

# Campaign for National Council for Social Work Education

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**Subject: To enact a legislation to establish National Council for Social Work Education (NCSWE) in India**

Dear Sir,  
Namaskar!

We have approached you earlier regarding the above mentioned subject through letter and email.

We are approaching you with same request to consider the enactment of a law to establish a National Council for Social Work Education in India, which will enhance quality in social work education, including its linkages with practice, knowledge, and ethical conduct; and will be instrumental to build New India.

For more than a century now, social work is an internationally recognised practice-based profession. Professional social work is built on the foundation of values and ethics of human dignity, social justice and social development, guided by the Indian Constitution, Social work is being included as an academic discipline in colleges and universities spread over 145 countries. Most of these countries have a national council for social work and all the other professions in India also have such statutory councils. Today more than 500 Institutions of Social Work Education offering programmes in the universities and colleges in the country. Over five lakhs professional social workers are estimated to be currently working with civil society organizations, government and in the social sector. The University Grants Commission (UGC) appointed committee has already made recommendations for setting up a National Council of Social Work Education..

The social sector division of NITI Aayog is also exploring the possibilities of to create a National Council for Professional Social Work, hence organized a meeting last year. As a follow up to the NITI Aayog meeting, an informal voluntary Working Group has proactively prepared the enclosed document explaining background, need, objectives and a draft of legislation for the enactment of National council for professional social work. Further, it is aptly in tune with our National Educational Policy 2020. The document which was prepared after country wide consultation, is enclosed for the ready reference and your kind perusal.

On the behalf of the community of professional social workers, we earnestly request to enact a legislation for the establishment of a National Council of Social Work Education. We will be happy to meet you as a delegation and/or organise a video conference with you, sir..

Sincerely yours,

**Sanjai Bhatt**

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