

# *Information Brochure*

## School of Social Work



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## The School of Social Work

The School of Social Work (SOSW) at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was established in 2007. It aims at providing quality education in the areas of social work, HIV/AIDS, counselling, and family studies by offering programmes leading to the award of Certificate, Diploma and Degree.

The SOSW at IGNOU is the first School of Social work to be offering social work programmes in ODL mode. It is the first school of Social Work in India to take social work education to all the States and Union Territories in the country. It has indigenously developed high quality Self Instructional Materials (SIM) and uses multi-media approach for imparting social work teaching and training both in English and Hindi. It offers social work programmes to in-service learners and engages a large number of practitioners for field supervision.

## Academic Programmes

The School offers nine programmes of study apart from other important academic activities which include the CBCI Chair, Tihar Jail correctional social work intervention and organizing the Annual National Seminar on “Social Work Response to HIV/AIDS”. The programmes offered by the School are;

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (Ph.D)
2. Master of Philosophy in Social Work (M.Phil)
3. Master of Social Work (Counselling): MSW-C (ODL)
4. Master of Social Work (MSW: ODL)
5. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW: ODL)
6. Diploma in HIV and Family Education (DAFE:ODL)
7. Certificate in HIV and Family Education (CAFE:ODL)
8. Certificate in Social Work and Criminal Justice System (CSWCJS: ODL)

9. Certificate in Tribal Studies (CTRBS:ODL)
10. Electives in BDP (ODL)

### 1. Ph.D and M.Phil in Social Work

The research degree programme in Social Work aims at training professionals (both teachers and practitioners) in the skills and competencies related to systematic investigation of various issues and problems in the area of Social Work. Under this programme, a candidate is eligible for admission for the M.Phil/Ph.D programme if he/she fulfills the following criteria:

#### 1. For M.Phil:

Master's degree in social work. The minimum eligibility criteria is 55% marks at post graduation level (50% in case of reserved categories i.e. SC/ST, OBC (non-creamy) and PWD).

#### 2. For Ph.D:

Master's degree in social work and/or M.Phil degree in social work. The minimum eligibility criteria is 55% marks at post graduation level (50% in case of reserved categories i.e. SC/ST, OBC (non-creamy) and PWD).

However, candidates holding M.Phil degree (along with course and dissertation both) or those candidates who have cleared NET (Conducted by UGC) or any other equivalent examination will be exempted from appearing in the entrance test.

Those who have not cleared NET/any other equivalent examination or not holding M.Phil degree will be required to appear for the entrance test.

#### Stage 1

The entrance test will be conducted at the national level in the selected centres across the country.

## Stage 2

1. Candidates who will be successful in the entrance test will be called for interview/presentation of synopsis before the Discipline Doctoral Committee.
2. Those candidates exempted from appearing in the entrance test will also be called for interview/ presentation of synopsis before the Discipline Doctoral Committee.
3. Offer letter for admission will be sent to the selected candidates only.

### Programme Details

#### I. Theory Courses

1. MSW-002: Origin and Development of Social Work in India  
(4 Credits)
2. MSW-005: Social work Practicum Supervision (4 Credits)
3. MSW-006: Social Work Research (4 Credits)
4. MSW-007: Case Work and Counselling: Working with  
Individuals (4 Credits)
5. MSW-010: Introduction to Philanthropic Social Work  
(4 Credits)
6. MSWE-001: HIV/AIDS: Stigma and Discrimination  
(4 Credits)
7. MSWE-003: Disaster Management (4 Credits)
8. MSWE-004: Tribal Development and Social Work Practice  
(4 Credits)
9. MSWE-009: Theoretical Frameworks and Review of  
Studies in Social Work (4 credits)
10. MSW-013: Introduction to psychological basis of  
counselling (4 credits)
11. MSW-016: Fields of Counselling (4 credits)

## II. Practicum

1. MSWL-003: Social Case Work (6 Credits)
2. MSWL-004: Social Group Work (6 Credits)
3. MSWL-005: Community Organization (6 Credits)
4. MSWL-006: Generalist Practice (6 Credits)

## III. Dissertation

Dissertation is to be done under the guidance of a recognized supervisor by IGNOU only on successful completion of the theory and practicum components.

