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13TH INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE 2025

Theme

**TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND SOCIETY: CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECOSOCIAL WORK AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**



Organized by

**Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM),
Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

and

National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)

In Collaboration with

Odisha Professional Social Workers Association (OPSWA)

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CUTM Campus, Ramachandrapur, Jatni, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

Registration Opens : 07th May 2025
Registration Closes : 30th August 2025

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THE 13TH ISWC A BACKDROP

We are pleased to invite academicians, researchers, practitioners, students and social work professionals to be part of this historic experience to discuss and deliberate some of important issues and challenges of professional social work today.

Social work is committed to facilitating and promoting self-reliant individuals, sustainable group practices and an egalitarian and undivided society through the science of teaching and the art of doing. With the early moorings in social service traditions and organized social welfare, social work has evolved to cater the changing needs of society in the wake of industrialization, urbanization and obtuse development. It marked its presence to provide specialized services to individuals, groups and communities.

ISWC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

ISWC 2025 aims to bring together academicians, practitioners, policymakers, and industry leaders to foster interdisciplinary dialogues on the interplay between technology, innovation, and society in advancing sustainable development. It will serve as a platform for exchange of knowledge, showcase best practices, and co-create strategies that bridge gaps between technology, sustainable development goals and social work profession in Indian context. The participants of the conference should send a paper engaging at least one component of the given theme and sub-themes.

THEME AND SUB-THEMES

The main theme for the 13th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2025 is **Technology, Innovation, and Society: Ecosocial Work and Sustainable Development**, which underscores the pivotal role of technological advancements and innovative paradigms in fostering economic betterment, environmental sustainability and societal well-being. In an era dominated by the Anthropocene, where climate change, ecological degradation, and socio-economic inequalities are interwoven into the fabric of global challenges, the integration of innovative technology, ecosocial work principles and sustainable development offer transformative possibilities for equitable and resilient futures especially for the Viksit Bharat.

Technology, as an enabler of societal progress, has revolutionized traditional approaches to problem-solving, particularly in areas of community empowerment, resource management, disaster mitigation, and environmental conservation. Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT) have demonstrated significant potential in advancing sustainable practices. In 2024, technology and innovation reports highlighted the rise of AI, the importance of social entrepreneurship, and the global focus on innovation, with India securing 39th position in the Global Innovation Index. However, the adoption and application of such technologies must transcend technical efficiency to embody ethical, equitable, and ecological considerations in a wide array of diverse social, economic and cultural systems of Odisha and India. Along with technology, innovation lies at the heart of sustainable development, offering novel solutions to entrenched environmental and social challenges. While technology and innovation hold promise, they also pose ethical and societal challenges, including issues of access, equity, and ecological impact.

The digital divide, algorithmic biases, and techno-centric interventions risk perpetuating social inequities in a highly populated and diversified society like India. There can be no denial to critically engage with these dimensions, advocating for inclusive and participatory frameworks that democratize technology for marginalized communities. It will also reflect on the ethical imperatives of technological deployments in ecosocial work, ensuring that interventions prioritize ecological justice and community agency. Ecosocial work integrates ecological concerns with social justice frameworks, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human and environmental well-being.

In the context of ecosocial work, innovation encompasses both technological advancements and indigenous knowledge systems. By aligning its principles with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ecosocial work provides actionable pathways to achieve SDGs such as Reduce Poverty (SDG 1), Good health and Well-Being (SDG 3), Gender Equality (SDG 5), Climate Action (SDG 13), Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6), and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10).

ISWC 2025 intends to explore the multifaceted intersections of technology with societal structures, focusing on its role as a catalyst for ecosocial work—a discipline committed to environmental justice and community-centric development. Discussions will focus on renewable energy technologies, circular economy practices, sustainable urbanization, and community-led conservation initiatives. It will also delve into how grassroots innovations, coupled with cutting-edge technologies, can foster adaptive capacities, build resilience, and promote inclusive participation in sustainability efforts. Like every year, this ISWC also make efforts to discuss and deliberate on the theoretical and practical dimensions of ecosocial work in addressing environmental inequalities, enhancing disaster preparedness, and fostering socio-ecological harmony.

