

**Report: 5th National Social Work Week Programme organized by MSW, IISWBM,
Kolkata on 20th August, 2024**

The National Social Work Week (15th August – 21st August, 2024) organized by the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) is a practical opportunity to correlate theory and practice as well as enhance knowledge by engaging the creative efforts by students. The theme for this year was ‘School Social Work: Opportunities and Challenges.’

IISWBM organized this event on the 20th August, 2024 comprising of a talk on The POCSO Act by Dr. Sohini Banerjee, Associate Professor, IISWBM which also consisted of short play by the students of MSW 3rd Semester displaying how child abuse and child sexual abuse is common at home, school etc. and how there is the problem of stigma associated to it.

A Panel Discussion was held on the theme ‘The Contemporary Youth: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future’ with Prof. (Dr.) P M Sandhya Rani, Chairperson and Professor, Centre for Population, Health, and Development, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Dr. Sudeshna Saha, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan and Dr. Gita Khawas, Assistant Professor, IISWBM was held. Prof. Sandhya Rani talked about the important role of the youth in rural development and the opportunities of change in the rural context through participation of youth. Dr. Saha highlighted the social dialogues, specific application of social media, sports and others were specific opportunities and challenges like juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, and others are limiting the potential of the youth. Dr. Khawas focused on specific micro-challenges that one faces in life and how these challenges can be treated as opportunities by the youth. This event was coordinated by Dr. Ushnish Guha who also moderated the Panel Discussion.

It is imperative to thank The Director (Acting), Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management, Kolkata (IISWBM) Prof. (Dr.) Krishna M. Agrawal, and Registrar, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management, Kolkata (IISWBM) Mrs. Rupa Bhattacharya for their continuous support for all the programmes and this event being one of them. The encouragement and constant cooperation from Prof. (Dr.) Sudeepa Banerjee, Head of the Department, MSW made this event possible.

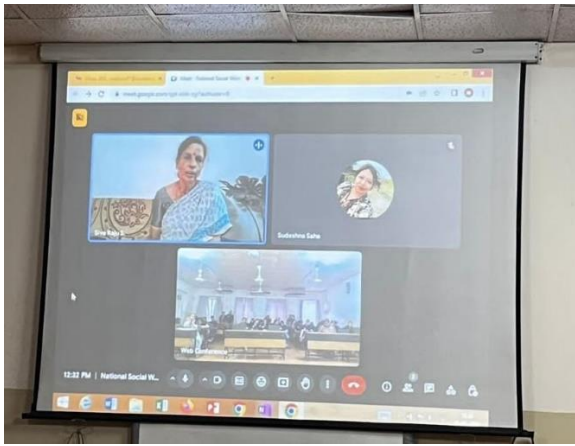
Finally, a special mention to Mr. Amitava Lohar and Mr. Vivekananda Singh for the logistical support which helped conduct this event.



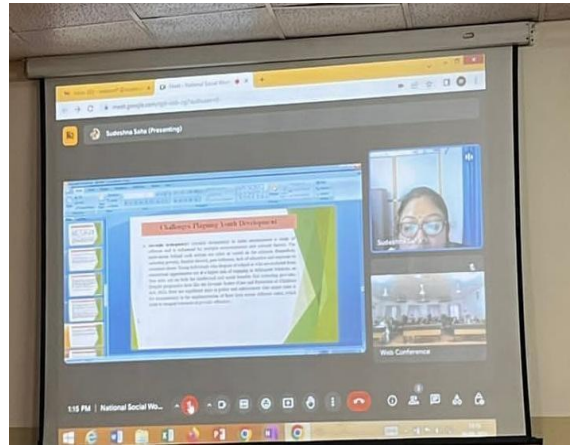
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Talk on The POCSO Act



Panel Discussion



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