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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the July 2026 issue of the NAPSWI Newsletter.

This edition highlights the collective efforts of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) to strengthen the profession through knowledge sharing, professional development, advocacy, and collaboration. Inside this issue, you will find updates on the 14th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2026, preparations for the 7th National Social Work Week, highlights from our Legal Literacy Webinar Series, organizational initiatives, members' achievements, learning opportunities, and important developments relevant to the social work profession.

The newsletter also reflects our commitment to creating a vibrant platform where social workers, educators, researchers, students, and practitioners can stay informed, exchange ideas, and celebrate contributions that advance social justice and community well-being. Every initiative featured in this issue represents the dedication of our members and partners in strengthening the profession across the country.

We sincerely thank all contributors, volunteers, and members for their continued support and active participation. We encourage you to register for the 14th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2026 and join us in shaping meaningful discussions for the future of social work in India.

Your feedback is invaluable. Please share your suggestions, achievements, news, and ideas for future editions of the newsletter. Together, we can make this publication an even stronger platform for learning, collaboration, and professional excellence.

Happy Reading!

Editorial Team

NAPSWI Newsletter

HIGHLIGHT

14TH INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE (ISWC) 2026: REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

We are thrilled to announce that the online registration portal and call for papers for the 14th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2026 are officially live. Professional social workers, academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students from across the country are warmly invited to register and submit their abstracts through the online portal. To secure your spot, download the "social work brochure 2026.pdf" for complete guidelines, and access the online registration and payment form directly at www.napswi.org

This year's conference marks a historic milestone as it moves to the North-East for the very first time, focusing on the transformative theme: **"From Welfare to Wellbeing: Reimagining Social Work Practice for Viksit Bharat @2047"**. Moving away from traditional service-delivery models, the deliberations will explore holistic human wellbeing, quality of life, and sustainable development aligned with national progress. The scientific program features ten comprehensive sub-themes covering areas such as public health, rural development, child rights, corporate social responsibility, and digital social work.

2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH OF NOVEMBER 2026

The three-day national conference will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of November 2026 at the Department of Social Work, The Assam Royal Global University (RGU) in Guwahati, Assam, under the leadership of Dr. Priyanka Patowari (Organizing Secretary), with Prof. Kalpana Sarathy (TISS Guwahati) and Dr. C. P. Anto (NEISSR). Ahead of the main event, the online registration window closes on 5th August 2026, which is also the final deadline for abstract submissions. Following abstract selection, full research papers must be submitted by 30th August 2026. Make sure to mark your calendars and complete your registration early to avoid late fees.

GEAR UP FOR THE 7TH NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK (NSWW) 2026!

Dates: August 15 to August 21, 2026 Theme: "Social Work: Strengthening Minds, Strengthening Families"

The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is thrilled to announce the 7th National Social Work Week (NSWW). This national observance commences on Independence Day and culminates on Indian Social Work Day (August 21).

NAPSWI calls upon all Social Work Educational Institutions (SWEIs), educators, practitioners, and students to actively organize localized activities. Whether hosting virtual webinars, street plays (Nukkad Nataks), family counseling drives, or youth mental health forums, your local initiative matters!

The official Concept Note will be available on our website. coordinate with National Coordinator Prof. Keshav Walke (+91 91127 55849 | keshavwalke1@gmail.com), and start planning!

Visit Us: www.napswi.org

JOIN THE NAPSWI COMMUNITY

As you know, the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is a membership-based professional association committed to strengthening the social work profession through advocacy, networking, capacity building, and professional development. If you are not yet a member of NAPSWI, we warmly invite you to join our vibrant community of social work professionals, educators, researchers, students, and practitioners. Your membership strengthens our collective voice and contributes to the advancement of professional social work in India. If you are already a NAPSWI member, we sincerely request you to help us grow by sharing membership information with your colleagues, friends, students, and professional networks. Together, we can build a stronger and more connected social work community.

Click the button below to become a NAPSWI member or share this opportunity with someone who would like to join.

[Click to join](#)

CALL FOR ARTICLES – SOCIAL WORK DIGEST (JULY 2026)

We are pleased to invite you to contribute an article for the July 2026 issue of the NAPSWI Social Work Digest on the theme:

“Building Resilient Communities: The Role of Social Work in Disaster Risk Reduction, Response, and Recovery.”

This theme seeks to highlight the critical role of social workers in strengthening community resilience, supporting disaster preparedness, facilitating effective response mechanisms, and promoting sustainable recovery and rehabilitation efforts.

