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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

It is with immense pride that we reflect on the successful conclusion of the 6th National Social Work Week (NSWW). This year's theme, "Social Work in Health Settings: Bridging Care and Compassion," resonated deeply across the nation, uniting professionals, educators, and students in a shared mission to highlight the human touch in healthcare.

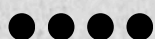
The week's success was a direct result of the extraordinary enthusiasm and dedication shown by our vibrant social work community. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the approximately 200 social work institutions, NGOs, and government organizations that participated. Your collective efforts transformed this observance into a powerful, nationwide movement. The diverse range of activities—from insightful webinars and panel discussions to impactful health awareness campaigns, creative competitions, and hands-on community outreach—was truly inspiring and showcased a profound commitment to the profession.

The response has been overwhelming, and we have received a tremendous number of event reports from every corner of the country. While this issue of NAPSWI Connect is filled with stories and highlights from the week, we simply could not accommodate every single one.

We are delighted to announce that we will continue to celebrate your incredible work in our next edition. A complementary newsletter will be released in the middle of this month once we receive the remaining reports, and contributions sent this month will be published in the next issue. The September newsletter will be dedicated to publishing the rest of the inspiring activities and stories from the 6th NSWW.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment. Let us continue to carry the spirit of this week forward.

Warm regards,
Prof. Keshav Walke



Message from Prof. Brij Mohan

**A Message to the National Association of
Professional Social Workers in India**

An event celebrating the triumphs and challenges that professional and voluntary social workers confront is a day of reckoning: For billions of people, life is ravaged by the forces of evil amidst the terror of hopelessness and inequalities. Science, knowledge, and technology bereft of imagination have failed the victims of poverty and violence. The end of Enlightenment need not be the end of hope.


Indian social reformers, professionals, and institutions have admirably accepted the challenges that bedevil humanity in less-than-ideal conditions. NAPSWI and its leadership have earned the recognition and respect for their indelible endeavors that uplift the powerless in search of dignity beyond despair. Social Workers of the world unite!

Hearty Congratulations!

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August 12, 2025





**National Association of Professional Social Workers in India
(NAPSWI)**

6th National Social Work Week

15th to 21st August 2025

**"Bridging Care and Compassion
Social Work in Health Settings"**

Launching this year

"National Social Work Quiz 2025" – for social work students
"National Social Work Competency Test" – for social work professionals
Details will be announced on 5th August 2025.
Keep watching www.napswi.org for more information.

**"Education is our foundation. Practice is our impact. Let's strengthen both."
"Be a part of the 6th NSWW."**

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6TH NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES, HIGHLIGHTING HEALTHCARE'S HUMAN TOUCH

The 6th National Social Work Week (NSWW), hosted by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), successfully concluded last week. The nationwide observance, held from August 15th to August 21st, was centered on the theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion".

The annual event, which culminated on Indian Social Work Day on August 21st, aimed to unite social work professionals, educators, and students to celebrate achievements and foster pride in their profession. This year's theme highlighted the essential role social workers play in linking medical services with the social, emotional, and psychological needs of individuals and communities. It advocated for a deeper

integration of social work into healthcare systems, a critical need given rising health disparities and mental health challenges.

The choice of theme reflected the profession's unique ability to integrate technical care with human dignity, a need organizers noted was vital as India's health system confronts chronic illnesses, mental health crises, and post-pandemic trauma. The week's relevance was further underscored by the expanded scope for social workers under recent legislation like the Mental Health Act and the National Commission for Allied & Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.

The week's objectives included promoting the profession's values, examining its challenges, and encouraging collaboration among Social Work Educational Institutions (SWEIs). A wide range of activities marked the week across the country. Events for students included field-based health awareness campaigns and research projects. Educators and institutions hosted special lectures, interdisciplinary seminars, and policy dialogues. For professionals, there were experience-sharing sessions and skill development workshops. A key national event was the Social Work Knowledge Quiz Competition for postgraduate students and professionals, initiated by NAPSWI.

First held in 2020, the NSWW saw widespread participation this year from universities, NGOs, and government organizations, who organized programs in physical, virtual, and blended formats as per their convenience. The week served as an impactful, nationwide observance of the unwavering commitment of social workers to bridging care and compassion in health



NAPSWI Concludes National Events with Resounding Success, Celebrating Social Work Excellence

The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is delighted to announce the highly successful conclusion of its recent national-level activities. The events saw massive engagement from social work professionals, practitioners, and students across the country, highlighting a shared commitment to knowledge, competency, and creative expression within the field.

SWtory

"Create Your Own Social Work Story SWtory"

The event saw a remarkable display of creativity and heartfelt storytelling from social work students across the nation.

NAPSWI received over 07 inspiring entries including create it by hand (drawing) and digital comics. Each submission powerfully captured the challenges, triumphs, and profound impact of social work.

NAPSWI congratulates the winners for their outstanding work.

NSWCT

National Social Work Competency Test 2025

held online on August 20, 2025, provided a significant platform for professional development. Over 250+ professionals, including NAPSWI Individual Life Members and individuals holding a Bachelor's, Master's, MPhil, or PhD in Social Work, participated in the event. The 40-minute test challenged participants to assess their expertise in the field. All participants in the test will receive an e-certificate of participation for their efforts.

NSWQ

National Social Work Quiz 2025

Aimed at fostering knowledge and interest among the next generation of social workers, the National Social Work Quiz was met with great enthusiasm. The event, supported by the Balgopal Foundation, attracted over 500+ undergraduate and postgraduate social work students (BSW and MSW). The quiz not only tested academic knowledge but also reinforced the importance of ethical conduct, a cornerstone of the social work profession. Every student who participated received e-certificate.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN INDIA (NAPSWI)

announces

Create your own SWTORY
(For Social Work Students pursuing UG/PG (BSW/MSW) in India)
(Supported by Balgopal Foundation)
as a part of the 6th National Social Work Week 2025

Submit before 20th August 2025
online-10 am to 5 pm

Eligibility: All UG/PG students of Social Work (BSW, MSW, MA Social Work) from any college or university across India are welcome to participate.

Winner will receive an e-certificate along with the prize amount, and all participants will receive an e-certificate of participation.
For rules and more details please click here

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN INDIA (NAPSWI)

announces


National Social Work Competency Test 2025
as a part of the 6th National Social Work Week 2025
(For Social Work Professionals)

on 20th August 2025
online-10 am to 5 pm

Eligibility: Any person having education in professional social work (Bachelor's or Masters Degree, MPhil or PhD in Social Work from recognised University in India or NAPSWI individual Life members)

All participants will receive e-certificate of participation
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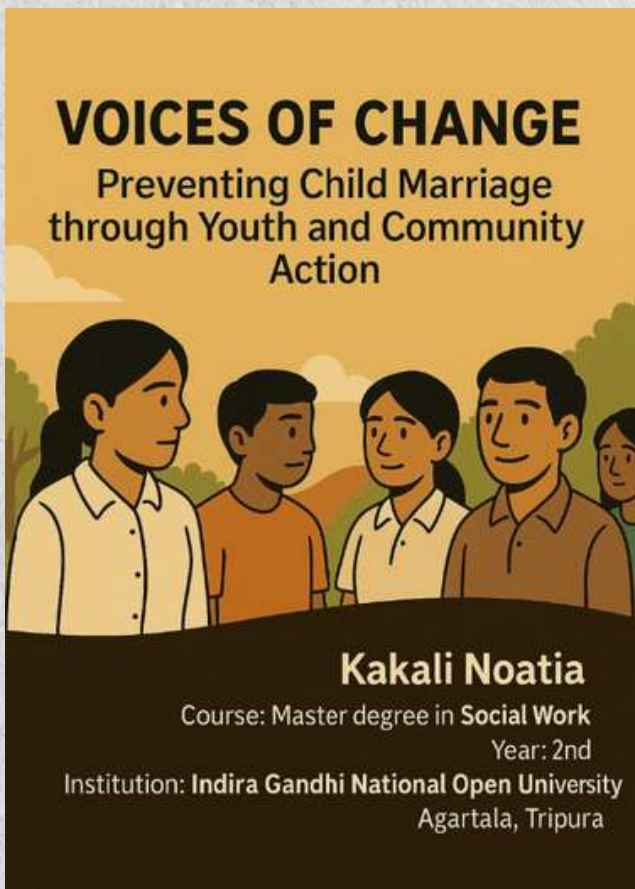
16th August - 19th August 2025
online-10 am to 5 pm

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"Create Your Own Social Work Story SWtory"



Kakali Noatia

Indira Gandhi National Open University, MBB
study centre, Agartala, Tripura
Voices of Change: Preventing Child Marriage
through Youth and Community Action

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Annu Jaglan

Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila
Vishwavidyalay (BPSMV)
Udaan

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Devanshi Patil

Central University of Gujarat, Vadodara
Rani Ki Nayi Shuruaat.

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Preetha Biswas

St. Xavier's University Kolkata
Empathy, Dignity and Worth of the Person,
Advocacy, Service, Integrity

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Punjabi university Patiala
"Lighting the Path: A Social Worker's
Journey".

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In Memoriam: Dr. R.K. Upadhyaya



The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) held a condolence meeting on August 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM to mourn the sad demise of the esteemed Dr. R.K. Upadhyaya. We fondly remember his immense contributions to the field of social work. Dr. Upadhyaya was the Founder and Head of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at CIP, Ranchi. He was also the former Professor and Founder of the Department of Social Work at Kurukshetra University. His pioneering spirit extended to professional organizations, where he served as the Founder and Past President of the Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW) and established the Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work. A true visionary, Dr. Upadhyaya was the one who first introduced the study of mental disorders into the social work curriculum, fundamentally shaping the profession for generations. In recognition of his lifelong dedication, he was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 4th Indian Social Work Congress in 2016. His legacy as a leader and innovator in psychiatric social work will continue to inspire all. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace.



