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for Social Development

8th INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONGRESS 2020 and 8th ICSD ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE (On Virtual Mode)

Theme :

Social Cohesion, Collective Responsibility and Social Work Profession

Jointly Organised by

National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI),
International Consortium for Social Development - Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) &
Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

28th February, to 2nd March, 2021

Refer to the website : <http://www.napswi.org>

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Registration Closes on : 31st January 2021

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Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the virtual 8th Indian Social Work Congress, 2020 & 8th ICSD Asia Pacific branch conference to be held during 28th February to 2nd March 2021!

We are pleased to invite the social work professionals both from academics and practice settings, the researchers, the scholars and the students to be a part of this virtual historic experience to highlight and introspect on some of the important challenges of professional social work today.

The communities, across the globe, are fighting terribly with the current Covid-19 pandemic. It has led the people to be in lockdown for months with physical distancing, fear, anxiety, stress and loss. Also, the gradual unlock making the people learn to live with the new normal which is again full of unprecedented concerns amidst the alarming spread of the disease in the absence of a vaccine. On the other side, there is no escape for the nations but to deal with the persistent problems of climate change, collapse of economy, issues of migration, migrant labourers and so on. In cumulation, it has left profound shock on developing countries like India where even the basic sectors like health, education, agriculture, etc. are still in challenge. Social work as helping profession has an essential frontline role in combating these issues through supporting communities to protect themselves and through strengthening social solidarity. As the profession needs to continuously evolve with the changing realities, new learnings and adaptations from the field, the 8th Indian Social Work Congress and the 8th ICSD Asia Pacific branch conference have chosen the theme as: **Social Cohesion, Collective Responsibility and Social Work Profession**. It will spot on the social work values of multiplicity and inclusive participation.

Social cohesion as an expression conceptualized as both a desirable end and means to inclusive development. It describes a cohesive society as one which strives towards the welfare of all its members by minimising disparities, fighting exclusion and marginalization, creating a sense of belonging, promoting trust and collectiveness, and by offering its members the growth opportunities for upward socio-economic mobility. Social cohesion involves building shared values, reducing disparities in wealth and income, and generally enabling people to have a sense that they are engaged in a common enterprise, facing shared challenges, and that they are members of the same community (Maxwell, 1996). Social cohesion as a characteristic of society demonstrates the interdependence between individuals in the society. A cohesive society is a mutually supportive community of responsible individuals pursuing their common goals with democratic values and practices.

Collective responsibility is connoted as shared responsibility or the responsibility of the collective entity. It requires, not only the collective actions and intentions, but a collective mind to deal with any crisis. It is also understood as an intellectual construct that enables the coherence of collective actions and group intentions in the communities.

As we discussed, the communities across the globe, today, need collective action to handle not only the current crisis of Covid-19 but also all other unrelenting socio-political, economic and environmental issues beset the humanity. Thus, social workers have a central role in promoting social cohesion through collective action that involves collective responsibility for betterment of all with human values and rights.

Beneath the extraordinary conference theme, we aspire to discuss, deliberate and introspect on issues and concerns emanating out of the present day's context and discourse of the profession. While all move towards the gathering, it is sure that the 8th ISWC & 8th ICSDAP branch conference will certainly provide tremendous opportunity to all to share their views, opinion and experiences through its online platform. Being the host, we too believe that it will be a personally enriching and professionally productive engagement for each one of us. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to NAPSWI & ICSDAP for granting us this opportunity to host the gathering this year.

We look forward to welcome you virtually at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan! We have desire to hold on in offline mode but we are forced to hold in on line mode reasons to known you all, beyond our control.

Let us make this endeavour the best occasion for the Social Work Profession.

