

# India Social Work Bulletin

India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations (INPSWA)  
Member of International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

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## From Presidents' Desk ...

*Greetings!!*

*This is the first media initiative from INPSWA to inform all the social work fraternity and the society at large on our work. As a federation INPSWA mandated itself to project the work of all our member associations and interested institutions through this medium. INPSWA also hold meetings on selected macro themes that will benefit social work educators and practitioners in the field.*

*INPSWA has a long way to go to instil professional confidence to carveout an independent identity in India.*

*Social workers in India are aware that for last one decade most news magazines started covering social work course in their list of annual best courses and institutions through ranking. If one keeps aside merits and issues of that, social work profession must be happy that profession as a course periodically published through such works. We have so far achieved certain valuable goals such as associating with creation of draft curriculum and efforts in diverse areas are going on for providing a common platform for all social workers in India. Educators and institutions with continuous seminars, conferences and publications alone will provide a water mark. This media will help in sharing the efforts of our profession in shaping a better society, and initiating positive changes.*

*I am sure you will receive this bulletin in good faith and provide your valuable inputs to make it outstanding.*

- Prof.Ghandidoss L S

## National Curriculum framework for social work prepared by National Curriculum Resource Group

National Curriculum framework for social work education has been prepared by National Curriculum Resource Group (NCRG) formed by the national Campaign Committee for National Council for Social Work. NCRG has prepared the report in three months time with a country wide online consultative process. The following people worked in the team. Prof.Sanjai Bhatt as the Convenor of the committee and Prof. Murli Desai served as the Coordinator. Members in the drafting committee were: Prof Helen Joseph and Prof.Victor Paul. Prof. Ghandidoss, Prof. Deviprasad, Dr Shewli Kumar, Prof.Ambadass Mohite, Prof. S M Sajith, Dr. Ipe Varughese, Prof. Manish Jha, Dr.Anitha Rego, Prof. Asutosh Pradhan, Prof. Prathibha Misra, Dr.Lidwin Dias have served as members in the committee. In the overall curriculum framework the committee has covered the following aspects:

Graduate Attributes • Learning Outcomes  
• Subject Areas • Pedagogy  
• Assessment Methods • Fieldwork Practicum  
• Research Project/ Thesis/ Dissertation  
• Curriculum and Credit Structure • Curriculum Review

The committee has prepared Curricular Frameworks for Social Work Education by different Qualification Levels such as: (i) Undergraduate Programmes in Social Work (ii) Master's Degree in Social Work Programmes (iii) Ph.D. Degree in Social Work Programme. The report is available for reference by any institution.

## New Executive Committee for INPSWA

India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations has conducted elections and formed the new executive committee. Mr. Sriganesh MV has acted as the election officer. This is the second team of executive committee since its formation. Prof. Dr. Ghandidoss LS continue as the President. Dr. Ipe Varughese (General Secretary, KAPS) elected as Secretary General and Mr. Santosh Kumar Rai (KAPSW) elected as the Treasurer. Prof. Sanjai Bhatt (NAPSWI), Mr. Cyril Alexander (PSWA)

and Dr. Ambadas Mohite elected as Vice Presidents; and Dr. Suresh Pathare (NAPSWI) elected as Associate Secretary General. Dr. Cherian P Kurien (KAPS), Dr. Sobhana Thakrar (KAPSW) and Dr. Anita Palot (MASWE) were elected as committee members. Mrs. Lida Jacob IAS (Retd.), Dr. Vasudevasharma (KAPSW), Dr. R P Dwivedi (NAPSWI) are also members in the executive committee as Presidents of their respective associations.



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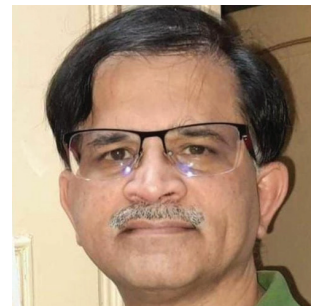
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Member



Mrs. Lida Jacob  
President - KAPS



Prof. R. P Dwivedi  
President - NAPSWI



Dr. Vasudevasharma  
President - KAPSW



Sriganesh MV  
elected Vice President IFSW -AP Region



Mr. Sriganesh MV, Secretary of INPSWA (2016-22) has been elected as the Vice President of IFSW -Asia Pacific region. Mr.Sriganesh served as the Secretary General of INPSWA since its formation till 2022.



