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 now coming up. I explored the various options and I was set to start a new 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 of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work and was publishing from Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi. The first volume was published in 1972 and was in regular publication till 1978, volume VII was last then discontinued. Many eminent faculties and 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 last 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 the editorial office in the Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh. Obliviously Dr. R.K. Upadhyay deserves a big thanks not only to give 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 lot when this journal was stared, 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 in 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 honour 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 field.

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

Happy reading and warm regards.

- Kamlesh Kumar Sahu
  Editor in Chief
  Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work