We warmly encourage practitioners, educators, researchers, students, and professionals from allied fields to share their insights, experiences, innovations, and research related to the theme.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Word Limit:** 1200–1500 words
- **Font:** Times New Roman, Font Size: 12
- **Format:** Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx)
- **Email Subject Line:** Article for Social Work Digest – July
- **Submission Deadline:** 16 July 2026

NAPSWI UPDATES

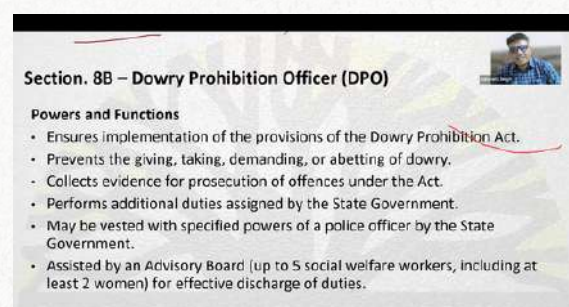
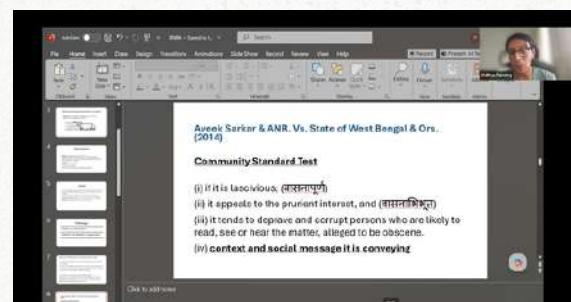
NAPSWI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) Executive Committee members convened on June 4, 2026, to finalize major organizational initiatives.

A primary focus was the 14th Indian Social Work Conference (IWSC). Following a successful site visit by a leadership delegation, the committee formally confirmed Royal Global University (RGU) in Guwahati as the official venue. Mobilization efforts are underway, highlighted by a local institution committing to a two-day closure to send 500 delegates. Additionally, the committee greenlit a National Mentorship Program pilot. Spearheaded by Dr. Anish KR, the initiative will initially pair 25 senior professionals with mentees under strict selection criteria. Timelines were also established for National Social Work Week preparations.

NAPSWI HOSTS LEGAL LITERACY WEBINAR ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) conducted its eighth Legal Literacy Webinar on 13 June 2026, examining the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 and the Indecent Representation of Women Act, 1986. Mr. Balwant Singh from TISS discussed dowry law provisions and enforcement challenges, emphasizing social workers' roles in prevention. Ms. Shikha Pandey, Asia Program Director at the International Legal Foundation, addressed laws on indecent representation and digital obscenity, citing key judgments. Moderated by Twinkle Islary, the session concluded with Professor Sanjai Bhatt encouraging legal literacy among social work professionals to advance gender justice in India.



NAPSWI SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES 9TH LEGAL LITERACY WEBINAR

The National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) successfully organized Event-09 of its National Web-Workshop Series on Legal Literacy on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The highly engaging session focused on the crucial legislative frameworks of the Maternity Benefit Act.

Dr. Nemthianggai Guite from JNU meticulously deconstructed the legal mandates, amendments, and overarching provisions of both Acts to ensure clear legislative comprehension. Following this, Prof. Neena Pandey from the University of Delhi bridges the gap between law and practice by highlighting grassroots complexities, structural challenges, and the stark field realities women face while accessing these vital legal rights. The workshop concluded with an interactive Q&A session empowering social work practitioners nationwide.



SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT: 2ND PROF. P.R. BALGOPAL & SHYAMLA BALGOPAL LECTURE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

We are honored to announce that Dr. Venkat Pulla will deliver the prestigious memorial lecture at the 14th ISWC in Guwahati!

A proud TISS alumnus and Tata Dorabji Scholar (1976–77), Dr. Pulla is a global authority on strengths-based social work, resilience, and green social work. Currently the Social Work Coordinator at the Australian Catholic University, Brisbane, his career spans academic leadership across Australia and grassroots impact in India—including founding Hyderabad's Centre for Environment Concerns and training senior public sector executives. As the founder of the Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice and Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Social Work and Human Services Practice, his evocative work beautifully bridges mindfulness, positive psychology, and human rights.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a global visionary. Stay tuned for the schedule!