Technology, Innovations, & Demography	1	2	Innovations in Social Work Education & Profession
Health: Mental Health & Spiritual Health	3	4	Disasters, Community Resilience, Ecosocial work & SDGs
Empowering Marginalized Groups through Digital Literacy & Skill Development	5	6	CSR, CSO & Democratic Spaces for Viksit Bharat
Technology, Women, & Children & Human Happiness	7	8	Gender, Youth, Dalits & Indigenous Communities
IKS, Technological Advancement & Scope for Human Service Professionals	9	10	Opportunities for Researchers & Practitioners during Amrit Kaal

1 Technology, Innovations, & Demography

- The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Social Development
- Disruptive technologies and technological disruptions, Digital Inclusion and Divide
- Changing demographics and rising problems, Urbanization, and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Indigenous Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Economic Models and Human Rights perspectives

2 Innovations in Social Work Education and Profession

- Emerging Pedagogical Approaches in Social Work Education
- Digital Transformation in Social Work Practice and Field Education
- Integrating Indigenous Knowledge with Contemporary Social Work Methods
- Ethical and Legal Challenges in Social Work Training

3 Health: Mental Health and Spiritual Health- Issues in the Knowledge Society

- Mental Health and Psycho-Social Interventions in a Digitized World
- Integrating Spiritual Health in Holistic Well-Being Approaches
- Role of Social Workers in Strengthening Community-Based Healthcare Systems
- Addressing Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorders in the Knowledge Era

4 Disasters, Community Resilience, Ecosocial work and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Climate Change, Disaster Preparedness, and Resilient Communities
- Ecosocial Work Practices in Disaster Risk Reduction
- Localized Strategies for Achieving SDG Targets through Community Participation
- Post-Disaster Rehabilitation: Role of Social Workers in Trauma Recovery

5 Empowering Marginalized Groups through Digital Literacy and Skill Development

- Digital Divide and Its Impact on Socio-Economic Inclusion
- Community-Based Digital Skill Training for Rural and Urban Poor
- Role of Social Work in Promoting Digital and Financial Literacy
- Technology-Enabled Vocational Training for Livelihood Enhancement

6 Corporate Social Responsibility, Civil Society Organizations and Democratic Spaces for Viksit Bharat

- CSR and Sustainable Development, Moving Beyond Philanthropy and
- Strengthening Civil Society Organizations in Policy Advocacy
- Role of Democratic Institutions in Inclusive Development
- Participatory Governance and Social Accountability Mechanisms

7 Technology, Women, Children and for Human Happiness

- Women and technology: education employment and empowerment issues
- Children, Schools and NEP; Children, Cyber and Crime
- Spirituality, Religion and Technology for Emotional and Psychological Well-being
- Balancing Technological Growth and Human-Centered Development

- Intersectionality and Social Justice: Navigating Caste, Gender, and Identity
- Youth Engagement: Policy, Programmes and Social Action
- Indigenous people and Sustainable Livelihoods: Social Work Perspectives
- Addressing Gender-Based Violence through Community-Centric Interventions

Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS), Technological Advancement and Scope for Human Service Professionals

- IKS, Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Resilience
- Revitalizing Indigenous Healing Practices through Scientific Integration
- Social Work Perspectives on Human-Machine Collaboration
- IKS, 21st Century and Scope for Human Service Professionals

Opportunities for Social Work and other Social Science Researchers and Practitioners during Amrit Kaal

- Public Policy and Social Work- Vision for a Developed India
- Social Science Research for Evidence-Based Policy Interventions
- Community Engagement Models for Holistic Rural and Urban Development
- Strengthening Social Work Institutions for Future-Ready Professionals

ABOUT THE NAPSWI

National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is one of the largest member-based organization of professional social workers in the country. Established in 2005, NAPSWI is a non-profit, non-political, national level organization dedicated to the promotion of the standard and status of social work profession. NAPSWI intends 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 protecting interests of social work professionals on the other. NAPSWI has been granted a special consultative status by UN ECOSOC since 2019. NAPSWI believes in shaking hands with different stakeholders- be it social work educational institutions, government, non-government, civil society or any likeminded person/institution with similar philosophy.

