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POST: PRESIDENT

CANDIDATE-1: PRASANTA KUMAR GHOSH

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Professional Experience: (From 1982 to August 2023)

- Professor of the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati
- Worked as the Principal, (Dean) Institute of Rural Reconstruction, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan from June 2011 to June 2013
- Worked as Head of the Department for three term of three years each from 2000 to 2003, 2009 to 2011 and 2014-2017.
- Acted as Finance Officer, Visva-Bharati, 2020-2023.

Visiting Professor:

- Visiting Professor, School of Social Work, the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, USA, 2006, 2008 & 2015.
- Guest Speaker at the Mandel School of Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA 2006'
- Visiting Professor at the Graduate School of Social Work, Dominican University, Chicago, 2006 & 2008 & 2015.
- Visiting Professor, School of Social Work, University of Applied Arts and Sciences Western Switzerland, Geneva, 2017 & 2019.

Previous employment details:

- Worked as Reader in the Department of Personnel Management and Industrial Relations, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) from July 1997 to June 1999.
- Prior to joining the teaching I was engaged in the Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India, New Delhi, as Enforcement and Conciliation Officer for the states of Tripura & Mizoram from Aug 1987 to Jan. 1988 before joining as Lecturer, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati.
- Worked as Jr. Personnel Officer of The Durgapur Projects Ltd, Durgapur, West Bengal from 1984-87.

Contribution to Social Development:

Apart from teaching, I have been closely associated with Amar Kutir Society for Rural Development as - a non-profit making voluntary organization promoting small enterprises and entrepreneurs in the area adjacent to Visva-Bharati in line with Tagore's ideals on Rural Re-construction. The society directly employ about 100 workers and assist more than 1000 craftsman. The major thrust

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of the society is to build capacities through training and skill development of the poor artisans to promote employment, upkeep health and protect environment with its own income.

Statement of Goals:

As the President of NAPSWI, my goal is to empanel social work education in the professional list of education in the Ministry of Education and UGC. Promote the Indianization of social work education by integrating Indian knowledge systems into social work education and practice. This will help align the profession more closely with the socio-cultural realities of Indian communities, particularly marginalized groups. Additionally, I aim to expand professional development opportunities for NAPSWI members through workshops, conferences, and capacity-building programs, promoting continuous learning and growth. I will focus on the professionalization of NAPSWI, ensuring high standards in organizing national, regional, state, and local conferences, seminars, and workshops. Recognizing the achievements of outstanding contributors through various awards will also be a priority.

Statement of Commitment:

As the President, I am committed to promoting the core values of social justice, equity, and inclusivity within NAPSWI. I pledge to lead with transparency, integrity, and dedication, ensuring that NAPSWI members are empowered with the necessary tools and opportunities for their professional growth. My vision is to build a more inclusive and professionally advanced NAPSWI that continues to spearhead social work practice and education in India.

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Professional Experience & Brief Profile:

Prof Sanjai Bhatt has received a Master in Social Work from Lucknow University in 1977, LL.B. in 1982 and Ph.D. in Social work in 1983. He served as a Professor of Social Work at the Delhi School of Social Work, the University of Delhi. He has been a social work educator, trainer, and development consultant with his felt presence over more than four and half decade (45 years). He has also taught in the department of social work at the University of Lucknow, MG Kashi Vidyapeeth Varanasi, Kurukshetra University, and Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya (CGV). Presently, he is currently serving as an Adjunct Professor with Department of Social Work, BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonipat.

Committed to bridging the gap between social work education and practice, he experiments with different teaching methodologies, engages him in research in the welfare and development field, and works with grass-root organizations. His areas of interest are social

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work education, social and labour legislations, social security, trade unionism, occupational social work, Decent work, Social Defense, environment, and people's movement. Under his supervision, 40 scholars have received their research (Ph.D. and MPhil) degrees ranging from the labour, human resources to social development.

He has written/edited 11 books, contributed chapters in 30 books, about 80 research papers, six Occasional papers/ monographs, and conducted dozens of evaluative studies for national and international organizations. He has attended a significant number of national and international seminars/ conferences. He has initiated studies in many new areas in social work in Indian context like environment (in 1985), social advocacy (in 1997), participatory research in (1995-96), Occupational Social work (in 2001), 4 W's (in 2005) spirituality and social work (2010-2014), Social work workforce (in 2018).

Dr. Bhatt was involved in various movements like the *Chipko* movement, Voters Education Movement, Child Rights, Construction workers, Street vendors, Reform in International Financial institutions, Social work Council. The University of Delhi has also conferred him Best Teacher Award - Excellence Award for Teachers in Services in Departments, 2023, and Prof V K R V Rao Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award 2017 by Indian Social Science Association, at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

He has been founding members and nurtured the National Association of Professional Workers in India (NAPSWI). He was also instrumental for the initiatives like INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONGRESS (since 2013), NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK (since 2020) and Life-time achievement awards for social work educators and practitioners, Journal of SWERA, Social work Resource Book, and many more.

He has acted as the *National Convener* of the National Campaign Committee to enact legislation for the National Council for Social Work Education in India and also steered a campaign for Establishment of School Complex and appointment of School social workers under NEP 2020.

Statement of Goals:

I am associated with NAPSWI since its inception. There are many issues which need consistent efforts such as organizing social worker professional community, the status of social work education and profession; the quality and standards of SW education and practice; the employment of social workers in dignified jobs conditions. As a President of the NAPSWI, I would like to create an enabling environment, advocate for the space of social work profession at state, national and international level, strengthen rights of PSWs; make negotiations with government(s) and other stakeholders, capacity building programmes for different levels of PSWs; and develop culturally suited programmes and policies for social work professionals and its target groups.

Statement of Commitment:

I have experience of 46 years in social work education/practice. I will devote my entire time for the promotion of social work education and profession. I would like to further NAPSWI's stated vision, mission and goals and would like to create an environment of inclusion, democratic practices and accountability. I would like to involve every member in the development of profession and would like to extend opportunities to every member in the social work profession.

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Sanjoy Roy, (LLB, MSW, MPhil, PhD) has been advocating for 'Indigenous Social Work in India', is working as Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, having more than 24 years of working experience in development sector and teaching. Associated with various research and developmental organizations working at national and international level in the area of social work, research, social Justice and development.

Prof. Roy has been invited by many countries like Australia, Germany, Netherland, France, Vietnam, Thailand, London School of Economics (LSE) etc. and presented papers, chairing sessions.

The present administrative portfolio include:

Director, Institute of Life Long Learning, University of Delhi (From 23/01/2023 to till date); Provost at Department of Social Work Hostel from 4th June 2023 to till date; Chairperson, Student's Grievance Redressal Committee for Hotel, University of Delhi under provisions of UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023; Chairman, PG Men's Hostel, University of Delhi (18/01/2022 to till date); Vice Chancellor Nominee of several universities; Expert member Government & Non-government bodies Presently Professor Roy is also Vice President of NAPSWI; Received 'Excellence Awards for Teachers' Age 45 years and Below, University of Delhi, 2023 at the University Centenary Award Ceremony.

Statement of Goals:

Some of the possible goals to achieve in the position of President for NAPSWI include:

1. strengthening the association's voice, visibility and advocacy in different national and international academic forum.
2. enhance professional growth and development opportunities for social workers, practitioners and scholars through involving skill enhancement activities.
3. strengthen collaboration and partnerships with new stakeholders to achieve the goals and objectives of the NAPSWI.
4. promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the association and diverse areas of practice domains.
5. expand the membership across India

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6. build strategic partnerships with other state level social work associations to work for broadening the scope and concretizing action plan and campaigning to set up 'Social Work Council' through government support.
7. develop transparent and accountable communication mechanism to gain support from the social work professionals
8. raise the voice of social workers and advocate for effective implementation of existing policies and programs that benefit marginalized communities.
9. contribute to profession's growth and development with fullest strength and networking both in India and outside India

Statement of Commitment:

As President of NAPSWI, my statement of commitment would include:

1. Upholding the values and ethics of social work profession and for the association
2. Advocating for policies and programs that benefit social work professionals and the people they serve
3. Fostering collaboration and partnerships with different stakeholders across India and outside India
4. Promoting and upholding social justice and human rights
5. Ensuring transparency, accountability within the association and financial sustainability
6. Building partnerships with government, NGOs, and corporate to enhance visibility
7. Building a sustainable and inclusive future for social work in India
8. Encouraging innovation and best practices
9. Building a strong and unified professional community

POST: VICE PRESIDENT

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Kanagaraj Easwaran hails from an agricultural background in the Kongu region of Tamil Nadu. In 2005, he earned his Ph.D. from Annamalai University, where his research focused on "Human Development and Social Exclusion of Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu." Additionally, he holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Econometrics and a Master of Arts in Social Work from the Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Arts and Science in Coimbatore, affiliated to Bharathiar University. Prof. Easwaran's expertise in community development, social inclusion, sustainable livelihoods, and social network analysis has enabled him to make significant contributions to the Indian and Indic perspectives in social work.

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His notable works include "Shifting Cultivation to Settled Agriculture: Agrarian Change and Tribal Development in Mizoram" and "Contextualizing and Locating Professionalism: Social Work Practice in North East India." Having served as Head of the Department of Social Work at Mizoram University from 2013-2016 and again from 2019-2022, Prof. Easwaran has been instrumental in advocating for the Indianisation and decolonisation of social work, ensuring that the field reflects India's unique culture and civilization.

