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ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK (ISPSW)

DIGITAL INDIA AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

30 & 31 JULY 2025

In Academic Collaboration with
Bengaluru University and Bengaluru North University

Conference Theme and Context

The digital revolution in India has fundamentally transformed the way society functions, interacts, and accesses essential services. As the nation moves steadily toward becoming a digitally empowered society, the intersection between technology and social work presents both unprecedented opportunities and complex challenges.

This conference aims to explore how digital transformation can be harnessed to enhance social work practice while ensuring sustainable, inclusive, and equitable development for all sections of society.

Bengaluru, Karnataka has laid a strong foundation of digital infrastructure that can significantly improve the reach and effectiveness of social work interventions. However, for this transformation to be meaningful, it must align with the core values of the social work profession — social justice, human rights, dignity, and collective responsibility.

This conference invites social work practitioners, educators, students, and researchers to critically engage with the digital shift:

- How can technology be used to strengthen participatory and rights-based approaches?
- What innovations are emerging in practice, research, and teaching?
- How do we bridge the digital divide and ensure no one is left behind in this transformation?

Through collaborative dialogue and knowledge exchange, the conference will spotlight strategies to integrate digital tools meaningfully while upholding the ethical foundations of the profession.

About the ISPSW

The Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW), formerly known as the Indian Society of Psychiatric Social Work, was established in 1970, registered under The Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960. The ISPSW, in its 55 years of existence, has conducted many Annual National Conferences (ANC) at various universities and reputed institutions across India. In addition, ISPSW regularly publishes the National Journal of Professional Social Work.

About Department of Social Work Bengaluru City University

The Department of Social Work at Bengaluru City University is committed to nurturing socially conscious professionals equipped to address complex social challenges. Offering both BSW and MSW programmes, the department blends classroom learning with intensive fieldwork, community engagement, and research. With a focus on human rights, social justice, and sustainable development, students are trained to become effective change agents in diverse settings such as healthcare, education, NGOs, Human Resource Management, and policy-making institutions.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Digital Transformation in Social Work Practice

- E-governance and Social Welfare delivery
- Digital tools for Case Management
- Tele-Social Work and Remote Service delivery
- Digital Advocacy and Social Activism
- Artificial Intelligence Applications

Digital Inclusion and Social Justice:

- Addressing the Digital Divide in Rural Communities
- Digital Literacy Programs for Vulnerable Populations

Technology Accessibility for Differently-abled Persons

- Gender Dimensions of Digital Access
- Digital Empowerment of Marginalized Communities

Innovation in Social Work Education:

- Digital Pedagogy in Social Work Education
- Virtual Field Practicum Experiences
- Online Supervision and Mentoring
- Digital Competencies for Social Work Professionals
- Integration of Technology in Social Work Curriculum

Digital Well-being and Mental Health:

- Addressing the Digital Divide in Rural Communities
- Digital Literacy Programs for Vulnerable Populations
- Technology Accessibility for Differently-Abled Persons
- Gender Dimensions of Digital Access
- Digital Empowerment of Marginalized Communities

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

Sustainable Digital Solutions:

- Environmental Impact of Digital Transformation
- Green Technology in Social Services
- Sustainable Digital Infrastructure
- Digital Solutions for Climate Action
- Technology for Sustainable Community Development

Ethics and Professional Standards:

- Digital Ethics in Social Work Practice
- Data Privacy and Confidentiality
- Professional Boundaries in Digital Practice
- Digital Documentation and Record-keeping
- Cybersecurity in Social Service Organizations

Digital Tools for Research and Evaluation:

- Digital Methods in Social Work Research
- Big Data Analytics in Social Welfare
- Impact Assessment of Digital Interventions
- Online Research Tools and Techniques
- Digital Monitoring and Evaluation Systems

Sustainable Social Work Practice in Digital Times:

- Digital Technology and Sustainable Social Work: Boon or Bane
- Technology Driven Sustainability: Harnessing Social Work for a Greener Future
- Sustainable Social Work Practices and Digital HRM
- Social Work and Mental Health in Digital Era
- Sustainable Social Work Practices for Community Development through Digital Platforms

Call for Posters /E-Posters: ISPSW Awards

We invite Posters/E-Posters from BSW and MSW Students, Research Scholars, Social Work Practitioners, and Educators for Consideration under various ISPSW Award categories.

