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**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT
AND WELL-BEING**
Social Work Response

Jointly Organised by
National Association of Professional Social Workers in India
and
Department of Social Work
Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya
Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, Haryana (India) 131305

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Registration closes on **20th August 2024**

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Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 12th Indian Social Work Conference (ISWC) 2024.

We are pleased to invite you to be a part of 12th ISWC 2024 to be held at Bhagat Phool Singh (BPS) Mahila Viswavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, District Sonapat, Haryana. BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya is the first women's University of north India located in the remote rural area.

NAPSWI began the trajectory of ISWC engagement from Delhi in 2013, and has so far organized eleven grand ISWC. This year, we are privileged to host the 12th ISWC. The theme of 12th ISWC 2024 is Women Empowerment and Well Being : Social Work Response, which has been proposed keeping in view its significance in contemporary times especially when country has passed the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023, reserves one-third of all seats for women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies, SDG commitment vis-a-vis status of women in our country.

The 12th ISWC 2024 proposes to provide an excellent site for the convergence of all stakeholders, including social work educators, researchers, activists and development practitioners to share their views and experiences and also to configure a collective agenda for the glorious future of social work education and practice in the country. As the host of the 12th ISWC, we would also like to assure that the 12th ISWC shall most certainly evolve into a personally enriching and professionally productive engagement for each one of us. It is with this hope and promise that we invite you to become an integral part of the Conference proceedings.

We are grateful to our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof Sudesh for her dynamic leadership for taking university ahead and granting permission to organise 12th ISWC. We also take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to NAPSWI for providing us with this opportunity of hosting this remarkable event. We look forward to welcoming you in idyllic rural environment and urge you to collaborate with us in making this endeavour a momentous one.

In solidarity,

Dr Manju Panwar

Organising Secretary

Chairperson, Department of Social Work,

BPSMV, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat (Haryana)



Conference Theme

The concepts of care, empowerment and well being have been integral to social work education and practice. , and it is imperative that we focus on the multidimensional themes falling within their frame. The forthcoming ISWC aspires to bring together people associated with the diverse domains of social work education and practice on one common platform wherein deliberations on social work engagement, as also issues and concerns in the context of women empowerment and well being will take place. In the dynamic context in which we are placed especially more competitive globalised economy, the roles and responsibilities that the social work profession is obligated to fulfil, as also the persona and discourses that it is expected to assume require concerted and ongoing immersion, reflection and articulation. We believe that this is an opportune moment for all of us to respond to the changing social-political realities of our times and assume a more contemporaneous avatar.

Women's empowerment can be defined to promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. Women's empowerment and promoting women's rights have emerged as a part of a major global movement and is continuing to break new ground in recent years. But despite a great deal of progress, women and girls continue to face discrimination and violence in every part of the world. Empowering women is essential to the health and social development of families, communities and countries. When women are living safe, fulfilled and productive lives, they can reach their full potential, contributing their skills to the workforce and can raise happier and healthier children. They are also able to help fuel sustainable economies and benefit societies and humanity at large. (World Vision, 2024).

The empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of their political, social, economic and health status is a highly important end in itself. In addition, it is essential for the achievement of sustainable development. The full participation and partnership of both women and men is required in productive and reproductive life, including shared responsibilities for the care and nurturing of children and maintenance of the household. In all parts of the world, women are facing threats to their lives, health and well-being as a result of being overburdened with work and of their lack of power and influence. In most regions of the world, women receive less formal education than men, and at the same time, women's own knowledge, abilities and coping mechanisms often go unrecognized. The power relations that impede women's attainment of healthy and fulfilling lives operate at many levels of society, from the most personal to the highly public. Achieving change requires policy and programme actions that will improve women's access to secure livelihoods and economic resources, alleviate their extreme responsibilities with regard to housework, remove legal impediments to their participation in public life, and raise social awareness through effective programmes of education and mass communication. In addition, improving the status of women also enhances their decision-making capacity at all levels in all spheres of life .

There are enough evidences to show that the gender inequality persists everywhere and stagnates social progress. On average, women in the labour market still earn 23 percent less than men globally and women spend about three times as many hours in unpaid domestic and care work as men. Sexual violence and exploitation, the unequal division of unpaid care and domestic work, and discrimination in



public office, all remain huge barriers. Women's wellbeing and wellness includes physical, educational, economic, emotional and social aspects of life which ensures them a better quality of life. The state of wellbeing is affected by the realization that everything we do, think, feel, and believe and it can only be brought by the complete integration of body, mind, and spirit. The women wellbeing is likely to be affected through multiple dynamics of deprivations, discriminations, disruptions and denials at different stages of life. Political leadership, investments and comprehensive policy reforms are needed to dismantle systemic barriers to achieving Goal 5 Gender equality is a cross-cutting objective and must be a key focus of national policies, budgets and institutions (UN-SDG 2014). In this situation where there are many questions and lesser answers, the need for discussion, deliberation and debate is the need for hour.