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Ageless Bonds

*Harnessing the Wisdom of Elders
for Fostering Community Engagement*

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The Joy of Field Learning
An Institutional Space
Reiniscing the Experiences

National Community Engagement Academic Network
Nurturing the Wellness of Society by Caring for the Aged

National Social Work Week 2025 August 15-21 in Telangana at
Osmania University, Telangana University, Kakatiya University, Mahatma
Gandhi University, Palamuru University and Satavahana University

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These documents are a series of special issue newsletters published by the National Community Engagement Academic Network (NCEAN). They chronicle the various activities conducted across Telangana for the 6th National Social Work Week, held from August 15-21, 2025. The newsletters detail how universities and students engaged with the theme "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". They cover practical events like health camps, awareness programs on dementia and HIV/AIDS, visits to elderly homes, and academic seminars, showcasing the link between classroom theory and community action.

Poster for 6th National Social Work Week Unveiled at Bundelkhand University

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The poster for the 6th National Social Work Week, organized under the aegis of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) to be held from August 15-21, 2025, was launched by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, Prof. Mukesh Pandey. On this occasion, the University's Registrar, Mr. Rajbahadur; Finance Officer, Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh; and all the faculty members of the Social Work Department were present.



6th National Social Work Week Inaugurated with a Strong Focus on Mental Health

The 6th National Social Work Week, an initiative by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), was inaugurated with great enthusiasm on Indian Independence Day at the BPHE Society's CSRD Institute of Social Work and Research. The week-long observance, held from August 15th to 21st, is centered on the theme "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion".

In his presidential address, NAPSWI National President Dr. Sanjay Bhatt from New Delhi highlighted the growing importance of mental health within the social work profession. He stated that in today's fast-paced and competitive era, mental health has become a subject related to the progress of society, not just a personal issue. This sentiment aligns with the NSWW's official focus on addressing rising mental health challenges.

Dr. Bhatt urged social workers to work not only from a therapeutic perspective but also with a focus on prevention, awareness, and counseling. He called the national week "an effective platform" for students and professionals to strengthen their role in the health sector through sensitivity and compassion. Other dignitaries echoed this focus. Retired professor Lata Kankaria warned that the consequences of neglecting mental health can be dangerous and emphasized the social worker's responsibility to provide mental and physical support to patients



and their families. In his introductory speech, CSRD Director Dr. Suresh Pathare highlighted the three pillars of social work: professionalism, a sensitive approach, and empathy. "Social work is not just a service but a scientific professional field," he noted. Dr. Suresh Mugutmal provided information on the various activities planned for the week, including poster presentations, quiz competitions, street plays, and other community-oriented activities. The inaugural event also featured patriotic cultural programs by students, the release of the CSRD newsletter, and a donation of 50 books to the institution's library by BJMC students.

The program was anchored by Prof. Asawari Jhapke, with guests welcomed by Dr. Vijay Sansare and the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Jaimon Varghese. The staff and students of CSRD worked diligently to make the inauguration a success.

Hindustan College Webinar Highlights Youth's Role in a Changing World

CHENNAI, August 12, 2025 – The Department of Social Work at Hindustan College of Arts & Science, in partnership with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), hosted a webinar to commemorate both the 6th National Social Work Week and World Youth Day. The event aimed to engage young people in critical discussions about their social responsibilities.

Under the theme “Role of Youth, Compassion, and Care,” the session featured an insightful discourse by keynote speaker Mr.

Krishna Kumar Suresh on the “Challenges of Youth in the Current Scenario.” He addressed the complex issues facing young individuals in today's society, including mental health challenges, social pressures, and the impact of technology. Mr. Suresh emphasized the vital responsibility of youth to embody compassion and care towards their homes and society, encouraging their active participation in social welfare. The webinar successfully sensitized youth to their social roles and strengthened their commitment to community care.



UOU and NAPSWI Launch 6th National Social Work Week with Inaugural Radio Talk

Haldwani, August 15 – The 6th National Social Work Week, a collaboration between the Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) and the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), commenced today with an insightful introductory radio lecture. The talk, broadcast on 91.2 FM Hello Haldwani, featured Dr. Pooja Hairiya and Dr. Neerja Singh from UOU's Department of Social Work. Dr. Hairiya initiated the discussion by describing the need to unite all fields of the social work profession and how such celebrations build crucial networks. She explained that the week serves as a tribute to the many social workers quietly serving in their respective fields without recognition. Dr. Singh continued by elaborating on this year's theme, "Social Work in Health Settings: Bridging Care and Compassion". She highlighted the importance of empathy in the medical field and outlined the various activities planned from August 15th to 21st.



NEISSR Marks International Youth Day with Focus on SDGs



Chümoukedima, Aug. 12 – The 6th National Social Work Week at NEISSR commenced with a thoughtful commemoration of International Youth Day, led by the institute's Youth Development Specialisation. Centered on the theme "Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and beyond," the event aimed to galvanize students toward global goals. In his address, Rev. Fr. G. L. Khing emphasized that youth are the "Now of society," highlighting their immediate and crucial role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. The session, which included prayer, reflection, and personal sharing, encouraged students to align their personal aspirations with broader global development objectives.

NEISSR and Partners Host HIV Awareness Drive for Youth



Chümoukedima, Aug. 14 – In a significant collaborative effort, NEISSR hosted an awareness program on "Preventing HIV and Promoting Health". The event, held in partnership with DISHA, NSACS, United Riders Motorcycle Club, and RRC, targeted the region's youth. Dr. Susanna Kikon delivered a critical address on the specific HIV challenges facing Nagaland, providing essential local context. Following her, Dr. Fr. C.P. Anto made a compelling appeal for collective action to fight the stigma surrounding HIV. The day's performances and powerful messages inspired the attending youth to become active participants in building a healthier society.

GYANALOK TRUST MARKS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK WITH HEALTH AND HYGIENE DRIVE BHUBANESWAR



In observance of the 6th National Social Work Week 2025, Gyanalok Trust, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), recently organized a multi-activity program at the Government Primary School in Niladri Vihar.

The event, held during the week of August 15-21, was aligned with the national theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". The program featured a sensitization session on personal hygiene and concluded with a Rally on Good Practices, directly engaging young students on crucial health and wellness topics.

The celebration also included a prize distribution ceremony for students who excelled in quiz, essay, debate, and drawing competitions held earlier. A total of 15 students were felicitated for their achievements.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Dr. Swetalina Mishra (Assistant Professor, Centurion University, Odisha), Ms. Jyothsna Dash (Teacher), and Ms. Cynthil Vadibuu (Social Worker). Parents of the school children also attended in large numbers, showing strong community support.

The program concluded successfully, with Team Gyanalok extending heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed guests, teachers, parents, and students for their enthusiastic participation and cooperation in making the celebration a success.

The Experience of the Elderly is a Guiding Light for Society

Kamareddy, August 16

(From Praja Sancharanam): As part of the 6th National Social Work Week celebrations, students from the Department of Social Work at Telangana University and the Government Arts and Science Degree and PG College in Kamareddy visited the Dr. Sharada Devi Old Age Home on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Head of the Social Work Department, Dr. V. Anjaiah, advised that the elderly should be respected and seen as participants in society.



He stated that their experiences and thoughts are useful to the community. Dr. Anjaiah also said that proper food and emotional affection should be provided to them in the old age home.

The students entertained the elderly residents with songs, games, and dances, and the residents expressed their happiness.

Faculty members Dr. G. Ramesh and Dr. P.V. Satyam; the founder of the old age home, Dr. T. Sharada Devi; V. Rajanna; Srilatha; Nurse Manjula; Treasurer Sai Priya; and students Ratnakar, Naveen, Sujatha, Manisha, Srikanth, Manasa, and others participated in this program.

Panjab University Aids Migrant Workers During National Social Work Week

Chandigarh – The faculty and students from the Centre for Social Work at Panjab University organized a community outreach activity on August 17th, distributing dry rations to migrant construction workers. The initiative was conducted as part of the 6th National Social Work Week in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI).

The activity was part of the week-long national observance held from August 15th to 21st, 2025. This year's theme is "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". By providing essential food supplies, the outreach directly addressed social determinants of health, such as poverty and malnutrition, which is a key aspect of the theme's focus on holistic well-being.



The event served as a practical application of social work principles for the participating students, aligning with the NSWW's objective of cultivating work values and social responsibility among future practitioners. Such hands-on community engagement is a cornerstone of the National Social Work Week, aiming to connect academic learning with real-world social challenges.

Role of Medical Social Workers in Community Health Explored in Radio Lecture

Haldwani, August 16 – On the second day of the National Social Work Week, a radio lecture focused on the vital role of medical social workers within community settings. Speaker Mrs. Kusha Singh detailed the multifaceted duties of these professionals, describing them as a critical bridge between society and the hospital system. She explained that community life is often intertwined with social issues like poverty and stigma, which directly impact health outcomes.

Mrs. Singh emphasized that medical social workers facilitate communication between doctors, nurses, and patients, ensuring individuals can access appropriate care. Beyond this, they contribute to the emotional well-being of patients and even help in fundraising if financial aid is needed. A significant part of their role also involves raising community awareness about preventive healthcare practices, including immunization, proper nutrition, and sanitation, thereby empowering communities to adopt healthier behaviors.



UOU Students Shed Light on Conditions in Haldwani's Old Age Homes

Haldwani, August 17 – Fourth-semester social work students from Uttarakhand Open University shared their research on the conditions of elderly residents in Haldwani's old age homes during a special radio talk. Interviewed by faculty member Mrs. Kusha Singh, the students provided a candid look into the lives of the elderly and their caregivers.

Student Bhawna Negi discussed the challenges of data collection, including language barriers. Vidya Mishra reported that caregivers are often untrained and called for free training programs to improve care efficiency. Basanti Karki focused on health and nutrition, noting that some home kitchens were unclean and that residents with chronic illnesses required specialized diets. Finally, Jyoti Kunwar highlighted the pressing mental health needs of residents, who often suffer from dementia, anxiety, and sleeplessness, and require significant emotional support, especially those from disputed family backgrounds.

BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya Holds Poster Competition for Social Work Week

Sonipat – The Department of Social Work at B.P.S. Mahila Vishwavidyalaya in Khanpur Kalan organized a poster-making competition on August 18th to mark the 6th National Social Work Week.

The event provided a creative platform for students to engage with the week's national theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". Organizing poster competitions is one of the key activities proposed by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) to encourage student participation during the week-long observance, which ran from August 15th to 21st.



