

9th Annual National Seminar on Social Work

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(NAPSUI)

Seminar Venue

Lipika, Santiniketan

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Introduction

The Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, (a Central University and an Institute of National Importance), *School of Social Work, IGNOU and the NAPSWI* is organizing a national seminar on issues of Community development. Apart from giving an opportunity to scholars and practioners to discuss and to debate on these important issues of community development in India and other countries, the seminar is also a part of the worldwide celebrations of the 150th Birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati which evolved out of the Tagore's holistic vision for rural reconstruction is also celebrating its 50th anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of its *establishment*. (1963-2012).

About Rabindranath Tagore and Visva-Bharati

Rabindranath Tagore (May 1861 –7 August 1941), a Noble Laureate, was a multifaceted personality who excelled in number of diverse roles as- poet, novelist, composer, public speaker, essayist, painter, freedom fighter, educationist and philosopher. Seventy years after his death, it is not uncommon for both intellectuals and ordinary people to refer to his works to get insights into understanding present day problems. Even his critics' acknowledge that his ideas have contributed to better understanding of social and political realities. The debate between Mahatma Gandhi and Tagore on the role of nationalism in modern society is a relevant example.

Visva-Bharati, in the words of Tagore, is his most precious creation. Tagore was awarded the Noble Prize in 1913. *He made numerous visits to several countries all over the world*. His visits helped him know better other countries, their cultures and peoples. He was convinced that the best means to solve the political, social, economic and spiritual problems of the modern world is by facilitating greater understanding between different communities and peoples. The motto of Visva-Bharati therefore, is taken from the Vedic text and says "*Yatra visvam bhavtyekanidam*" (where the world makes a home in a single nest). Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament in May 1951.

About the seminar

Indira Gandhi national Open University (IGNOU) and the National Association of Professional Social Workers (NAPSWI) of India have been annually organizing a National seminar on HIV/AIDS in collaboration with different institutions in *several* cities of India *since 2004*. This is the ninth annual national seminar and the collaborator for this seminar is the Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati.

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985. Today it serves the educational aspirations of *about four* million students in India and abroad through 21 schools of studies, 12 chairs, and an elaborate network of 60 regional centres, over *45,000* academic counsellors, about *3500* study centres, and 52 overseas

centres. IGNOU made history by establishing the first school of social work in ODL system in 2007 which is perhaps the largest school of social work with student strength of over 30,000.

The themes for the seminar

The experience of Indian community development initiatives is about a century old. The non-governmental initiatives started in the colonial period and the government efforts in community development started in 1952. Many of these initiatives were influenced and inspired by Gandhi's and Tagore's philosophy. The seminar will attempt to discuss and learn from all major experiences of community development programmes.

It is now universally recognized that health and development are directly related. The problem of HIV/AIDS is *therefore* not simply a health issue but also a development and human rights issue. Developed countries have largely been able to address the problems of HIV/ AIDS including treatment and support. Lesser developed countries have lesser resources to allocate to health care and even lesser for HIV/AIDS. They suffer huge economic and social loss due to the disease and consequently it impedes their developmental progress. Similarly, at the national level, the poorer communities are facing the brunt of the disease- migration as a result of the collapse of traditional livelihoods, loss of community support and lack of awareness are the main factors. The vulnerable sections of the society like women and children are directly or indirectly, the worst sufferers. If development is described by Amartya Sen as increasing choices and capabilities for enjoying a better life then the prevention and management of social and economic problems including HIV/ AIDS should be a key element in any development strategy. Keeping this in mind we have identified *the following* major issues to be addressed in the seminar.

- Gandhi's philosophy on rural upliftment
- Tagore's philosophy on rural reconstruction
- Community development and rural livelihoods
- Govt. intervention in community development
- NGOs intervention in community development
- Social work intervention and community development
- Community development and welfare of the physically challenged
- Programme formulation and programme implementation
- Community Development and social work- Linkages and relationship
- HIV/AIDS, High Risk population and development
- HIV/ AIDS, stigma and discrimination
- AIDS and Counselling skills

Venue; Lipika, Santiniketan

Dates- 27th, 28th and 29th January 2012.