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## Open and Distance Learning Programmes

### 3. Master of Social Work: MSW

The MSW (ODL) programme offers opportunity to learners for higher studies in professional social work. Besides offering the core courses pertaining to social work curriculum across the globe and India, it includes themes in some of the emerging areas of social work such as globalization, migration, history of social work in India, theory paper on social work practicum and a course on HIV/AIDS which are expected to be highly useful in the present day context. They provide the learners hands on training, which will enable the candidates to find suitable placements within and outside the country. The programme comprises 66 credits covered through ten theory papers, one dissertation and two practical components.

## Programme Details

| First Year<br>Compulsory Courses  |   |            |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------|
| Course Code                       | Course Title  | Credits    |
| MSW-001                           | Origin and Development of Social Work                       | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-002                           | Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives               | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-003                           | Basic Social Science Concepts                               | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-004                           | Social Work and Social Development                          | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-005                           | Social Work Practicum and Supervision                       | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-006                           | Social work Research  | 6 Credits  |
| Fieldwork                         |   |            |
| MSWL-001                          | Social Work Practicum                                       | 10 Credits |
| Second year<br>Compulsory courses |   |            |
| MSW-007                           | Case Work and Counselling: working with Individuals         | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-008                           | Social Group Work: Working with Groups                      | 4 Credits  |
| MSW-009                           | Community Organization Management for Community Development | 4 Credits  |
| Fieldwork                         |   |            |
| MSWL-002                          | Social Work Practicum                                       | 10 Credits |
| Electives (Any two out of five)   |   |            |
| MSWE-001                          | HIV/AIDS: Stigma, Discrimination and prevention             | 4 credits  |
| MSWE-002                          | Women and Child Development                                 | 4 credits  |
| MSWE-003                          | Disaster Management   | 4 credits  |
| MSW-010                           | Introduction to Philanthropic Social Work                   | 4 credits  |
| MSWP-001                          | Project Work  | 4 credits  |

- Total number of credits: 66
- Fee: INR 27,000/- (to be paid year wise @INR 13,500/- per year (subject to change))
- Duration: Minimum 2 years and Maximum 5 years
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree from a recognized University.
- Medium of instruction: Hindi and English
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Saumya,  
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#### 4. Master of Social Work (Counselling): MSW (C)

The School of Social Work is offering Masters in Social Work (Counselling) in ODL. This Programme would provide both academic learning and professional education and training in counselling, extending beyond theoretical knowledge. MSW(C) is tailored to suit counselors working in a wide range of organizational and community contexts as well as individuals in a family. There is a good potential for employment in government as well as NGO sectors. There is an urgent need for specially trained counselors to handle the stress of employees working with call centres, corporate sectors, families, family courts, correctional settings, school, universities and educational institutions, rehabilitation centres, refugee camps, institutions for the differently abled, aged, child care and adoption centres, family planning, voluntary counselling and testing centres, rural sectors especially where farmers are driven to commit suicide, de-addiction centres etc. MSW (C) Programme is offered through one or two study centers under each Regional centre. The programme can be taken only through activated study centres or special study centres through each Regional centre. This Programme is being offered only in English. For Field Work in the MSW (counseling) programme much focus is given on specialization in counseling and 40 percent weightage is given to the practicum.

## Programme Details

| First Year<br>Compulsory Courses  |   |           |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Course Code                       | Course Title  | Credits   |
| MSW-001                           | Origin and Development of Social Work                           | 4 credits |
| MSW-002                           | Professional Social Work: Indian Perspective                    | 4 credits |
| MSW-005                           | Social Work Practicum and Supervision                           | 4 Credits |
| MSW-008                           | Social Group Work: Working with Groups                          | 4 Credits |
| MSW-009                           | Community Organization Management for<br>Community Development: | 4 Credits |
| Fieldwork                         |   |           |
| MSWL-046                          | Social Work Practicum-I   | 8 Credits |
| MSWL-047                          | Block Placement   | 8 Credits |
| Second year<br>Compulsory courses |   |           |
| MSW-12                            | Introduction to Life Characteristics and<br>Challenges          | 4 credits |
| MSW-13                            | Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling              | 4 credits |
| MSW-14                            | Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling                    | 4 credits |
| MSW-15                            | Basics of Counselling   | 4 credits |
| MSW-16                            | Fields of Counselling   | 4 Credits |
| Fieldwork                         |   |           |
| MSWL-048                          | Social Work Practicum-II  | 8 Credits |
| MSWL-049                          | Internship  | 8 Credits |

### Fieldwork Details

#### Block Placement

Block placement should be done in one organization/ institute/ social welfare agency for one month which is mandatory under the supervision of a professionally qualified social worker who has done MSW/MA (social work). The learner's are expected to practice exclusively any one or two of the methods viz Group Work,



Community Organization, Social Welfare administration, Social action and Social Work Research during your placement.

