Dear Professional Social Work Colleagues,

As you are all aware, for a long time we have been waiting for a national council for social work for quality enhancement in social work education and practice. The following initiatives have been undertaken in the past:


On July 14, 2020, an informal meeting of social work fraternity was called by the social sector division of Niti Ayog, for valuable inputs and suggestions to enlighten the authorities about the need to set up national and state level authorities to regulate social work education and professionalise it. This meeting was coordinated by Dr Muniraju, Deputy Advisor of Niti Ayog. In conclusion, it was resolved by the members that it would be befitting to have a National Council for Social Work, after wider circulation of the draft bill, and discussion and deliberations across the country.

As a follow up of this meeting, an informal voluntary Working Group has been formed which has prepared a draft for the National Council of Social Work (Education and Practice) Bill, 2020, based on the earlier drafts and after referring to bills/acts of other councils. The Working Group has also prepared a “Background Note” that provides a brief history of the social work profession, the achievements in brief, and the rationale for a national statutory council of professional social work. The Working Group is now in the process of circulating these documents to social work education programmes, social work professional associations and social work practitioners for their constructive suggestions. We would like you to discuss these documents with your former and present colleagues, educators and practitioners, and send feedback to ncswfeedback@gmail.com by November 15, 2020. We look forward to your support for preparing a consensus document for enhancement of quality in social work education and practice.

Click here for BACKGROUND NOTE of National Social Work Council Bill 2020 5-10-20

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