Statement of Goals:

As Vice President of NAPSWI, my goal is to advance the Indianization and decolonization of social work by integrating Indian knowledge systems into social work education and practice. This will help align the profession more closely with the socio-cultural realities of Indian communities, particularly marginalized groups. Additionally, I aim to expand professional development opportunities for NAPSWI members through workshops, conferences, and capacity-building programs, promoting continuous learning and growth. Furthermore, I seek to strengthen collaboration between NAPSWI and academic institutions, government agencies, and civil society organizations to foster a cohesive approach to social welfare. Aligned with this, I am committed to decentralization, democratization, and social inclusion, transforming NAPSWI from a monolithic structure into a multilevel organization.

This will allow for greater representation and decision-making power across different regions of India. Additionally, I will promote dialogue and debate among professionals with diverse ideological perspectives to enrich the field.

Lastly, I will focus on the professionalization of NAPSWI, ensuring high standards in organizing national, regional, state, and local conferences, seminars, and workshops. Recognizing the achievements of outstanding contributors through various awards will also be a priority.

Statement of Commitment:

As Vice President, I will be committed to promoting the core values of social justice, equity, and inclusivity within NAPSWI and abide by my dharma. I pledge to lead with transparency, integrity, and dedication, ensuring that NAPSWI members are empowered with the necessary tools and opportunities for their professional growth. I will work tirelessly to decentralize the organization, foster professionalization, and create a space for meaningful dialogue across the social work community. My vision is to build a more inclusive and professionally advanced NAPSWI that continues to spearhead social work practice and education in India.

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Suresh Pathare is a social work educator, researcher and practitioner working for more than 30 years. He has a Masters and Ph.D. in social work from University of Delhi. He has also completed post-doctoral work at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. Presently, he works as the Director of BPHE Society's Centre for Studies in Rural Development-Institute of Social Work and Research, Ahmednagar, India. It is an academic institute offering Masters programme in Social Work. Prior to joining this Institute in 2009, he worked with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and University of Delhi.

Currently, Prof. Pathare is the Joint Secretary of India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations (INPSA) which is member of IFSW. He also served as Alliance Ambassador for two years and completed the term by achieving the goals of strengthening social service workforce.

Statement of Goals:

I am life member of NAPSWI and associated with it since its inception. My long-term association with NAPSWI and around three decades experiences as social work educator and practitioner, I realized the importance of a strong body of association to enhance and sustain the quality and identity of this noble profession. Social work as a profession in India is about to reach its 100 years in near future. While introspecting its historical evolution and thinking about its future, I realized that we, as social work professionals need to seriously get engaged as a one unified community to re-imagine its future. There are few grey areas that needs immediate attention such as having national council to bring all social work professionals and various associations spread across different states of India, improving the quality of social work education in accordance with the global standard of social work education, representation of social work professionals in various government bodies and creating job opportunities for social work professionals, innovations in community engagement as part of social work practice, and creating various avenues for social work educators, practitioners, and students to strengthen their capacities.

Statement of Commitment:

I understand that the important qualities such as leadership skills and vision; communication skills; cross-cultural competence; team building experience; networking; maintaining a strong commitment to the shared vision and mission are essential requirement for

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continuing as the representative to NAPSWI. I would like to commit myself to contribute to the shared vision of NAPSWI by further boosting these qualities to carry on the present role.

First and foremost, I would concentrate on working for building partnerships to work for global solidarity, with other professionals. This requires collaborating with social work and other professional in the region, find new ways of co-operation regarding existing and emerging priorities, proposing innovative solutions. I would learn to use new opportunities offered by digitalization to improve my communication with the team. I would pay greater attention to allocating time for the assigned tasks, completing tasks timely by meeting the deadlines and responding to the calls for team work. I will make efforts to participate actively and contribute more meaningfully in the meetings directly related to our agenda.

I would strive for closer cooperation and network with the social work educators, practitioners' organisations, NGOs and others with shared values. NAPSWI as a knowledge-based organization provide me an opportunity for networking and participation in the mutually beneficial joint vision and advocating for improving the status and standards of social work profession

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Tarun Bikash Sukai (BSW, MSW and Ph.D.) is currently Head of the Social Work Department, Assam University, Silchar. He is also a member of different statutory bodies of the University and Chairman of Spicmacay, Assam University Chapter. He was also NSS Coordinator of the Assam University. Dr. Sukai has authored two books, many book chapters in edited books, and number of articles in national and international journals. He has attended and presented papers in many national and international conferences in India and abroad. Dr. Sukai is also an IVLP (International Visitors' Leadership Programme) Alumnus of USA. He is a Life Member of NAPSWI and motivated many of his students to become NAPSWI member. He is having a good networking with Alumni members of Social Work Department of Assam University and Visva-Bharati University.

Statement of Goals:

As Vice President of NAPSWI, I will be:

1. Motivating more SocialWork practitioners to joinNAPSWI.
2. Expanding the membership acrossIndiaespecially in North East India.

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3. Taking initiative to set up a North East chapter of Professional Social Workers' Association which will be affiliated to NAPSWI as many Universities in North East India has now started Social Work courses.
4. Promoting and strengthening the NAPSWI's voice, visibility and advocacy in different national and international academic forum.
5. Taking initiatives for collaboration and partnerships with new stakeholders to achieve the goals and objectives of the NAPSWI.
6. Mobilizing other state level social work associations and campaigning to set up 'National Social Work Council' through government support.
7. Developing transparent communication mechanism to gain support from the social work academicians and practitioners.
8. Contributing to Social Work Profession's growth and development with fullest strength and networking both in India and outside India.
9. Introducing Zonal Annual Conferences of NAPSWI to expand NAPSWI activities.
10. Contributing to NAPSWI as an active Team Member.

Statement of Commitment:

As Vice President of NAPSWI, my commitment would include:

1. Working for a strong and unified social work professional community.
2. Trying to build up a sustainable and inclusive future for social work in India.
3. Upholding the values and ethics of social work profession and for NAPSWI.
4. Promoting collaboration and partnerships with different stakeholder across India and outside India.
5. Strengthening partnerships with government, NGOs, and corporates to enhance the visibility of NAPSWI and Social work Profession.
6. Maintaining transparency and accountability within the NAPSWI in all activities.
7. Advocating for the policies and programs that benefit social work professionals across the country.
8. Promoting and upholding social justice and human rights for the marginalized sections of the society.
9. Initiating and encouraging innovation and best practices in social work profession.
10. Being a Life Member I will respect and work as per the rules and regulations of NAPSWI. I will also be committed towards ethical responsibility of professional social workers.

POST: SECRETARY

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Anoop K Bhartiya is an alumnus of the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow and presently working as Professor of Social Work, University of Lucknow. As a team, he was instrumental in the establishment and running UGC's Centre for Advanced Studies in Social Work and Centre of Excellence, UP Higher Education Council, Government of Uttar Pradesh. He has provided leadership to the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow as its Head for three years and many other positions in the Department and University corporate life. Presently he is also working as Director, Central Placement Cell and Director, Mahatma Gandhi Antarasshtreey Addhyan Pith, University of Lucknow.

Prof. Bhartiya has been teaching social work to graduate, postgraduate and research students for over two decades. His academic profile includes the publication of textbooks including Social Policy in India and having developed Self Learning Material (SLM) for Open Universities of the four states; published more than forty research papers/articles; guided more than ten research projects; and guided 16 Ph.D. students and 02 post-doctoral fellow. He was co-opted member of Learning Outcome Curriculum Framework (LOCF) for Undergraduate Course of Social Work, UGC, New Delhi, and was nominated by Government of Uttar Pradesh as member of SIA Committee such as Poorvanchal Expressway, LMRC, Lucknow, ATS-UP, Bundelkhand Expressway, Ganga Expressway, Defence Corridor etc. Prof. Bhartiya organized the 6th Indian Social Work Congress (ISWC), attended almost all NAPSWI led activities, and served as Executive Member in the last term.

Statement of Goals:

As a dedicated and organized professional, I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a secretary within the association. My primary goals for this position include:

- Implement an effective system for managing clear and timely communication among members, ensuring that all correspondence is handled professionally and to ensure that all documents are easily accessible and organized.
- Plan and coordinate association events, including meetings, workshops, and conferences, ensuring all logistical details are managed efficiently and collaborate with team members to create engaging promotional materials that enhance participation and visibility.
- Seek opportunities for professional development to enhance my skills and stay updated with best practices in administrative support.
- Uphold the highest standards of confidentiality in handling information and association matters and act with integrity in all interactions, building trust with members and stakeholders.

By focusing on these goals, I aim to contribute positively to the association, supporting its mission and fostering a collaborative environment that benefits all members.

Statement of Commitment:

I have a vision to take forward NAPSWI as one of the leading professional organizations, committed for the excellence in teaching and research in social work; establishment of the Council of Social work Education and Practice; to work for the enhancement of social work professionals.

I have a dream to bring social work as a profession recognized by the government and other authorities at par with other profession and to make efforts to bring quality in our education and profession.