In solidarity

Organising secretary

On behalf of Local Organising Committee

About the Congress

The Indian Social Work Congress is an initiative of National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). The purpose of this Congress is to bring fraternity of professional social workers together to discuss and deliberate upon the issues related to social work profession in general, social work education, research and practice in India as well as in other contexts. The Indian Social Work Congress aims to strengthen social work profession to ensure social justice and human rights for all. The Congress also aims to register the responses of social work profession to the changing situations and response of the profession. ISWC aims to act as a forum for *understanding the importance of collective responsibility and social cohesion for sustainable social development and revisiting the role of social work profession* between social work fraternity and other stakeholders such as people in general, civil society sectors, funding organisations, government, etc.

Specific Objectives

1. To provide a platform to social work professionals to discuss and deliberate on the issues related to social cohesion, social responsibility and social work during the changing scenario and delve into the innovative research and practice.
2. To deliberate upon roles and responsibilities of social work professionals in changing socio-political context with respect to social responsibility.
3. To share and exchange realities amongst social work educators, researchers and practitioners to discuss and debate the issues related to social work profession in India and across the globe and reflect upon contemporary issues related to social work profession and its response.

Sub-themes

The sub-themes are proposed as frameworks for the detailed deliberations under the theme. What is generally expected are the conceptual, empirical and interventional papers or posters in terms of the causes, consequences, current status, strategic interventions, potential responses in management lines including policies and programmes with social work implications to the education, and practice.

1. Social work education and profession: Related Issues including formation of SW Council
2. Social work, community resilience and social cohesion during COVID-19 and new normal
3. Social work, SDGs and issues towards social, economical and environmental sustainability
4. Families, women, children, youth and others during COVID-19 pandemic
5. CSR, social entrepreneurship, working class, occupational social work and World of work
6. Health, public health, mental health and social work in pandemic times
7. Social work with vulnerable groups, dalits, tribals, minorities, disabled, LGBTQ and others
8. Civil society, social service workforce and empowering people and their rights
9. Social policies especially related to people's development, National education policy,
10. Digital divide, new challenges and digital social work

Call for Papers

Papers are invited from the participants on any of the above sub-themes proposed. We invite the academia as well as professional social workers in particular and others interested to submit the abstract **on line** through our website. The abstract should not exceed 500 words and it should include the author's name, designation, affiliating institution, mailing address, contact number, E-mail ID, title of the abstract and text. **We are open to accepting the abstract till 31st January 2021.** Once the abstract is received, it will be reviewed and the acceptance will be communicated within seven days. Accepted abstracts of the registered delegates will be published in the book of abstracts.

We propose to have online **oral as well as poster presentation.** Only selected papers will be accepted for presentation and should be accompanied by MS Power Point format and full paper in detail. The length of full paper including tables, diagrammes, illustrations, references, etc. should not be more than 5000 to 6000 words. The full paper should be in English and typed in MS-Word in Times New Roman with font size 12. Bibliographical references should be arranged alphabetically and given at the end of the text in the APA format only. The full version of paper should be submitted in **soft copy** latest by 20th February 2021. The selected papers will be published in an edited book. For submission of paper/ abstract, please go to Registration tab on NAPSWI website www.napsw.org

Organisers:

National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)

NAPSWI is a non –profit, non- political, national level organization dedicated to the promotion of standard and status of social work profession. NAPSWI is one of the largest associations of social work professionals in India. NAPSWI was born in 2005, out of the concerns of professional social workers to fill up the vacuum at national level as a professional organisation. Since its inception, it has been making attempts to bring professional social workers on one platform and raise their voices in different forums. NAPSWI intends to fulfill twin purposes: to promote the social work profession across the country with the aim of improving the quality of services in the social welfare and social development sectors on one hand and to protect interests of social work professionals on the other.

ICSD Asia Pacific (ICSAP) Branch

The International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) is an organization of practitioners, scholars, and students in the human services. It was started in the 1970s by a group of social work educators to respond to pressing human concerns from an international, interdisciplinary perspective. The organization seeks to develop conceptual frameworks and effective intervention strategies geared to influencing local, national and international systems. It is committed to creating peaceful solutions to the problems of survival at the local, national and global levels. ICSD members use a social development approach. ICSD fosters collaboration among personnel of organisations such as United Nations, World Bank, UNESCO, and UNICEF as well as among professional associations in the human services and institutions of higher learning. The ICSD Asia Pacific Branch is an operational arm of ICSD at a regional level. The main mission of the branch is to further the aims and objectives of the ICSD within the Asia Pacific region.

