

### **The School of Social Work**

The School of Social Work (SOSW) at 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 certificates, diplomas and degrees. Since July 2009, SOSW has started the on-campus Masters programme in Social Work with specializations in (i) philanthropy and (ii) Counselling at IGNOU headquarters, New Delhi, Regional Centre Cochin and CSRD, ISWR Ahmednagar.

The SOSW at IGNOU is the first school of social work to be offering social work programmes both in ODL and conventional systems through convergence scheme. 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 through its own (IGNOU's) TV and Radio channels both in English and Hindi. It offers social work programmes to in-service candidates and engages a large number of practitioners for field supervision.

The school offers twelve programmes of study: Certificate in Social Work and Criminal Justice System (CSWCJS), Certificate in HIV and Family Education (CAFE); Diploma in HIV and Family Education (DAFE); Bachelor in Social Work (BSW); Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work (PGDSW) ; Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work among Tribals (PGDSWT); Master in Social Work (MSW under ODL and convergence scheme); three on - campus regular programmes namely Master in Social Work (MSW with focus on North-east); Master in Social Work (philanthropy) and Master in Social Work (Counselling); M.Phil in Social Work, and Ph. D in Social Work.

The SOSW has recognized Rajgiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery as one of its Social Work Research Centres under its guidance and support for offering M. Phil and Ph.D programmes. The Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Social Work, Chuchuyimlang, Nagaland which is part of SOSW has launched an on-campus MSW programme with focus on north-east from July 2010. Some of the other important academic activities of the school include the housing of CBCI Chair, Mother Teresa Chair, Centre for Tibetan Studies, Tigri slum community development project, Tihar Jail correctional social work intervention project, holding of the annual national seminar on social work response to HIV/AIDS and the annual Mother Teresa memorial lecture.

# **Indira Gandhi National Open University**

## **On-Campus Full Time Programme**

### *Master's Programme in Social Work*

- i) MSW : Counselling
- ii) MSW : Philanthropy



## **Student Handbook and Prospectus 2011**



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