Tezpur University Hosts Workshop for National Social Work Week

Tezpur – On August 18th, the Department of Social Work at Tezpur University and the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) held a



skill- development workshop for students at the Sacred Heart Day Care Centre. The jewellery-making session, part of the 6th National Social Work Week, was designed to nurture creativity and enhance motor skills in line with the national theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". The event was curated by student social worker Ashtha Dekaraja.

Poster and Slogan Writing Competition Organized as part of the Sixth National Social Work Week

Jhansi – On the call of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), the sole organization for social work profession, education, and training in India, a poster and slogan writing competition was organized by the Department of Social Work at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi. The event was held on the fourth day of the series of programs for the Sixth National Social Work Week.

Students created posters and wrote slogans based on the theme "Social Work in Health Setting: A Bridge Between Care and Compassion", which aligns with the national theme for the week.

Present on this occasion were the Head of the Department of Social Work and Program Coordinator, Dr. Yatindra Mishra; Organizing Secretary, Dr. Muhammad Naim; Co-coordinator, Dr. Neha Mishra; Dr. Anup Kumar; Mrs. Gunja Chaturvedi; Shlesh Litoriya; and Iqbal Khan



Radio Talk Addresses Stigma and the Role of Social Work in Mental Health

Haldwani, August 18

In a thought-provoking radio talk, Dr. Pooja Hairiya from Uttarakhand Open University addressed the crucial role of social work in the field of mental health. The session, part of the 6th National Social Work Week, highlighted the societal stigma that continues to surround mental health conditions. Dr. Hairiya explained that mental health issues are often wrongly perceived as a sign of weakness, which forces individuals to hide their conditions and avoid seeking necessary treatment. She asserted that the primary task of a social worker is to combat this stigma and discrimination. She began her lecture by outlining the core values of the social work profession, including social justice, and the empowerment of vulnerable people. The talk emphasized that social workers are indispensable in assisting patients suffering from mental health illnesses, aligning with the week's focus on health awareness.



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BPSMV Students Showcase Creativity in Poster Competition for Social Work Week



Khanpur Kalan, August 18 – To mark the 6th National Social Work Week, the Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya organized a poster-making competition today. Students from the department participated, creating artworks based on the theme "Social Work in Health Settings: Bridging Care and Compassion".

The posters creatively depicted the crucial role social workers play in healthcare, covering aspects such as patient care, mental health support, and community outreach. The event encouraged students to think critically about the theme and express their understanding through art. The competition successfully celebrated the contributions of social workers in promoting holistic well-being and highlighted the importance of compassion in healthcare settings.

SOCHH Trust Campaigns for Menstrual Health at Almora Inter Colleges



Almora, August 18 – The SOCHH Trust organized an impactful awareness campaign on menstrual health for adolescent girls at Arya Kanya Inter College. The event aimed to break the deep-seated stigma and taboos associated with menstruation prevalent in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand. In these areas, menstruating girls often face harsh restrictions, such as being prohibited from entering their homes or bathing for several days.

To engage the participants, the campaign utilized participatory methods, including various games and interactive activities to disseminate information effectively. The program was a success, with over 100 students from classes 6 to 11 actively participating. The session significantly enhanced the students' knowledge and understanding of menstrual health, empowering them to challenge cultural misconceptions and adopt healthier practices.

వృద్ధుల అనుభవం సమాజాని



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Fitness Club Energizes Social Work Week with Zumba Session



Chūmoukedima, Aug. 18 – The Fitness Club injected a burst of energy into Social Work Week with a lively Zumba session themed "Fit Social Workers for Fit Community". The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, who embraced the opportunity to engage in physical activity and relieve stress. The session was designed to reinforce the vital link between a social worker's personal well-being and their capacity for effective community service. It successfully promoted the message that maintaining physical and mental health is a cornerstone of a sustainable and impactful career in social work.

Students Bridge Care and Compassion in Poster Presentation

Chūmoukedima, Aug. 19 – The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) hosted a creative poster presentation on the theme "Bridging Care and Compassion: Social Work in Health Settings". Students were tasked with visually representing the intricate role of social workers in healthcare. The posters creatively showcased the profession's commitment to delivering empathetic, person-centered care in a variety of environments, from structured clinical settings to dynamic community-based programs. The exhibition powerfully highlighted the blend of skill and empathy that defines social work in the health sector.



Panjab University Students Lead Anti-Dengue Drive for Social Work Week

Chandigarh – As part of an outreach activity for the 6th National Social Work Week, students from the Centre for Social Work at Panjab University conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign against Dengue on August 19, 2025.



Prior to the campaign, the students attended an orientation session led by the Chief Medical Officer at the university's Health Centre. Armed with practical knowledge, the students went through local neighborhoods, inspecting homes for stagnant water—a primary breeding ground for mosquitoes—and immediately destroying any larvae they found.

The initiative directly aligned with the theme of the 6th NSWW, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". Field-based health awareness campaigns focusing on disease prevention were a key activity proposed by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) for the week-long observance. The campaign provided students with valuable, hands-on experience in public health intervention and community engagement.

Role of Social Work in Women's Mental Health is Crucial, says Aradhana Nirala



Jhansi - 19.08.2025 - A workshop was organized by the Department of Social Work at Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, in collaboration with the Bhima Foundation, as part of the ongoing Sixth National Social Work Week. The event included discussions on crimes against women, the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

Addressing the workshop:

Advocate Aradhana Nirala stated that any type of crime or atrocity against women affects their mental health, and social work has an important role in its prevention.

The Executive Director of Bhima Foundation

Advocate Mukesh Kumar, discussed the functions, rights, responsibilities, and operational procedures of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), which is formed for the redressal of incidents against women at the workplace.

Presiding over the workshop:

Head of Department Dr. Yatindra Mishra discussed in detail the objectives of the workshop, which included understanding and sensitization on gender-based sexual harassment at the workplace and raising awareness about taking action against discrimination.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Muhammad Naim, the welcome was extended by Dr. Neha Mishra, and the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Gunja Chaturvedi. Dr. Anup Kumar, Shlesh Litoriya, Iqbal Khan, and the students of the Social Work Department were also present on this occasion.



SOCHH Trust Extends Menstrual Hygiene Awareness to Anganwadi Centers

Badseemi/Jyula, August 19 - The SOCHH Trust continued its commendable work by organizing an awareness program on menstrual hygiene at the Anganwadi Centers of Badseemi and Jyula. The program successfully reached more than thirty women from the local community, aiming to enhance their understanding of menstrual health and promote safe hygiene practices. During the interactive sessions, detailed information about menstruation was shared, with a special emphasis on breaking the silence around cultural taboos and misconceptions that often prevent women from adopting healthy habits. The discussions highlighted the importance of personal hygiene and sensitized participants to the health risks associated with unhygienic practices. The program also underscored the critical need for proper menstrual hygiene management (MHM), including the safe and timely use of sanitary pads.



PSPH Launches Podcast on Social Work in Palliative Care

Manipal, August 19 – As part of the Sixth National Social Work Week, the Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH) today released a podcast titled "Beyond the Bedside – Social Worker Role in Palliative Care". The episode, streamed on the PSPH YouTube Channel, featured Dr. Anuja Damani, an Associate Professor from Kasturba Medical College,



MAHE. Dr. Damani provided deep insights into the crucial role social workers play in palliative care, emphasizing the importance of empathy and a holistic approach to patient well-being. The podcast aimed to enhance students' understanding of social work beyond traditional settings. The episode has already garnered significant attention, with over 317 views on the university's YouTube channel.

EJM College Students Advocate for Mental Health Awareness in Speech Competition

Leh, August 19 – To highlight the importance of mental well-being, the Department of Social Work at EJM College organized a speech competition on the "Importance of Understanding Mental Health". The event was a key part of the second day of the 6th National Social Work Week celebrations.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from 21 students from various departments of EJM College. Notably, three students pursuing their MA in Social Work from the Leh Campus of the University of Ladakh also took part, showcasing a widespread interest in the topic among the region's youth. The platform allowed students to articulate their perspectives on mental health, discuss the challenges and stigmas associated with it, and advocate for greater understanding and compassion. The event successfully fostered a meaningful dialogue on a critical aspect of healthcare, aligning with the week's overall theme.

Experts Discuss Health Services and Social Work Roles in EJM College Webinar

Leh, August 19 – On the second day of its Social Work Week celebrations, the Department of Social Work at EJM College hosted a webinar and an interactive session focusing on public health. Dr. Ranvir Singh, Senior Assistant Professor from the Central University of Jammu, delivered a lecture on the "Evolution of Health Services in India". He detailed the development of modern medicine since independence and discussed the challenges that persist in policy implementation at the infrastructure level.

Following the webinar, Ms. Dechan Splazes, State Programme Officer for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, conducted an interactive session. As a social worker herself, she shared her experiences working with communicable diseases and stressed the importance of community organization and awareness in combating stigmas. The sessions provided students with valuable insights into the broader health sector and the specific roles they can play within it.

Voices of Compassion: BPSMV Hosts Speech and Poetry Competition



Khanpur Kalan, August 19 Through powerful speeches and heartfelt poems, participants articulated the significance of the social work profession in healthcare. Students expressed their views on how social workers bridge the gap between patient needs and medical services, thereby promoting holistic well-being for individuals and communities. The competition served as a platform for students to critically engage with the theme while celebrating the compassionate work of social workers.

The Department of Social Work at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya today hosted a speech and poetry competition as part of its 6th National Social Work Week celebrations. Students participated enthusiastically, using their words to explore the week's theme, "Social Work in Health Settings: Bridging Care and Compassion".

NSS Unit Explores Youth and Mental Health in Essay Competition

Chūmoukedima, Aug. 20 – The NSS Unit organized a timely essay writing competition focusing on the critical topic of "Youth and Mental Health". The event provided a valuable platform for students to articulate their thoughts on mental well-being, a subject of growing importance. The essays explored various facets of the issue, emphasizing the need for increased awareness, the creation of robust emotional support systems for young people, and proactive efforts to reduce the pervasive stigma associated with mental health challenges in society.