### Internship

Internship should be done in one organization/institute/social welfare agency for one month which is mandatory under the supervision of a professionally qualified social worker who has done MSW/MA (social work).The main purpose of internship is to provide the learner with opportunity to work with a welfare organization/ institute/social welfare agency which will give exposure to various aspects which are covered under POSDCoRB(Planning, Organizing, Staffing, Directing, Coordinating, Reporting and Budgeting.

- Total number of credits: 72
- Fee: INR 30,000/- (to be paid year wise @INR 15,000/- per year (subject to change)
- Duration: Minimum 2 years and Maximum 5 years
- Eligibility: Bachelor's degree or a higher degree from a recognized University.
- Medium of Instruction: English
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. N. Ramya,  
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Phone No: 011-29571693

### Associate Studentship

The University has a scheme of 'Associate Studentship' which provides for a candidate who fulfils the minimum eligibility requirements for the programme under which the course(s) is/are offered, to register for only one course or a limited number of courses, subject to a minimum of 8 credits and maximum of 32 credits. Associate studentship is not compulsory; Students of MSW are urged to opt for Associate Studentship Scheme of IGNOU. One of the important and useful courses would be MSW-006: Social work research. This course may be taken along with any of the suggested of 4 credit courses which will be of great help to those intending to go for research leading to M.Phil/Ph.D in Social Work.

## List of Courses in Social Work Discipline for Associate Studentship

| Course Code | Course Title                                    | Credits   |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| MSWE-001    | HIV/AIDS: Stigma, Discrimination and Prevention | 4 Credits |
| MSWE-003    | Disaster Management                             | 4 Credits |
| MSW-006     | Social Work Research                            | 6 Credits |
| MSW-010     | Introduction to Philanthropic Social Work       | 4 Credits |
| MSW-011     | Working Among the Poorest of the Poor           | 4 Credits |

### 5. Bachelor of Social work (BSW)

The Bachelor Degree Programme in Social work (BSW) is meant for candidates who are interested in providing professional assistance to people in need. Persons with professional training/degree in social work generally work in socially relevant areas such as health care, community development, education, industry, counselling, family, correction, social defense, women, children, disability etc. With globalization, market economy and liberalization, new concerns and human problems are emerging which needs to be addressed. This programme will be particularly useful to people employed at middle and lower levels with NGOs. It will also be useful to fresh candidates who may like to work in social and developmental agencies.

#### Programme Details

| Course Code | Title of the Course                               | Credits   |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| I Year      |   |           |
| BSWE001     | Introduction to Social Work (Theory)              | 8 credits |
| BSWL001*    | Social Work Practicum-I (Practical)               | 8 credits |
| BSHF 101    | Foundation Course in Humanities & Social Sciences | 8 credits |
| FEG 1       | Foundation Course in English 1                    |           |
| or          | or  |           |
| FHD-2       | Foundation Course in Hindi 2                      | 4 credits |
| FEG 2       | Foundation Course in English                      |           |
| or          | or  | 4 credits |

|   |   |                        |
|---|---|------------------------|
| BHDF 101<br>or any one<br>modern Indian<br>language (MIL) | Foundation course in Hindi<br>or<br>Modern Indian Language (Choose any one) | 4 credits<br>4 credits |
| Modern Indian Language (Choose any one)                   |   |                        |
| FAS 1   | Foundation Course in Assamese   | 4 credits              |
| FBG 1   | Foundation Course in Bengali  | 4 credits              |
| FTG 1   | Foundation Course in Gujarati   | 4 credits              |
| FKD 1   | Foundation Course in Kannada  | 4 credits              |
| FML 1   | Foundation Course in Malayalam  | 4 credits              |
| FMT 1   | Foundation Course in Marathi  | 4 credits              |
| FOR 1   | Foundation Course in Oriya  | 4 credits              |
| FPB 1   | Foundation Course in Punjabi  | 4 credits              |
| FTM 1   | Foundation Course in Tamil  | 4 credits              |
| FTG 1   | Foundation Course in Telugu   | 4 credits              |
| FUD 1   | Foundation Course in Urdu   | 4 credits              |
| II Year   |   |                        |
| BSWE 002  | Social Work Intervention with Individuals<br>and Groups (Theory)            | 8 credits              |
| BSWL 002*   | Social work Practicum-II (Practical)  | 8 credits              |
| BSWE 004  | Introduction to Family life Education                                       | 8 credits              |
| FST 01  | Foundation Course in Science and Technology                                 | 8 credits              |
| III Year  |   |                        |
| BSWE 003  | Social Work Intervention with Communities<br>and Institutions (Theory)      | 8 credits              |
| BSWL 003*   | Social Work Practicum-III (Practical)                                       | 8 credits              |
| BSWE 005  | Introduction to HIV / AIDS  | 8 credits              |
| BSWE 006  | Substance Abuse and Counselling   | 8 credits              |