Mr. Joachim C Mumba  
elected IFSW Global President

**INPSWA organized webinar as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'**

**India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations**

**Webinar on**  
**INDIAN SWARAJ @ 75 Years**

**Sun, 14 Aug 2022 @ 6.30 pm**  
**Join Zoom: Meeting ID- 865 2737 2372**  
**Passcode: inpswa2016**  
**facebook live at facebook.com/inpswa**

**Dr. G.Palanithurai**  
**Former Professor**  
The Gandhigram Rural Institute  
(Deemed to be University)

**75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

Prof. Ghandidoss  
President  
INPSWA

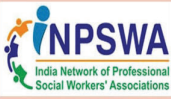
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Secretary General  
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India Network of Professional Social Workers organized webinar on topic 'Indian Swaraj @75 years' on 14 Aug 2022. The programme was organized in connection with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Dr. G Palanithurai (former Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute) took the session. Dr. Ipe Varughese (Secretary General, INPSWA) shared the welcome note, Prof. Ghandidoss gave Presidential address and Mr. Santhosh Kumar Rai (Treasurer, INPSWA) expressed vote of thanks.

# Discussion on Draft Policy on Persons with disability





India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations

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**Discussion on Draft National Policy on Persons with Disability**

**Wed, 6 Jul 2022 at 7 pm**

**Moderator**  
  
Dr. Cherian P Kurien  
Vice President  
INPSWA

**Chief Guest**  
  
Dr. Indumathi Rao  
Regional Advisor  
Inclusion Bharat

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Discussion with special emphasis on role of Social Workers

All are welcome ... and give suggestions

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INPSWA organized discussion on draft policy on Persons with disability. Govt. of India has invited suggestions on the draft policy.

The online meeting was conducted on zoom platform. Dr. Cherian P Kurien moderated the programme. Dr. Indumathi Rao (Regional Advisor, Inclusion Bharat) has made the main presentation.

All the member association has brought suggestions on the draft policy after discussion in their respective organization.

All the suggestions received has been consolidated and forwarded to Govt. of India.

## KAPS Decennial Celebration and General Body held

The annual general body meeting of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS), member association of INPSWA was held on 17 Sep 2022 at BCM College, Kottayam. Mr. V.N Vasavan, Minister for Cooperation and Registration inaugurated the Decennial celebration of KAPS formation and Annual General Body.



Kerala Minister V N Vasavan inaugurating the programme. Fr. Philmon Kalathra, Dr. Stephy Thomas, Mrs. Lida Jacob IAS (Retd) (President-KAPS), Dr. Joseph Sebastain (Working President), Mr. Dileep Kumar (Treasurer) and Dr. Ipe Varughese (General Secretary) on stage.

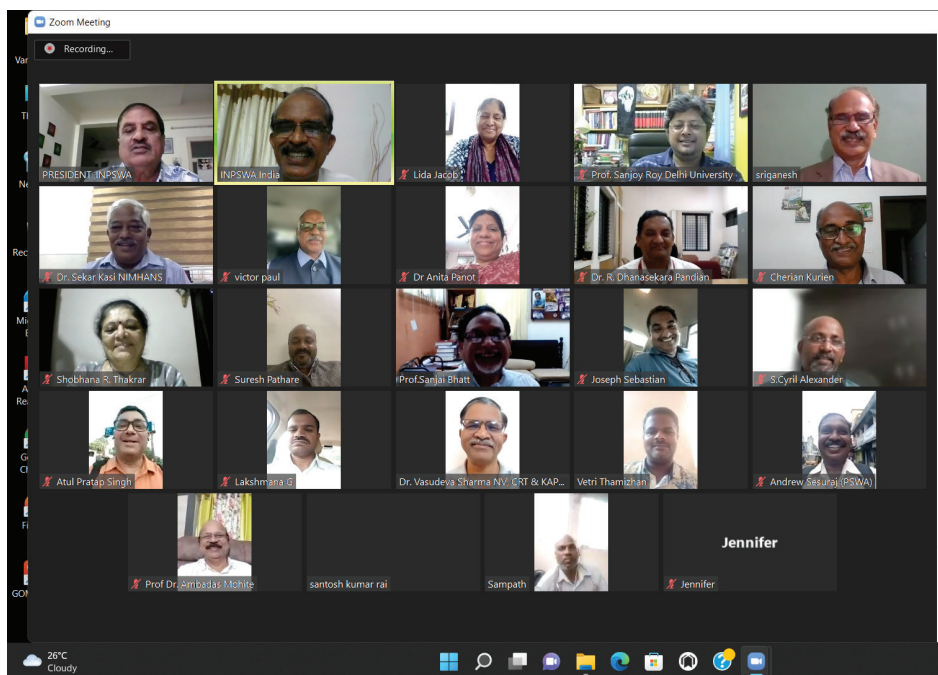
Fr. Philmon Kalathra, Dr. Stephy Thomas, Mrs. Lida Jacob IAS (Retd) (President-KAPS), Dr. Joseph Sebastain (Working President), Dr. Ipe Varughese (General Secretary) and Mr. Dileep Kumar (Treasurer) have spoken during the occasion and Mr. Francis Moothedan (President Ernakulam Chapter & Coordinator KAPS Prahota-na Wellness Centre) took a session on KAPS initiative against Drug abuse'. The meeting has passed the annual report and accounts and also elected the new office bearers.