Expert Talk on Drug Abuse Prevention Marks National Social Work Week



The session was delivered by Mr. Suneel Vatsyayan from NADA India Foundation, who is also an official member of the NSWW national support team. The interactive talk engaged students in identifying their ideas for creating a "Healthy Campus." Key concepts such as "emotional CPR" and "meaningful engagement" were explored as essential preventive measures for making the campus free of drug abuse. This expert talk was a significant part of the week's observance, which ran from August 15th to 21st. It directly addressed the national theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion," by focusing on mental well-being and preventive health strategies within the community.



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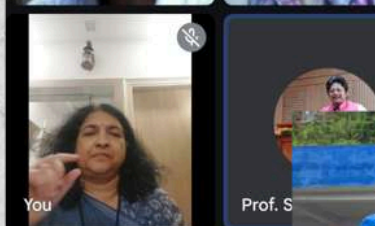
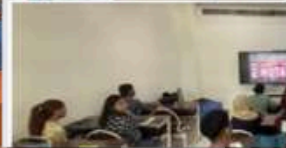
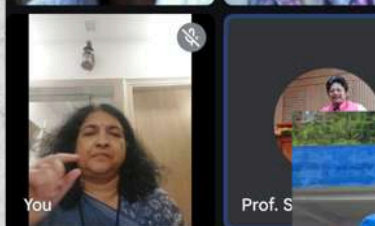
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ईश्वर की इबादत को जुड़े दो हाथों से मदद को बढ़ा एक हाथ : डॉ. वेद प्रव

राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी से समाज कार्य साताह का समापन; निबंध, पोस्टर स्पर्धा में विद्यार्थि

नगपुर, 18 अगस्त - डॉ. वेद प्रव ने सोमवार को नव आर्य समाज के आयोजित राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का समापन किया। डॉ. वेद प्रव ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि ईश्वर की इबादत को जुड़े दो हाथों से मदद को बढ़ा एक हाथ है जो मदद के काम में आता है। उन्होंने कहा कि समाज कार्य के माध्यम से हम समाज के कमजोर वर्गों को मदद कर सकते हैं।

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चंडीगढ़। पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय के 6वें नेशनल सोशल वर्क वीक (एनएसडब्ल्यूडब्ल्यू) 15 से 21 अगस्त तक कम्प्यूनिटी आउटरीच गतिविधियां आयोजित कर रहा है। इसका आयोजन नेशनल एसोसिएशन ऑफ प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स इन इंडिया (एनएपीएसडब्ल्यूआई) के सहयोग से किया जा रहा है। एनएपीएसडब्ल्यूआई के अध्यक्ष प्रो. संजय भट्ट ने बताया कि इस साल के आयोजन का विषय है 'स्वास्थ्य परिवेश में सामाजिक कार्य'। पूरे सप्ताह

सामाजिक कार्य शिक्षा प्रदान करने वाले संस्थानों को सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व को मजबूत करने के उद्देश्य से शैक्षणिक, शोध और सामुदायिक सहभागिता पहलों के आयोजन के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जाएगा। इस मौके पर प्रवासी श्रमिक परिवारों को सूखा राशन किट वितरित किए गए। यह आयोजन समन्वयक डॉ. गौरव गौड़ के मार्गदर्शन में शोधार्थी शीशुपाल और अंतिम वर्ष के एमएसडब्ल्यू छात्र नवदीप शर्मा ने करवाया। संवाद

जरूरतमंदों को पीयू के स्टूडेंट्स ने बांटा राशन एडुकेशनरिपोर्टर चंडीगढ़

पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी के सेंटर फॉर सोशल वर्क ने 6वें नेशनल सोशल वर्क वीक (15-21 अगस्त) की शुरुआत समाज सेवा से की। थीम रखी गई- सोशल वर्क इन हेल्थ सेटिंग, ब्रिजिंग केयर एंड कंपेशन। इस दौरान रिसर्च स्कॉलर शिशुपाल और एमएसडब्ल्यू स्टूडेंट नवदीप शर्मा ने प्रवासी मजदूर परिवारों को राशन किट बांटे। असोसिएट प्रोफेसर डॉ. गौरव गौड़ ने कहा कि यह वीक सोशल वर्क प्रोफेशन में प्राइड और नई ऊर्जा जगाने के लिए मनाया जा रहा है। हफ्तेभर पीयू में कम्प्यूनिटी आउटरीच और रिसर्च एक्टिविटीज चलेंगी।

आरोग्य क्षेत्रातील प्रश्न हाताळणीसाठी प्रशिक्षित समाजकार्यकर्त्यांची गरज-डॉ. संजय भट्ट सीएसआरडीमध्ये सहाय्या राष्ट्रीय समाजकार्य सप्ताहाचे उद्घाटन

अहमदनगर। रविवार समाचार भारतीय स्वातंत्र्य दिनाच्या औचित्याने नेशनल असोसिएशन ऑफ प्रोफेशनल सोशल वर्कर्स इन इंडिया (नॅप्सी) यांच्या पुढाकाराने सुरु करण्यात आलेल्या सहाय्या राष्ट्रीय समाजकार्य सप्ताहाचे उद्घाटन बीपीएचई सोसायटीच्या सीएसआरडी समाजकार्य व संशोधन संस्था, अहिल्यानगर येथे उन्साहात पार पडले. या प्रसंगी नवी दिल्ली येथील नॅप्सीचे राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष डॉ. संजय भट्ट, पुणे येथील निवृत्त प्राध्यापक लता कांकरिया, सीएसआरडीचे संचालक डॉ. सुरेश पठारे आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. प्राध्यापक व विद्यार्थी मोठ्या संख्येने सहभागी झाले होते. यंदाच्या सप्ताहाची थीम होती 'आरोग्य क्षेत्रातील समाजकार्य-सेवा सहानुभूती यांचा



सेवा' अध्यक्षीय मार्गदर्शन करताना डॉ. संजय भट्ट म्हणाले, 'समाजकार्य क्षेत्रात मानसिक आरोग्याने वाढते महत्त्व अपेक्षित झाले आहे. आजच्या धावपळीच्या व स्पर्धात्मक युगात मानसिक आरोग्य हा केवळ वैयक्तिक प्रश्न नसून समाजाच्या प्रागैतरी निगहित विषय बनला आहे. समाजकार्यकर्त्यांनी उपचारात्मक दृष्टिकोनापुरते मर्यादित न राहता प्रतिबंधात्मक, जनजागृतीपर आणि समुपदेशनाच्या दृष्टीने कार्य करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.' ते पुढे म्हणाले की, राष्ट्रीय समाजकार्य सप्ताह हा देशभरातील विद्यार्थी व व्यावसायिक समाजकार्यकर्त्यांसाठी प्रभावी व्यासर्पित आहे. आरोग्य क्षेत्रातील समाजकार्यकर्त्यांची भूमिका अधिक बळकट करणे, संवेदनशीलता व सहानुभूतीच्या माध्यमातून सेवा विस्तार करणे हे या आठवड्याचे उद्दिष्ट आहे. लता कांकरिया यांनी आपल्या भाषणात मानसिक आरोग्याच्या उपेक्षेचे परिणाम धोकादायक ठरू शकतात, असे सांगितले. रुग्णांना मानसिक व शारीरिक आधार देणे, कुटुंबीयंना

पहणे आवश्यक आहे.' डॉ. सुरेश पुण्टल यांनी राष्ट्रीय समाजकार्य सप्ताहाची मधील

महिलाओं के मानसिक स्वास्थ्य में समाज कार्य की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण: आराधना निराला (वीरांगना झांसी न्यूज)

झांसी। बुंदेलखंड विश्वविद्यालय झांसी के समाज कार्य विभाग द्वारा आयोजित किये जा रहे राष्ट्रीय



Dehradun Seminar Highlights Social Connections as Key to Human Health



Dehradun, August 20 – A one-day seminar titled "Importance of Social Bridging in Human Health" was held at the Uttarakhand Open University campus, emphasizing that strong social relationships are fundamental to a long and healthy life. The event was a joint effort by NAPSWI, UOU's Dehradun Campus, and the Himalayan Abhyuday Social Institute.

In-charge Director, Dr. Subhash Ramola, stated that good health is essential for achieving one's goals. Keynote speaker Dr. Narendra Jagudi highlighted that the negative health impacts of modern stressful lifestyles can be mitigated through strong social connections. Citing global research, he noted that socially connected individuals enjoy better health and resilience against illnesses. Program convener Dr. Bhavana Dobhal added that five key factors—social connectedness, sociability, spirituality, optimism, and purposeful work—are vital for improving community well-being and health outcomes.

HNB Garhwal University Marks Social Work Week, Honors Community Leaders



Srinagar, Garhwal – The Department of Sociology and Social Work at HNB Garhwal University celebrated Social Work Week on August 20, 2025, with an event themed "Bridging Care and Compassion in Health". During the ceremony, the department honored two distinguished community leaders for their contributions to the field of social work: Prem Ballabh Naithani, President of the Ganga Aarti Committee, and Dr. Arvind Darmoda, Nodal Officer of the Center for Himalayan Studies.

Head of Department Prof. J.P. Bhatt, along with Prof. Kiran Dangwal and Dr. Kiran Bala, felicitated the guests with a memento and a sapling. Speaking at the event, Dr. Darmoda stated that every individual's goal should be dedication to society. Prof. Bhatt elaborated on the department's welfare contributions, while Prof. Dangwal lauded Mr. Naithani as an inspiration for the younger generation. The program was convened by Dr. Ritu Mishra and conducted by research scholar Aastha

Rajagiri Institutions Collaborate to Mark National Social Work Day



Aluva, August 20 – The Department of Social Work of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with Vimala College, Thrissur, and Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva, jointly celebrated the 6th National Social Work Week today. The event, held at the social work department office of Rajagiri Hospital, centered on the theme, 'Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion'.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. P. O. George, the hospital's Head of Social Work, and was formally inaugurated with a cake-cutting ceremony. In his address, Mr. George highlighted the importance of the social work profession in modern healthcare settings. A key feature of the celebration was an educational session on 'Breaking the Bad News,' conducted by Ms. Aneena, a social work trainee from Vimala College. She presented the BREAKS and SPIKES models from her fieldwork experience, which was followed by a discussion where medical social workers from various departments shared their professional experiences on the subject.