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Professional Experience:

Prof. (Dr.) Shivani D. Mishra has spent impressive 24 years in academia, where her true passion lies in research. She's been steering the ship as the Head of Department of Social Work for a remarkable 14 years. Prof. Mishra holds a doctorate in Social Work from Sardar Patel University, Gujarat and an alumnus of the same University. In 2019, she clinched the prestigious “Sardar Patel Research Award” for her outstanding research paper, earning well-deserved recognition from Sardar Patel University. Her dedication to both research and her students’ overall growth earned her the Best Teacher Prize.

Dr. Mishra's influence extends far beyond the classroom, with a number publications and presentations at international, national, and state levels. She has received grants from organizations like UGC, UNICEF, ICSSR, MGNREC and others to carry out many significant research projects, both major and minor. Through over 200 sessions, she's shared her knowledge with various professionals, including HR experts, social workers, and NGO personnel. Prof. Mishra has recently been invited to present her research work at Oxford University, UK, Cornell University, USA and ARNA, UK. Besides, her research endeavours, Dr. Mishra is deeply committed to gender and related issues, making significant strides in promoting gender equity. Her tireless efforts in this area underscore her unwavering dedication to creating a more inclusive society.

Statement of Goals:

If elected as Secretary of the National Association for Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), I will dedicate myself to advancing the profession through innovative strategies and responsive leadership, focusing on the current and emerging needs of social workers to ensure our community is well-equipped to face today's challenges.

My vision includes spearheading a comprehensive digital transformation by developing a platform that offers resources such as case management tools, virtual support groups, and tele-health services, thereby enhancing accessibility and efficiency in our work. Recognizing the role social work can take on individuals, I will prioritize mental health support for our members through wellness workshops, peer networks, and professional counseling aimed at reducing burnout and fostering resilience. Additionally, I will

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promote interdisciplinary collaboration by forming partnerships with professionals in healthcare, education, and law enforcement, allowing us to tackle social issues more holistically.

I am committed to embedding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) principles throughout our initiatives, implementing specialized training programs, creating safe spaces for dialogue, and actively recruiting diverse members to reflect the communities we serve. To support innovative practices, I will establish a research and innovation hub within NAPSWI to explore cutting-edge methodologies, ensuring evidence-based practices enhance our service delivery. Engaging youth in social change will also be a priority, with initiatives aimed at mentorship, leadership development, and providing platforms for their voices in policy and practice. Emphasizing sustainability, I will advocate for policies addressing climate change and implement environmentally conscious initiatives within our operations. Leveraging technology and data analytics will drive informed decision-making, enabling us to identify needs and allocate resources effectively.

Finally, fostering a global perspective through international exchanges and collaborations will allow us to learn from best practices worldwide and adapt them to our local context. With your support, I am confident we can make significant strides in these areas, positioning NAPSWI as a leader in the social work profession and driving meaningful change across our communities.

Statement of Commitment:

As a candidate for the position of Secretary of the National Association for Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), I hereby commit to serve our community with integrity, passion, and dedication. If elected, I will prioritize the needs and well-being of our members while fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. I pledge to advocate for innovative practices, enhanced mental health support, and effective resources that empower social workers to thrive in their roles.

I am committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our association and ensuring that all voices are heard and valued. Together, we will address the challenges facing our profession, drive meaningful change in our communities, and position NAPSWI as a leader in social work advocacy. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and will work tirelessly to uphold the values and mission of our organization. Thank you for your trust and support.

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Bhat Iqball Majeed is currently working as a faculty member in the Department of Social work, Central University of Jammu. He was born and brought up in District Anantnag of Jammu and Kashmir. He has done his Masters in Social Work from University of Kashmir and completed his M.Phil and Ph.D. from Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Statement of Goals:

I strongly believe that social work as profession needs a collective body to pursue the legitimate ends which have been denied for a long to this emerging profession. I believe it is right time to come forward and provide the support for the overall development of the profession. It is in this background I am contesting for this position. My major goal to achieve under the banner of this position is to make association an effective and stronger body for pursuing the recognition of the social work discipline as a profession in India and more so have a regulatory body be it council or commission for social work education in India.

Statement of Commitment:

I have been regularly involved in my capacity for all the major tasks that have been endured by different organizations, persons and institutions for the larger cause of social work profession. I stand committed to the fundamental principles, values and ethics of social work as well as to the NAPSWI. More so, it is after my informed consent and commitment that I am contesting for the said position. So hereby state that I will make myself available for the larger cause of the NAPSWI and social work profession.

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Professional Experience:

Prof. R. Nalini is working in the Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry. A gold medallist in PG programme of Social Work, from Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, Madurai she also has a PhD degree from the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, Delhi. She worked as a faculty in Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi from 1999 to 2009 prior to joining Pondicherry University and has over seven years of industrial experience as a HR professional.

Prof. Nalini has published a book fully funded by ICSSR titled 'Social Work and the Workplace', and editor of the book titled 'Women and Work'. She has successfully guided ten PhD scholars so far and eight of them are pursuing doctoral degree under her guidance. Prof. Nalini has contributed a lot to the University's corporate life as first Head, Department of Social Work for two full terms and over four years as Head (I/c), Centre for Women's Studies, Pondicherry University when she initiated the PG programme in Women's Studies. She is a certified trainer of the POSH Act, 2013 and is actively working in this arena. She was also Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Yanam, Puducherry UT, member of several Government Committees and also Chairwoman, CII-IWN, Puducherry.

Prof. Nalini has completed over seven funded research projects the most recent one was a project funded by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment titled 'Towards a Drug Free Puducherry District'. In January 2024, she was sanctioned an ICMR project involving public health and substance abuse. She also trains students, community members, NGO personnel, corporate sector employees on substance abuse prevention.

Statement of Goals:

It is essential to involve more young social work educators in building strong professional ethics, values and curriculum more specific to Indian requirements. With my long association with NAPSWI, I feel this is an ideal platform, which has already well-set path for social work in India. I shall strive to fulfil duties assigned as per NAPSWI codes/rules by giving

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my best towards realizing the mission and vision of NAPSWI, which in itself will make a visible change to social work profession in India.

Statement of Commitment:

I shall dedicate quality time and efforts as a Joint Secretary, by following high ethical standards for betterment of social work profession in India.

POST: JOINT SECRETARY CANDIDATE-3: **VANDANA SINHA**

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Professional Experience:

Dr Vandana Sinha is a Professor in the Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi and has been teaching MSW students for the past 34 years. She has served as Dean and HoD and is presently the Director, Women Study Centre. She has been a Life Member of NAPSWI since 2006. She has published 3 books, 10 chapters in books, 25 articles. Prof. Sinha has also successfully guided 11 PhD students and completed 3 projects; another project is ongoing.

Statement of Goals:

- To assist the secretary and other office bearers of NAPSWI in fulfilling vision, mission and goal in general, and
- To promote the profession of social work across the country to improve the quality of service in the social welfare and social development sector, in particular.

Statement of Commitment:

I will be fully committed for the betterment of social work profession and its objectives and professionals. Committed to work for establishing social work degree at par with other popular professional degrees by improving the quality of training and practice of social work.

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POST: TREASURER

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Keshav Walke is a candidate for the position of Treasurer in NAPSWI Executive Committee.

He has done his MSW in CCA & MPSW and Doctorate and NET. He is presently working on the position of Professor, Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, Nagpur. He was NAAC-IQAC Coordinator, Faculty In-Charge, Lifeline a field action Project for promoting Organ Donation and have handled many top ranking positions like Director, NSS RTM Nagpur University, Director-Nagpur Childline and Wardha Childline Visiting Faculty for Research Methodology in Social Sciences, National level master trainer with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur (Tamil Nadu) for Life Skill Development and Career Counselling. Prof. Walke has served on many committees like Member - College Development Committee (CDC), MSSISW, Nagpur; Member- Exam Committee/Board for PhD Course Work, UGC-HRDC, RTM Nagpur University; Member, Board of Student Development, RTM Nagpur University; Member, Board of Studies, National Service Scheme, Barkatullah University, Bhopal, MP; Member, Zonal Transplant Coordinating Committee (ZTCC), Nagpur; Nodal Officer, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), RTM Nagpur University; Expert Member, IQAC, Mahatma Gandhi College, Parseoni.

Prof. Walke has served as Principal at Aniket College of Social Work, Wardha for two year, and at MSSISW as a Officiating Principal for two and half year. Besides many engagements, he was also the Course Director, ICSSR Sponsored 10 Day Training Programme on Research Methodology in Social Sciences and Course Coordinator, Six Month Short-Term Certificate Course in Social Science Research Methods, MSSISW. He was Conference Coordinator, MASWE International Conference at Bali, Indonesia, 2016 and Conference Coordinator, DATWA International Conference at Colombo, Sri Lanka, Conference Convener, ICSD 2018 International Conference at Thailand, and Conference Manager, Nepal Conference 2018 International Conference at Kathmandu, Nepal, Dec 10-12, 2018 & Conference Manager at IIC Dubai Conference 2022 and IIC Conference Bhutan 2023. Further, he was Member of Nomination Committee, Asian Pacific Association of Social Work Education (APASWE) Elections 2017. Prof. Walke has completed number of research projects which includes a UGC-Minor Research Project, NEERI sponsored "Socio-economic Study of Rowaghat Area in Bastar District, Chhattisgarh"; UNICEF Sponsored research project on "Assessment of Juvenile Justice System in Jharkhand State"; Social Impact Assessment of State Water Supply System in Himachal Pradesh ; ICSSR sponsored "Impact of Tiger Reserves

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on Tribals Life: An Empirical Study in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra State”; TRI, MoTA Sponsored “Tribal and other Traditional Dwellers in Protected Area in India: Study of their Rights, Issues and Challenges” etc.

