IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission: 20 June 2021

Announcement of Selected Papers: 30 June 2021

Deadline for Full paper submission: 10 August 2021

Dates of Conference: 26th & 27th August 2021

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration will be done online. Kindly fill this google form for registration: LINK

Registration fees:
1. Practitioners and Academicians: Rs.500/-
2. Alumni members: Rs.200/-
3. Students: No fees.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
"SOCIAL WORK IN RURAL SOCIETIES: REFLECTIONS ON METHOD AND PRACTICE"

26TH & 27TH AUGUST, 2021

ORGANIZED BY
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Tuljapur Campus, Maharashtra- 413601
In the recent past, society has been witnessing different forms of contingencies affecting the lives, cultures, and livelihoods of people. As a practice and discipline, 'Social Work' has been engaging with these dynamics in social and economic realms at various capacities. The modus operandi of Social Work is dealing with individuals and communities irrespective of divisions across geographies and cultures. This is the context in which we imagine and speculate the expansion of Social Work discipline by enhancing the lives and livelihoods of various communes with responsible and effective interventions.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has led to the collapse of economies and has hit the marginalized the hardest, was emblematic of the extent of poverty and marginalization in India, particularly in the rural counterparts. At this crucial juncture, we think it is imperative to look around the pervasiveness of contingencies and their implications in the everyday context of their lives and livelihood.

The School of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Tuljapur offers Social Work programs from the Bachelors to Doctoral levels. Its location around the Marathwada region permits substantive engagement for the faculty and students with various dimensions of the region such as education, health, agriculture, and so on. The initiatives by the faculty members in the past few decades through field interventions, research and, close connection with the unique pedagogy, as praxis, have positioned TISS as a premier educational institute.

Towards strengthening its credentials as an academic institution engaged in rural development education, research, we are currently in the process of renewing the dialogue on social work in contemporary India. It would be conducive to the growth of the discipline of Social Work if we could deliberate and debate on our concerns- to bring to the forefront, Social Work in the 'Rural' context. This could be informed by acknowledging at the outset that the nature of urbanization in India is closely connected with that of the rural.

Positioning ourselves in and around the ambiguities of the rural social sector, we are on a mission to create a platform for dialogue and deliberation with students, researchers, practitioners, activists, scholars, and educators to strengthen the theory and practice of Social Work 'in' and 'for' the communes of rural societies. Hence a National Conference on the theme 'Social Work in Rural Societies: Reflections on Method and Practice' is scheduled on 26th & 27th August 2021, at School Of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus.
CALL FOR PAPERS

- We invite papers in the form of academic explorations based on field, theory, and/or literature that promise new insights and directions for rural social work.

- Papers under the mentioned sub-themes are invited for this event, with abstracts of a maximum of 500 words to be sent to rswconfo.tisstuljapur@gmail.com

- The abstract must express its central research question and should mention the title, sub-theme, and a crisp bio-note of the author (Name with Designation, Institutional Affiliation, Full correspondence Address, Email ID, and Mobile Number). The abstract should be of 500 words (max.), Typed in Times New Roman, 12 Font, 1.5 Line Spacing. Keywords: 4/5 words maximum.

- The word limit for the full paper is 2000-3000 words and APA format should be used for references.

SUB-THEMES

- Definition, Theory, and Practice of Rural Social Work
- Rural Development and its target populations
- Social Work Interventions in Agrarian Societies
- Political Economy of Rural Society and Social Work Practice
- Indigenization of Social Work and Rural Concerns
- Local Self-Governance and Social Work with Rural Communities
- Health, Education, and Livelihoods in Rural Areas
- National Education Policy 2020 and the Discipline of Social Work- future directions
- Ideologies for Social Work Praxis: Marx, Phule, Gandhi, Ambedkar etc.

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