UOU Social Work Department Fosters Intergenerational Bonds at Old Age Home

Haldwani, August 20 – The Department of Social Work at Uttarakhand Open University organized a meaningful field visit to Shree Anand Ashram Old Age Home, providing students with invaluable experiential learning. The visit, guided by senior faculty, aimed to sensitize students to the living conditions and psychosocial needs of the elderly.

The atmosphere was filled with emotion and joy as students engaged the residents with musical and cultural performances. Faculty members also contributed by delivering talks on healthcare and preventive measures relevant to old age. A special moment of the day was the felicitation of the old age home's founder, Mrs. Kanak Chand, who was recognized for her unwavering dedication to the cause. The event successfully fostered a connection between generations and reinforced the core values of social work among the students.



Social Work Students Visit REWA Society for Hands-On Learning



Leh, August 20 – In a move to provide practical exposure, the Department of Social Work at EJM College organized an exposure visit to the REWA Society for 35 of its students. REWA Society is a prominent organization in UT Ladakh that provides education and physical therapy to children with disabilities.

The visit offered students a valuable opportunity to interact directly with employees, volunteers, and the specially-abled children at the center. They were introduced to different forms of disabilities and observed the various physical and speech therapy techniques tailored to each child's needs. The management of REWA Society also spoke about the significant role that social workers associated with the agency have played in formulating policies for inclusive education in the Ladakh region. The trip provided the students with a deeper understanding of social work in the context of disability and empowerment.

NIMHANS Expert Discusses Hope and Healing in Mental Health Webinar

Manipal, August 20 – The Prasanna School of Public Health hosted an insightful webinar titled "You Are Not Alone: A Conversation on Hope and Healing" today, with 84 participants in attendance. The session featured Dr. Anish Cherian, an Additional Professor in Psychiatric Social Work at NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Dr. Cherian, who is also India's National Representative for the International Association of Suicide Prevention, focused his talk on mental health, suicide prevention, and strategies for building hope and resilience. The webinar, held via Microsoft Teams, was a key event for the Sixth National Social Work Week, aiming to foster professional growth and awareness among students on critical health issues.



DSMNRU and NAPSWI Host Expert Lecture on Mental Health for Social Work Week

Lucknow – On the occasion of the 6th National Social Work Week, the Department of Social Work at Dr. Shakuntala Misra National Rehabilitation University (DSMNRU), Lucknow, and the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) jointly organized an expert lecture on August 20, 2025. The lecture focused on "The Impact of Social Determinants on Mental Health and Prevention of Mental Disorders in Social Work Perspectives", aligning with the national theme, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion".

In the inaugural session, Prof. Anoop Kumar Bhartiya, Secretary of NAPSWI, highlighted the importance of the 6th NSWW theme in the present scenario. Dr. Mohd. Nayim, the UP State Coordinator for NSWW, discussed the aims of the week-long observance, while Dr. Rupesh Kumar Singh, North Zone Coordinator for NSWW, welcomed the attendees and elaborated on the objectives of this year's theme.

The expert speaker, Dr. Avadhesh Kumar, Assistant Professor at DSMNRU, delivered an insightful talk on the concepts of mental health, mental disorders,

and their symptoms. He discussed how social determinants affect mental well-being and explained the crucial role of professional social workers in the prevention and management of mental health issues.

The session was facilitated by Dr. Shyam Singh, Assistant Professor at DSMNRU. Research scholars, MSW students, and practitioners from various fields actively participated in the discussion. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Parakh Lamba on behalf of the organizing committee.



One-Day National Seminar on 'Importance of Social Bridging in Human Health' Held at UOU Campus

Dehradun – A one-day national seminar on the topic "Importance of Social Bridging in Human Health" was organized at the campus of Uttarakhand Open University, Dehradun, on August 20, 2025. The event was held under the joint aegis of the National Association of Professional Social Workers (NAPSWI), Uttarakhand Open University (Dehradun Campus), and the Himalayan Abhyuday Samajik Sansthan, Dehradun.

Addressing the seminar, Acting Director Dr. Subhash Ramola said that good health helps us achieve our goals and that the importance of social relationships is key to living a long and healthy life. The keynote speaker, Dr. Narendra Jagudi, stated that the health impacts of today's busy and hectic lifestyle can be mitigated through social relationships. He noted that numerous global studies have concluded that people who are socially connected, as opposed to living in solitude, stay healthier and can prevent many diseases by engaging with society. Psycho-social factors such as staying connected to others, having an optimistic outlook, and maintaining a positive, res-



-ilient mindset also play a crucial role in promoting well-being and longevity. Program Coordinator Dr. Bhavna Dobhal, while conducting the event, said that there is growing evidence that five factors –social connection, sociality, spirituality, optimism, and work can significantly improve the well-being of individuals and communities. She emphasized that relationships strengthen a person's sense of belonging and lead to better health. Govind Rawat, Brijmohan Khati, Sunil Negi, Chandra Ballabh Pokhriyal, Arvind Kotiyal, Rahul Dev, Abhishek, and several other students were present at the program.

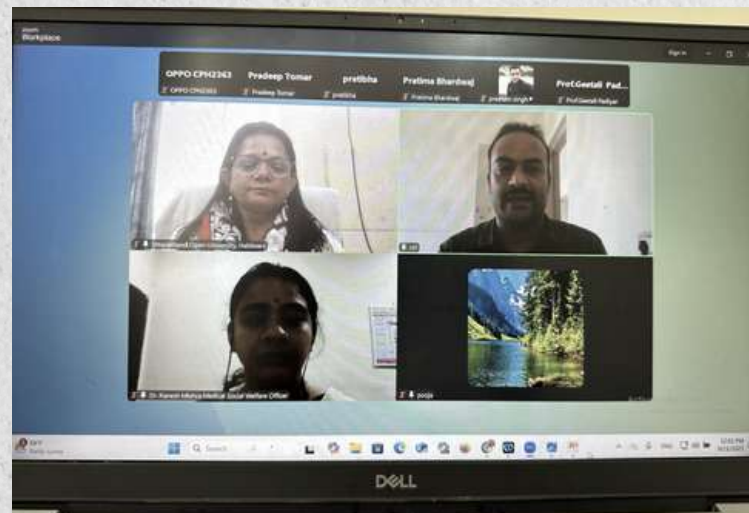
Experts Delve into NCAHP Act's Impact on Medical Social Work in National Panel Discussion

Kalamassery, August 20 – The Department of Social Work at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), hosted a pivotal online panel discussion today as part of the 6th National Social Work Week. The event explored the implications of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021, and the prospects for Medical Social Work in India. The discussion was inaugurated by Mr. Raghavendra Kumar Rai, Hon. Secretary of the All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals. The panel featured a distinguished group of experts from across the country. Professor Juvva Srilatha from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences provided an academic perspective, emphasizing the Act's scope, educational standards, and the establishment of a central register for practitioners. Dr. Sunitha Jadhav, a former medical social worker at Tata Memorial Hospital, offered a frontline view, highlighting opportunities for career progression and standardized protocols under the new legislation. NAPSWI President Prof. Sanjai Bhatt and Secretary Prof. Anoop Kumar Bharaiya contextualized the Act's evolution and affirmed their institutional support. A key consensus among the panelists was the need for close collaboration between practitioners and academicians for the successful implementation of the Act. The event, overseen by Dr. Anish K.R. of Rajagiri College, concluded with closing remarks from the Head of Department, Dr. Kiran Thampi.



National Webinar Concludes Social Work Week, Focusing on Healthcare

Haldwani, August 21 – The 6th National Social Work Week concluded with a national webinar that brought together senior academicians and medical social workers to discuss "Opportunities and Challenges in Health Care Setting: A Social Work Perspective". Organized by Uttarakhand Open University, the event explored the critical role of social workers in the health system. Prof. J.P. Pachauri of H.N.B. Garhwal Central University pointed out the essential need for community health social workers, especially in a hilly state like Uttarakhand where primary healthcare services are often inadequate. Dr. Naresh Mishra, Medical Social Welfare Officer from Government Medical College, Rudrapur, provided a practical overview of the profession, describing social workers as a vital bridge between the patient, their family, and the hospital. The insightful webinar was successfully coordinated by Mrs. Kusha Singh and Dr. Pooja Haidia, providing a fitting end to a week of advocacy and learning.



Holy Cross College Event Bridges "Care and Compassion" in Social Work ●●●●



Workshop on Social Work in Healthcare Launched

Agartala, August 20, 2025 – Holy Cross College today commenced a three-day workshop titled "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion" as part of the 6th National Social Work Week. The event began with an inaugural address by the Principal, Rev. Dr. Fr. Benny K. John, CSC, who highlighted the need for compassionate service in social work. The keynote speaker, psychiatrist Dr. Anirban Datta, delivered an insightful address on mental health care and the role of social workers in combining empathy with medical treatment.

Students Showcase Creativity and Engage in Experiential Learning

Agartala, August 21, 2025 – The second day of the workshop focused on student engagement. A Poster-Making Competition was held with participation from 12 students. The main highlight was a role-play presentation by social work students, which illustrated a patient's journey and the supportive role of a social worker. Later in the day, students and faculty undertook an organizational visit to the Missionaries of Charity to observe compassionate care for elderly women, gaining valuable experiential learning.



EJM College Concludes Social Work Week with Valedictory and Cultural Programme

Leh, August 21 – The Department of Social Work at EJM College concluded its week-long celebration of National Social Work Week with a vibrant valedictory and cultural event. The day, also observed as Indian Social Work Day, was attended by the college principal, faculty, and children and staff from the REWA Society.

The session began with the felicitation of the week's resource persons and the awarding of certificates and cash prizes to the winners of the speech competition.



BSW Trainees Take to the Streets with "Drug-Free Youth" Flash Mob



Chümoukedima, Aug. 21 – Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) trainees delivered a powerful public message by performing a flash mob at Jack and Jill, Chümoukedima. Under the banner of "Drug-Free Youth," the students used the dynamic performance to capture public attention and raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse. The well-coordinated and impactful presentation served as a positive and compelling call to action, inspiring local youth to make healthy choices and commit to a drug-free lifestyle.

