



2nd National Social Work Week 2021



Department of Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad
in collaboration with
National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)

17th to 21st August 2021

Week Long Celebration Themes

Reflections by Social Work Educators

Reflections by Social Work Practitioners

Reflections by Social Work Alumni

Thematic Discussion: Social Work and Marginalised Groups

EXPERT SPEAKERS



Prof. PK Shajahan
Tata Institute of Social Sciences



Prof. DK Lal Das
Osmania University



Prof. Seema Sharma
University of Delhi



Prof. Bipin Jojo
Tata Institute of Social Sciences



Prof. Neena Pandey
University of Delhi



Dr. Farrukh Faheem
University of Kashmir



Dr. Sanjay Onkar Ingole
Jamia Millia Islamia

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Programme Schedule [Online Mode]

S. N.	Activity	Speaker/Resource Person	Moderator	Date & Time	Duration
1	<i>Inaugural</i>	Welcome & Introduction to the Programme Dr. Md Aftab Alam		17.08.2021 4:30 pm	10 minutes
		National Social Work Week 2021 Theme Address Dr. Atul Pratap Singh Treasurer, NAPSWI		17.08.2021 4: 40 pm-5:00 pm	20 minutes
2	<i>Educators' Reflections</i>	Dr. Farrukh Faheem University of Kashmir	Prof. Md. Shahid Raza	17.08.2021 5-5:45 pm	45 minutes
		Prof. Seema Sharma DU, New Delhi		17.08.2021 5:45-6:30 pm	45 minutes
		Prof. D. K. Laldas (Retired), Hyderabad		6:30-7:15 pm	45 minutes
3	<i>Practitioners' Reflections</i>	Mr. Ashraf Parwez, <i>State Programme Manager</i> Project Concern International	Mr. Md Israr Alam	18.08.2021 3:30-4:15 pm	45 minutes
		Mr. Masroor Ahmad, <i>Team Coordinator</i> PRADAN		18.08.2021 4:15-5 pm	45 minutes
4	<i>Reflections by MANUU Social Work Alumni</i>	Mr. Taukeer Haider, Project Coordinator Zafair Ltd. Ms. Syeda Saba Quadri, <i>PhD Scholar</i> Mr. Mohd Asjad <i>District Training Officer, Educate Girls</i> Mr. Vakeel Ahmad, <i>Patient Care Coordinator, AIIMS</i>	Dr. Md. Aftab Alam	18.08.2021 At 5-7 pm	2 Hours
Thematic Discussion		Social Work & Marginalised Group			
5	<i>Inequality and Sustainable Development Goals: A case of Muslim marginalization in India</i>	Prof. P. K. Shajahan, Professor of Social Work & Dean Academic Affairs TISS, Mumbai	Prof. Mohd. Shahid	20.08.2021 4:30-5:30 pm	1 Hour

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6	<i>Dalit Marginalization and Caste-ridden India</i>	Dr. Sanjay Ingole JMI, New Delhi	Prof. Mohd. Shahid	20.08.2021 5:30-6:30 pm	1 Hour
7	<i>Marginalization of Women in a Patriarchal Society</i>	Prof. Neena Pandey DU, New Delhi	Prof. Mohd. Shahid	21.08.2021 4:30-5:30 pm	1 Hour
8	<i>Marginalization and Tribes in India</i>	Prof. Bipin Jojo TISS, Mumbai	Prof. Mohd. Shahid	21.08.2021 5:30-6:30 pm	1 Hour
9	<i>Vote of Thanks</i>	Mr. Abu Osama		21.08.2021 6:30-6:40 pm	10 minutes

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Department of Social Work, MANUU, Hyderabad

The Department of Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad in collaboration with National Association of Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) observed the **2nd National Social Work Week 2021** from 17th – 21st August 2021.

In line with the intent of the NAPSWI to get social and political sanctity for the profession of social work in India through a partnership mode bringing social work institutions, social work educators and social work practitioners at one platform, the

***Getting social and
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Department of Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University organised a number of activities to support and cooperate for the purpose of the event. To support, commemorate and mentor this whole programme the Department of Social Work (MANUU) had invited a number of prominent social work educators and practitioners to share their professional experiences, journey of personal growth and episodes of struggle in crafting, maintaining and promoting their identity and engagements as professional social workers. Hence the week long programme revolved around Educators' Reflections; Practitioners' Reflections and Thematic discussion on Social Work and Marginalised Groups.

