



XLIII ANC ISPSW 2025

**Integrating Religion, Spirituality and Wellbeing:
Exploring New Frontiers in Social Work Practice in India**



Conference: May 24-25, 2025

Abstract Submission: May 15, 2025

Online Mode

**43rd Annual National Conference of Indian Society of
Professional Social Work**

Invitation

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Indian Society of Professional Social Work!

We're thrilled to invite you and your esteemed colleagues to join us for the 43rd Annual National Conference of the Indian Society of Professional Social Work, happening online from May 24th to 25th, 2025. This year's theme is "Integrating Religion, Spirituality, and Well-being: Exploring New Frontiers in Social Work Practice in India."

This conference offers a dynamic platform for social work professionals, academics, researchers, and practitioners to come together, share experiences, and explore innovative strategies in social work education and practice. Your presence will undoubtedly enhance the dialogue and contribute to the growth of our field.

Expect engaging keynote sessions, insightful panel discussions, paper presentations, and hands-on workshops. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn, network, and collaborate while discovering cutting-edge practices that are transforming social work in India.

We would be honored to have you with us and share your expertise. Your participation will be key to the success of this event. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out.

Thank you for considering our invitation. We look forward to welcoming you to the 43rd Annual National Conference!

Warm regards,

Organizing Team
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We welcome proposals for Symposia, Workshops, and Research Papers (oral/posters), focusing on theme of **“Integrating Religion, Spirituality and Wellbeing: Exploring New Frontiers in Social Work Practice in India”** and the following subthemes.

Subthemes:

- **Spiritual Counselling and Psychotherapy for Individual Healing:** Collaborating with mental health professionals, psychologists, and counsellors to provide faith-based support for emotional well-being.
- **Religious and Spiritual Interventions in Palliative Care:** Engaging medical social workers, hospice care providers, and chaplains to offer comfort and support to terminally ill patients.
- **Faith-Based Peer Support Networks for Substance Abuse Recovery:** Involving addiction counsellors, rehabilitation specialists, and spiritual mentors to aid in recovery journeys.
- **Support Groups for Victims of Domestic Violence Through Religious Healing Practices:** Working with social workers, legal advisors, and religious leaders to foster emotional resilience and empowerment.
- **Mobilizing Faith-Based Organizations for Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy:** Partnering with community psychologists, health educators, and religious institutions to combat stigma and promote mental well-being.
- **Interfaith Collaboration for Poverty Alleviation and Social Justice:** Coordinating with NGOs, social activists, and religious leaders to address issues like homelessness, unemployment, and food security.

Conference Themes

- **Advocating for Religious and Cultural Rights in Social Policy:** Collaborating with human rights activists, policymakers, and legal advisors to promote religious freedom and anti-discrimination laws.
- **Promoting Environmental Sustainability Through Spiritual Values:** Engaging environmentalists, community leaders, and religious institutions to foster eco-friendly practices and social responsibility.
- **Developing Culturally and Spiritually Sensitive Social Services:** Working with healthcare administrators, welfare officers, and faith-based organizations to design inclusive policies and programs.
- **Capacity Building for Faith Leaders in Crisis Management and Mental Health Support:** Training religious leaders, counsellors, and social workers to handle trauma, loss, and mental health crises.
- **Assessing the Role of Spirituality in Mental Health Recovery and Coping Mechanisms:** Collaborating with researchers, clinical psychologists, and sociologists to study the impact of spiritual practices.
- **Exploring Ethical Dilemmas in Faith-Based Social Work Practice:** Engaging ethicists, philosophers, and legal experts to navigate professional boundaries and cultural sensitivity.
- **Intersectionality of Religion, Caste, and Gender in Social Work Practice:** Working with gender rights activists, community organizers, and legal experts to address discrimination and inequality.
- **Holistic Health and Well-Being Through Integrative Medicine and Spiritual Healing:** Partnering with psychiatrists, yoga therapists, and alternative medicine practitioners.
- **Strengthening Social Capital Through Religious Networks and Spiritual Support Systems:** Involving sociologists, anthropologists, and community planners.