Prof. Walke has presented 37 research papers in national and international seminar/conferences; published 13 research papers in refereed journals; authored book titled “Tribals in Tiger Territories of Vidarbha: Issues and Challenges”; written 8 modules for UGC, E-PG Pathshala under paper Social Work with Children and Child Protection and Community Development. His areas of interests include: Child protection, displacement of tribal people and their rehabilitation, rural youth and their role in community development, social science research, life skill development and career counseling.

On the professional front, Prof. Walke has been associated with Professional/Voluntary Bodies like National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), and Maharashtra Association of Social Work Educators (MASWE), Dr. Ambedkar Teacher Welfare Association (ATWA), and Asian Pacific Association of Social Work Education (APASWE). He has also been awarded for his varied contributions with the Best Teacher Award 2013 by Shri Gajanan Maharaj Multipurpose Welfare Society, RTMNU’s University Level Best NSS Programme Officer Award 2013-14, “Best Case” Award in the Case Study Category in CIBM’s International Conference Mar 2015, RTMNU’s Best Teacher Award 2015-16, Maharashtra State NSS Best Programme Officer Award for 2015-16, Distinguished Researcher Award for 2018 by VMS Research Foundation in International Conference at Pattaya, Thailand, “Best NSS Programme Coordinator” Appreciation Certificate Award” for the session 2019-20 by Government of Maharashtra.

Statement of Goals:

As a candidate of Treasurer position, I shall pursue to mobilise adequate resources for NAPSWI so that we have many more activities and may be able to create a National Office in New Delhi with Guest House for NAPSWI members.

Statement of Commitment:

Having explained some of my achievements, I must express my gratitude to NAPSWI members to elect me on NAPSWI Executive Board in last executive committee. I contributed to the best of my capacity. My two important assignment by NAPSWI were: i) National Coordinator, of 5th National social work week 2024 and ii) Organizing Secretary of 9th Indian Social Work Congress and release of Nation Building, Vision 2030 And Social Work Profession.

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POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-1: ANISH K. R.

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Professional Experience:

Dr Anish KR is an Associate Professor and a Registered Mental Health Professional with 25 years of experience. He has served as Head of the Department of Social Work at Rajagiri College and Marian College Kuttikkanam; Chairman of the Board of Studies (Social Work) of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kannur University, and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences; and Member of BOS of Sree Sankaracharya University and seven autonomous colleges His areas of interest are intercultural competence, social work education, mental health interventions, migration, and innovations in pedagogical approaches in higher education. He is a research guide at Mahatma Gandhi University.

He has received fellowships and research grants from the Finnish National Agency for Education, Finland, DAAD-Germany, Australia India Council, World Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation, International Association of Schools of Social Work, UGC, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Kerala, ICSSR, etc.

He is a consultant to the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), NTPC, Habitat India etc. He also serves as the Vice President of the Association of Schools of Social Work in Kerala (ASSK) and Associate General Secretary of the Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS). He was the founding coordinator of KAPS Skills Academy. He has authored/edited eight books and published several articles in Scopus/WoS/UGC Care-indexed journals. He also serves as an Editorial Board Member of Children and Youth Services Review (CYSR) and an active reviewer of journals Social Work Education, Indian Journal of Social Work, International Social Work, The International Journal of Community and Social Development Frontiers in Public Health, Ibrain, Medicine, Indian Journal of Health Social Work, Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work, and an advisory board member of Indian Journal of Social Work Education and Practice.

Statement of Goals:

As an executive committee member, I aim to strengthen NAPSWI for social workers across India, ensuring that our profession continues evolving and remains relevant in addressing contemporary social challenges. I will focus on promoting skill development, fostering collaborations, and advocating for policies that enhance the visibility and impact of social work practice. I will also take a special interest in continuing the education of professionals and expanding the reach of NAPSWI. Emphasis will be given to better

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networking among educators and practitioners to ensure quality training and field practicum to ensure better theory and practice integration. I will also integrate evidence-based practice to build the profession's credibility.

Statement of Commitment:

I am committed to upholding the values of our profession, working diligently to support social work professionals, especially the NAPSWI community, through -

1. Promoting professional growth opportunities for social workers across all levels.
2. Advocating for the recognition of social work in policy-making and multidisciplinary settings.
3. Encouraging research and evidence-based practices within the social work community.
4. Building strong networks between social work professionals, academic institutions, and organizations.
5. Ensuring that social workers' voices from diverse backgrounds and regions are heard and represented.
6. Supporting initiatives that enhance the credibility and impact of the social work profession in India.
7. Fostering innovation in social work education and practice to meet emerging social challenges..

POST: EC MEMBER

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Apoorva is an educator, trainer and researcher with over a decade of multi-disciplinary experience. She is associated with Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar, as a social work faculty member from 2016. Also, she serves on its Centre for Excellence as Head-Centre for Law and Society (GCLS), where she fosters collaboration between social work and law, promoting interdisciplinary education, research, and social innovation.

Previously she had worked with the Faculty of Social Work at MSU Baroda; the Public Health Foundation of India (IIPH-G) and the Azim Premji Foundation. She is an alumna of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, trained in Social Work with specialisation in Health and Mental Health. Her interdisciplinary doctoral research at GNLU was centred on social entrepreneurial initiatives in livelihood and nutrition security.

Dr. Apoorva is committed to nurturing young minds and promoting social change. Her profile extends from her selection as a Teach SDGs Ambassador, contributing to global efforts to achieve the UN's 2030 Agenda, empanelment as an accredited mediator trainer

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under Bangladesh International Mediation Society (BIMS), Dhaka and her nomination as State President of the Gujarat Social Entrepreneurship Council, the Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI).

Statement of Goals:

As an Executive Member of NAPSWI, I will focus on:

- **Advocacy and Visibility:** Enhancing the visibility and recognition of social work as a profession across diverse sectors and policy-making forums.
- **Capacity Building:** Organizing capacity-building programs and fostering leadership among young social workers to empower them to navigate the complex socio-legal landscape.
- **Strengthening Collaborations:** Building strategic partnerships between academia, civil society, and government institutions to strengthen social justice initiatives.
- **Interdisciplinary Engagement:** Promoting interdisciplinary frameworks to enrich social work practice, focusing on the intersection of law, public health, and social welfare..

Statement of Commitment:

I am deeply committed to advancing the field of social work, ensuring its evolution as a profession of resilience and transformative impact. If elected, I will bring my academic, research, and professional experience to further NAPSWI's mission of empowering social workers and advocating for social justice at both national and global levels.

POST: EC MEMBER

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Bharat Dasharath Khandagale is an Assistant Professor and teaches Social Work for the last 15 years at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru College of Social Work, Amalner Dist. Jalgaon. He has done his Masters & Ph. D. in Social Work from the School of Social Sciences, SRTM University, Nanded and also has an MBA and cleared SET & NET. Dr Bharat has completed MRPs sponsored by NIRD Hyderabad, NCRI Hyderabad & NMU Jalgaon. He has worked as Social Scientist for Central Government sponsored Water & Sanitation Programme TSC at Zilla Parishad Latur from 2004 to 2008. Dr Bharat provided training in Social Work Research Methodology, Social Work Skills, PRA & Micro Planning. He is an 'A' grade certified trainer for NIRD & PR Hyderabad, Yashada Pune, Infosys DC Mysore, RGNIYD, Ministry of Sport & Youth Development, Govt. of India, and Placement Cell NMU Jalgaon.

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The interest area for research is Rural Development, Women Empowerment & Local Governance. He has to his credit 06 books on - Soft Skills and Youth Development; Skill Development: Tribal Youths – Issues & Concern; Decentralized Governance and Youths; An Intervention of CBOs in Rural Development; Women Centered Development & Social Work & Youth Development in India.

Statement of Goals:

1. Academic excellence to enhance standards of education in institutions through fostering innovative research & teaching methods,
2. Collaborations & Development of opportunities of Professional development of faculties through networking and mentoring program.
3. Initiatives for strengthening of advocacy & policy development to address Social Work Education related issues in India.
4. Strengthening of NAPSWI network from students wing to all other stakeholder for professional development & identity.

Statement of Commitment:

1. I will dedicate time and energy for organizational & professional development of NAPSWI.
2. Strengthen partnership with key stakeholders to achieve positive change in social work education
3. Build partnership with social work institutions to foster exchange programs & region-wise faculty and students exchange program

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-4: **BISHNU MOHAN DASH**

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Bishnu Mohan Dash, M.S.W., M.Phil. PhD., ICSSR Post-Doctoral fellow, presently working as Professor, Department of Social Work at Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College (University of Delhi) and Former Associate Professor and Discipline Coordinator, Indira Gandhi National Open University New Delhi and is having more than 18 years of teaching experience.