ABOUT CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Centurion University is duly recognized as a pioneer in 'Skill Integrated Higher Education'. Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in challenging geographies through education that results in employability and sparks entrepreneurship. This model has been recognized by multiple Governments (Central and State), International Organizations such as UNESCO and the World Bank as well as Policy Think-tanks such as the NITI Aayog. Recently, Centurion University's School of Vocational Education and Training has been recognized as a Center of Excellence by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India. It is the only University in India to be recognized as such.

It has continually strived to be a best in class human resource development hub that builds employable, enterprising and society centric youth through industry relevant education, skill development, new ventures, production, and technology development.

Since its inception in 2005 and subsequent establishment as a university in 2010 (vide Odisha Act 4 of 2010), Centurion has been recognised as NAAC A+ in 2023. Centurion has created a unique environment that ensures a tailored learning and employability path for youth in some of the poorest and underserved geographies in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite participants to send their abstracts and research-based papers for **Oral** and **Poster** presentation. An abstract must include the central thrust of the paper, methodology and findings and should be within 250-500 words (12 Times New Roman font size with 1.5 line spacing). The size of the full paper should be within 5000-7000 words with APA 7th referencing style. The abstract has to be submitted through the online portal (<https://napswi.org/conf>) at the time of registration only.

Once an abstract is selected, the participant shall be communicated to send their full paper to the conference mail id. The full paper should fall under any of the sub-themes and in the subject of the e-mail, the concerned sub-theme must be written. A book of abstracts shall be published. The last date of registration and submission of abstract is **30th August, 2025**.

REGISTRATION

A participant is required to submit the registration form along with the abstract and keep the full paper ready for submission through online mode. Kindly register online via <https://napswi.org/conf> for initial registration, submission of abstract and online payment.

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Early Registration (Upto 30th August 2025) ₹(INR)	Delayed Registration for only Participation / On Spot Registration ₹(INR)
NAPSWI Members	2500	3000
Non- NAPSWI Members	3000	3500
BSW and MSW Student	1000	1500
Research Scholars	1500	2000
Foreign Delegates	\$50	\$100
NGO Delegates	3000	3500
Corporate Delegates	3000	3500

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PAYMENT MODE

Registration is considered completed only after the full payment is received. All payments related to ISWC shall be transacted through the online payment system. In case of any difficulty, you can contact us. In case of cancellation, only half the amount will be refunded after the Conference is over. Please note that the Conference Secretariate is not responsible for the bank charges.

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ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL SUPPORT

A limited number of on-campus rooms are available and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to speakers, invited guests, and participants with specific accessibility requirements. For all other participants, comfortable accommodations will be arranged at nearby locations at reasonable and subsidized rates. Participants have to bear the travel expense on their own as there is no travel support by the organizers.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference shall be held at **Centurion University of Technology and Management**, Ramachandrapur, Jatni, Khurda, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The nearest airport is Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar, which is 20 km away from the University. Khurda Road and Bhubaneswar Railway Station are the major railway stations connecting all over the country. Interstate buses from/to Bhubaneswar are easily available. The weather is expected to be pleasant in the month of November.

CONFERENCE MODE

The Conference shall be held in an **OFFLINE MODE** only.

PUBLICATION

The selected quality papers shall be considered for an edited volume from a reputed national/international publisher.