Submissions will be evaluated by Expert Committees nominated by ISPSW based on the quality of content, practical applicability, and visual appeal.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your work and contribute to the growing body of knowledge in professional social work.

Guidelines for Submission of E-Posters

Content Guidelines

- Must include:
  - Title
  - Author(s) Name and Affiliation
  - Introduction/Objectives
  - Methodology (if applicable)
  - Key Findings/Insights
  - Conclusion/Implications
  - References (if used)

Design Specifications

- Format: PDF / JPEG / PNG
- Orientation: Landscape preferred
- Font size and visuals must be readable on screen
- Use of charts, infographics, and images is encouraged to enhance visual appeal
- Avoid cluttered designs and excessive text

Submission

- Submit your Posters/E-Posters on or before 26/7/2025 to: ispsw.bcuconf2025@gmail.com

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATORS, PRACTITIONERS, RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS ON DIGITAL INDIA AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL WORK ON 30 JULY 2025

Morning Session

The first day of the ISPSW Conference is exclusively dedicated to Educators, Practitioners, Researchers, and Students. A National Conference on "Digital India and Sustainable Social Work" will be held in the morning session. The conference aims to engage young social work students and professionals in meaningful discussions on how digital transformation is influencing sustainable development and social work practice in India. Eminent speakers and social work professionals from across the country will share their insights, experiences, and expectations from the next generation of social workers in the digital era.

Afternoon Session: E-Poster Presentations

Following lunch, Participants will explore how digital transformation is shaping social welfare systems, service delivery, community engagement, and education for sustainable development in India. The spotlight shifts to Social Work Professionals/ Student creativity and innovation. BSW and MSW students, Academics, and Practitioners will present their Posters/E-Posters based on the conference theme. The outstanding Posters/E-Posters will be honoured with the awards presented by the Indian Society of Professional Social Workers (ISPSW).

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EDUCATORS, PRACTITIONERS AND RESEARCHERS ON DIGITAL INDIA AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL WORK ON THURSDAY, 31 JULY 2025

Second day of Conference on "Digital India and Sustainable Social Work" aiming to foster critical reflection and informed dialogue on the evolving landscape of social work practice in the digital age, is exclusively dedicated to Educators, Practitioners, and Researchers.

Participants will present their Posters/ E-Posters based on the conference theme in the afternoon. Outstanding E-Posters will be honoured with the awards presented by the Indian Society of Professional Social Workers (ISPSW).

📝 Conference Registration – ISPSW ANC 2025

We are pleased to announce that there **will be no registration fees for any category**, including:

- BSW & MSW Students
- M.Phil. & Ph.D. Scholars
- Faculty Members
- Practitioners

We strongly encourage advance registration to help us make appropriate arrangements for your participation.

📲 Registration Link: https://forms.gle/fvsucZ2dCZbHxZbA7
Email us for any clarification: **ispsw.bcuconf2025@gmail.com**

🏆 ISPSW ANC-2025 E-Poster Awards

1. ISPSW Best E-Poster for Social Work Faculty
2. ISPSW Best E-Poster Award for Social Work Practitioner
3. ISPSW Best E-Poster Award for M.Phil/Ph.D. Scholars of Social Work
4. ISPSW Best E-Poster Award for BSW/MSW/MA Social Work Student(s)
5. Visva Bharati Best E-Poster Award
6. Roshni Nilaya, School of Social Work Best E-Poster Award in Child Mental Health
7. Dr. G. S. Udaya Kumar Memorial Best E-Poster Award in Family Studies
8. Dr. M. Chandrasekhar Rao Memorial Best E-Poster Award in the field of Social Work Research

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