The objective was to explore that to how to approach marginalised groups and locate the possible sustainable interventions for empowering these groups to scale them up at qualitative well being indicators and contribute to the very objectives of Sustainable Development Goals. Hence, a blend of both field experiences with the conceptual and theoretical issues of marginalization was maintained where representatives of grass-root organizations from different parts of the country shared their field level understanding, strategies, experiences and challenges while working with the marginalised groups on the one hand and academicians discussed issues and recent trends within the research domain to unearth issues and dynamics of marginalisation on the other.

Themes
Educators' Reflections
***Practitioners'
Reflections***
Alumni Reflections
***Thematic Discussion
on
Social Work and
Marginalised Groups***

The programme began with the welcome note on the first day and brief about the activity schedule of the programme. Dr. Atul Pratap Singh representing the NAPSWI talked in detail about the purpose of the event to liaison the whole social work institutions in India and

raising the collective voices to strengthen social work profession and ascertaining sanctity to the profession both at the level of community and government.

The second session of the day was on Educators' Reflections where well known social work educators and research experts Prof. D. K. Laldas, Telangana; Professor Seema Sharma, University of Delhi; and Dr. Farrukh Faheem, Assistant Professor, University of Kashmir reflected their experiences covering different aspects of social work profession. Professor D. K. Lal Das said that for any profession to grow research play a very important role. While referring to the quality of research rigour and its applicability to the social work education and practice, Prof. Das expressed his deep concerns and emphasised for focused and dedicated efforts to improve the standard of social work research in India. Professor Seema Sharma recalled her engagement with students in classroom, individual conferences and fieldwork and reflected upon her experiences. She shared few experiences from the fieldwork with her students and talked about how umbrella frame of international and local values can be applied both in solving local issues as well as personal and professional dilemma.

Need to engage in critical discourse to acknowledge & appreciate challenges of subalterns and evolve a contextualized value framework in tune with international social work values

Replying to a question she said that social work educators need to change their value orientation with the time to engage with the students in the classroom and in the fieldwork to facilitate the learning outcomes in more effective manner. Also, she suggested that constitutional values and international frame of values are both in our hands while teaching and practicing social work. Further, she highlighted some issues of subterranean challenges, identity formation and countering disasters to carryout research and put hold on the questions of convenience for doing research. Dr. Farrukh Faheem talked on the critical engagement with the history of social work and put forward his idea that there is no linear history of social work but historical events are multi-layered and to understand it we need to rethink and revisit the historical development of social work profession in India. In this context he referred to many movements of African countries where social work educators and practitioners have attempted to evolve critical and indigenous social work pedagogy in the process of decolonising social work education and develop locally contextualised values for social work practice.

Day two started with the session on 'Practitioners' Reflections' where we invited Mr. Ashraf Parwez, State Programme Manager, Project Concern International, Patna, Bihar and Mr.

Masroor Ahmad, Team Coordinator, Dhamtari Team, PRADAN, Chattisgarh. Along with these prominent speakers we also invited four MANUU Social Work Alumni Mr. Taukeer Haider, Project Coordinator, Zafair Limited, Ms. Syeda Saba Quadri, Research Scholar, Dept of Social work MANUU, Mr. Mohd Asjad, District Training Officer, Educate Girls and Mr. Vakeel Ahmad, Patient Care Coordinator, AIIMS for the reflections of their professional voyage. Mr. Ashraf Parwez while sharing his personal and professional experiences suggested the upcoming social work practitioners to be patient while searching job and keep yourself engaged throughout the day which are the prerequisites of personal and professional growth. Also, keep in balancing the organisational and client interests while holding a responsible position in an organisation. Mr. Masroor Ahmad began talking about the brief history of the PRADAN and the kind of work he is doing with the village community. For sustainable development of a village community he focuses on to make any program a people's program and the work should be started on 'Demand Driven' basis rather than 'Supply Driven'. Apart from them MANUU social work alumni Mr. Taukeer Haider, Ms. Syeda Saba Quadri, Mr. Mohd Asjad and Mr. Vakeel Ahmad also shared their experiences and expressed how being studied social work through Urdu medium got their due positions and thriving in the different fields of social work practice and competing with the social workers coming out from the well known social work institutions. In unison they argued that vernacular education (in Urdu medium) has facilitated in better understanding and conceptual clarity of social work concepts and methods but the importance of English language in the professional engagements cannot be ruled out. It is a must and hence institutions like MANUU Department of Social Work must also take special initiatives to ensure that the students develop basic competencies in English language at least at the level of presentation and report writing.

