



12th NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the **All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP)**

Conference Theme

Medical Social Work as a Catalyst for Viksit Bharat: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Ethics and Holistic Healthcare"



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&
1st OCT
2026**

 **Assam down town University, Guwahati, Assam**

ORGANIZED BY

**Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences,
Assam down town University**

in collaboration with

down town Hospital, Guwahati, Assam.

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About the Conference

CONCEPT NOTE

The 12th Annual National Conference of the All-India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) brings together a distinguished gathering of professionals, academicians, researchers, and students under the theme "Medical Social Work as a Catalyst for Viksit Bharat: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Ethics, and Holistic Healthcare." Hosted by the Programme of Social Work, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Assam down town University, in collaboration with down town Hospital, Guwahati, on 30th September and 1st October 2026, this conference reflects a decade-long commitment to advancing the medical social work profession across India. As India strides toward its vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, the role of medical social workers in shaping an equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive healthcare system has never been more critical. A defining focus of this conference is the long-pending recognition of Medical Social Work under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP). Formal recognition under NCAHP would establish standardised qualifications, regulated practice, and professional legitimacy for medical social workers nationwide, a milestone essential for strengthening India's healthcare workforce. Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, paper and poster presentations, and hands on workshops, participants will engage in transformative dialogue spanning mental health, public health systems, palliative care, digital health, and community well-being. Together, we reimagine medical social work, not merely as a support service, but as a driving force for a healthier, more just India.

Scientific Programme

The Scientific program includes Invited Lectures/Talks, Oral Presentations, Poster Presentations, Workshops, Panel Discussions, and Award Presentations on conference themes.

Theme: Medical Social Work as a Catalyst for Viksit Bharat: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Ethics and Holistic Healthcare

Sub Themes:

- Integrating SDGs in Healthcare Practices
- Scientific Innovation & Knowledge Transfer in Social Healthcare
- Policy Advocacy & Healthcare Development
- Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health
- Welfare Schemes & Rehabilitation
- CSR & Healthcare
- Social Work Profession & Gender Minority (LGBTQ+)
- Training, Education, Professional Development & Community Integration for Sustainable Healthcare

All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP), New Delhi

The All-India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP) was established in 2009 and subsequently registered in 2011. This association is a registered non-profit, non-political, national-level organisation that provides a national-level common platform for professionals to discuss various professional issues and to work vigorously for the promotion and protection of the social work profession and the standards of social work practice in the healthcare system. The national network of AIAMSWP Medical and Psychiatric Social Work Professionals is strongly dedicated to promoting the Social Work profession in healthcare nationwide and safeguarding the interests of Social Work professionals working in healthcare. At present, the AIAMSWP Secretariat is located at the Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh.

Assam down town University

Assam down town University has been a pioneer of modern global education, inspiring its students to think critically, learn across disciplinary boundaries, engage in research, and focus on values of the highest order. The journey of the university began with the downtown Charity Trust, which established this institution in 2010, nestled in the scenic surroundings of Panikhaiti, Chandrapur, Guwahati. It had resolved to provide affordable, quality education to the people of the North-Eastern Region of India. Since then, this university has become a beacon of modern education and innovation. The pioneering education provided at AdtU



has expanded worldwide, with students from as far as African countries such as Zimbabwe and Kenya, as well as neighbouring countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh, enrolling in this institution. Education at AdtU places strong emphasis on foundational knowledge, excellent professional communication, innovation, academic rigour, and research. Our students are encouraged to explore diverse disciplinary ideas and become well-rounded professionals who can be committed leaders.

down town Hospital

down town Hospital is a premier 300-bedded multi-specialty tertiary care hospital established in 1989. It is the first multispecialty corporate hospital in Northeast India and is accredited by NABH for maintaining high standards of patient care. The hospital offers advanced medical services across numerous specialities, supported by modern infrastructure, including modular operating theatres and advanced diagnostic facilities. With over 100 specialists and a large paramedical team, it serves patients from across Northeast India and neighbouring countries. The hospital is also actively involved in medical education, research, and community health initiatives.