Visva-Bharati –Department of Social Work, Sriniketan

The Department of Social Work at Sriniketan was set up on the ideals of Tagore's Sriniketan experiment. This Department is the oldest and premiere institute of Social Work in eastern India. It has followed the footsteps of Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore. Being the first institute in India to introduce Bachelor Degree in Social Work (BSW) in 1963, it started Master of Social Work (MSW) programme in 1977. Three programmes such as BSW (Hons), MSW and PhD in Social Work are offered now through this Department in addition to two diploma courses. Seventeen faculty members and three academic support staff with rich academic background continuously strive to maintain quality education and research for almost all students who come from the within and adjoining states.

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Registration will be open **from 16th December 2020**. You are required to submit the Registration Form along with the abstract and keep your full paper ready for submission online. Kindly register online via the Congress website www.napswi.org for initial registration, submission of abstract and online payment. **Registration will be closed on 31st January 2021.**

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Early Registration (Upto 31 st Jan 2021)	Delayed Registration (01 st February to 07 th February 2021)
NAPSWI Members	750	1000
Non NAPSWI Members	1000	1250
BSW and MSW Student	300	500
Research Scholars	500	750
Foreign Delegates	\$ 40	\$ 50

: Registration cannot be ensured for each one. However, we shall try to accommodate the aspirants depending upon the availability of seats. We request you to please follow our website in this regard. UG/PG Students number is restricted to 100 (15 per NAPSWI Member Institution and 2 to 5 per non-NAPSWI Institutional Member) only and registration is strictly on first come first register basis.

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Registration cannot be confirmed until full payment is received. While we encourage you to make online payments through website only, in case you are not able to do so, please contact the Congress Secretariate. *We shall accept only Bank Demand Draft or NEFT in favour of 'National Association of Professional Social Workers in India'* **Electronic/Telegraphic Transfers** shall be accepted to the account listed below. To enable us to identify your payment, please ensure your name and 8th Indian Social Work Congress 2020 appears on your transfer and please submit a copy of the transfer to the Congress Secretariate. Please note that the Congress will not be responsible for the charge of any bank fees.

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Account No: 912010057923140

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- Admission to Opening Ceremony
- Admission to Technical Sessions
- Abstract Book
- Subsidized Publication
- Admission to Social Programme
- Admission to Trade Exhibition
- Admission to Closing Ceremony
- Certificate of Participation

SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

Memorial Lectures

There will be 5th Prof Surendra Singh Memorial Lecture and 1st Prof R R Singh Memorial Lecture on Field Work. In addition, Prof David Cox Lecture will also be organized. We will soon place more details on website.

Online Students Forum:

The Congress has planned a Social Work Student Forum for students' members of NAPSWI with the purpose is to provide opportunity to budding social work professionals. The details will be communicated later on.

Online Book Release

The Congress will host RELEASE of BOOKS related to social work. The authors and/or publishers can submit their request for release of books. Each book release will be given 20 minutes time and will be chaired by Eminent Academician / Practitioner (to be decided by a Committee in consultation with Author/ publisher). This event will be a sponsored event. The Congress will encourage provision of special price of such book for Congress delegates.

Poster/Slogan for National Social Work Week

NAPSWI will be celebrating 2nd National Social Work Week from 16th August 2021 to 22 August 2021. A poster competition will be organized on the theme of "Social Cohesion, Collective Responsibility and Social Work Profession". Any social work student, research scholar, teacher or practitioner can participate. The selected posters will be displayed and rewarded with certificate and cash prize. The rules in this regard can be asked from NAPSWI office or its website.

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