*\*These courses are practical for first, second and third year of BSW respectively. Successful completion of practical in first year is a necessary condition for taking up practical for the second year. Similarly successful completion of practical in second year is necessary condition for taking up practical for the third year.*

- Total number of credits: 96
- Fee: INR Rs. 12000/- for full programme to be paid year wise @Rs.4000/- per year (subject to change)
- Duration: Minimum 3 years and Maximum 6 years. Offered in both January & July cycle of admissions.
- Eligibility: 10+2 or its equivalent of BPP from IGNOU
- Medium of Instruction: English & Hindi
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Sayantani Guin,  
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## 6. Diploma in HIV and Family Education: DAFE

The Diploma in HIV and Family Education aims at providing basic and accurate information about HIV/AIDS, sex and sexuality, family life education, alcohol and drugs and communication and counseling. The contents are designed to impart an integrated understanding to the learners about the issues involved in HIV/AIDS and behavior modification. The main objective of this programme is to enhance the knowledge and skills of functionaries involved in HIV/AIDS and related issues. The main target groups include school teachers, NGO functionaries, paramedical, parents of adolescents and those interested in acquiring knowledge on the subject. The Diploma in HIV and Family Education Programme has seven courses and is on offer from several state open universities.

### Programme Details

| Course Code | Course Title                              | Credits   |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| BFE-101     | Public Health and HIV/AIDS                | 4 Credits |
| BFE-102     | Basics of Family Education                | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-101    | Elective on HIV/AIDS                      | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-102    | Elective on Family Education              | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-103    | Alcohol, Drugs and HIV                    | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-104    | Communication and Counselling in HIV/AIDS | 4 Credits |

- Total number of credits: 24
- Fee: INR 3000/- (subject to change)
- Duration: Minimum 1 years and Maximum 4 years
- Eligibility: 10+2 or its equivalent or BPP from IGNOU or matriculation with higher qualification recognized by Central / State Government.
- Medium of Instruction: English & Hindi
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Rose Nembiakkim,  
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Phone No: 011-29571695

## 7. Certificate in HIV and Family Education: CAFE

The Certificate in HIV and Family Education provides comprehensive knowledge about what, why and how of HIV/AIDS, family life education, facts of life and substance abuse. The contents are designed to impart an integrated understanding to the learners about the issues involved in HIV/AIDS and behavior modification. The certificate programme has the following courses of 4 credits each. A learner has to choose 2 compulsory courses and two optional from the 4 electives. One has to acquire 16 credits for a certificate. A student who has successfully completed CAFÉ can also pursue for DAFE by completing the remaining courses of 16 credits and request the University for credit transfer from CAFE to DAFE.

### Programme Details

| Course Code               | Course Title                              | Credits   |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Compulsory Courses</b> |   |           |
| BFE-101                   | Public Health and HIV/AIDS                | 4 Credits |
| BFE-102                   | Basics of Family Education                | 4 Credits |
| <b>Optional Courses</b>   |   |           |
| BFEE-101                  | Elective on HIV/AIDS                      | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-102                  | Elective on Family Education              | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-103                  | Alcohol, Drugs and HIV                    | 4 Credits |
| BFEE-104                  | Communication and Counselling in HIV/AIDS | 4 Credits |

- Total number of credits: 16
- Fee: INR 1500/- (subject to change)
- Duration: Minimum 06 month and Maximum 2 years
- Eligibility: 10+2 or its equivalent or BPP from IGNOU or matriculation with higher qualification recognized by Central /State Government.
- Medium of Instruction: English & Hindi
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Rose Nembiakkim,  
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 Phone No: 011-29571695

#### 8. Certificate in Social Work and Criminal Justice System: CSWCJS

The School of Social Work and School of Law has jointly launched this programme. The programme aims at developing a cadre of trained para-social workers to render humanitarian services in criminal justice system. It also aims at providing knowledge base and skill training to learners along with practical experiences to render social and legal services in correctional settings across the country. Another focus of the programme is to extend professional help to target population in correctional setting. The Certificate programme in Social Work and Criminal Justice System would pave the way for creating space and demonstrate humanitarian initiatives that address specific issues of marginalized people in Criminal Justice System.