About Indian Social Work Conference

The Indian Social Work Conference (earlier Congress) is an initiative of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). With a successful beginning at the University of Delhi in 2013, We organised ISWC at different places in the country- University of Pune (Maharashtra), JVBI, Ladnun (Rajasthan); KVP, Varanasi, Sree Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (Kerala), University of Delhi, University of Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), MSS Nagpur (Maharashtra), Shantiniketan (West Bengal) CSRD, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), MANUU, Hyderabad (Telangana). As has been acknowledged time and again, the purpose of the ISWC is to bring the fraternity of professional social workers together to discuss and deliberate upon the issues related to the social work education, practice and research in India. It aims to strengthen the profession through the consolidation of the educational thrust and practice focus on the foundational pillars of social work, viz. social and human development, social justice and human rights. By evolving a vibrant forum, the ISWC strives to facilitate wide ranging presentations on diverse topics, as also discussions and deliberations on the important sub themes emanating out of the main theme of the Conference. ISWC emerges as an important meeting point for educators from all parts of the country, as also practitioners and researchers, all of whom synergize their energies to review the larger trends that the profession is recording and to draw out meaningful responses to the issues and challenges that confront it. Specifically, the 12th ISWC 2024 aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide a platform to social work professionals to discuss and deliberate on the issues relevant to women's empowerment and well being;
2. Address the issues posing challenges for social work profession in this area of wpmen empowerment and social wellbeing;
3. Explore and foresee the opportunities that may be availed as a consequential benefit out of the challenges; and to come out with the concrete proposals and action plans on the basis of the experiences of social work educators, researchers, practitioners, policy makers, planners and development experts to ensure the professional responsibility.



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Sub Themes for ISWC

1. Status of Women: Present and in past; Equal Access to Women for Social justice, women's rights and equality, Gender equality and inequalities, Gender Mainstreaming, Violence against Women, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
2. Women's Empowerment: Contentions and contestations, Various aspects, Approaches, Policies and Programmes, Government and Non government stakeholders and their commitment
3. Women well being : Physical, Social, Mental, Emotional Environmental and Spiritual aspects, Wellness programmes, Physical, Mental and spiritual Health, Women and Disability
4. Women Education especially Higher and technical, and professional organisations; Livelihood, Health, Nutrition, Education; Women Labour in organised and unorganised sector,
5. Women and Legislation: Protective, promotive, preventive, prohibitory and progressive legislations especially Matru Vandana Adhiniyam, Legal Rights and Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita,
6. Issues related to well being of women in general and Girl Children, Adolescent Girls Young Women; Women participation, Patriarchy, Education, Economic Well being,
7. Women and Media, Industry, Business, Entrepreneurship, Management, Science, Politics, Panchayati Raj , and other fields, Pioneered Women Social Workers,
8. Women - National and International Organisation, Movement and Commitments,
9. Government programmes, Civil society Organisations interventions, Innovative programmes for Women.
10. Social Work Response to Women empowerment and women well being, Social Work Education, Research and Practice: Present States, Innovations and Prospects.

*Let us join hands to celebrate 5th National Social Work Week
from 15th August 2024 to 21st August 2024*



Theme

“School Social Work in India”

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About the Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work was established in September 2008 with an objective to train prospective professional social workers for social outreach skills. The curriculum is designed to teach, train and prepare human resources with scientific knowledge, inculcate human concerns and democratic values. Vision of the department is to develop human resource for social work practice to strive for creation of just and equal society which ensures freedom from all forms of oppressions and exploitation. Mission of the Department is to prepare students for competent and effective professional social work practice with diverse range of individuals, groups and communities by using a holistic knowledge base that serves as the foundation for the generalist social work practice. Capacity building of the students is being done by developing their knowledge skills, attitudes and values appropriate to the practices of social work profession. In addition to this, students are trained to develop critical thinking and ability to apply theoretical knowledge in practice of the social work. The Department has established Community Resource Centres in all five adopted village with the aim to provide care and services on rural development, schemes, health, hygiene and education of women, girls, children and other community people. Besides academic rigor, the students are given adequate opportunity to participate in sports events, cultural activities, seminars, conferences and workshops, organized by the Department and other UTDs/institutes of the University. The Department also guides, trains and assists its students for job placement in the different Government and Non-Government Organizations, institutes and projects.