## INPSWA General Council Meeting held and New office bearers took charge

India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations (INPSWA) held its annual General Council meeting on 18 Jul 2022. The meeting has passed the annual report and accounts. The new executive committee has taken over the charge in the meeting. The meeting was held online. Prof. Ghandidoss (President, INPSWA) presided over the meeting. Mr. Sriganesh MV (Secretary

General) presented the annual report and Dr. Dhanasekhara Pandyan (Treasurer) presented the audited accounts. Mr. Sriganesh who was returning officer of the elections read out the proceedings and the list of new committee. The president declared the handing over of charge to the new committee. Dr. Ipe Varughese (newly elected Secretary General) and Mr. Santosh Kumar Rai (new Treasurer) shared their thoughts on assuming the new responsibility.



Online General Council meeting of INPSWA

### NAPSWI organized 3<sup>rd</sup> National Social Work Week

NAPSWI organized third national social work week in association with University of Lucknow from 15 Aug - 21 Aug 2022 in virtual mode. The sessions covered the following topics: Independence day and Social Reformers, Social Work professional and criminal Justice System, Role of Social Workers in family planning, Social Entrepreneurship and Green Social Work,

### KAPS Associate with National Education Survey by Pratham Foundation

Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers has associated with National Level education survey conducted annually by Pratham foundation. KAPS coordinated the training and survey in all districts of Kerala

### PSWA approaches Court for rightful place of Social Workers

Professional Social Workers' Association (PSWA) filed a writ petition in the High Court of Judicature of Madras to quash the ad hoc government order allows administrative and junior-level staff without a degree in Social Work or Psychology to be promoted as Junior Rehabilitation Officers and District Differently Abled Welfare Officers.

The Madras High Court has called the respondents 1. The Commissioner for the Welfare of the Differently Abled, 2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu and 3. Secretary to the Government, Department for the Welfare of the Differently abled persons to file a response.

PSWA Continues to engage with all the stakeholders to ensure the rightful place of the social workers is not occupied by non-professionals in the best interest of delivering quality services to the differently abled.

## **INPSWA association with Conferences, Workshops and Training programmes**

### **WSWD Conference at Pondichery University**

The department of Social Work, Pondichery University has organized World Social Work day on 12 Apr 2022. Representatives from INPSWA and all the member associations took part in the programme as resource persons. Prof. Ghandidoss (President, INPSWA), Dr. Ipe Varughese (Asso. Sec. General, INPSWA), Dr. Joseph Sebastian (KAPS), Mr. Cyril Alexander (PSWA), Dr. Ambadass Mohite (MASWE), Prof. Sanjai Bhatt (NAPSWI) Dr. Vasudevasaharma (KAPSW) and Prof. Dhanasekhara Pandyan (ISPSW) were resource persons in the programme

KAPS Thrissur chapter organized webinar on 'Work or Study abroad' in association with 'Athama-my mind care' on 4 June 2022. Another webinar was conducted on 24 June 2022 on the topic 'Social Work in Canada- Challenges and Opportunities'

The skills academy of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers conducted online workshop on 'Project Proposal Preparation' on 7,8 and 10 May 2022. Dr. Ipe Varughese and Mr. Xavierkutty Francis were resource persons. The workshop was organised in association with BCM College Kottayam, BVM College Cherpunkal Pala and Carmelgiri college Adimali. The second session of the workshop was conducted on 23-25 May 2022 in association Barathamatha college Thrikkakkara - Ernakulam, MAr Augasthinos college Ramapuram, Mar Sleeva college Murickassery and Labour India college Marangattupalli.

KAPS Research and Publication wing organized training programme on 'Structure your dissertation report in APA style' on 15 June 2022. Br. Joseph Charuplakkal was the resource person.

KAPS Palakkad chapter organized a two days camp for the social workers at Nelliambathy on 25-26 June 2022. Skills development activities, meditation tracking etc were part of the camp.

A webinar on 'Kerala's Economic Performance: Myth Vs Reality' was organized by KAPS on 13 Aug 2022. Dr. Sunil Mani (Director, Centre for Development Studies Trivandrum) was the resource person.

A webinar on 'Breaking the barriers- Persons with disabilities and Employability' was conducted by KAPS Trivandrum Chapter on 30 Aug 2022. Ms. Sreena E N and Mr. Harikrishnan M G were the resource persons.

INPSWA has associated with KAPS and Dept. of Social Work BCM College Kottayam, Kerala for organizing 19th Samanwaya- International Conference on 21-23 Apr 2022. The programme was organized in association with Kadambari Memorial College, Nepal, University of Johannesburg, Childline and ASSK.