BPSMV and NAPSWI Host Expert Lectures on Mental Health and Social Work



Khanpur Kalan, August 22 – The Department of Social Work at BPSMV, in collaboration with NAPSWI, organized a series of insightful online expert lectures today to commemorate the 6th National Social Work Week. The lectures explored the theme "Social Work in Health Settings: Bridging Care and Compassion".

The first lecture, by Professor (Dr.) Ushvinder Kaur Popli, focused on "Women's Mental Health and Well-being". She highlighted how social pressures and family environment impact women's mental health and stressed the need for awareness and professional help. The second lecture, by Professor (Dr.) Suresh Pathare, discussed the "Role of Social Work Professionals in Health Settings". He underscored the crucial role social workers play in providing emotional support to patients and their families to ensure holistic healthcare. The event provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing among faculty and students.



Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College Concludes Action-Packed Social Work Week

NEW DELHI, AUG. 22: The Department of Social Work at Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College successfully concluded its week-long celebration of Social Work Week, held from August 16th to 21st, 2025. The event, organized in association with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and supervised by Prof. Richa Chowdhary, was a vibrant showcase of the profession's diverse spirit. The week featured a dynamic schedule of activities designed to engage students and professionals alike. Each day was dedicated to a unique theme, with events including an insightful film screening, as well as poster and slogan competitions that encouraged creative expression. A series of interactive sessions covered critical topics such as health, nutrition, social counselling, and the integral role of medical social workers in the healthcare system. A significant focus was placed on modern professional practices, with dedicated discussions on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and the core values that underpin the field of social work. The program was highly effective in fostering an environment of learning and engagement. By encouraging creativity, raising awareness on key social issues, and reinforcing a sense of professional responsibility, the week's events reflected the holistic vision and values central to contemporary social work education.



Experts Champion Transdisciplinary Collaboration for Holistic Health at Christ College Webinar

IRINJALAKUDA, AUG. 22: In a significant event marking the 6th National Social Work Week, the PG and Research Department of Social Work at Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda, hosted a vital webinar on Thursday, August 21, 2025. The session, titled "A Talk on Transdisciplinary Approach to Health and Wellbeing," was organized in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and brought together leading voices to advocate for integrated healthcare practices.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Suneel Vatsyayan, Chairperson of the NADA India Foundation. He underscored the critical importance of transdisciplinary collaboration in promoting holistic health, emphasizing that integrating knowledge from diverse professional domains strengthens interventions and leads to more effective outcomes in health and social care.

Dr. Anish K.R., Associate Professor at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, also addressed the virtual gathering. He provided insightful commentary on the evolving role of social workers within multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary frameworks. Dr. Anish discussed the immense scope and inherent challenges of fostering interprofessional partnerships to address today's complex social and health issues.

The event was held under the patronage of the Christ College leadership, including Rev. Fr. Dr. Jolly Andrews (Principal), Rev. Fr. Dr. Willson Tharayil (Director), and Dr. T. Vivekanandan (Academic Co-ordinator).

The seamless execution of the webinar was credited to the program coordinators, Dr. Ajeesh George, Head of the PG and Research Department of Social Work, and Ms. Ashley George, Programme Co-ordinator.

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MESSAGE OF WELL-BEING DELIVERED THROUGH POSTERS AND PAINTINGS AT BANKURA UNIVERSITY



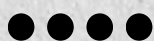
Bankura – A poster exhibition and painting competition was organized at the Department of Social Work, Bankura University, as part of the week-long National Social Work Week held in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). The health awareness program was inaugurated by lighting a lamp.

As part of the program, students from the social work department had conducted research over the past month on the community health problems of 10 different communities. Based on this research, they created various models and posters to raise awareness.

Through these posters, the health problems of different communities were highlighted. Students also gave a special presentation on the issues faced by the transgender community and the role of the Kanchanpally Annesha Clinic. Sudip Kumar Das, a technician from the Asansol Mental Health Group, provided information on mental health issues and the available government services.

The program was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Aditya Prasad Sahoo, Medical Superintendent and Vice Principal of Bankura Sammilani Medical College. After inspecting the posters, he praised the students' work and discussed the role of social workers. Head of Department Dr. T.K. Adhikari, along with other professors, supervised the event, stating that it was organized to connect students' academic knowledge with practical experience.

Regional Coordinator Dr. Tanuja Roy Sinha mentioned that the social work department of Bankura University, in collaboration with Bankura Sammilani Medical College, has taken a unique initiative to create a healthy campus. She called it an important step and a great achievement for the department.



Experts Discuss Compassion in Palliative Care at Hindustan College

CHENNAI, August 22, 2025 – Social work students at Hindustan College of Arts and Science gained valuable insights into palliative care during a special talk titled "Cultivating Compassion in Palliative Care: The Role of Social Workers in Supporting Mental Health and Dignity." The event, held in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), was designed to enhance students' understanding of this critical field. Ms. Mathew provided an overview of her organization's



mission to support children with life-limiting conditions through comprehensive palliative care services. The session was led by two distinguished guests from the Golden Butterflies Children Palliative Care Foundation in Chennai: Ms. Stella Jacqueline

Mathew, Founder and Managing Trustee, and Dr. Joshua Mascree, Head of Project Capacity Building. Dr. Mascree elaborated on the concept of palliative care, highlighting the significance of empathy from caregivers and the integral role of social workers in preserving the dignity of young patients. The interactive talk successfully bridged theoretical knowledge with field realities for the BSW and MSW students in attendance.

"Humanitarian Sensitivity and Empathy are the Identity of the Social Work Profession," says Priyadarshi Katiyar



Jhansi – August 21, 2025 – "The social work profession is playing its important role in solving the social, mental, and economic problems of the country and the world, because humanitarian sensitivity and empathy are its identity." These views were expressed by the chief guest, Priyadarshi Katiyar (Senior Administrative Service, Sales Tax Commissioner), at the concluding ceremony of the Sixth National Social Work Week. The event was organized under the joint aegis of the Department of Social Work,

Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, and the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). Mr. Katiyar stated that today there is no field in society where the need for social work and social workers is not felt. Presiding over the program, the Head of the Social Work Department, Dr. Yatindra Mishra, said that the National Social Work Week has established the important role and utility of social work in the field of health. He added that in the current era, every individual is suffering from mental stress, and its treatment is possible through social work. The Organizing Secretary, Dr. Muhammad Naim, gave an overview of the week's activities and highlighted the role of social work in mental health. Regional Manager of Axis Bank, Vikas Cha-

-ndra Srivastava, and Director of Bhima Foundation, Mukesh Kumar, also addressed the gathering.

On this occasion, winners of the various competitions held throughout the week were awarded first, second, and third prizes. The guests were honored with mementos from the department. The program was conducted by Dr. Muhammad Naim, Swetalina Das, and Dr. Neha Mishra, with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Gunja Chaturvedi. Former Skinner Scholar Shubham Gautam, Rashmi Sharma from Bhima Foundation, and Bhupendra Mishra and Shradha Singh from Mahila Ashrayan Kendra were also present.



DSMNRU Lecture Explores Social Work in Palliative and Geriatric Care

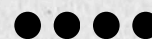
As part of the 6th National Social Work Week 2025, a lecture on "Opportunities of Health Social Work in Palliative care, Old age Care and child care" was jointly organized by the Department of Social Work at Dr. Shakuntala National Rehabilitation University, Lucknow, and the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India, New Delhi. The session was initiated by Dr. Shyam Singh, who welcomed the attendees and introduced the eminent speaker, Dr. Geetanjali Srivastava. In the inaugural session, Prof. Anoop Kumar Bhartiya highlighted the importa-

-nce of the week's theme in the present scenario. Dr. Archana Singh focused on the lecture's relevance to the field of Health Social Work and the role of various professionals. Dr. Mohd. Nayim and Dr. Rupesh Kumar Singh also spoke, discussing the objectives of NAPSWI and the benefits of organizing such academic lectures.

As the expert speaker, Dr. Geetanjali Srivastava highlighted the importance of Health Social Work in the medical care of the elderly, children, and those with chronic diseases. She discussed the barriers in palliative care, the problems faced by older people,

and how socio-economic conditions affect their health. Dr. Srivastava also suggested actions for policymakers and explained the scope of the social work profession in these fields.

The session, described as very informative and full of knowledge, concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Avadhesh Kumar. A good number of research scholars, students, and practitioners actively participated and expressed their views on the challenges and scope of Health Social Work.



UOU Spreads Happiness in Old Age Home



Haldwani – The Department of Social Work at Uttarakhand Open University organized emotional and educational programs on the occasion of the 6th National Social Work Week. On this occasion, the department's students visited the Shri Anand Vridhashram (Old Age Home) on Rampur Road in Haldwani. During the visit, the students gave musical and cultural performances for the elderly, which filled the atmosphere of the home with emotion and happiness. A lecture on the topic "Health Protection and Preventive Measures in Old Age" was also presented by the departmental faculty. The esteemed presence of the old age home's founder and Neelu Rauteli awardee, Kanak Chand, and environmental conservator Madan Mohan Bisht, made the program inspiring.

The program was conducted under the guidance of the Head of Department, Prof. Renu Prakash, while the State Coordinator of NAPSWI, Dr. Neerja Singh, highlighted the importance of such events throughout the state. In this same series, a one-day national seminar was also organized at the university's Dehradun campus on the theme "The Importance of Social Bridges in Human Health".

Dr. Bhavna Dobhal, Dr. Subhash Ramola, Dr. Narendra Jagdi, Dr. Govind Singh Rawat, along with university students and staff, took part in the seminar. Program Coordinator Dr. Neerja Singh, Assistant Professor Kusha Singh, and Dr. Pooja Haidiya were actively present throughout the entire event.

CSRD Ahilyanagar Holds Awareness Campaign on Ayushman Bharat

Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra – As part of its observance of the 6th National Social Work Week, the CSRD- Institute of Social Work and Research recently held an awareness campaign on the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

The initiative was in direct alignment with the national theme for the week, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". The campaign focused on educating the local community about the benefits and enrollment process for the government's flagship public health insurance program. Connecting families to government health schemes is a key objective of social work in health settings, making this a vital activity during the national observance, which ran from August 15th to 21st, 2025.