MEMBERS CORNER

LET THE 'TEACHERS' TEACH: ADDRESSING THE OVER-BUREAUCRATIZATION OF INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

By: Dr. Rahul Kapoor (Gautam Buddha University)

This article examines how the adoption of Western academic designations has systematically distanced Indian university faculty from their primary duty: teaching and mentorship. Under the 'Indian Knowledge System,' educators are meant to be gurus who shape ethical individuals. Instead, modern systemic pressures force them into rigid, bureaucratic boxes.

In private universities, faculty operate like "robots," burdened with publishing multiple Scopus-indexed papers, executing administrative data entry for global rankings, and conducting admissions calls. Government institutions fare little better; mandatory publication metrics strictly govern PhD supervision, while extensive university committees and election duties cannibalize crucial classroom hours. Ultimately, students suffer from a disillusioned faculty. The author argues for a paradigm shift: institutions must evaluate and hire educators based on wisdom, teaching competency, and mentoring skills rather than corporate, administrative metrics. [\[Read the full article here\]](#)

FROM GRASSROOTS TO LEADERSHIP: THE ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY OF A NYISHI TRIBAL WOMAN

Prof. (Dr.) Sukamal Deb (Anant National University)

This field narrative chronicles the transformative, two-decade entrepreneurial journey of Mrs. Taba Mechi, an unlettered woman from the Nyishi Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. In 2004, with the aid of a INR 5.00 Lakh government subsidy scheme, she established a pioneering Steel Fabrication unit. Her grassroots success eventually earned national acclaim, featured in a 2009 Doordarshan documentary and documented by FICCI-FLO in 2014.



visit to their village, Chessa - I

Mrs. Mechi's economic independence allowed her to educate her two sons, both of whom later left secure government jobs to scale her entrepreneurial legacy. Today, the family manages a 25–30 acre agricultural estate in Chessa Village, cultivating rubber and areca nut processing trees. While challenges like deficient local healthcare infrastructure and a reliance on external labor persist, this success story demonstrates that sustainable tribal development and authentic leadership are driven by localized entrepreneurship. [Read the full article here](#)



Due to the Eid Festival, all workers are on leave, except one



Meeting relatives of Taba Mechi at Chessa, discussing the development landscape

MEMBER CONCERN: FAIR WAGES FOR DAILY-RATED WORKERS

NAPSWI has received a representation from NAPSWI Member, a daily-rated employee of the Public Health Engineering Department, West Bengal, regarding the challenges faced by daily-rated workers. According to the representation, thousands of workers have been serving the Government of West Bengal since 1995. In the Kalyani Nadia and Arsenic Divisions alone, nearly 1,500 daily-wage employees are engaged, with many receiving an in-hand salary of only ₹12,000–13,000 per month after deductions.

The representation highlights that rising costs of food, education, healthcare, transportation, and family responsibilities have made it increasingly difficult for workers to maintain a decent standard of living. It requests a revision of daily wages, improved social security, and measures to ensure a dignified livelihood for daily-rated employees.

As a professional body committed to social justice and workers' welfare, **NAPSWI invites its members to share evidence-based suggestions**, policy recommendations, legal perspectives, research findings, or successful models that can help address this issue. Your valuable inputs will contribute to informed dialogue and collective advocacy for the rights and well-being of daily-rated workers.

NEW SWAYAM MOOC COURSE LAUNCHED!

We are delighted to share that a new SWAYAM MOOC titled "Sustainable Development and Kerala Development Model" has been launched by EMMRC, University of Calicut. This free online course is a valuable learning opportunity for students, educators, researchers, and professionals interested in sustainable development and social work.

We are especially happy and proud to see the active involvement of our NAPSWI members in this significant academic initiative. A special congratulations to our Executive Council Member, Dr. Anish K. R., who is serving as the Course Coordinator for this MOOC. We also extend our best wishes to all the distinguished resource persons and organizers for this commendable effort.

We encourage everyone in the social work fraternity to explore this course and make the most of this excellent learning opportunity.

Congratulations to Dr. Anish K. R. and the entire team! Wishing the course great success.



