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(To a Professional Social Work Educator and practitioner of who has made significant contribution and enriched knowledge base of social work profession)



Prof. Sukla Deb Kanango

As former Professor & Head, Department of Social Work and Member Trustee, Santi Trust, Dr. Kanango has more than 35 years of experience in social work education, research and practice. She is alumnus of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. She held many administrative positions including that of the Head of the Department of Social Work; and In-charge, Education Programme at Social Work & Research Centre, Tilonia, Rajasthan. As Member of the Core Group on Curriculum Development of the University Grants Commission (UGC), she prepared course content of two subjects in Social Work (2000-2001). She was also involved in designing non-formal education programme of Government of India implemented through its Directorate of Adult Education under which major responsibility was the development of educational content and technology for the programme (1974-1976).

She has served as member of Social Work Education Panel of the University Grants Commission, Government of India (1996-99); Third National Review Committee of Social Work Education by the University Grants Commission; Core Committee of the Network in Social Work of the UGC (2006) and also an active member of Executive Committee of Association of Schools of Social Work in India – ASSWI (1993-1996). Dr. Kanango was associated with National and State level research projects which include - Evaluation Study of National Service Scheme (1977-78 and 1978-79), Study on Social Welfare Manpower Requirements in West Bengal (1976-77) and Study on 'Educational potential-utilized and underutilized in Silora Block of Ajmer district of Rajasthan' on the behalf of Directorate of Adult Education, Government of India. She has a number of published research papers to her credit.

Dr. Kanango took voluntary retirement in 2009 to devote her time and effort to voluntary work. After retirement, she has established a trust in memory of her late mother who inspired her in all personal and professional endeavors. The trust is known as Santi Trust and professionals from Social Work, Medicine, Education and Administration are its members. The Trust is engaged in community service through its main unit called Centre for family life education and youth activities. She developed community based rehabilitation programme for the disabled children in rural areas in collaboration with Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Calcutta and Rehabilitation Centre for Children, Calcutta.