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Assam down town University comprises branches that study human behaviour and interaction in the social, cultural, environmental, political, and economic contexts. With its diverse range of research interests and expertise, the faculty promotes interdisciplinary work in the humanities and social sciences. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences equips students with the ability to develop cognitive thinking, respond to issues that require an understanding of the historical, geographical, political, economic, and societal factors involved, and establish their interrelatedness. Apart from theoretical knowledge and classroom teaching, the curriculum includes field visits, educational trips, rural camps, concurrent fieldwork, block placements, and a myriad of activities. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences offers highly interdisciplinary areas of expertise and investigation in its five programs, namely, Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, English and Performing Arts, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD degrees as well.



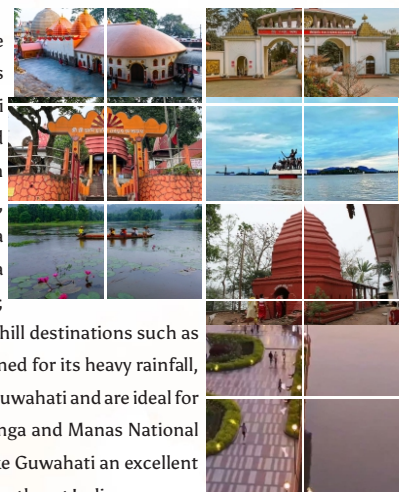
Programme of Social Work

The Programme of Social Work under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Assam down town University, Guwahati, Assam, India, offers an Undergraduate Degree (BSW), a Postgraduate Degree in Social Work (MSW), and a PhD in Social Work.

Guwahati at a Glance

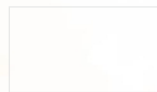
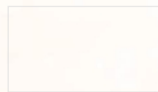
Guwahati, often referred to as the “Gateway to Northeast India,” is a vibrant and culturally significant city located on the southern bank of the Brahmaputra River in the state of Assam, India. With a rich history dating back to ancient times, Guwahati has been an important centre of trade, culture, and religion, and is closely associated with the ancient Pragiyotishpur kingdom. Today, it serves as the largest city and the principal commercial, educational, and administrative hub of Northeast India. Known for its sacred temples, scenic riverfront, lush green hills, and dynamic urban life, Guwahati offers a harmonious blend of tradition, spirituality, and modern development. The climatic conditions in Guwahati during the last week of October and the first week of November are generally pleasant and moderate, with daytime temperatures ranging from 24 to 30 degrees Celsius and nighttime temperatures from 16 to 22 degrees Celsius. The weather during this period is usually comfortable, with reduced humidity and minimal rainfall, making it suitable for travel, academic events, and outdoor activities.

Important Destinations in and around Guwahati: Guwahati, known as the gateway to Northeast India, is rich in cultural, religious, and natural attractions within the city and its surrounding regions. Key destinations within Guwahati include the sacred Kamakhya Temple atop Nilachal Hill, the Umananda Island Temple on the Brahmaputra River, Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, which reflects Assamese art and culture, the Assam State Museum, the Navagraha Temple, and the scenic Brahmaputra Riverfront. Nearby attractions include Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, famous for its one-horned rhinoceroses' population; Hajo, a multi-faith pilgrimage centre; Chandubi Lake, offering a peaceful natural retreat; and Deepor Beel, a Ramsar-listed wetland known for rich avian diversity. Popular hill destinations such as Shillong, often called the “Scotland of the East,” and Cherrapunji (Sohra), renowned for its heavy rainfall, living root bridges, waterfalls, and limestone caves, are also easily accessible from Guwahati and are ideal for short excursions. In addition, world-famous wildlife destinations such as Kaziranga and Manas National Parks are within a comfortable driving distance. Together, these destinations make Guwahati an excellent base for exploring the cultural heritage, natural beauty, and ecological diversity of Northeast India.



How to reach Guwahati: Guwahati enjoys excellent connectivity with major cities across India through an extensive network of road, rail, and air transport, making it the primary entry point to Northeast India. A wide range of Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) buses as well as private buses operate regularly to and from Guwahati, connecting it with important cities and towns within Assam and neighbouring states.