***Social Work
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peoples' centric and
demand driven
approach***

The marginalised groups constitute an important audience of social work profession and require blatant articulation of the values of social justice and appreciating diversities along with inherent worth and dignity of individuals and groups. The experts were invited for discussion on theme *Social Work and Marginalised Groups*. The experts representing Tata Institute of Social Sciences; Delhi School of Social Work and Advanced Centre for Social Work, JMI were invited to deliberate on the marginalization around different social identities. Professor P. K. Shajahan, TISS, in the light of Sustainable Development Goals fluxes light on the inequalities existing around the world with special reference to the backwardness of the Muslim community. Through this discussion he focuses on how multiple partners are

contributing to the Muslim marginalization by demonising them at global level and together make manufactured collective memory having negative connotations that lead to their social disengagement. Suggesting to the participants he said that the SDGs are the core or at the centre of the social work profession having the motto of 'leaving no one behind'. The social workers should see issues of marginalisation from broader perspective while working on local issues and search for future possibilities for the marginalised people. Dr. Sanjay Ingole, JMI, took this opportunity to talk on Dalit marginalization and caste-ridden India. His focus was to see how caste and casteism exist in Indian society and is affecting the all spheres of our lives. Taking up his personal and field experiences he described how caste hegemony is maintained and instead of declining it is getting more penetrating and oppressive. Replying to a question he said that by holding the values of constitution and promoting the ideas of Dr. Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar we can challenge and win over such hegemonic social structures. Professor Neena Pandey, DU discussed about the marginalization of women in patriarchal society. She focussed on it by saying how patriarchy is homed in us where both male and female are partners to it but mostly women are at the receiving end of the ills produced by the system of patriarchy. She asked us to be very conscious and restrain from developing patriarchal mirror in our own self and become the 'unfortunate' torch bearers of the patriarchy. To fight and raise the hands against all these odds of patriarchy she suggested creating a critical framework considering all human beings are equal, removing men from the idea of running the family and making women a partner to share the economic burden. She emphasised that producing powerful and critical writings is the way forward. Professor Bipin Jojo, TISS talked on the process of marginalization of tribes in India. To him, in the processes of development the tribal communities at one end suffered a lot and on the other the fruits of development do not reached to them. Their lands are snatched to make them landless by merely giving them a dole of compensation leads to their marginalisation and diminishing of their distinct identity. He suggested coming out from the dominant hegemonic perspective of development and instead an *Adivasi's* or insider's perspective need to be considered for their development.

Fighting Issues of inequalities and development deficits should be central concern of social work profession for creating a just society

In concluding comments Professor Mohd Shahid, MANUU has summarised the whole discussions putting emphasis on understanding the distinct identity of ethnic and religious minorities, gender, castes, races, tribes etc groups and need to give due importance to preserve, protect and develop their rich culture. Further he said with the emergence of

subalterns' writings which shown different perspectives where realities of the masses come before the world. While moderating a session in the programme, Mr. Md. Israr Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, MANUU put his strong view on the need of an interface between social work educators and practitioners for updating syllabi of the schools of social work. Professor Md. Shahid Raza, Head, Department of Social Work MANUU gives his presidential remarks. He congratulated NAPWSI, and all the participants for making the programme very successful. Giving his remark on the whole sessions, he opined two critical aspects of the social work education and practice. First, he finds that people need to change their mindset in understanding their own problems and other stakeholders should also change their perspective while engaging with people in need. Secondly, he emphasised that practitioner must translate social work knowledge into practice honestly in the light of professional values.

Mr. Abu Osama, Assistant Professor, Dept of Social Work, MANUU extended vote of thanks to the speakers, organisers and participants. More than fifty students, teachers and other professionals from different universities and organisations participated in this programme. Dr. Md. Aftab Alam, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, MANUU and Students; Advisor has coordinated the whole programme.