#### Programme Details

| Course Code | Course Title                                      | Credits   |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| Theory      |   |           |
| MSW-031     | Social Work Intervention in Correctional Settings | 4 Credits |
| MSW-032     | Social Work and Criminal Justice                  | 4 Credits |
| Practical   |   |           |
| MSWL-033    | Social Work Programme in Correctional Settings    | 8 Credits |

- Total number of credits: 16
- Fee: INR 1200/- (subject to change)

- Duration: Minimum 6 months and Maximum 2 years
- Eligibility: Graduation in any discipline.
- Medium of Instruction: English & Hindi
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Sayantani Guin,  
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## 9. Certificate in Tribal Studies

In order to give more focused attention to the development of Scheduled Tribes, the School of Social Work will be launching the Certificate programme in Tribal studies shortly.

### Programme Details

| Course Code | Course Title                                   | Credits   |
|-------------|--|-----------|
| BSW-041     | Understanding the tribals                      | 4 Credits |
| BSW-042     | Tribal Society                                 | 4 Credits |
| BSW-043     | Tribals of South and Central India             | 4 Credits |
| BSW-044     | Tribals in North and Northeast Region of India | 4 Credits |

- Total number of credits: 16
- Fee: INR 1000/- (subject to change)
- Duration: Minimum 6 months and Maximum 2 years
- Eligibility: 10+2 or its equivalent or BPP from IGNOU or matriculation with higher qualification recognized by Central /State Government.
- Sponsoring agency: CBCI Chair
- Medium: English
- Programme Coordinator: Dr. Rose Nembiakkim,  
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## 10. Electives in BDP

Three courses developed in SOSW are on offer as electives in the Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP) of IGNOU namely:

| Course Code | Course Title                     | Credits   |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| BSWE-004    | Introduction to Family Education | 8 credits |
| BSWE-005    | Introduction to HIV/AIDS         | 8 credits |
| BSWE-006    | Substance Abuse and counselling  | 8 credits |

Total number of credits: 24

### CBCI-IGNOU Chair

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) and the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on February 29, 2000 and established the CBCI-IGNOU Chair to promote studies in the areas of Family Education, Social Work, HIV/AIDS, and Philosophy etc. The Chair has done commendable work by developing and launching over a dozen programmes of study from Certificate to Doctoral programme. The MoU was revised and signed in 2009. The first programme developed by the Chair in these areas of study was a six month Certificate in HIV and Family Education (CAFÉ) launched in January 2002. In January 2003, a one year Diploma programme in HIV and Family Education (DAFE) was launched. The “Bachelor Degree Programme in Social Work” (BSW) was launched in July 2004. The Chair also developed a Master in Social Work (MSW) and Post Graduate Diploma in Social work (PGDSW) which was launched in July 2008 and January 2009 respectively. The Bachelor Degree Programme in Philosophy was launched by the University in July 2009 and the M.A. (Philosophy) launched in July 2010. The latest addition is the Masters Programme in Social Work Counselling (MSW-C). IGNOU now offers courses on HIV/AIDS and related topics as electives in the Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP) including B.Ed. and BSW apart from the MSW programmes. In fact this genuine initiative of the CBCI-IGNOU collaboration, has given new impetus to spreading education to the unreached in far flung areas on socially relevant topics which are expected to improve the services in the social and social welfare sectors in our country.



Some of the new initiatives of the Chair include the development of a one year Post-Graduate Diploma in Social Work Counseling and a six months certificate programme on Tribal Studies which are expected to be launched from the 2017 academic admission cycle.

The Chair organizes a memorial lecture on Mother Teresa. Some of the eminent persons invited to deliver the Mother Teresa Memorial Lecture include Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Shri Navin B. Chawla (the biographer of Mother Teresa) and Prof. A.W. Khan, the Assistant Director General of UNESCO. The Chair has facilitated several students with scholarship for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D. in Social Work as well as provided travel grants for seminar participation. Currently the Chair is facilitating the revisions CAFE/DAFE/BSW and MSW programmes.