He is the recipient of Best Teacher Award from Government of Delhi 2019-20, and the prestigious Delhi University excellence award for teachers 2021. He is also an editorial board member/ Advisory member in several national and international journals including Practice: Social work in action Routledge, Taylor and Francis, London (Published by British Association of Social Workers), Associate Editor of South Asian Journal of Participative Development, Member Editorial Board of Bhopal Journal of Social Work and several other prestigious journals.

He has also authored/co- authored/edited 16 books. He has published more than sixty papers in various reputed National and International journals including Sage, Routledge Emerald, Springer , Oxford, Blackwell etc. and contributed chapters for Post

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Graduate Course in Social Work (MSW)/ Social work and Counseling of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi and frequently contributes in leading national newspapers. He has presented papers and chaired sessions in various national/ international conferences including Canada, Japan, and Srilanka and delivered invited lectures in various academic forums.

He was also member of the Expert committee in the course Revision/Member, School Board, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi; Orissa state Open University, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Maharashtra, BPS University, Sonapat and Member, Board of Studies in Social Work, Indore School of Social Work, Indore and Academic Advisory Board, School of Social Sciences, Doon University, Member, NCF, Govt of India, Academic Council Member, IGNOU, Member, Expert Committee, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, MoE, GOI.

Statement of Goals:

As an Executive Member of NAPSWI, my goal is to promote the Indianization of social work education by integrating Indian knowledge systems into social work education and practice. This will help align the profession more closely with the socio-cultural realities of Indian communities, particularly marginalized groups. Additionally, I aim to expand professional development opportunities for NAPSWI members through workshops, conferences, and capacity-building programs, promoting continuous learning and growth.

I will focus on the professionalization of NAPSWI, ensuring high standards in organizing national, regional, state, and local conferences, seminars, and workshops. Recognizing the achievements of outstanding contributors through various awards will also be a priority.

Statement of Commitment:

As an Executive Member, I am committed to promoting the core values of social justice, equity, and inclusivity within NAPSWI. I pledge to lead with transparency, integrity, and dedication, ensuring that NAPSWI members are empowered with the necessary tools and opportunities for their professional growth. My vision is to build a more inclusive and professionally advanced NAPSWI that continues to spearhead social work practice and education in India.

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CANDIDATE-5: FR. C.P. ANTO

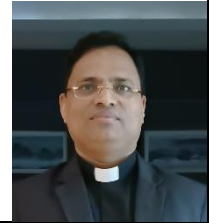
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Professional Experience:

Dr. C.P. Anto was born on May 15, 1971, in the town of Mattoor, Kerala, India, into a devout Catholic family. Raised by his parents, Mr. Paulo and Mrs. Rose, alongside three sisters and three brothers, Dr. Anto's upbringing was steeped in strong values of faith and community service. His early education in Kerala fostered a deep sense of spirituality and social commitment, laying the foundation for a lifelong dedication to peace and social work. In 1988, Dr. C.P. Anto joined the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, as a missionary priest. His calling to serve others led him to take on the role of Director of the Youth Office in the diocese, where he was responsible for creating programs that promoted faith, leadership, and life skills among the youth. His work in youth development was collaborative, working closely with priests, religious leaders, and community stakeholders to address the region's unique social and spiritual needs.

Growing up in a multi-religious environment that nurtured respect for religious diversity, Dr. Anto became a key advocate for interfaith dialogue in Nagaland. He has organized numerous ecumenical and inter-religious meetings that promote understanding and unity among different religious communities in the region.

Understanding the pressing need for peace in a region affected by insurgency and social unrest, Dr. Anto founded the Peace Channel, a pioneering youth peace movement. This initiative has garnered over 150,000 young members, committed to fostering peace and harmony in the culturally and religiously diverse landscape of Nagaland.

In 2014, Dr. Anto took his vision of social work and peacebuilding a step further by establishing the North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR), Nagaland's first social work institute. As the founder and principal of NEISSR, he not only pioneered the institution but also introduced the Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies specialization in the MSW program, the first of its kind in India. This groundbreaking program has prepared countless social workers to become agents of peace and conflict resolution, especially in areas marked by violence and social discord.

Alongside his work as an academic and administrator, Dr. Anto is a recognized peace educator and trainer. He has conducted numerous workshops and training sessions across the country, focusing on conflict resolution, peacebuilding strategies, and social transformation. Moreover, Dr. C.P. Anto is an accomplished writer, having authored numerous articles and books on social work, youth development, and peacebuilding. His writings reflect his deep commitment to promoting peace and empowering communities.

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Dr. C.P. Anto's journey, from his humble beginnings in Kerala to becoming a transformative figure in Nagaland's social and educational landscape, is a testament to his lifelong dedication to peace, social work, and education. As a founder, Principal, peace educator, and trainer, his work has left a profound impact on the region, fostering hope, unity, and empowerment.

Statement of Goals:

As I seek the position of Executive Member in the National Association for Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), my commitment is to foster the growth and development of the social work profession. My goals are focused on advancing education, promoting collaboration, advocating for policy reforms, addressing environmental challenges, and enhancing skill development.

1. **Enhancing Social Work Education:** *My key goal is to strengthen social work education across India by promoting innovative and dynamic curriculum designs. I will advocate for the integration of Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies, Environmental Social Work, and Social Entrepreneurship into academic programs to ensure that social work students and professionals are equipped to tackle pressing societal challenges effectively.*
2. **Skill Development and Capacity Building:** *I am dedicated to enhancing the skills and capacities of social workers through professional development programs. This includes offering training in digital tools, conflict resolution, leadership development, and establishing mentorship programs that help young professionals navigate the challenges of modern social work.*
3. **Advocate for Youth Development and Leadership:** *I will work to empower young social workers by promoting leadership and capacity-building programs that enhance their ability to create meaningful change in their communities.*
4. **Promote Peace and Conflict Resolution Initiatives:** *I am committed to advocating for peacebuilding initiatives, equipping social workers with the skills to engage in conflict-prone areas and lead efforts to foster reconciliation and harmony.*
5. **Promote Interfaith Dialogue and Social Harmony:** *I will actively support initiatives that promote interfaith dialogue, working to bridge divides between religious communities and foster social cohesion.*
6. **Promote Inclusivity and Membership Growth:** *I will work to ensure NAPSWI is an inclusive platform that welcomes diverse voices, striving to expand membership and strengthen participation across India.*
7. **Promoting Environmental Social Work:** *In the face of increasing environmental challenges, I will work to promote the role of social workers in environmental justice. My goal is to ensure that social workers are empowered to contribute to addressing climate change, disaster management, and sustainable development through advocacy and community-driven initiatives.*
8. **Advocating for Policy Reforms:** *As an Executive Member, I will focus on advocating for social policy reforms that prioritize the rights and welfare of marginalized communities. I will work to influence national policies in critical areas like healthcare, education, environmental protection, and social justice, ensuring the social work profession is recognized as a crucial contributor to national development.*
9. **Enhancing Professional Standards and Ethics:** *Upholding the highest standards of ethics and professionalism, I will promote accountability and integrity within the social work community.*

By pursuing these goals, I am committed to supporting NAPSWI's mission and contributing to the growth and advancement of the social work profession across India.

Statement of Commitment:

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I, C.P. Anto am deeply committed to the vision and mission of the National Association for Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). As a dedicated professional in the field of social work, I recognize the critical role NAPSWI plays in advocating for social justice, ethical practice, and the advancement of social work as a profession across India.

If given the opportunity to serve as an Executive Member, I pledge to contribute my full energy, knowledge, and passion to further NAPSWI's objectives. I am committed to fostering an inclusive and collaborative environment within the association, where social workers from diverse backgrounds can exchange ideas, develop skills, and advocate for meaningful social change.

My focus will be on supporting initiatives that enhance the quality of social work education, strengthen professional networks, and advocate for the rights and needs of marginalized communities. I am especially committed to promoting peacebuilding, environmental sustainability, and skill development as integral components of our work. Furthermore, I will uphold the highest standards of ethics, accountability, and professionalism, ensuring that NAPSWI remains a strong, credible voice in shaping social policy and practice in India. I am committed to working closely with fellow members to achieve our shared goals and to drive the growth of the social work profession across the country.

I am honoured to have the opportunity to contribute to NAPSWI and am fully committed to advancing its mission with dedication and integrity.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-6: GAURAV GAUR

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Professional Experience:

A nominated member of the Governing body of our 150 years' old Panjab University, Chandigarh by the Hon'ble Vice President of India & the Chancellor of the University. I also had the privilege to serve at different positions like the Director Public Relations and NSS Programme Officer along with teaching Social Work in the career span of over 15 years. The academia has been contributed by three books and heading the department with initiatives like campus placement for the MSW students.

The social work intervention can be gauged by executing initiatives like Ann Anand for Animals, which was acknowledged by the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh. I have attended almost all ISWC organized by NAPSWI; organized National Conference by ISPSW; I also organized and participated in National social Work Weeks and many other activities in the recent past.

Statement of Goals:

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As a team, I will ensure that we are able to take appropriate decisions in the favour of social work education and fraternity. I will work for the standard and quality of social work education and setting up social work council by the Government. The social workers will be governed by an autonomous agency like the RCI.