Blood Donation Camp by Social Work Department at Virangana Sati Sadhani Rajkiya Vishwavidyalaya



Golaghat: "Everything is possible through collective effort, and the path to success can be paved in every field." This view was expressed by Prof. J. Singhaiah, Vice-Chancellor of Virangana Sati Sadhani Rajkiya Vishwavidyalaya, on the occasion of a blood donation camp organized on the initiative of the university's Social Work Department. The camp was inaugurated by lighting a lamp. This program was organized on the occasion of the Sixth National Social Work Week-2025. The event was supported by the university's National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) unit, the Red Cross Society Golaghat District Branch, the NSS unit, and the Kushal Konwar Civil Hospital Blood Bank, Golaghat. On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Singhaiah called upon everyone to unite and move forward for the welfare of society, the country, and humanity.

He also said that Virangana Sati Sadhani Rajkiya Vishwavidyalaya will always remain committed to fulfilling its social responsibilities with a sense of unity with society. The program was conducted by Prasanta Das, a faculty member of the Social Work Department. Several dignitaries were present, including the university's Program Coordinator Dr. Antara Borah; Social Work faculty member Adity Sikha; Head of Computer Science Dr. Ujjwal Sharma; Head Professor of Political Science Dr. Trivedi Sutia; Dr. Rubul Bonia; Dr. Siddhartha Gohain; Utpal Duara; former Principal of Golaghat Debraj Roy Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Phulgul Chand Mahli; Secretary of Red Cross Society Golaghat, Pulak Gogoi; Principal of GM Dev College, Dr. Debojit Phukan; and senior journalist Dilip Kumar Bhuyan.



EJM College Concludes National Social Work Week with Day of Celebration



Leh - The Department of Social Work at Eliezer Joldan Memorial (EJM) College celebrated Indian Social Work Day on August 21st, marking the conclusion of the 6th National Social Work Week, 2025. The week-long national observance was held from August 15th to 21st with the theme "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". The concluding ceremony commenced with a presentation of the week's activity report by Dr. Yangchan Dolma, the Head of the Department and the official State Coordinator for the NSWW in Ladakh. The report was followed by a series of cultural performances by the department's students. The event was graced by Prof. Stanzin Yangdol, Principal of EJM College, Leh. In her address to the gathering, she said, "Social Work is not just a subject to study but a way of life. It reminds us of our traditional way of life which is otherwise getting neglected these days." A special highlight of the celebration was a dance performance by the students of Rewa Society, Leh. The event saw active participation from esteemed resource persons, faculty members, and students from various departments of the college, successfully bringing the week's activities to a close.



Central University of Jammu Holds Painting Competition on Health and Well-being

Jammu – As part of its observance of the 6th National Social Work Week, the Department of Social Work at the Central University of Jammu recently organized a painting competition.



The competition was centered on the theme of Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3): "Health and Well-being." This was in direct alignment with the national focus of the week, "Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion". The event provided a creative platform for students to artistically express their ideas on global health goals, fulfilling the week's aim of engaging students in meaningful activities. The university's active participation in the week was coordinated by Prof. Nancy Mengi and Dr. Vinay Kumar

Centurion University Marks Social Work Week at Aadruta Children's Home



Bhubaneswar – Centurion University, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), OPSWA, and BJB College, celebrated the 6th National Social Work Week with an event at Aadruta Children's Home on August 20th. The program was designed in line with the week's national theme, Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion. As part of the event, a sensitization session on personal hygiene was conducted for 80 girl inmates of the home. To make the session interactive and impactful, a series of engaging activities, including games, skits, and cultural performances, were also organized. This initiative exemplified the hands-on, community-based approach encouraged during the national observance.

Quiz Competition Held in Social Work Department

Varanasi (Kashivarta) – A quiz competition was organized by the Department of Social Work at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith on Wednesday as part of the National Social Work Week, in which 40 students participated. The event was inaugurated by the Head of the Department and Dean of Faculty, Prof. S.M. Verma. He announced that a Prof. Rajaram Shastri memorial lecture will be organized on August 21st. The keynote speaker for the lecture will be Prof. Om Prakash Bharti, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya (BHU).



Winning students to receive certificates

The programs of the National Social Work Week will conclude with a closing ceremony. Certificates will be distributed to the winning students and volunteers who participated in the various competitions held throughout the week. Present on the occasion of the quiz were Coordinator Prof. Nimisha Gupta, Dr. Bhavna Verma, Dr. Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Dr. Bharti Kuril, Dr. Alok Shukla, Ranjan Tiwari, and others.

Students Debate Mental Health Responsibility in Turncoat Competition



Manipal, August 23 – Students from the Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH) engaged in a dynamic turncoat debate competition today on the theme "Our Mental Health – Who Takes Care?". The event, which had 17 participants, was the concluding activity of the Sixth National Social Work Week. Held in a lecture hall at PSPH, the competition required students to argue both for and against the motion, a format designed to enhance critical thinking and reflective dialogue. The debate prompted a deep exploration of accountability and support systems in mental wellness. The event successfully fostered awareness and professional development, reaffirming the week's goal of bridging care and compassion in health settings.



PSPH E-Poster Competition Explores Intergenerational Care

Manipal, August 23 – The results of the E-Poster competition, a highlight of the Sixth National Social Work Week, were announced today by the Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH). The competition, which saw 39 participants, was held under the theme "Care Beyond Age: Sharing Wisdom, Shaping Futures".

The first prize was awarded to Ms. Vinitha Serrao and Ms. Varsha K, both PhD students at PSPH. The runners-up were Ms. Sharanya Rao and Ms. Sonal from the Division of Anatomy, Department of Basic Medical Sciences, MAHE. The event encouraged students to creatively express the importance of intergenerational connections and the role of social work in elder care, aligning with the week's objective of enhancing knowledge in health-focused social work.



Social Work Students Gain Insights on Holistic Health Through Field Visit

Khanpur Kalan, August 23 – As part of the 6th National Social Work Week, the Department of Social Work organized an exposure field visit for its students today. The visit included tours of the MSM Institute of Ayurveda and the Department of Physical Education and Sports Complex at BPSMV, providing students a comprehensive understanding of holistic healthcare. At the MSM Institute of Ayurveda, Dr. Naresh Bhargav explained Ayurvedic methods, highlighting that it is a scientific way of living, not just a treatment. Later, at the sports complex, Dr. Babita and Dr. Mandeep introduced students to the facilities and stressed the importance of exercise and Yoga for maintaining both physical and mental well-being. The visit aligned perfectly with the week's theme by emphasizing a holistic approach to health and social work practice.





Community Outreach on Mental Health Held at Tentui Kami.

Agartala, August 25, 2025 – The workshop concluded with a Community Outreach Programme on Mental Health at Tentui Kami, attended by approximately 120 people, including students from four local schools and village members. A key session was delivered by Mrs. Jina Debbarma, a counselor at Modern Psychiatric Hospital, who spoke on topics like depression, anxiety, and stress in simple terms for the rural community. Another counselor provided practical information on accessing the Tele-MANAS Helpline for mental health support in remote areas. The day concluded by successfully uniting students, educators, and community leaders to address local health concerns.

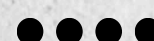
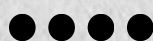
Cultural Club Explores Healing Through Folklore and Storytelling

Chūmoukedima, Aug. 25 – The Cultural and Music Club hosted an insightful Sarvodaya session on "Integrating Folklore and Storytelling in the Healing Process". The event explored the therapeutic potential of traditional narratives in modern social work. Presentations focusing on the Lotha and Chakhesang tribes illustrated how deeply rooted cultural stories can be a powerful medium for emotional and psychological healing. The session highlighted the importance of culturally sensitive approaches, demonstrating how folklore can be effectively integrated into contemporary social work practices to support clients.



Gender Champion Club Debates Adequacy of Maternal Healthcare in India

Chūmoukedima, Aug. 26 – Fostering critical dialogue, the Gender Champion Club organized a spirited debate on the topic, "Is Maternal Healthcare Infrastructure Adequate in India?". The event saw participants engage in a rigorous examination of the nation's maternal health services, analyzing both their strengths and significant shortcomings. The debate brought crucial issues to the forefront, fostering an in-depth discussion on persistent gaps in policy, unequal access to care, and challenges in service delivery that affect women across the country.



Literary Club Tests Knowledge on Social Work in Health Settings

Chümoukedima, Aug. 27 – The Literary Club challenged students' academic knowledge with a quiz competition themed "Bridging Care and Compassion: Social Work in Health Setting". The event served as an engaging and interactive platform to reinforce key concepts related to social work in the healthcare field. The quiz tested the students' comprehensive understanding of theories, ethics, and practices essential for supporting patients and their families in medical contexts. The competitive format made for a lively and educational experience, encouraging a deeper mastery of the subject matter.



NEISSR Concludes Social Work Week with Community Cleanliness Drive

Dimapur, Aug. 28 – The 6th National Social Work Week concluded with a hands-on community outreach program as MSW and BSW trainees conducted a cleanliness drive in Tenyiphe-2 village. The final event put theory into practice by promoting public hygiene and proper waste management techniques. As part of the initiative, students distributed dustbins to local households to support sustainable practices. This act of service not only improved the local environment but also strengthened NEISSR's relationship with the community, ending the week on a note of positive action.

Assam down town University Concludes Social Work Week with Talk on Compassion in Healthcare

Guwahati – The Programme of Social Work at Assam down town University, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), organized a session on August 21st to mark the conclusion of the 6th National Social Work Week-2025. The event was centered on the week's theme, 'Bridging Care and Compassion: Social Work in Health Settings'.

