

Brief Report: ISPSW 2025 National Conference

Theme: Digital India and Sustainable Social Work Practice-30th–31st July 2025

Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru, India.

The Indian Society of Professional Social Work (ISPSW), in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Bengaluru City University, organized its Annual National Conference on 30th–31st July 2025 at Jnanajyothi Auditorium, Bengaluru. The theme of the conference was "**Digital India and Sustainable Social Work Practice**", highlighting technology-driven and sustainable approaches in the field. The conference was inaugurated by **Sriganesh M V**, Treasurer, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). **Joachim Mumba**, President of IFSW, shared a **video message**, appreciating the organizers and emphasizing the importance of building an **inclusive society in the era of Digital India**, in line with global goals of equity and access.

The event was presided over by **Prof. Y.S. Siddegowda**, Former Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University and Chairperson of the ISPSW High-power Committee, and **Prof. L.S. Ghandi Doss**, National President, INPSWA. **Prof. F. X. Lovelina Little Flower**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Social Work, and Dean of Social Sciences, Bharathiar University, delivered the keynote address. **Prof. Ritika Sinha**, Chairperson, Department of Social Work, Bengaluru City University, welcomed the participants. **Prof. Ramesh B**, President, ISPSW and Registrar (A&E), BCU, and **Prof. R. Dhanasekara Pandian**, General Secretary, ISPSW and Professor, NIMHANS, gave the introductory remarks. Senior ISPSW members **Prof. I A Shariff**, **Prof.M.Ranganathan**, **Prof.D.Muralidhar**, **Prof. R. Shivappa**, **Prof. Parashurama K.G**, and **Dr. Sojan Antony** also graced the occasion.

At the conference many research papers and 60 posters were presented and evaluated for awards. A total of 13 individuals including faculty members, practitioners, research scholars, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students of social work received awards for their scientific presentations and contributions.

The plenary sessions featured insightful presentations, including:

- **Coping Skills for Behavioural Aspects and Positive Mental Health Among Youth in the Digital Age** by Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar (Padma Shri Awardee)
- **Child Protection: Emphasising the Role of the Social Work Profession, Especially Psychiatric Social Work** by Mr. Sony Kutty George
- **Sustainable Social Work Practices in Changing Times of Digital HR Professionalism** by Mr. Kumar H. P.
- **Recent Developments in Mental Health and Social Work Practice** by Prof. R. Srinivasa Murthy, Professor of Psychiatry & Senior WHO Consultant, Mental Health Division
- **Strategic Social Impact: Turning Social Workers into High-Paying CSR Professionals** by Dr. O. P. Goel, CEO, Reach Much Higher, Bengaluru

- **Digital Human Resource Management** by Dr. B. K. Kempegowda, Senior HR Business Partner & Head, GE HealthCare South Asia, Bengaluru
- **People First: Role of Social Workers in a Digitally Driven HR Landscape** by Mr. Girinarayan G., Senior Partner and OD Consultant, Your HR Buddy, Bengaluru

These sessions engaged the audience deeply and elicited an enthusiastic, thoughtful response. The conference provided a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas, innovations, and research promoting inclusive, sustainable social work.

Thanking You

Sincerely Yours

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