Submissions

15/05/2025

Abstract submission Deadline
15 May, 2025

Proposals for workshops, symposia, and abstracts of scientific papers are welcome for presentation in both the free and award categories. Papers for free presentations can be in English or Hindi and may also be presented in any Indian language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, with prior intimation of the language mode. For the award category, full papers must be written in English, and submitted papers will be copyrighted by ISPSW for publication in the conference proceedings or the *National Journal of Professional Social Work*. Each registered participant is allowed to present one paper, propose a workshop, and a symposium. Paper presentations will be allotted 15-20 minutes, and can be delivered via PowerPoint on online platforms. Workshops and symposia will be given 1 hour and 30 minutes. Separate guidelines are available for those participating in award categories. Efforts will be made to livestream the presentations, workshops, and symposia on ISPSW's YouTube and Facebook channels.

- ❖ Abstracts of original and unpublished work for presentation at the conference must be submitted online to <http://pswjjournal.org/index.php/ANC/about/submissions> or can be emailed to the Chair Person scientific committee at ancispsw2025@gmail.com on or before 15 May 2025. Abstracts thus submitted will get the opportunity to publish their full paper in a society's journal or an edited book with ISBN.

Submissions

Abstract submission Deadline

15th May, 2025

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- 250 words in MS word file
- 1 inch margin, all sides on A4 size page
- Times New Roman 12 point single space
- Title on the top (In the centre with bold) followed by Authors
- Presenting author's name should be underlined
- Abstract should contains brief – introduction, methodology, results and conclusion with 3-6 keywords
- The names, email, phone numbers and institutional affiliations of the authors must be mentioned in the parenthesis.

Submission of Abstracts and Full Papers for Award

Those who are willing to present their paper in various awards categories have to submit abstract first and on acceptance of the same full paper following the above-mentioned guidelines with APA 7 referencing style. Abstracts and full papers not following the norms will be rejected. Scientific papers to be considered for the award should accompany a cover letter with personal details fulfilling the criteria for the award and which award category to be considered.

AWARDS for Best Papers

- ❖ ISPSW Award for the Best Paper Presented by a Social Work Faculty.
- ❖ ISPSW Award for the Best Paper Presented by a Social Work Practitioner
- ❖ ISPSW Award for the Best Paper Presented by Pre-Doctoral & Doctoral Student/s of Social Work.
- ❖ ISPSW Award for the Best Paper Presented by the MSW/MA Social Work Student/s.
- ❖ ISPSW Award for the Best Paper Presented by a Social Work Practitioner in the field of Persons with Disabilities.
- ❖ Roshini Nilaya, School of Social Work Award for the Best Paper Presented by the MSW/MA Social Work Student/s in the field of Child Mental Health.
- ❖ Dr. G.S. Uday Kumar Memorial Best Paper Award for Paper Presented by a Social Work Practitioner in the field of Family Related Issues.
- ❖ Dr. M. Chandrasekar Rao Memorial Award for Best paper on Research by M.Phil./Ph.D. Scholars.

Norms for Submission and Adjudication of Papers for Award

- ✓ All life members are eligible to contest for various awards with an exception to the students of MSW course.
- ✓ The Full paper for consideration for award must reach the General Secretary of ISPSW on or before 15 May 2025.
- ✓ The first author only has to make the presentation and he/she should be the life member of ISPSW.
- ✓ Award winning paper will be published in NJPSW
- ✓ Terms:
 - Faculty Members – Faculties working on full term/ regular/contract basis in any recognized College/University.
 - Research Scholars – Pursuing M. Phil or Ph.D. on fulltime basis.
 - Students – First or Second year fulltime MSW students from Colleges/Universities.
- ❖ Detailed guidelines available in <http://pswjjournal.org/index.php/ANC/about/submissions>

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Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW) aims towards meeting the challenges of present-day social work practice and creating a platform for information exchange among fellow professionals. The Society was formally known as the Indian Society of Psychiatric Social Work, which was established in the year 1970 by Dr. R. K. Upadhyaya, Dr. A. N. Verma and his colleagues of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi. The nomenclature of the Society was changed in ANC of ISPSW (Dec.1988) at Kolkata, because of an increased representation of educators, practitioners and researchers from all streams of social work in the Society.

The Society primarily focuses on uniting professional social workers to discuss, deliberate and develop conceptual frameworks and feasible indigenous interventions in Social work practice. In order to facilitate this cause, the Society has so far conducted XLII (42) Annual National Conferences along with workshops, seminars and symposia on various issues all over India. The ISPSW welcomes you to become a part of this movement.

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Students* from Other streams	200/-	400/-	800/-
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Last dates for submissions of abstracts - 15.05.2025

Last Date for submission of full paper – 15.05.2025 (for Award category)

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