EMMRC, University of Calicut
FREE SWAYAM MOOCs

SWAYAM

Massive Open Online Course
OFFICIAL LAUNCH

"Sustainable Development and Kerala Development Model"

Orientation Session on SWAYAM MOOCs for Students and Teachers

INAUGURATION AND MOOC LAUNCH
Prof.(Dr.) G B REDDY
Vice - Chancellor
The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochin



Presidential Address	Key Note Address 1	Key Note Address 2	About the MOOC
Prof. (Dr.) SAJU MD Principal Rajagiri College of Social Sciences	DAMODAR PRASAD Director EMMRC University of Calicut	Dr. BINJOY JOSEPH Associate Director Rajagiri College of Social Sciences	Dr. ANISH K R Course Coordinator "Sustainable Development and Kerala Development"
Welcome Address	Introducing MOOC	Technical Session	
Dr. KIRAN THAMPI Associate Professor & Head Department of Social Work, NSS	SAJEEED NADUTHODY Professor EMMRC University of Calicut	SHIMJITH Teacher EMMRC University of Calicut	

11 AM 02 July 2026
Venue: Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)

Technical Sessions

OTHER COURSES



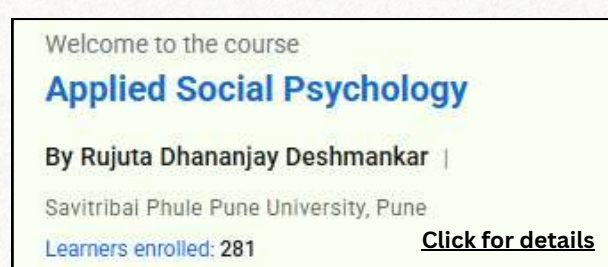
Welcome to the course
Introduction to GST

By Prof. Mohammad Rafi Syed |

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India...

Learners enrolled: 1622
Exam registrations: 34

[Click for details](#)



Welcome to the course
Applied Social Psychology

By Rujuta Dhananjay Deshmankar |

Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune

Learners enrolled: 281

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Welcome to the course
An Integrated Approach to Common Childhood Diseases and Development...

By Prof. Soumi Kundu, Prof. Nabarun Karmakar, Prof. Parama Banerjee

| IIT Kharagpur

Learners enrolled: 317
Exam registrations: 2

[Click for details](#)



Welcome to the course
BGS-011: Understanding Gender and Law

By Dr. Smita M. Patil and Dr. Gurmeet Kaur |

Indira Gandhi National Open University, N...

Learners enrolled: 97

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

In this section, we have curated a selection of news and updates worth reading from the field of social work and related sectors. We encourage you to read these stories, reflect on their implications, and share your opinions, insights, or responses with us. Your perspectives may be featured in an upcoming issue of the NAPSWI Social Work Digest. Together, let's foster meaningful dialogue and learning within the social work community.

SC uses special powers to set aside POCSO conviction to let couple live 'peacefully' as spouses

Victim married the convict when she became an adult and wished to continue the relationship; top court cautions that relief was granted due to the peculiar facts of this case and will not operate as a precedent

Updated - June 11, 2026 02:21 pm IST - New Delhi

Court slashes 19-year-old's POCSO life term to 10 years, blames 'adverse impact of hormonal changes'

The Madras High Court was hearing an appeal filed by a man challenging his conviction under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the SC/ST Act, and other provisions.

| Gujarat

84 child labourers rescued across Gujarat; 26 accused booked by police in statewide crackdown

Officials described the conditions as a combination of physical, mental, and economic exploitation that robbed the children of their right to education and a normal childhood.

SOCIAL WORK UPDATES

We are pleased to share the India Today Best Colleges Survey 2026

TOP 10 COLLEGES 2026 SOCIAL WORK				
	RANK 2026	RANK 2025	COLLEGE	CITY
↔	1	1	TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (TISS)	Mumbai
↔	2	2	RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Kochi
↔	3	3	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	New Delhi
↔	4	4	MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK	Chennai
↔	5	5	COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (AUTONOMOUS), NIRMALA NIKETAN	Mumbai
↑	6	7	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
↑	7	8	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	Chennai
↑	8	11	KRISTU JAYANTI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
↔	9	9	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Chennai
↑	10	NP	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara

TOP 10 EMERGING COLLEGES SOCIAL WORK

Highest scoring colleges among those set up in or after 2000

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY
1	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
2	KRISTU JAYANTI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Bengaluru
3	PRASANNA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MAHE	Manipal
4	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH	Banasthali Vidyapith
5	ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY	Bengaluru
6	THE BHOPAL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Bhopal
7	ST. ALOYSIUS (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)	Mangaluru
8	S.S. JAIN SUBODH P.G. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Jaipur
9	HINDUSTHAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE (AUTONOMOUS)	Coimbatore
10	BHARATA MATA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRIKKAKARA	Kochi