The expert speaker for the session was Dr. Manju Goel, Regional Director of the IGNOU Regional Centre in Khanna, Punjab. In her insightful presentation, Dr. Goel elaborated on the concept of compassion (Karuna) scriptures, Buddhism, and Jainism. She contrasted this with Western, individual-centric models of care. Dr. Goel emphasized the role of social workers in combining care and compassion to address the social, emotional, and psychological aspects of healing, not just the medical ones. The discussion highlighted the need for social workers to build trust, mobilize resources, and work as part of a multidisciplinary team. The session also sensitized participants to challenges in the field, including resource scarcity, burnout, and language barriers. The event successfully provided valuable insights into how compassionate social work can enhance patient well-being and transform health services. Participants acknowledged that social work in health is not just about medical assistance but also about nurturing dignity, respect, and humanity.





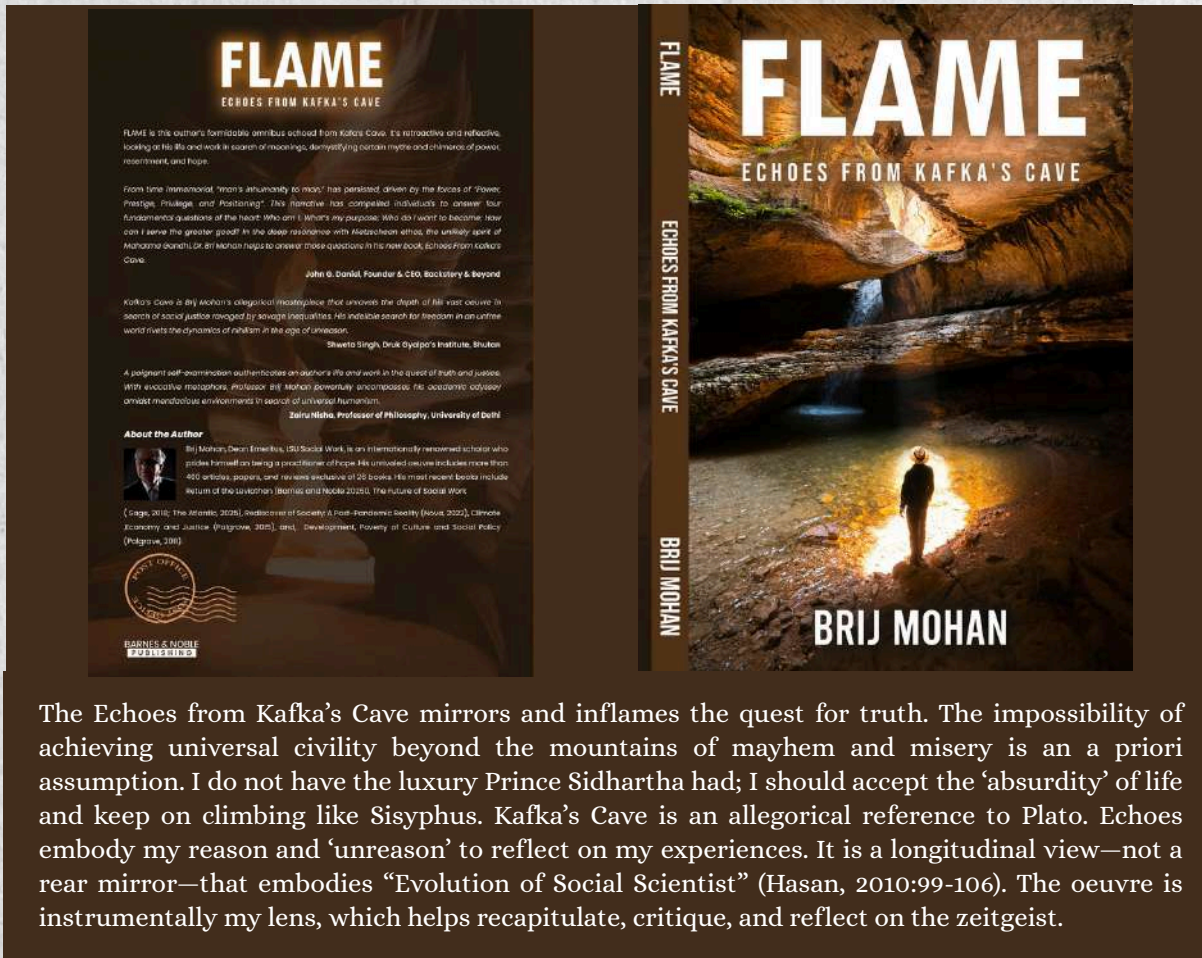
RTMNU's 'Indian Social Work Week' concludes

Concluding the celebrations of Indian Social Work Week, a National Seminar on 'Social Work in Health Setting: Bridging Care and Compassion' was organised at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU). Chief guest Dr Vedprakash Mishra emphasised that health without compassion is incomplete, highlighting the superiority of a helping hand over worship. The seminar was presided over by Anup Kumar Bhartiya, while Dr Satish Gogulwar was keynote speaker.

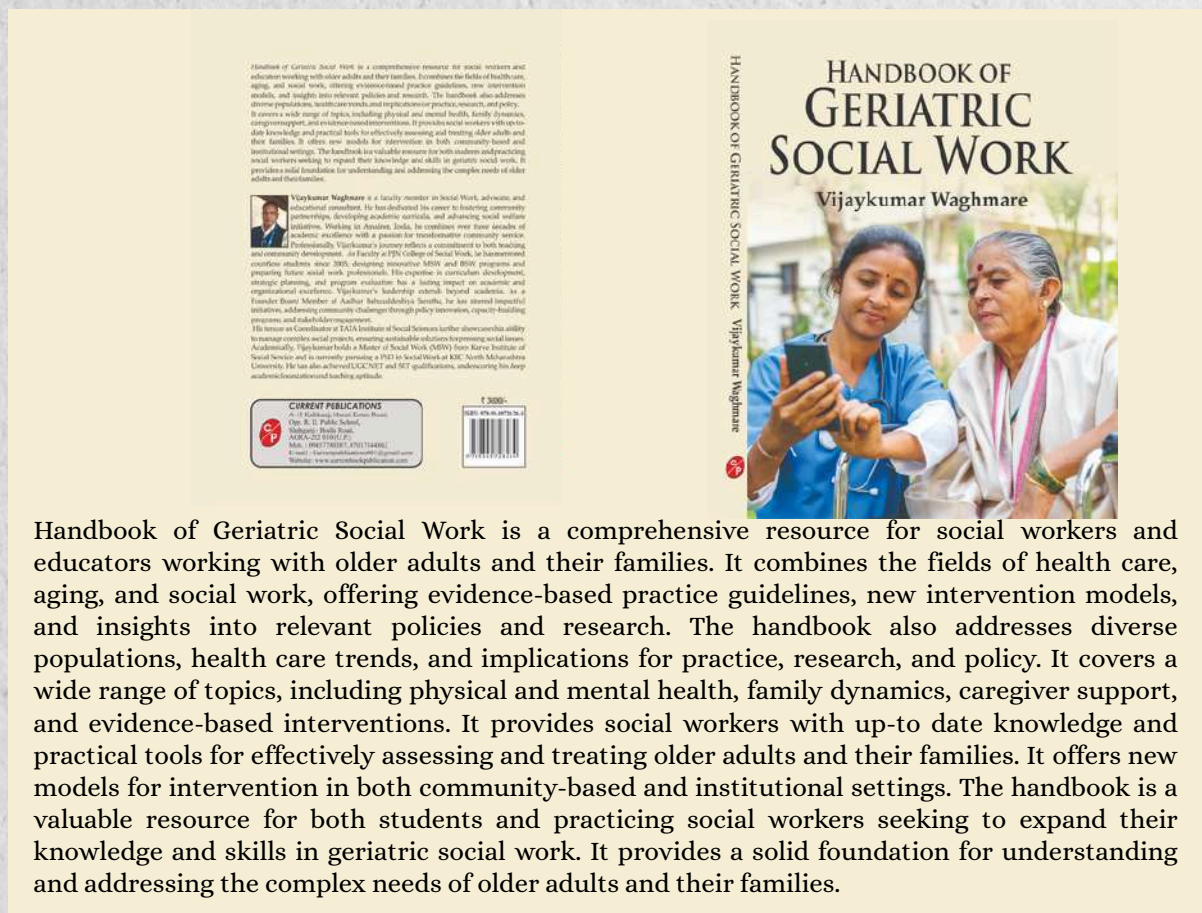
Dignitaries included Ambadas Mohite, Dr Kedarsingh Rotele, Dr Naresh Kolte, Dr Keshav Walke, Kiran Rotele, Kapil Rotele, Dr Mahendrakumar Meshram, Amolsingh Rotele, Dr Nandkishor Bhagat, Dr Kavita Kanholkar, Dr Vijay Tupe, Dr KalpanaJangade, Dr Aarti Pawar, Dr Chandu Patil and Dr Jyoti Nakatode. More than 10,000 students participated across 500 institutions. Essay and poster competition winners were honoured by the chief guest Dr Shyam Koreti. The week concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Amolsingh Rotele.



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The Echoes from Kafka's Cave mirrors and inflames the quest for truth. The impossibility of achieving universal civility beyond the mountains of mayhem and misery is an a priori assumption. I do not have the luxury Prince Sidhartha had; I should accept the 'absurdity' of life and keep on climbing like Sisyphus. Kafka's Cave is an allegorical reference to Plato. Echoes embody my reason and 'unreason' to reflect on my experiences. It is a longitudinal view—not a rear mirror—that embodies "Evolution of Social Scientist" (Hasan, 2010:99-106). The oeuvre is instrumentally my lens, which helps recapitulate, critique, and reflect on the zeitgeist.



Handbook of Geriatric Social Work is a comprehensive resource for social workers and educators working with older adults and their families. It combines the fields of health care, aging, and social work, offering evidence-based practice guidelines, new intervention models, and insights into relevant policies and research. The handbook also addresses diverse populations, health care trends, and implications for practice, research, and policy. It covers a wide range of topics, including physical and mental health, family dynamics, caregiver support, and evidence-based interventions. It provides social workers with up-to date knowledge and practical tools for effectively assessing and treating older adults and their families. It offers new models for intervention in both community-based and institutional settings. The handbook is a valuable resource for both students and practicing social workers seeking to expand their knowledge and skills in geriatric social work. It provides a solid foundation for understanding and addressing the complex needs of older adults and their families.

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