BEST RESEARCH PAPERS AND POSTER

Research scholars, faculty members and practitioners are encouraged to develop theoretically embedded research papers. **5 best research papers** and **5 best posters** shall be selected on the basis of quality of presentation and peer review report on full paper. The first author/paper presenter of each such paper/poster shall be awarded with a certificate and provided travel assistance/logistics support up to 5000 rupees (on the production of valid bills) as token of appreciation and recognition.

NGO AND CORPORATE MEET

A dedicated platform will be established to facilitate consultations between NGOs and Corporates, fostering impactful partnerships for the betterment of society and ecosocial practice. This exclusive session aims to bridge the gap between CSR initiatives and grassroots development efforts, ensuring long-term sustainability. Industry leaders, CSR heads, and NGO representatives will come together to engage in meaningful discussions, exchange best practices, and explore collaborative projects aligned with national development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary sessions will feature invited experts from academia, practice, and the broader field. These sessions will focus on four key thematic areas: Social Work Education; Ecosocial Work and Sustainable Development; Technology, Innovation, and Inclusive Society; and the Linkage between CSR, CSOs, and Social Work for the Empowerment of Marginalized Communities.

MEMORIAL AND HONOUR LECTURES

In honor of the legacy of renowned social work educators and practitioners, the conference will feature memorial and honorary lectures delivered by distinguished figures from the field. Details of these special sessions will be announced in due course.

PARTICIPATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK COMMUNITY

Renowned social work scholars and practitioners from the international community will also engage with conference participants and deliver keynote addresses virtually.

SOCIAL PROGRAMMES STUDENT FORUM

There shall be a Social Work Students Forum for the student-members of NAPS WI (BSW and MSW) with the purpose to provide opportunities to budding social work professionals. The details shall be communicated later. Interested **students /institutions** willing to participate can write to the organizers.

BOOK RELEASE

Books related to social work shall be released during the conference. Authors and/or publishers can submit their request for release of their books. Each book release shall be given 10 minutes-time and chaired by an eminent academician / practitioner (to be decided by a committee in consultation with the author/ publisher). This event shall be a **sponsored event**. The Conference shall encourage the provision of special price of such book for the Conference delegates.

POSTER/SLOGAN FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL WORK

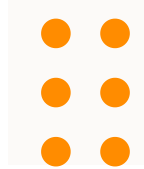
NAPS WI is part of an advocacy campaign to enact legislation to establish the National Council for Social Work Education. We hereby announce a poster/slogan/message competition in the 13th ISWC. Any social work student, research scholar, teacher or practitioner can participate. The selected poster/slogan/message will be displayed and rewarded with a certificate. The rules in this regard can be enquired from NAPS WI office or its website.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME & VISIT TO LORD JAGANNATH & KONARK TEMPLE

Besides the conference, the university students shall perform various cultural activities in the university for the conference participants and delegates in the evening along the display of rich Odia culture and tradition by the renowned Odia Artist. The organizers shall arrange a visit to the selected historical places at Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark on a paid tour basis.

PRE AND POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES/WORKSHOPS

Interested persons may send their proposals to the Organizing Secretary latest by **30th June 2025** to organize different pre and post conference activities.



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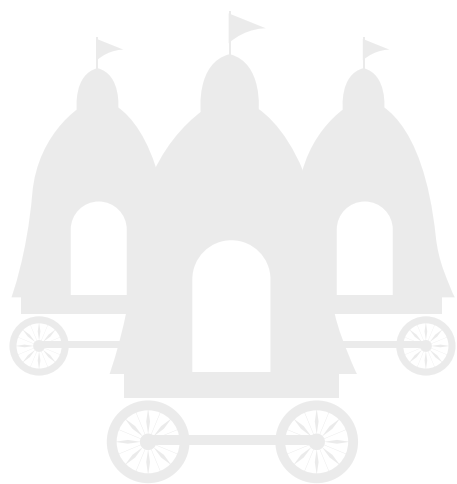
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