Statement of Commitment:

I have a track record of faith and belief as well as practice in social work values and principles. My efforts will be making Social Work as a fully professional discipline duly recognized by the UGC and other bodies. I will work for betterment of social work employment in different areas.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-7: LAKSHMANA G

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Lakshmana G is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work, Central University of Karnataka and served at University of Delhi. He has done his graduation (BA) and Post-Graduation in Social Work (MSW) from Bangalore University, Bangalore. He obtained his Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. In addition to his doctoral degree, he has PGDHRM to his academic credentials.

Dr. Lakshmana has published 51 articles in International and National Journals, including Social Work Practice in the Addiction, Asian Social Work and Policy Review, Hong Kong Journal of Social Work, Indian Journal of Social Work, Epilepsy and Behaviour, Frontiers in Psychology, Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine, etc. Has written 16 chapters in books, edited two books (Palgrave Macmillan & Bloomsbury), published eight monographs (2 co-authors), and presented 35 National and 14 International Conferences. He has completed twelve research projects. He has written 42 e-content modules on social work education. Four Ph.D. and three M.Phil candidates were awarded under his guidance. He has visited Australia, China, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Nepal. He was an Executive committee member of the Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW), Karnataka Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPSW), and presently elected member at large of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD). His research interests are addiction medicine, psychosocial intervention with families and children, community care and mental health, Corporate Social Responsibility, and vulnerable populations.

Statement of Goals:

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I want to contribute nationally to the Social Work profession through NAPSWI, the Pan India Association. I want to work with senior social work teachers and practitioners to get professional status at the national level. As social work requires strong association at the national level, I would like to contribute as one of the active board members. With nearly two decades of social work experience and more than one decade as a social work teacher, this is the right time to be involved at the national level to contribute to the profession. I will strive to make the NAPSWI vibrant and represent social workers in the country.

Statement of Commitment:

I am a committed social work teacher who strongly believes in social work practice. I am committed to NAPSWI's goals and objectives.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-8: **MANJU PANWAR**

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Manju Panwar is the Head of the Department of Social Work, B. P S Women's University, Sonipat, the first state women's university in North India, India. She has the additional charge of the Director, Women Study Centre and Nodal Officer of International Relations Office, BPSMV. She has the experience of more than a decade as Social Work Educator, Researcher and Practitioner.

Dr. Manju Panwar's first book titled "Social Action- Experiences of Young Activist, Mittal Publications was reviewed by David Moxley, Professor of Community Practice and Social Action, University of Oklahoma, Norman and published in Journal of Community Practice, Taylor & Francis Group. She has completed University Grant Commission minor research on "Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on Rural Women" and major research project titled "Impact Assessment of Integrated Child Development Services in Haryana". She has published number of papers and articles on issues relating to the role of community engagement in higher education, women empowerment and development issues in national and international journals. She has participated and presented papers in conferences, seminars, and workshops at the National and International levels.

Dr Manju Panwar received the Annual Award from National Award from National Dairy Research in Asia, Karnal for outstanding contribution in the capacity building Farm Women. She has also received National Cleanliness Education Promotion Award from the National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research, New Delhi. She is the core member of Consultative Group on the research A Fair Chance for Education Gendered Pathways University of Warwick, United Kingdom. She made her paper presentation in the

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Barcelona, Spain (3 to 7th March, 2020) in The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) is an international network created in 1999 and supported by the [UNESCO Link opens in a new window](#) and the [Catalan Association of Public Universities \(ACUP\) Link opens in a new window](#).

Statement of Goals:

I would like to state that I will make efforts to create training programs and workshops that focus on skill-building, ethics, and emerging trends in social work; to develop partnerships with to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration; to engage in advocacy efforts to influence legislation and policies related to social work practice; to launch campaigns for public education on social work and social workers importance.

1. Develop and promote ethical guidelines and best practices that reinforce the integrity of the profession.
2. Organize events and forums that allow social workers to connect, share experiences, and support one another.
3. Encourage research that contributes to the knowledge base of social work and explore innovative practices that enhance service delivery.

Statement of Commitment:

As a member of the Executive Council, I will be deeply committed to advance the social work profession through collaboration, advocacy, and innovation. I recognize the vital role that social workers play in promoting social justice, supporting vulnerable populations, and fostering community well-being. My commitment is centered on the following principles:

- (i) I will champion policies that enhance the social work profession and advocate for the rights and needs of those we serve;
- (ii) I will promote continuous learning and skill enhancement for social workers;
- (iii) I will uphold and promote the highest ethical standards in our practice, and
- (iv) I will advocate for the mental health and well-being of social workers.

By embracing above mentioned principles, my aim is to contribute to a vibrant, empowered social work community that is equipped to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. Together, we can strengthen our profession and enhance our ability to serve those in need.

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POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-9: MONUJ DUTTA

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Professional Experience:

Born and raised in a remote, flood-prone village in Assam, Dr. Monuj Dutta grew up witnessing firsthand the hardships vulnerable communities face. As a child, he experienced the daily struggles of village life, including attending school by boat during floods. These early experiences ignited his passion for working towards the betterment of marginalized populations, leading him to pursue a career in social work. After completing his professional social work degree, he realized he could have a more significant impact by becoming an educator and mentoring future social workers committed to uplifting communities. His aim has been to expand social work education in a region with minimal awareness of the profession and low student engagement.

Since 2012, he has served as an Assistant Professor at Dibrugarh University, Assam. He has introduced innovative initiatives such as Nature Camp, Agri Camp, and Theatre of the Oppressed training for MSW students. His contributions include organizing study tours, rural camps, and workshops & training programmes on social responsibility, disaster management, gender issues, youth leadership etc.

Dr. Dutta has held several administrative roles at Dibrugarh University, including Coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club, Outreach & Inclusivity Cell, and Yuva Tourism Club. He has also served as IQAC Coordinator, Placement Coordinator, and Nodal Officer for various MoUs.

He remains deeply connected to his roots despite his academic and professional commitments. He actively contributes to the empowerment of his village by establishing a community library and promoting educational and social upliftment in it.

Dr. Dutta is deeply invested in the growth of professional social work in Northeast India, maintaining a solid network with organizations and social work institutions across the region. His work reflects a strong commitment to sustainable development and social work education, enriching India's academic sphere and grassroots social initiatives.

Statement of Goals:

My primary goals will be to:

- (a) Empower the Social Work Profession in India: *Advocate for government policies that enhance the role of social workers, ensuring respect and support for the profession at all levels.*

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- (b) Strengthen Collaborations: *Foster partnerships between academic institutions, social work organizations, and practitioners to enhance knowledge exchange and practice.*
- (c) Promote the Growth of Social Work in Northeast India: *Address challenges social work professionals face in the region and work to bridge gaps in resources and representation.*
- (d) Enhance Professional Capacity: *Build the profession's capacity to tackle pressing social issues; ensuring social workers have the necessary skills and resources.*

Statement of Commitment:

I am committed to advancing NAPSWI's mission of promoting inclusivity, diversity, and community empowerment. If elected, I pledge to -

- Advocate for policies that strengthen the social work sector.
- Prioritize capacity-building efforts for social workers.
- Promote collaboration across institutions & regions.
- Bridge the gap between theory and practice.
- Leverage my experience and network to empower social workers in Northeast India.

POST: EC MEMBER

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Professional Experience:

I am Purushottam Yashwantrao Thote hailing from rural area of Yavatmal district. Education up to graduation was done in Yavatmal district and education was done from Nagpur University. A total of 11 degrees including MSW, M.Phil and PhD have been acquired from Nagpur University. A social work college and an academic college are running under my Chairmanship in Nagpur city. I am a PhD guide and under me 42 students have obtained PhD. I have served in Nagpur universities as a Senate Member for 10 years and as Chairman of Social Work, Board of Studies for 7 years and as member of the Academic Council as well as other authorities.

Statement of Goals:

The subject of social work forms the core of all social studies courses in India. I will try to increase the scope of social work in all academic areas. It is my policy that every college should have a subject of social work and similarly I will try to appoint a social

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worker in every field so that the social work course will get national recognition. My aim as a member of the board will be to provide employment opportunities and make the Social Work curriculum a viable one.

Statement of Commitment:

If I am elected as an executive member of NAPSWI, I will fulfil all the responsibilities and duties of the organisation. I will not do anything that will disturb the organisation in anyway. My aim will be the progressive growth and development of the organisation. I will accept the decisions taken by all the members of the organisation. Likewise, I will continue to do the work mentioned from time to time honestly for the betterment of the organisation. Such will remain my commitment.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-11: PRADEEP KUMAR SAHOO

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahoo is a seasoned development professional with a strong academic background and extensive experience in teaching, research, project management, and community development. Dr. Sahoo holds a PhD in Social Work from Utkal University, Odisha, India. He has also completed his Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) from Utkal University, Odisha, under a World Bank fellowship program in the Centre of Excellence in Studies on Tribal and Marginalised Communities (CoE-STMC). He also possesses a couple of Master degrees in Economics and Social Work from Utkal University, Odisha, and qualified for the UGC-NET in Social Work in 2013.

Dr. Sahoo is currently serving as an Assistant Professor at Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Prior to this position, Dr. Sahoo has worked for around 15 years with a number of national and international organizations like the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Area (ICARDA), Tata Trust, the Centre for Development Study-Kerala, the Administrative Staff Council of India (Hyderabad), the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (Dehradun), Utkal University (Odisha), and Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.