About the University

Since Vedic period, Education has empowered women in several ways. One such seminal and historical step in this direction was establishment of the Girls' Gurukul by Bhagat Phool Singh Ji in 1936 at village Khanpur Kalan in Sonapat district of Haryana State. The noble work initiated by Bhagat Phool Singh Ji was continued by his daughter Padamshree Subhahshini Devi Ji benefiting thousands of rural women. The erstwhile Gurukul was turned into a State University in August 2006 exclusively for women named after Bhagat Phool Singh Ji as Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV). The University has the distinction of being North India's first State Women University spread over pollution free 400 acres of campus. The university is unique in the sense that it functions on the model of 'society- university interface', juxtaposition of tradition and modernity and having its genesis in the philanthropic tradition. The Girls' Gurukul started with just three girls has turned into today's BPSMV with approximately 7000 girls on its rolls enrolled in approximately 100 academic programmes administered through its 18 University Teaching Departments, 02 Constituent Institutions, 05 Special Centres, 02 Regional Centres and 06 affiliated Government Women Colleges. The University consequently became a sought after destination by women for getting modern education grounded in Indian tradition and universal human values.



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Call for Papers

We invite interested participants to send their abstracts and papers. An abstract must include the central thrust of the paper, methodology and findings and should not be less than 500 words (12 Times New Roman font size with 1.5 line spacing). The size of the full paper must not exceed the word limit of 5000 with APA 6th/7th referencing style. Kindly send your abstracts to iswc2024bpssonipat@gmail.com. Selected abstracts shall be published in the conference souvenir. Once an abstract is selected, the participant shall be communicated to send their full paper to iswc2024bpssonipat@gmail.com. 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. An abstract book shall be published. The last date of registration and submission of abstract is 30th August, 2023.

Registration

All participants are 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 Details

Category	Registration from 10 th July to 20 th August 2024	Late Registration after 20 th August to 31 st August 2024
NAPSWI Member	Rs. 2500	Rs 3000
Non- NAPSWI Member	Rs.3000	Rs 3500
BSW and MSW Student	Rs.500	Rs 1000
Research Scholars (M. Phil/Ph.D.)	Rs.1000	Rs 1500
NGO Delegates	Rs. 1500	Rs 2000
Foreign delegates	50 USD	100 USD

Registration Dates

Last Date of Registration: 20th August 2024

Last Date of Receiving Abstract: 20th August 2024

Date of Communicating Acceptance: 30th August 2024

Last Date of Receiving Full Paper: 30th September 2023



Payment Mode

Registration is considered completed only after the full payment is received. While we encourage you to make online payments through the NAPSWI website only, we shall accept only Bank Demand Draft or NEFT (Net Banking) in favour of 'National Association of Professional Social Workers in India'. Electronic/Telegraphic Transfers shall be accepted. To enable us to identify your payment, please ensure your name and 12th Indian Social Work Conference 2024 appears on your transfer and please submit a copy of the same to the ISWC Secretariat. Please note that the Conference is not responsible for the bank charges.

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Accommodation & Travel Support

We are located in remote rural area, 50 kms away from Sonipat City. Accommodation shall be provisioned on prior information and prior payment. The arrangement for a comfortable accommodation on reasonable and subsidized rates shall be made on the first-cum-first serve basis. Participants have to bear the travel expense on their own as there is no travel support from our side. However, we have some accommodation at University premise in hostels, Guest House, and hotels in nearby cities like Sonipat, Gannaur, Gohana. We assure a comfortable stay and pick up and drop from your place of stay to conference venue in University Bus.

Those who are travelling by Air/Bus, we suggest to book an early ticket and inform us to help you in your journey to conference venue.

Conference Venue: The conference shall be held at the BPS Mahila Vishvavidyalaya premise, Khanpur kalan, Distt Sonipat.

Conference Mode

Though we encourage physical and offline participation, however, there shall be also the provision of online paper presentations.

Students Meet: There will be a special session by students for their intellectual development.

Lectures: In the honour of renowned social work contributors, there shall be lectures delivered by prominent social work educators before or during the conference.

Master Class: There will be Master class (es) for the benefit of general participants on themes of ISWC which will help in developing understanding of the subject.

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



Best Research Papers: For young researchers, five papers will be selected.

Cultural Program: Besides the conference, the university students shall perform various cultural activities in the open-air theatre of the university for the conference participants and delegates during evening timings.

Workshops: A few select workshops on different themes shall be organised. There will be separate sessions for interested participants. The theme will be announced separately.

Visit to Villages and Meeting with Families: The organizers shall arrange a visit to the villages and families in nearby villages. For the same, you should be ready to stay one day more. You also need to send a special mail to organisers in advance at official email id.

How to Reach BPSMV

BPSMV – our ISWC venue- is located 102 km from Delhi Airport and 76 to 85 Kms (depending on the route) from Delhi University and will take 1.30 hours to 2 hours depending upon time and route. The nearest airport is Indira Gandhi International Airport which is directly connected to Outer Ring Road , followed by Delhi Panipat highway. The nearest Railway station is sonipat on Delhi Ambala route. Interstate buses from/to ISBT , kashmiri Gate are also available for Sonipat Bus stand. The weather is expected to be pleasant in the month of October. We will be available round the clock on your call or on prior information to facilitate your journey.

[View on Google Map](#)

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