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BOARD OF MORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDIES

Department Of Social Work

Organizes

Two Days National Conference

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP 2020): BUILDING PEDOGOGICAL PATHWAYS FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

29th & 30th April 2024



Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Mukundnagar, Gultekdi, Pune - 411037

ABOUT TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH

We are proud to state that as per the directions given by Mahatma Gandhi during the Indian National Congress session held at Nagpur in 1920, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth was established in 1921, as an educational memorial of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, "The father of the Indian unrest" and an advocate of National Education. The establishment of the Vidyapeeth was aimed towards imparting National Educational conceived by Lokmanya Tilak in his four-fold formula (the other three were Swaraj, Swadeshi and Boycott).

The Vidyapeeth was awarded the status of a 'Deemed to be University' by Govt. of India in 1987 in recognition of its significant contribution in the field of education which accorded during the award of the status of "Deemed to be University" of the Vidyapeeth had only four faculties, namely in the fields of Ayurveda, Sanskrit, Social Science and Distance Education. During the last 25 years, the Vidyapeeth has developed significantly. Eventually the new faculties were formed in the fields of Computer Science, Management, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law and Social Work. Today, the Vidyapeeth offers various courses through 08 Boards of Studies.

Today, the Vidyapeeth offers various courses through 08 Boards of Studies. The Vidyapeeth has achieved tremendous progress through quantitative expansion and qualitative improvements on various academic fronts. The Vidyapeeth is committed to maximize the knowledge and skills of students, thus making them competent. The ethics of value –based education system are strictly followed in the Vidyapeeth to promote good character building among the young generation.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Department of Social Work was started with the aim of making constant efforts to impart to our students not only qualitative but also updated inputs, relevant for their theory-field knowledge, skills, attitude, and professional and personality development. At present department have three programs MSW, M. Phil, and Ph.D.

- In 2005-06, the department launched two years' post graduate program, i.e. MSW, in which students are imparted knowledge about social work through 9 papers in each year.
- Since year 2006-07, two specializations namely Family & Child Welfare (FCW) and Urban & Rural Community Development (URCD) are on offer. Hence students opt for either of the specializations which involve community based field work and then each student prepares a project report.

Presently the department has developed a tie-up with Police Department in Pune wherein students get an opportunity to work with Local Police Stations especially on issues related to domestic violence and juvenile delinquency. Recently the department has also formed collaboration with Yerawada Central Prison. This has helped the second year students to actually do field work with the prison inmates and carry on counseling work for them.

The department of Social Work has 05 qualified faculty members. Recently the department has successfully conducted two days national conference on "Social Exclusion: Perspectives and Challenges" on 24th & 25th March 2015, supported by Western Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Mumbai. Recently the department has successfully conducted six days national workshop on "Research Methodology" during August 24th to August 29th, 2015, supported by Western Regional Centre, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Mumbai. Recently the department has successfully conducted two days national conference on "Women in Contemporary India: Perspectives and Challenges" during March 21st & 22nd 2016, supported by Bank of Maharashtra, Pune.

ICSSR WRC, Mumbai supported department to organize organized National Conference on 'Social Exclusion: Perspectives and Challenges', 'Women in Contemporary India: Perspectives and Challenges,' and 'Capacity Building Training program for Ph.D. Guide'. Recently we had successfully conducted National Conference on Ageing in India: Present Situation and Futuristic Perspectives supported by ICSSR, New Delhi.

This year we had successfully conducted two days national conference on 'Tribal Communities in India and Sustainable Developmental Goals: A Way Forward', supported by Tribal Research and Training Institute, Pune, on 25th & 26th April 2019.

In this academic year Department of Social Work has completed 4 Minor research Projects, such as;

1. The Minor research Project entitled "Health Care Services and Transgender Community: An Exploration and Social Work Intervention in Pune City." Supported by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune,



2. The Minor research Project entitled "Access to Health Care Services and Reproductive Health Problems among Tribal Women: An Exploration and Social Work Intervention in Pune District." Supported by Maharashtra State Commission for Women, Mumbai.

3. Present Situation of Child Labours: An Exploration Study: with special reference to selected Sub-urban Areas of Mumbai City.4. A study of Vulnerability and Challenges faced by the Service Provider and Perception of Community towards COVID 19 pandemic with special reference to Maharashtra, supported by the Indian

Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.

Recently the department has received the Social Innovation Award for the Sustainable Development 2023. The ward was given for the significant contribution in the field of Social Innovation under the Institutional Social Responsibility the Department has conducted Field Action Project entitled Bahirwadi Village Development Field Action Project during 2017-2022. Under this FAP the Human development as well as the infrastructural development projects was implemented. Therefore the said work was recognized by the Gestamp Automotive Pvt. Ltd. Pune & Hope for the Children's Foundation, Pune while conferring the Social Innovation Award 2023 for Sustainable Development of Bahirwadi Village.

ABOUT CONFERENCE

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Department of Social Work would like to Two Days National Conference on NEP 2020: Building Pedagogical Pathways for Social Work Education for M. Phil & Ph. D Scholars and faculty members in Humanities, Social Sciences and Social Work at its campus in Pune with blended mode. The conference is scheduled from 29th & 30th April 2024. The participants will have to attend all the sessions of the

conference to get their certificate of participation.