Dr. Md. Aftab Alam
Programme Coordinator

Prof. Md. Shahid Raza
Head, Dept of Social Work

Glimpses of the programme:

HoD Department of Social Work is presenting

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO OTHERING

Local and National Historiography

Global economic Imbalance

Populace and Media

Communitarian Media

Manufactured Collective Memory

Othering

Social Disengagement

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Prof. PK Shajahan speaking on *Inequality and Sustainable Development Goals: A case of Muslim marginalization in India*

Sanjay Onkar Ingole (Assistant Professor, Dept. Social Work)

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Dr. Sanjay Onkar Ingole speaking on *Dalit Marginalization and Caste-ridden India*

Neena Pandey

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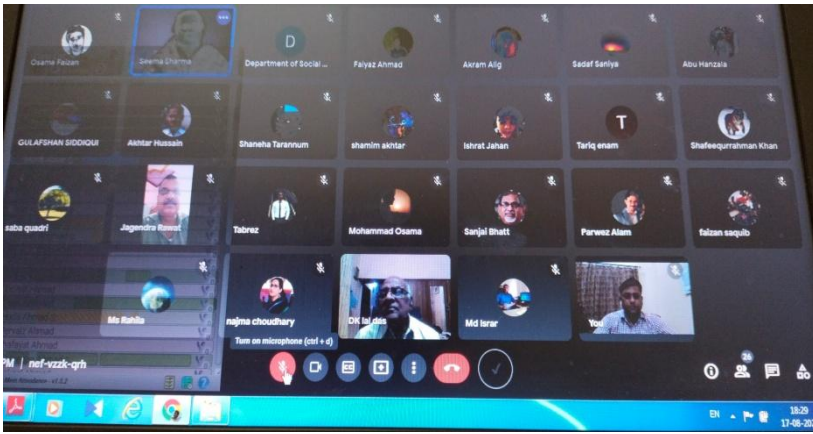
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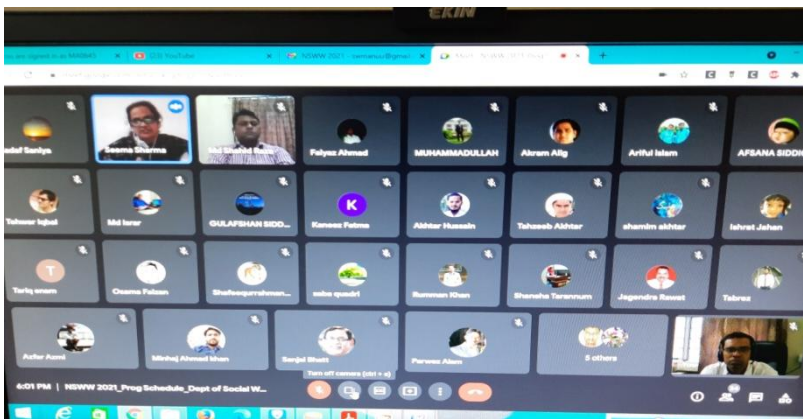
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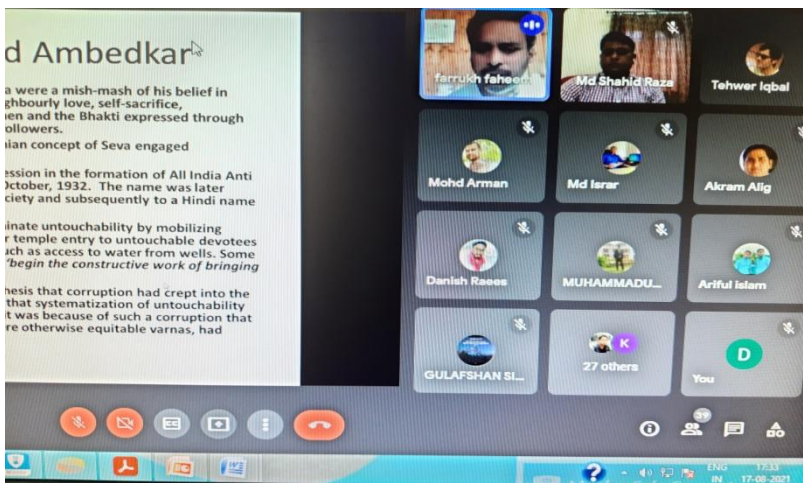
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Prof. D.K. Lal Das reflecting on Social Work Research in India



Prof. Seema Sharma reflecting on engagement with social work students



Dr. Farrukh Faheem reflecting on critical social work pedagogy

THANK YOU!