Registration fees: Rs. 500/- for faculty and practitioners and Rs. 250/- for students (NON-REFUNDABLE). Student must provide certificates from their respective institutions to avail of the discounted registration fee benefit. The registration fee *is* to be sent through a Demand Draft in favour of "**Principal, PSV**" payable at **Santiniketan (branch code 2121)**. ***The last date for the receipt of registration form along with the fee is December 31st 2011.***

Call for Papers

The participants interested in making paper presentation on the seminar theme are requested to submit the abstract along with registration form. They are further requested to

submit the soft copy (CD and through email) Email: socialwork@visva-bharati.ac.in. The last date for submission of abstracts is **15 DECEMBER 2011** and the final paper: 31 December **2011. The quality papers will be published in the refereed journal through peer review.**

Boarding and Lodging: Outstation participants' will be provided modest lodging and boarding for the five days from 26th January to 29th January 2012. The type of accommodation will be -double rooms for faculty members and practitioners and dormitory for the students.

Tea and Lunch will be provided to all participants during three days of the seminar.

On prior intimation accommodation may be arranged for days after 29th (as check out will be 30th January 12 noon,) and the expenditure for stay for any additional days will have to borne by the participants (*before or after the seminar*).

Travelling expenses: Travel allowance for the selected participants will be paid by IGNOU. Only the *train/ bus fare* for the shortest route from the nearest railway station to Bolpur (Santiniketan) will be paid. Taxi fare and rickshaw fare will not be reimbursed and will have to *be borne* by the participants. ***Faculty and practitioners who are members of NAPSWI are eligible for 3 Tier AC and students are eligible for 2nd Sleeper only. We will only forward the travel grant applications to School of Social Work, IGNOU and they will select the participants eligible for travel grant.***

Important dates

Last date for registration: **15th January 2012 (without travel grant from IGNOU) & 31st December for those who want travel grant.**

Submission of Abstracts: **15th December 2011**

Submission of Papers: **31st December 2011**

How to reach Santiniketan?

By Rail: By train from Howrah to Bolpur (Santiniketan). On the eastern railway the Howrah-Bardhaman- Bolpur Santiniketan-Rampurhat route is to be taken.

Shantiniketan is 2 kms from Bolpur railway station by cycle rickshaw.

By Road: By road it is 180 km from Kolkata

By Air: Kolkata Airport is the nearest airport.

Places to see in Santiniketan

Visva-Bharati is itself a heritage site and a popular tourist spot. It is known for leather products and unique clothing products. There is a hot spring at a distance of about 40 km and *Tarapeeth* a temple of *Kali* at about 80 km from Santiniketan which will *require one day tour*.

Climate in Santiniketan

The month of January is usually cold (10-15 minimum & 25 maximim) in Santiniketan. Participants are advised to bring winter outfits.

Organizing committee

Chief Patron : Prof. U. N. Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati.

President : Prof. P.K. Ghosh, Principal, Institute of Rural Reconstruction, Visva-Bharati.

Secretary : Prof. Asok Kumar Sarkar, Head, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati.

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Registration form for 9th Annual National Seminar on Community Development, Social Work & HIV/AIDS in Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan 27th-29th January 2012

Name of the Participant (In BLOCK LETTERS) _____

Tick any one; Student/ Faculty/ Practitioner

Name of Organization the Participant is working/Study

Type of Organization: Educational institute/ Government/ NGO/ Private Company/ Any others _____

Designation: _____ Educational Qualification _____

Address for communication:

Email _____ Mob

_____ Landline _____

Residential Address _____

DD No. and Date

(Rs. 500/- for faculty and practioners and Rs. 250/- for students. Student must attach certificates from their respective institutions to avail the discounted registration fee benefit)

Starting point (nearest railway station/bus stand) _____

Expected date of arrival _____

Expected date of departure _____

Interested in the proposed tour programme: YES NO

Signature of the participant

Date

Indira Gandhi National Open University
School of Social Work
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Application for Travel Grant

1. Name & Address along with phone no., mobile no. and e-mail ID:

2. Registration: DD No.: _____ Date: _____

3. Mode of Travel: Bus/Train: 3rd AC or Sleeper Class or 2nd class
: From _____ To _____

4. Fare: Rs _____ x 2 (to & fro) = Rs _____

5. Date of arrival: _____

6. Date of departure: _____

I request SOSW, IGNOU to kindly consider this application for travel grant (as stated above) to participate in the 9th Annual National Seminar on Social Work and HIV/AIDS being held at Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. I shall start my journey only after receiving confirmation from SOSW, IGNOU about the sanction of travel grant.

Date:

Name & Signature

To
Director,
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