

## At the outset ...

*I feel a strong need for a journal on Psychiatric Social Work, I don't think I need to justify why? The strongest reason is current development in Psychiatric Social Work (PSW) teaching and training institutions and rapid growth in research and publication; where hundreds of journals are new coming up. I explored the various options and I was set to start a new the journal, but then the name of the 'Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work' came in my mind which was started by Dr. R.K. Upadhayay, then the head Department of Psychiatric Social Work and publishing from Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranch. First volume was published in 1972 and was in regular publication till 1978, volume VII was last then discontinued many eminent faculty professionals have written paper for this journal and it was indexed in Psychological Abstracts, USA. Finally I came into contact with Dr. R.K. Upadhayay which I was trying since two years and he graciously granted me permission to continue the Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work from next volume. So this is the story behind this journal which is now in your hand.*

*I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to Prof. B.S. Chavan who has granted permission to take this opportunity and also to keep editorial office in the Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh. Obviously Dr. R.K. Upadhayay deserve a big thanks not only to given me permission to continue the journal but also to have a long vision for the profession, way back when this profession was in infant stage so, my sincere gratitude to him. Dr. A.N. Verma contributed a lots when this journal was started, so my thanks to him. I would like to thank my esteemed editorial board members for their consent to be with me, contributing significantly in review and editing and also for their financial contributions. All have subscribed the journal for five years so that the financial needs can be met. Our heartfelt thanks to all contributors for this issue for their faith on us and taking a risk to be published in this journal.*

*I am aware of that it's not very essay job, it's very time-consuming, challenging and cost factor is also associated with it, but I would say it is still feasible and we need to do this.*

*I take the honor to invite your paper/scholar work to the Journal. Your precious contribution will be an eminent source of development of the journal. We particularly welcome papers based on empirical data but we will accept all type of articles: original research papers, review articles, brief research communication, case reports, viewpoint, commentaries, book reviews, movie reviews, literary, my voice and letters to the editor. We will also publish announcements pertaining to the our field.*

*The Journal is well equipped with anything required for a professional journal e.g. an eminent editorial board, ISSN (applied, soon will have), indexed/abstracted/listed in Google Scholar and many more reputed agencies.*

*We will be grateful to you for your voluble comments, suggestions and critics are welcome.*

*Happy reading and warm regards.*

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