



# RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: SOCIAL WORK ENGAGEMENTS AND CHALLENGES



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## About DYUTI

### Developmental Yearnings for a United and Transformed India

Rajagiri, with its vision of becoming a center of excellence in learning, has been regularly providing an annual forum for deliberations on vital issues of development from a 'rights perspective'. This series of deliberations which started in 1998 is named DYUTI, meaning 'spark of life'. A total of 20 DYUTI national and international conferences have been organised so far. This 21 edition of DYUTI is on 'Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Social Work Engagements and Challenges'.

The pandemic has impacted the lives of individuals, families, communities, and nations across the globe. Social Work as a service profession has engaged in various sectors during the COVID -19. Social Work response to this pandemic includes case management, preventive programmes, psychosocial support, networking, and system linkages. Individual-based as well as community-based programmes engagements were initiated by social workers in different parts of the country. Many professional social work practitioners extend their services to prevent, remediate, and rehabilitate the individuals and communities that were affected directly or indirectly. Many have joined various governmental and non-governmental organizations as volunteers in the response to the community needs.

Social Work academia also had to bring in a lot of restructuring to promote fieldwork practices of students and many civil society organizations have associated with academic institutions to facilitate virtual fieldwork practices.

It is now time to rise up to the occasion from the waves of issues to innovations and interventions in all fields of individual and social life. This conference is an attempt to discuss the responses of social work practice and education in India during Covid-19 and the ways forward.





## KEY DATES

Date for abstract submission:  
20th January 2021

Date for final paper submission:  
1st February 2021

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## SUB THEMES

1. Social Work practice during Covid-19
2. Field engagement initiatives and programmes
3. Social Work academia during the pandemic
4. Responses of NGOs and other stakeholders
5. Social Workers in health care setting
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7. Volunteerism among social workers/ students during covid-19
8. Social Work Research responses during COVID- 19
9. COVID-19 crisis and beyond: challenges for sustainable public policies





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