

Psychiatric Social Workers' qualification

Sir,

The editorial of volume 11 issue 1 entitled “Who is a Psychiatric Social Worker anyway? A burning debate in India” is highly admirable effort to sensitize the lawmakers and bureaucrats and may be an eye opener for them. One more example can be shown in this regard is that an LLB degree still is being conferred to those who complete 3 years of L.L.B course after graduation irrespective of stream either B. Sc, B.Com, B.A B. Tech or M.B.B.S etc. and eligible to practice law. The same thing is applicable here too.

Even after devoting two years of intensive training in Psychiatric Social Work after post-graduation in the concerned subject the highly trained person is being discriminated or facing biases regarding their reorganization as a PSW or trained mental health professional by this newly passed law. So, it needs to be rectified. Otherwise it may lose its relevancy. Second thing, RINPAS is funded by the state Govt. of Jharkhand and the M. Phil PSW is recognized by the Department of Sociology R.U. there is no institute that runs MSW in Jharkhand. So, why Government of Jharkhand is giving financial support to run M. Phil PSW course If a resident of Jharkhand especially SC/ST does not get the opportunity to pursue the course or related job. If this kind of biases will not rectify then it may endanger the professional universality and unity.

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