### Seminars

Since 2004, the school has been actively organising national level seminar in different region of India.

### Faculty Profile

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About Prof. Gracious Thomas



Dr. Gracious Thomas is professor and founder Director of the School of Social Work at IGNOU, New Delhi. During his over three decades of teaching, research and practice of social work and extension activities he held important academic and administrative positions such as Professor-NABARD Chair at Bhubaneswar and Director of two schools and the National Centre for Disability Studies at IGNOU for over twelve years. He has more than seven hundred publications to his credit apart from about eighty educational video programmes. Some of his major contributions to professional social work include the launching of nine programmes of study in social work through Open and Distance Learning from Certificate to Doctoral Degree, the drafting of the Code of Ethics for social workers, promoting twelve values of social work and adding six contemporary methods of social work to the knowledge base of social work discipline.

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#### About Dr. Saumya

Dr. Saumya is an Assistant Professor at School of Social Work, IGNOU. She did her B.A in Sociology from Miranda House and M.A in Social Work at Department of Social Work, University of Delhi (was awarded University Gold Medal) followed by a year of policy research at Action Aid, Chhattisgarh in the area of 'Right to Food'. She holds a Ph.D degree in Social Work from University of Delhi, and was recipient of Junior & Senior Research Fellowship from UGC between 2003 and 2006. Prior to joining IGNOU, she taught at University of Delhi as Lecturer in Department of Social Work. She has received Visiting Fellowship to Shanghai Open University, China in 2014. She has published books and many articles and presented several papers in national and international seminars.

Her academic and research interests include Communalism, Social Security, Open and Distance Learning and Community Organization.

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#### About Dr. G.Mahesh

Dr. G. Mahesh is a qualified social worker and public health professional with M.Phil and Ph.D. degrees in Social Medicine and Community Health from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has been trained and committed to work for rights based and gender sensitive issues. Prior to joining IGNOU, he has worked with international organizations in the field of Public Health, coordinating and facilitating regional and country level HIV and AIDS initiatives, liaising and networking with Government, national, international agencies and Civil Society Organizations working on HIV and AIDS in the Asia Pacific region.

Dr. Mahesh has keen interest in the areas of fundraising, training and capacity building, institution building, networking and advocacy as significant tools in the field of social work. He has been working towards strengthening Social Work education and practice in Open and Distance Learning. Presently, Dr. Mahesh is coordinating M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes in the School of Social Work.

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#### About Dr. Sayantani Guin

Dr. Sayantani Guin holds M.Phil and PhD degrees in Social Sciences from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. She was a recipient of Junior & Senior Research Fellowship from UGC between 2004 and 2009. Prior to this, she completed B.S.W from Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal and M.A in Social Work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Her academic and research interests include Case Work, Administration of Criminal Justice and HIV in prisons. She is a life member of various professional associations, viz. National Association of Professional Social Workers in India, the Indian Society of Professional Social Work and The Indian Society of Criminology. She has published books and many articles and presented several papers in national and international seminars. Dr. Guin is the coordinator for Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) and Certificate in Social Work and Criminal Justice System (CSWCJS) programmes.

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#### About Dr. N. Ramya

Dr. N. Ramya is a trained Psychiatric Social Worker. Her research interests include Student Mental Health of Marginalized Sections, Casework, Counselling, Community health, Contemporary Social Work Methods and Open Distance Learning. She did her B.A in Economics (Rural Management) from Holy cross college and M.S.W. in Medical & Psychiatry from Bishop Heber College, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli. She did her M.Phil degree in Psychiatric Social Work from NIMHANS, Bangalore and she qualified SLET and NET in the year 1999 and 2002 respectively. She holds a Ph.D degree in Social Work from Bharathidasan University. Prior to joining IGNOU, she worked as Lecturer in Thanthai Hans Rover College, Perambalur, and Bharathidasan University Trichy, Tamil Nadu, during the period 2002-2004. She had an experience of handling National Mental Health programme in Ministry of Health and Family welfare, Govt. of India as a Consultant in the Year 2008. She has published many articles in National and International Journals and presented papers in National Seminars. Presently she is the coordinator for MSW Counselling (ODL) Programme in the School of Social Work.

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