

**Office of the Returning Officer**  
**National Association of Professional Social Workers of India**

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Dated: 29.10.2024

**NAPSWI ELECTION 2024-28**

Dear Candidates & Voters of NAPSWI,

Greetings!

I am pleased to address you all through this final communication in my role as the Returning Officer for the NAPSWI Elections 2024–28. Throughout the election process, I have shared updates and advisories as required, ensuring clarity and transparency. My involvement began with the invitation from the outgoing Executive Council, who entrusted me with this significant responsibility. After brief contemplation, I accepted the role, fully aware of the challenges that lay ahead. However, I knew that with your support and cooperation, we could complete this process successfully.

The election proceeded as scheduled, with enthusiasm evident from the beginning. Nomination forms were downloaded actively, and we received 31 nominations. Unfortunately, two of these were disqualified for not meeting eligibility requirements. Considering nationwide spread of membership and voters, Voting was conducted through a secure Google Form with two layers of authentication: registered email IDs and a six-digit Aadhaar number. Details about this process were shared in previous communications and are still accessible on the NAPSWI website.

Despite our best efforts to provide access to the voting form through individual emails and public notices, only 586 votes were cast. Of these, 172 were deemed invalid (*including one test vote, which was excluded from the final tally*). A significant portion of the invalid votes resulted from mismatched email addresses—voters did not use the same registered email ID provided in the original database maintained by NAPSWI. It seems that many members had not updated their contact information, despite our repeated reminders.

The counting process was conducted with transparency, with several candidates or their representatives present. The results have been declared and are now available on the NAPSWI website. I am pleased to report that no formal complaint or objections were raised during or after the counting process, either in person or via email (*ronapswi2024@gmail.com*).

I extend my sincere gratitude to all the candidates for their cooperation throughout this process. A detailed report of the entire election will be prepared and uploaded on the NAPSWI website shortly. I acknowledge the delay in finalizing this report, as I have been managing personal challenges—my son recently underwent surgery and is currently recovering, while my mother remains in fragile health following an extended ICU stay. Due to the demands of the election, I was unable to travel from Himachal Pradesh to Bhubaneswar, my hometown, to attend to her during this critical time. These personal circumstances were unforeseen, but your support helped me carry out my duties effectively.

With the announcement of the results, my responsibilities as Returning Officer are complete. However, I remain available to assist NAPSWI in any way needed in the future.

Once again, I thank all candidates, voters, and NAPSWI office staff for their support and cooperation throughout this election process.

With warm regards,



**Prof. Asutosh Pradhan**  
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**NAPSWI Elections 2024**