Dr. Pradeep has published 15 journal articles, 2 book chapters, and 3 communication materials on the ILRI website. Some of his research articles were published by internationally reputed publishers, with the journal indexed in Scopus and SSCI. Furthermore, he has attended more than 25 international and national seminars and workshops, presenting the findings of his various research projects.

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Dr. Pradeep is the life member of the National Association of Profession Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), the Odisha Professional Social Workers Association (OPSWA), and the Odisha Economic Association (OEA).

Dr. Sahoo is the chairman of the Gyanalok Trust, which is actively working in Odisha to help and empower needy scholars through education. As a professional social worker, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership, analytical prowess, and a deep commitment to driving positive change in the communities. His proficiency in Odia, English, and Hindi, coupled with his extensive field experience and academic acumen, positions him as a valuable asset in society, especially in Odisha.

Statement of Goals:

I will strive to establish more regular social work departments in colleges and universities across each state, ensuring the permanent recruitment of academic staff. My other important priorities will include securing statutory job provisions for professional social workers in government departments and exploring opportunities to create new positions for them. Additionally, my core agenda for the benefit of the social work fraternity in India will include the formation of a social work council, which will establish a professional association for social workers. As a professional social worker, I will follow the philosophy, ethics, and principles of social work and advocate for social justice, inclusivity, and empowerment of marginalised communities while promoting equitable access to resources and opportunities. I will also emphasise policy reforms, community development, and sustainable social welfare programs to build a more just and compassionate society that upholds the dignity and rights of all citizens of India.

Statement of Commitment:

As a professional social worker in a diverse country like India, I commit to promoting social justice, human dignity, and the empowerment of marginalised communities by advocating for their rights and well-being. I will uphold the highest ethical standards of social work, respect confidentiality, and embrace the diversity of India's cultural and social fabric. Through collaboration, continual learning, and responsible use of resources, I will strive to enhance the lives of individuals and contribute to sustainable development, aligning my work with the goals of NAPSWI for poverty alleviation, equality, and community welfare.

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POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-12: RAKESH DWIVEDI

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Rakesh Dwivedi is a distinguished academia with over 18 years of expertise in health and social science disciplines. He belongs from Lucknow in the state of Uttar Pradesh. At present he is serving his duty as Head, Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow and Chief Proctor of the University as well. He has worked as Program Coordinator in National Service Scheme at Lucknow University. He acclaims several Awards as State Level 'National Service Scheme Award' by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh and by the Election Commission of India. Throughout his academic journey, Prof. Dwivedi has demonstrated a unique ability to integrate knowledge from these diverse fields, applying interdisciplinary approaches to complex health and social issues. His background in guidance, communication, and counselling has enhanced his capacity to educate and mentor students effectively. These skills have also likely been instrumental in developing health communication strategies and in designing interventions for community health programs. His ability to convey complex information clearly and empathetically has probably made him an effective educator and communicator in both academic and public health settings.

His work likely extends beyond the confines of academia. His expertise in public health and community medicine suggests involvement in real-world applications of his knowledge, possibly through collaborations with health organizations, government agencies, or non-governmental organizations. These partnerships have resulted in the implementation of community health programs, the development of health education materials, or contributions to public health policies.

Statement of Goals:

As a nominee for NAPSWI executive member, my goals are to amplify the impact of advance Professional Social Work in India with Indian value system. I aim to boost Professional Development through implementation of comprehensive continuing education programs, mentorship initiatives, and regular workshops on emerging trends in social work. I am keen to work towards greater acknowledgment of social work's importance in India's development, collaborating with government bodies to strengthen supportive policies and promote Research and Innovation in Social Work. I seek to Strengthen Ethical Practices in social work with international partnerships, and create regional chapters for local engagement. I am dedicated towards addressing systemic inequalities and advocate for policies protecting vulnerable populations and support the emerging social work Professionals. By focusing on these objectives, I aim to contribute to NAPSWI's growth, elevate the standing of social workers in India, and improve the quality of services provided

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to communities nationwide. I'm committed to collaborate with fellow members to realize these goals and strengthen our collective impact on Indian society.

Statement of Commitment:

As a nominee for NAPSWI executive member, I stand before you with a deep commitment of advancing the profession of social work in India. My dedication to this role stems from a genuine passion for our field and a vision for its growth and impact. I pledge to channel my expertise and energy into enhancing our professional landscape with core values of Indian Knowledge System. I will begin with robust professional development initiatives, including comprehensive education programs and mentorship opportunities that will nurture both seasoned practitioners and emerging talents. Advocating for our profession's recognition is close to my heart. I will tirelessly work towards ensuring the role of social work in India's development should be acknowledged and valued at all levels of society and governance. I commit to strengthen our ethical standards and provide guidance to the emerging challenges we face in our rapidly changing world.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-13: RAMBABU BOTCHA

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Rambabu Botcha is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at the Rajiv, Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports, Government of India. He obtained his integrated M.Phil/Ph.D. from the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. Dr. Botcha is recognized for his exceptional contributions to improving the quality of life for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS, having been awarded the Young Achievement Award in Social Work.

Dr. Botcha holds life memberships with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and the Indian Society for Professional Social Work (ISPSW). He has presented numerous papers at international conferences, including the Bangkok international Conference in Thailand in 2013, and has contributed significantly to the field through over a decade of teaching, research, and practice in higher education across India. Having presented 30 papers in national seminars and conferences on various themes such as Youth Affairs, social work Education, Fieldwork in Social Work and Social Entrepreneurship, Dr. Botcha has been honoured with Best Research Paper Awards for two of his conference papers. He has also coordinated several training programs on Youth Development nationwide and played an active role in organizing multiple national seminars and conferences.

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At RGNIYD, Dr. Botcha has coordinated four national seminars/conferences and one international workshop. He has 25 publications credited to his name in Scopus/UGC Care List/peer Reviewed national/international journals/edited volumes. Additionally, he is the author of “Social Work Education in India: Retrospect and Prospec” and co-author of “social Case Work: The Indian Perspective” as well as a co-editor of “Youth Development: Emerging perspectives”. Dr. Botcha has undertaken official visits to three countries - Thailand, China, and Sri Lanka - two of which were nominated by the Government of India. He has served as Placement Officer for over four years and NSS Officer for over six years at RGNIYD. Furthermore, he successfully completed a one-year research project titled “Issues and Concerns of Youth at Risk in the Metropolitan City of Chennai” funded by RGNIYD. He has been putting all his efforts into strengthening and advancing the social work profession in India through various activities and programs.

Statement of Goals:

I am contesting for a position on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI). I am committed to enhancing the social work profession in India and have outlined my vision and specific goals below:

1. Establishment of the National Council for Social Workers in India: *I aim to establish a regulatory body to oversee social work education and practice standards, ensuring quality and accountability. This council will recognize social workers as a professional group akin to doctors and lawyers, promoting clear ethics and national standards.*
2. Expanding Social Work Education in Universities: *To reach underserved populations, I will advocate for new social work departments in universities nationwide. This expansion will cultivate a diverse pool of trained social workers for critical sectors such as healthcare, education, and community development.*
3. Membership Drive for NAPSWI: *I shall prioritize a robust membership drive to enhance the association's strength and representation. By promoting the benefits of NAPSWI, I aim to encourage educators, students and practitioners to join.*
4. Strengthening Ongoing Programs and Activities of NAPSWI: *I will focus on strengthening existing programs and increasing participation in conferences and workshops, particularly for those in remote areas, ensuring broader access to professional development.*
5. International Collaborations for Enhancing Visibility: *I will seek partnerships with international social work organizations to facilitate exchange programs and joint research, improving the quality of social work education and practice in India.*
6. Professional Advancement through the Indian Network of Professional Social Work Associations: *I will work with this network to enhance collaboration, knowledge sharing and career advancement opportunities for social work professionals.*
7. Commitment to the Code of Ethics for Social Workers: *I emphasize adherence to the ethical code of our profession, ensuring high standards for current and future social workers.*
8. Promoting Evidence-Based Social Work Practice: *By encouraging research and practical solutions, I will help bridge the gap between academia and fieldwork, equipping social workers with effective tools to address challenges.*

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In conclusion, I am ready to contribute to the growth and advancement of the social work profession in India. If elected to the Executive Committee of NAPSWI, I will work tirelessly towards these goals, fostering a more inclusive and globally recognised profession. Together, we can uplift the status of social work in India.

Statement of Commitment:

I am honoured to present my candidacy for the Executive Committee of NAPSWI. My commitment to advancing the social profession in India is driven by a deep belief in our ethical values and the transformative power of social work.

I pledge to advocate for the establishment of the National Council for Social Workers, which will set national standards for education and practice, thereby elevating our profession's recognition. Expanding social work education across underserved regions is crucial, I aim to establish new programs to create a broader pool of trained professionals equipped to address pressing social issues.