TOP 10 COLLEGES WITH BEST VALUE FOR MONEY SOCIAL WORK

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY	RoI*
1	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara	28.25
2	S.S. JAIN SUBODH P.G. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Jaipur	19.09
3	PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE	Coimbatore	17.54
4	RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Kochi	11.44
5	VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Thrissur	10.66
6	KARVE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICE	Pune	10.29
7	LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Thiruvananthapuram	9.03
8	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, DELHI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI	New Delhi	8.42
9	SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYALAYA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE	Coimbatore	7.85
10	COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK (AUTONOMOUS), NIRMALA NIKETAN	Mumbai	6.55

*RoI (return on investment) is calculated based on average annual salary/ total course fees (entire duration)

NEW ENTRANTS SOCIAL WORK

Colleges that feature among the top 25 for the first time

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY
18	MAHATMA GANDHI KASHI VIDYAPITH	Varanasi
25	HINDUSTHAN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE (AUTONOMOUS)	Coimbatore

TOP 10 COLLEGES WITH LOWEST FEES SOCIAL WORK

RANK	COLLEGE	CITY	COURSE FEE* (ENTIRE DURATION)
1	ORANGE CITY COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK	Nagpur	₹ 9,600
2	MAHATMA GANDHI KASHI VIDYAPITH	Varanasi	₹ 10,030
3	VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Thrissur	₹ 14,970
4	PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE	Coimbatore	₹ 19,960
5	S.S. JAIN SUBODH P.G. COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)	Jaipur	₹ 22,000
6	FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, MAHARAJA SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY OF BARODA	Vadodara	₹ 22,120
7	LOYOLA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)	Thiruvananthapuram	₹ 24,120
8	SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYALAYA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE	Coimbatore	₹ 26,265
9	KARVE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICE	Pune	₹ 29,150
10	BON SECOURS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS)	Thanjavur	₹ 42,000

*Course fee = Tuition fee + other fees

LGBRIMH MPSW ADMISSIONS 2026-2027: ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!



LOKOPRIYA GOPINATH BORDOLOI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (LGBRIMH)
An Autonomous Institution under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India
Tezpur, Assam



ADMISSIONS 2026-2027
MASTER OF PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK (MPSW)
A 2-YEAR FULL-TIME SUPERVISED CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME
NCAHP APPROVED PROGRAMME UNDER GAUhati UNIVERSITY

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS & ADVANTAGES

COMPREHENSIVE CLINICAL TRAINING
Supervised clinical training and exposure in Adult Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine, Geriatric Mental Health, Family Therapy, Rehabilitation Services and Community Mental health.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE AND RESEARCH
Training in Evidence-Based Mental Health Interventions at individual, family and community level. Strong emphasis on the quantitative and qualitative research training.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Opportunities in hospitals, medical colleges, mental health institutes, NGOs, rehabilitation centres, academia, research organizations, public health programmes and international organizations.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGES

- Registration as a Healthcare Professional
- Professional recognition across India
- Enhanced national and international career mobility
- Eligibility to work in diverse healthcare and community settings
- Contribution to strengthening mental health services in India and globally

PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTE
LGBRIMH is one of the leading tertiary mental health institutes in India and Govt. of India has declared it as Regional Apex Institute.

HOW TO APPLY
For admission details, the prospectus, and the online application, visit the official links below:
Prospectus: <https://lgbri.in/pdf/2026/2027/mphs20262027.pdf>
Admission Portal: <https://lgbri.in/admission/mphs20262027/index.aspx>

INTAKE 2026-2027

TOTAL SEATS: 20

CATEGORY	SEATS
North East Borneo	10
OPEN CATEGORY	10
UR	6
OBC	2
SC	1
EWS	1
TOTAL	20

MONTHLY STIPEND
₹25,000/- PER MONTH

WHO CAN APPLY?
A regular Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW) (3 or 4 years) from a UGC-recognized university/institution, with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks.
OR
Master's in Social Work (MSW) with a minimum of 50% aggregate marks.

1. Last date for application is 15th July for Masters in PSW at LGBRIMH Tezpur Assam - Gauhati University

2. BSW /MSW are both eligible for Clinical Masters in PSW

3. 25 K /- per month is stipend for Masters in PSW.

4. PhD in PSW (only 2 reserved seats vacant this year - OBC & SC)is currently 25 / 28 in 3rd year ..only MPhil holders eligible. Likely to increase to 37/42 in third year.