KAPS Human Rights & Anti Human Trafficking (HR -AHT) Wing has organized different programmes as follows: (i) Webinar on POCSO Act in association with Sreesabareesa college, Mundakkayam on 23 May 22. Adv. Natarajan was the resource person. (ii) Webinar on 'Disasters, its effects on human trafficking and best way to combat crime' in association with Ettumanoorappan college, Kottayam on 07 June 2022.

### **Presentation at IFSW**

Prof. Deviparad along with Ankit Kumar Keshri and Shivangi Deshwal has presented in IFSW webinar on 29 June 2022 on the topic 'Professional Social Work response to COVID-19'.

INPSWA executive committee held on 11 May 2022 (online). The committee mainly discussed the annual general council meeting of INPSWA and election of new office bearers

## INPSWA Executive committee formed sub groups for different tasks



Handing over documents at executive committee meeting: From left: Mr. Cyril Alexander, Mr. Santoshkumar Rai (Treasurer), Dr. Dhanasekhra Pandyan, Mr. Sriganesh N V, Dr. Ipe Varughese, Prof. Ghandidoss LS, Dr. Vasudevasharma, Prof. Sekar K, Dr. Cherian P Kurien

INPSWA executive committee held on 27 Aug 2022 at NIMHANS Bangalore created sub-committees for undertaking different tasks.

- (i) Advocacy and SW Council Bill (Convener: Prof. Sanjai Bhatt)
- (ii) Knowledge, Training, Curriculum and Faculty Development (Convener: Dr. Cherian P Kurien)
- (iii) National Social Work Students Forum (Convener: Dr. Ipe Varughese)
- (iv) Practitioners and NGO connect (Convener: Mr. Cyril Alexander)
- (v) Mental Health Issues: (Convener: Dr. Sekar K)

Prof. Ghandidoss LS presided over the meeting. Nine members attended the committee physically and six members joined online.

### *From Editor's Desk .....*

*Indian Social Workers became a member of the Global Social Work Family through the formation of INPSWA and its affiliation to IFSW. Since its formation, INPSWA is in the right track of growth by bringing all the associations into a common platform and fulfilling the requirements of an association.*

*INPSWA marked remarkable growth with the addition of more associations and involving in more activities for the development of the profession in India. This news bulletin is yet another milestone in its growth. INPSWA believes this will be a medium for sharing all the activities undertaken by social work associations, or programmes of organizations and educational institutions conducted in collaboration with the social work association in the region and with INPSWA*

*This news bulletin will surely help all social workers in India to get the knowledge on what is happening in the social work field. In India, all social workers need to work as a team to take our profession to greater heights.*

*This initiative will be successful only when all of us share the news and photos of their extension activities, projects, academic activities and achievements. Readers may share their comments and suggestions as well.*

*Let's be active in this common platform ....*

**Suggest a title for this social work news bulletin ... Should be an Indian word .. short and meaningful  
Special Appreciation will be given to the selected entry.  
Send your suggestion to: [indiaswnews@gmail.com](mailto:indiaswnews@gmail.com) (on or before 10 May 2023)**



## IFSW - Asia Pacific Regional Seminar

IFSW-AP has conducted Asia Pacific region webinar on 10 Aug 2022. The webinar included presentations from eight countries in the Asia Pacific Region on the progress towards the global agenda for social work and social development theme one (2020-22) 'Ubuntu: Strengthening social solidarity and global connectedness'. Dr. Ipe Varughese, Secretary General INPSWA presented on the theme representing India.

## INPSWA General Council (2022-24)

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Mr. Mary Jennifer  
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Dr. Ambadas Mohite  
Dr. Anita Panot  
Dr. Deepak Bhosale  
Dr. Jayashri Kapse  
Prof. Saniay Fulkar  
Dr. Anant Barde

## New Office bearers elected for KAPS



Dr. M P Antoni  
President



Mr. Dileep Kumar M B  
General Secretary



Mr. Babu Abraham  
Treasurer

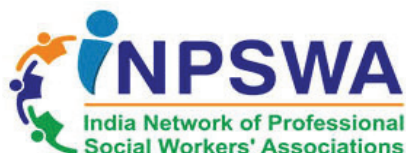


Ms. Mini A P  
Working President



Br. Joseph Charuplakkal  
Asso. Gen. Secretary

Dr. Sonny Jose, Dr. Anish K R, Mr. Abdul Rahiman and Mr. Prasobh, were elected as the regional Vice Presidents. Dr. Peper Joy, Adv. Reji Augustin, Mr. Leo Rajan and Fr. Sojan Pananchikkal were elected as the Regional Joint Secretaries.



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