Additionally, I will initiate a comprehensive membership drive to enhance NAPSWI's representational power, ensuring our initiative reach social workers nationwide particularly in remote areas I am committed to promoting international collaborations for learning and exposure while also fostering professional development through the Indian Network of Professional Social Work Associations. Upholding ethical standards and advocating for evidence-based practices will guide my efforts. Together we can uplift the status of social work in India and ensure our profession continues to thrive. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-14: RAVI RANJAN KUMAR

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar is currently serving as Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University (RGU), Arunachal Pradesh. He is among the founding members of Social Work discipline in the state of Arunachal Pradesh (2015). He has recently completed a full term as Head (I/c) of Social Work Department at RGU and has contributed his bit to strengthening the roots of Social Work profession in the state and the region. Apart from his key role in NEP-2020 Task Force at RGU since 2021, he is the Chairman of a multi-disciplinary committee leading to establishment (2024) of a Healing Centre at Women Police Station, Itanagar for the violence and abuse related trauma victims. As the Chairperson of the Third Party Transparency Audit Committee, he has contributed extensively to enhance transparency and academic governance at RGU. Dr. Kumar has been awarded with a Letter of Commendation by the Vice Chancellor of RGU (2024) for his selfless service towards the institution and society. He has been a key member in drafting State Youth Policy of Arunachal Pradesh.

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An alumnus and Gold Medalist (2011) of Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi, recognised with Young Social Scientist Award (2017) by Indian Social Science Association his research interests include Education, Health, Governance, Political Economy etc. Dr. Kumar has over two dozen research articles in reputed journals, a dozen of book chapters, and 9 books to his credit. Other than academics, he also holds a distinction of serving Prasar Bharati (All India Rank-3) at All India Radio-National Channel, New Delhi (2015) and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP, 2019), Bihar Police Service to mention a few.

Statement of Goals:

Social work in India proudly celebrates 88 years of dedicated service, advocating for social justice, human rights, and the well-being of marginalized communities. However, there remains a pressing need to work even harder to strengthen the profession for its greater bargaining power and recognition in society, in general. As the Executive Committee of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), I will try my honest efforts to uphold and advance the mission of fostering excellence in social work education, practice, and research in India. I will be trying my best to ensure that a profession and its practitioners meant for offering 'hand to hold' and 'heart to understand' for few of the most vulnerable people in the society, receive their long due respect and recognition in the country.

Statement of Commitment:

As members of the Executive Committee of NAPSWI, I commit myself to work honestly to promote the interests of the social work profession and advocate for policies and practices that enhance the dignity and welfare of individuals, families, and communities. I am committed to creating spaces for marginalized voices within our association and in the field of social work. I will act responsibly, prioritizing the collective good over personal or sectional interests.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-15: SANJAY VANANI

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Professional Experience:

Prof. Sanjay Vanani brings over 15 years of experience in academic leadership and capacity development in the development sector. His journey has been marked by a strong focus on governance, social business, startups, emerging practices, and impact investing. He excels at defining strategies that enable organizations to unlock their potential and effectively engage diverse stakeholders in high-impact projects.

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An active member of numerous national and international organizations, including the International Association for Schools of Social Work and the National Association for Professional Social Work, Prof. Sanjay is well-networked and committed to advancing social work. He is also a passionate traveller, avid reader, and keen observer.

Statement of Goals:

As a candidate for the Executive Committee of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India, my goals are:

1. Strengthen Professional Standards: *Develop robust standards and ethical guidelines to enhance social work practice.*
2. Enhance Education and Training: *Work for continuous professional development through accessible training and partnerships with educational institutions.*
3. Foster Collaboration: *Build a strong network for sharing best practices and resources among professionals across sectors.*
4. Promote Research: *Encourage evidence-based practices to improve service delivery and credibility within our profession.*

Statement of Commitment:

I am honored to be considered for the Executive Committee of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India. I am dedicated to advancing our profession and serving our communities through:

1. Upholding Professional Standards: *Promoting best practices in social work.*
2. Working for Change: *Engaging with stakeholders to support social justice and equity.*
3. Fostering Social Entrepreneurship: *Empowering innovative solutions to social challenges.*
4. Encouraging Collaboration: *Building inclusive partnerships across sectors.*
5. Empowering Members: *Advocating for accessible training and resources.*
6. Ensuring Transparency: *Promoting open communication and member involvement.*

Together, we can create a stronger impact in the field of social work.

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POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-16: SUDHIR KESHAV MASKE

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Professional Experience:

Dr. Sudhir Maske, is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi. He has done Bachelor and Master of Arts in Social Work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur & Mumbai Campus. Since, 2013 he has been engaged in teaching, research, training and field extension related activities. At present he is also Honorary Director for Centre for Community Development and Action (CCDA) a field action project of DSSW.

Dr. Maske's areas of interest are Social Justice and Empowerment, Sociology for Social Work, Anti-caste and Emancipatory Social Work, Youth Empowerment, Management of Non-Governmental Organization and CSR. Since 2018, onwards he has been serving as an Expert Committee Member for National CSR Award, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt.of India. At present he is also member of Social Audit Advisory Board, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI. Committee Member, Handbook on Social Welfare Statistics, MoSJE. He has published many research articles in Scopus indexed reputed international journals such as International Social Work, Contemporary Voice of Dalits, etc. He has written 5 book chapters on social work education and its allied practice areas. He is continuously writing in Marathi Magazines and popular newspaper such as Loksatta, Sakal, Sadhana, etc. on contemporary socio-political issues.

Statement of Goals:

I Dr. Sudhir Keshav Maske working as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi since 2014. I have been constantly contributing to social work academia as teacher and practitioner. My areas of research focus on emancipatory/liberatory social work pedagogy. I am always trying my best to bring new and innovate areas in social work teaching and practice domains to build competent and skilful social work cadre, bringing lots of changes in teaching-learning pedagogy so our profession should get wider visibility and recognition in public domain. As a young, dynamic and committed social work educator I would like to contribute to NAPSWI to achieve its goals. I would like to be a part of the Team so that I can contribute meaningfully.

Statement of Commitment:

I strongly believe on the idea that action makes man perfect but sincere efforts are the key drivers to achieve any goal. I can give my best to bring more visibility of NAPSWI in social work fraternity through constant and continuous efforts. I will devote my time to

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achieve the vision and mission of the organization. Being a part of governing board / executive body. I will try my best to attend meetings and conference and will ensure my active participation into the discussions.

POST: EC MEMBER

CANDIDATE-17: SUNEEL VATSYAYAN

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Professional Experience:

Suneel Vatsyayan is a dedicated social work practitioner, addiction therapist, and life coach with over three decades of experience. His profound contributions to the fields of social work, public policy, and health advocacy have left a lasting impact on marginalized communities, particularly those affected by addiction, homelessness, and mental health challenges. As he seeks election for a third term as an executive member of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), Suneel reflects on his journey with a deep sense of purpose and fulfilment.

Suneel holds a Postgraduate Degree in Social Work with a specialization in Criminology and Correctional Administration from Jamia Millia Islamia, which laid the foundation for his extensive work in rehabilitation and correctional facilities. In 1987, he joined the Navjyoti Delhi Police Foundation for Correction, De-addiction, and Rehabilitation as the Founding Director, where he served for twelve years. His pioneering work in using peer counselors for the rehabilitation of addicts and individuals living with HIV/AIDS established a new standard in the treatment of vulnerable populations. His initiatives, supported by UNODC, emphasized the importance of holistic rehabilitation and peer-based models, influencing addiction treatment programs nationwide.

Currently, Suneel is the Founding Chairperson of Nada India, a volunteer-driven organization advocating for balanced, healthy public policies aimed at preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs), promoting child-friendly and gender-sensitive environments, and encouraging drug- and tobacco-free lifestyles. His leadership at Nada India has led to critical advocacy efforts that align with global health priorities. Suneel's role as a member of the steering group for the Community of Practice (CoP) on NCDs and the Commercial Determinants of Health (CDoH) under the World Health Organization Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO GCM/NCD) reflects his commitment to global health advocacy.

Suneel's work has earned him numerous accolades, including the NADA International Award for his vision and leadership in 2001, as well as the prestigious Karmaveer Chakra Award and REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship instituted by the United Nations and iCONGO. He has also been recognized twice with the Rotary Vocational Service Award by Rotary International in Delhi for his outstanding contributions to public service.

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Reflecting on his career, Suneel shares, “I have always pushed my limits, perhaps because I love what I do. My journey with NAPSWI has been heart-driven, learning and growing alongside passionate social workers who are committed to making a difference.”

Statement of Goals:

As he seeks another term on NAPSWI's Executive Board, Suneel has outlined a clear agenda aimed at strengthening the profession. His priorities include integrating social work practitioners with schools of social work, continuing the NAPSWI Young India Wellness Campaign—an initiative that mobilizes social work students as advocates for tobacco and alcohol prevention—and implementing school social work programs aligned with the National Education Policy. He also envisions establishing a national office for NAPSWI in New Delhi to enhance the association's reach and impact.

Statement of Commitment:

Suneel’s leadership philosophy centres on collaboration, mentorship, and the belief that social workers play a vital role in shaping public policy and fostering healthier, more equitable communities. His commitment to bridging the gap between theory and practice has made him a driving force in the profession, and he remains dedicated to advancing the goals of NAPSWI.

With his vast experience, Suneel Vatsyayan is poised to continue making meaningful contributions to NAPSWI and the broader social work community. He earnestly appeals for support in his bid for re-election, promising to work tirelessly for the well-being of the association and its stakeholders.