NEW CHANGES IN FCRA

Here are the key points and structural changes introduced by the 2026 FCRA amendments:

1. Widened Scope of 'Key Functionaries'

- *Expanded Definition:* Under Rule 2(1), a new clause (ca) defines a "key functionary" to include company directors, partners in a firm, trustees, the Karta of a Hindu undivided family, and office bearers or members of governing bodies, managing committees, or other controlling authorities.
- *Wider Net for Violations:* The compliance net has widened; previously, only "directors or office bearers" had to ensure they were free from conviction or prosecution, but this now applies to all designated "key functionaries".
- *Restriction on Foreign Nationals:* Organizations with foreign nationals (excluding Persons of Indian Origin—PIO, or Overseas Citizens of India—OCI) as key functionaries will ordinarily be ineligible for FCRA registration or prior permission unless explicitly permitted by the Central Government.

2. Mandatory Purpose and Geographic Disclosures

- *Strict Predefined Categories:* Nonprofits must now select their registration purposes strictly from a predefined list of specific activities outlined in a new Schedule across five broad heads: Religious, Cultural, Economic, Educational, and Social.
- *Geographic Targeting:* Applications must specify the exact States or Union Territories (UTs) where the activities will occur. Existing organizations have one year from the commencement of the rules to submit Form FC-6F to declare the purposes and regions they wish to retain.

- *Modification Fees:* Nonprofits must pay a fee of ₹300 per additional State/UT and ₹300 per additional purpose. Any future additions or deletions of operation areas or objectives require a governing body resolution and an application via Form FC-6F.

3. Quantitative Compliance Thresholds

- *"Reasonable Activity" Threshold:* To maintain or renew registration, an association must have utilized a minimum of ₹10 lakh out of foreign contributions over the preceding two financial years. Local fund utilization does not count toward this metric, and failure to meet it can lead to cancellation.
- *Prior Permission Installments:* For subsequent fund disbursements from a specific donor, organizations must submit a new Form FC-3BB. Funds will only be released after field verification proves that at least 75% of the previous installment has been properly utilized.

4. Stringent Reporting & Enhanced Disclosures

- *Traceability of Intermediaries:* Annual Returns (Form FC-4) now mandate the disclosure of the ultimate original donors if funds are received via an aggregator or intermediary (such as Donor Advised Funds).
- *Social Media & Publications:* Nonprofits must report their official website and social media handles. They are required to submit details of all books, articles, blogs, and social posts published by the organization and its key functionaries during the year.

- **Strict "News" Prohibition:** Organizations are explicitly prohibited from publishing or broadcasting political commentary, news, or current affairs.
- **Financial Oversight:** Submissions must include detailed activity reports, project-wise breakdown of administrative expenses versus project assets, and the Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) on the Chartered Accountant's Certificate and audited financial statements.

5. Percentage-Based Penalty Expansion

The rules introduce explicit percentage-based financial penalties for compliance failures under Section 37 and Section 35:

- **Speculative Activities:** Utilizing foreign funds for speculative investments incurs a penalty of ₹1 lakh or 30% of the amount invested (whichever is higher), alongside the forfeiture of 100% of any returns earned.
- **Misutilization of Purpose:** Using funds for non-declared purposes carries a penalty of ₹1 lakh or 30% of the misutilized amount (whichever is higher).
- **Unapproved Regions/Purposes:** Operating in a State, UT, or for a purpose not granted under the registration triggers a penalty of ₹1 lakh or 30% of the foreign contribution utilized in that territory/purpose (whichever is higher).

HELP US SHAPE THE NAPSWI NEWSLETTER!

Since launching our monthly newsletter in 2024, we have come a long way together. Now in our 3rd Volume, our updates reach over 6,000 members across the social work fraternity. As we grow, we want to ensure this space continues to serve, inform, and inspire you effectively. We would love to hear your thoughts:

- Which sections or features do you enjoy reading the most, and what updates or new ideas would you suggest to help us improve?
- Please share your feedback with us—your insights are invaluable as we shape the future of our publication!
- If there is a completely new section you would like to see introduced, please let us know!

This is Volume 3, Issue 6 of the official monthly NAPSWI newsletter! We invite you to feature your achievements, institutional updates, or social work news in our upcoming editions. Please email your entries to napswi@gmail.com with the subject line format: **"Contribution for NAPSWI Newsletter [Month]"**. We look forward to highlighting your impactful work in our next issue!

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