There have been a lot of discussions recently on how the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) would force the existing English Medium Schools to shift their medium of instruction to local or regional languages. The NEP 2020 is the third education policy formulated by the Indian Government in its efforts to raise the education standards in India after a gap of 34 years. The stated aim of the policy is to instill a "deep-rooted pride" in being an Indian, not only in thought, but also in spirit, intellect and deeds.1 The National Policy on Education 1986 was modified in 1992 as Program of Action; it was further tweaked by the T.R. Subramanian Committee in its Report in 2016. The NEP 2020 is based on the Dr. K.Kasturirangan Committee report submitted in 2019. This committee of nine eminent academics and scientists was headed by Dr. Kasturirangan, who headed ISRO for nearly a decade, is the Chancellor of the Central University of Rajasthan and NIIT University. Thus, there can be little doubt about the credentials of this committee or the work put in to evolve the Policy.

The New Education Policy (NEP) in India, introduced in 2020, is a progressive reform aimed at revamping the education system to meet the evolving needs of students. With its focus on holistic development, equitable access, and inclusive education, the NEP holds tremendous potential to transform the landscape of education in the country. However, successful implementation of such a comprehensive policy requires the involvement of various stakeholders, including social workers. Social workers, with their expertise in community engagement, advocacy, counseling, and support services, are well-positioned to contribute to the effective execution of the NEP. The successful implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) in India requires the active involvement of social workers. Through their expertise in community engagement, advocacy, counseling, and support services, social workers can contribute significantly to the transformative goals of the NEP. By actively engaging with communities, fostering equity and inclusion, providing counseling and support services, strengthening school home partnerships, facilitating teacher training, and engaging in policy advocacy and research, social workers can help create an inclusive, equitable, and empowering educational environment.

Their contributions will ensure that the NEP's vision of quality education, holistic development, and equal opportunities for all learners becomes a reality. By effectively fulfilling their roles, social workers can contribute to shaping an education system that nurtures the potential of every individual and paves the way for a brighter

future for generations to come

Social work education in India is a dynamic field that equips individuals with the skills to address diverse social issues and contribute to community well-being. The curriculum focuses on imparting crucial skills such as empathy, effective communication, and cultural sensitivity, recognizing the importance of understanding India's

diverse cultural landscape.

However, challenges exist, including outdated syllabi that may not align with current societal realities and the evolving nature of social work. Bridging the gap between academic training and practical skills remains a challenge, impacting the immediate employability of graduates. Despite these challenges, social work education presents numerous opportunities for students to make meaningful contributions to society.

In 2020, Dr Muniraju, Deputy Advisor to Niti Ayog, took the initiative to call a meeting of select social work educators across India to discuss the need for a national council for social work. As a follow up to this meeting, a group was formed of eminent social work educators who prepared the present Draft Bill on a National Council for Social Work (Education and Practice), NCSW in short, based on the national as well as state level initiatives.

The aim of this Council would be to regulate quality, autonomy, flexibility and innovation in social work education and practice, to meet the goals of social welfare and sustainable development in India, with inclusion of marginalised and vulnerable groups. The Bill is in sync with the key changes visualised in higher education according to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 as social work is a multidisciplinary academic discipline. Social work also believes in the NEP vision for increased access, equity, and inclusion through a range of measures; scholarships by private/philanthropic universities for disadvantaged and underprivileged students; and all infrastructure and learning materials accessible and available to learners with disabilities, among others. This is the awaken call for social work professionals to discuss and come out with some of the pedagogical ground plans. In this context, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Department of Social Work is organizing two days National Conference to highlight situation of the social work education and discuss the strategies and core areas of social work pedagogy for tackle the dilemmas in structuring the social work program and to create endeavor for the homogeneous blue print of social work pedagogy by making the gathering of field practitioners, academicians and research scholars. This National Conference will be helpful to prepare consolidated and well defined strategic plans with networking on activities and programs to be conducted to encourage all the stakeholders as well as contributors of social work education.

Those interested in paper and posters presentations, participation in two days conference are requested to download the registration from the TMV website: www.tmv.edu.ac.in .

SUB THEMES

The main objective of the proposed national conference is to bring together to Research Scholars, Academicians, Field Practitioners and Students on a common platform to discuss on NEP 2020 and to build new pedagogical pathways for social work education. Following are the subthemes of the conference;

- Dilemmas in formulating Program Structure in Social Work
- Field Practicum in Social Work: New Road Maps
- Community Engagement Practices and way forward
- Social Work Research: Methods, Practices and Applications
- Social Work Existing Curriculum: Bridging the gaps between Theory and Practice
- Field Action Projects: New Horizons for Social Work Practice
- Social Work Practice in Various Specialized Settings / Specializations

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The academicians from Social Sciences and Social Work, Research Scholars, Field Practitioners, Representatives of Civil Society Organizations and Government Organizations and Students of Social Work etc.

REGISTRATION FEES

Shortlisted Candidates will have to pay registration fee as mentioned below		
BSW & MSW Students	Rs. 200 /-	
M. Phil Scholars and PhD Scholars	Rs. 500/-	
Social work Educators and Social Sciences Faculty Member, Researchers	Rs. 1000/-	

MODE OF CONDUCT THE CONFERENCE

The two days national level conference will be conducted through blended mode i.e. online mode on Zoom Meeting Platform and in offline mode.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of Abstract	30th March 2024
Communication about the acceptance of Abstract	8th April 2024
Submission of Full Length Paper	20th April 2024

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

The full length paper will be reviewed and selected paper will be published in a edited book with ISBN as the conference proceedings.

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