In terms of rail connectivity, Guwahati Railway Station (GHY) is a major railway junction in the Northeast, well connected to metropolitan cities such as Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, and other parts of the country through several express and super fast trains.



Air connectivity is facilitated by Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBI), located at Borjhar, approximately 25 kilometres from the city centre. The airport operates regular domestic flights to major cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad, as well as limited international connectivity. Frequent taxi, app-based cab services, and city buses are available from the airport to various parts of Guwahati, ensuring convenient and hassle-free access to the city and institutional campuses.

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Scientific Papers: Participants are invited to submit an abstract on a topic related to the Conference theme and subthemes for an award paper/free paper/poster presentation/symposium, or workshop. Abstract should be sent by email to 12thancofaiamswpadtu@gmail.com. The abstract should not exceed 250 words. The full paper should be about 3000-5000 words. It should include a formal heading, i.e., title, abstract, keywords, aim, objectives, methodology, results, discussion, conclusion, references, etc. The oral presentation will be 8 minutes, with 2 minutes for discussion. The poster should be 4 feet long and 3 feet wide. If you apply for the award category, please mention "Full Paper under Award Category" in the subject line. The last date for submission of the full paper is on/before 30th August 2026. The acceptance will be communicated via email, so please include your active email ID and mobile number.

Publications Opportunities

If full papers of presenters meet the AIAMSWP Journal's publication guidelines, the selected papers may be published in the special issue of the official journal of AIAMSWP, i.e., "Indian Journal of Health Social Work" (A UGC-CARE List Journal).

AIAMSWP Best Paper Awards

All life members of AIAMAWP and current students/scholars of the social work profession who registered themselves for the 11th ANC and submitted their abstract and full paper under respective award categories to the General Secretary, AIAMSWP by email at gsaiamswp@gmail.com within stipulated timeline are eligible to contest for the best paper award for original research in social work practice in health care in the following categories: -

- Best Paper Award for Social Work Practice in Mental Health.
- Best Paper Award for Social Work Practice in Hospital Setting (Other than Mental Health).
- Best Paper Award for Social Work Students/Scholars.

All abstracts/full papers related to the award category will be submitted to the General Secretary, AIAMSWP, by email at gsaiamswp@gmail.com within by email at gsaiamswp@gmail.com within the stipulated time. "Full Paper under the Award Category" in the subject line of the given email needs to be mentioned by all presenters if they wish to submit their full paper for the AIAMSWP Best Paper Award.

The awarded papers will be published in the regular issue of the official journal of AIAMSWP, i.e., "Indian Journal of Health Social Work". Authors are not permitted to publish these papers elsewhere without formal approval from AIAMSWP.

* (Detailed Award Paper Guideline is available on the AIAMSWP website <https://aiamswp.org.in/awards-2/>)

Best Paper Awards

One paper from each parallel session will be selected and awarded the Best Paper Award based on the quality of its presentation and research.



Registration Details

Particulars	Till 15 th June, 2026	Till 31 st July, 2026	Till 20 th September, 2026	On Spot
Members of AIAMSWP	Rs. 2500	Rs. 3500	Rs. 4500	Rs. 5000
Non-Member	Rs. 3000	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5000	Rs. 5500
Combo Registration with AIAMSWP Membership	Rs. 4500	Rs. 5500	Rs. 6500	Rs. 7000
PG(Doctors)/PhD. Scholars	Rs. 2000	Rs. 3000	Rs. 4000	Rs. 4500
BSW / MSW / Mphil. Students	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2500	Rs. 3000	Rs. 3500
Corporate / NGO / Trust	Rs. 6000	Rs. 9000	Rs. 12000	Rs. 15000
Accompanying Person (With out kit and Certificate)	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1500	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500
Foreign Delegates	US\$80	US\$125	US\$150	US\$170

Note: Registration fee includes a conference kit, food, and access to all conference sessions. Accommodations may be arranged on a payment basis on prior request.

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