unanimously. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sh. B R Shekhar, President, AIAMSWP.

AIAMSWP Governing Body Members 2023-2025

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9th Annual National Conference

The 9th Annual National Conference of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals was organized by the Association of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work Professionals (U.P) held on 26th March, 2022 at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow on the theme of "Medical Social Work: Health & Well being of Society". This event was first physical mode program of AIAMSWP after corona pandemic. Prof. P.K. Singh, Vice-chancellor, UP University of Medical Sciences, Saifai, was the chief guest and conference was inaugurated by him. The conference was attended by the social work fraternity from all over India.





Recognition of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) By The National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), New Delhi is an apex institute funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India recently acknowledged the contribution rendered by AIAMSWP for designing, developing and organizing the training course for Medical Social Worker (MSW) and Counselors on the topic of "Patient Care Management & Welfare" scheduled to be held from 5th to 9th February, 2024 at NIHFW, New Delhi.

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण संस्थान (स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्तशासी संस्थान)

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To,

General Secretary,

All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP)

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, an apex technical institute funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI aims to promote health and family welfare programs in the country through education, training, research, evaluation, specialized services, consultancy and advisory services.

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare is organizing a "Training Course on Patient Care Management and Welfare for Medical Social Workers and Counselors" from 5th to 6th February 2024. The objective of this training course is to enhance the knowledge and skills of medical social workers and counselors to execute their roles in patient care management and welfare.

In this regard, I wish to thank Sh. B.R. Shekhar, Patron & Former President of AIAMSWP for his major contribution to design and develop this training course at NIHFW. I am also thankful to Sh. Raghavendra Kumar Rai, General Secretary, AIAMSWP, for his significant efforts, inputs and support in organizing this training course.

You are requested to circulate attached brochure of training course among your members with request to register for the training course by January 25^{th,} 2024. The registration link is available in the brochure. Your favorable support will be beneficial in enhancing the skills of social work professionals working in health system of India.

Yours sincerely

(Sarita Gautam)
Course Coordinator

Brochure of Training information for MSWs & Counselors issued by NIHFW

In the series of promotion of innovative teaching and training ideas the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals, New Delhi encourages all its members and other interested Medical and Psychiatric Social Work Professionals across the nation to participate in the said training course to enhance knowledge and skills to provide better patient care services in public interest.

About the Institute

The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) is a premier autonomous institute under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It has kept pace with the new thinking and substantially contributed to the health human resource development in the country.

NIHFW serves as an apex 'Technical Institute' as well as a think tank to promote health and family welfare programmes in the country through education and training, research and evaluation, consultancy and advisory services, specialized projects, etc.



Course Coordinating Team

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Venue of Training

Teaching Block, NIHFW

Course Fee

A course fee of Rs. 5000/- for each participant, to be borne by sponsoring states/organizations/Participants through online transaction/DD payable to the Director, NIHFW. The bank details are as follows: Name of Beneficiary: Director, NIHFW, Bank Name: SBI, NIHFW, Munirka, New Delhi, Account No.: 10932790787, Branch code: 01624, IFSC Code: SBIN0001624, MICR Code No.: 110002056

TA /DA /other expenses have to be borne by the participant/sponsoring authority.

Accommodation

Boarding and lodging facilities at applicable rates may be provided to the participants only within the Institute's campus, subject to availability. Accommodation facilities for the participants will be provided upon prior request. The Institute will provide working lunch during the training period. Hostel email -hostelbooking@nihfw.org and reception phone number: 011-26165959, 26166441-ext-15

Last Date of Receiving Nomination

25th January, 2024

(Participants are requested to make their travel plans on receipt of confirmation from NIHFW)

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AIAMSWP Foundation Day Celebration



The 13th Foundation Day of AIAMSWP was celebrated through virtual mode on 26th September 2023. On this occasion a talk on the topic "Health for all: Achieving Goals through Social Work Practice" was delivered by the invited speaker Dr. Shanivaram K. Reddy, Assistant Professor, Deptt. of PSW, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, Karnataka. The program was attended virtually by more than 50 participants across the nation.