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MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW First Year)

Assignment: 2025-2026

Course Titles

MSW-001	: Origin and Development of Social Work
MSW-002	: Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives
MSW-005	: Social Work Practicum and Supervision
MSW-003	: Basic Social Science Concepts
MSW-004	: Social Work and Social Development
MSW-006	: Social Work Research
MSWE-010	: Social Work in African Context
MSW-032	: Social Work and Criminal Justice

Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre

July, 2025 Session – March 31, 2026

January, 2026 Session – September 30, 2026

Note : Kindly write the assignments for the courses you have opted.



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the MSW programme of IGNOU. You have purposefully chosen to become a post graduate in Social Work to contribute towards improving the social conditions of people. To successfully complete your MSW program, kindly follow the following tips:

- Read the programme guide before you begin your studies. It will clarify most of your doubts regarding how to go about doing the MSW Program from IGNOU.
- Submit your assignments to the Study Centre on time.
- Be in touch with your Study Centre and Regional Centre
- Meet your Field Work Supervisor (FWS) at the Study Centre for Fieldwork Supervision
- Fill up the examination form on time.

Assignments are open book examination and we at IGNOU assign 30 per cent weightage to the assignment while calculating the overall grade for each course. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed before its submission in the Study Centre.** In order to prepare a good set of assignment responses, you must first of all read the units) from which a particular question has been framed. Discuss with your peer-group and academic counselors who teach you. Prepare a draft, do the necessary correction on it and then, prepare the final version for submission to the Study Centre.

Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, sub-titles, body and a conclusion. One line should be left between each paragraph. Make sure your answers are specific and in your own words and do not copy from books. Your answers will be exclusively based on the IGNOU materials only. Preparation of assignments is preparation for your term-end examination. Therefore take the assignments seriously.

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Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives
ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-002

Total marks: 100

Note: (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **600** words each.

1) Discuss the historical roots of social work in India with emphasis on indigenous practices. 20

Or

Examine the role of social reform movements in the emergence of professional social work in India. 20

2) Explain how Indian religious philosophies (Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, etc.) influence social work values and practices. 20

Or

Describe the ethical foundations of professional social work in the Indian context. 20

3) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 300 words each:

a) Describe the significance of Gandhian ideology in Indian social work practice. 10

b) How do B.R. Ambedkar's ideas contribute to Indian social justice and social work? Explain. 10

c) Write a note on the role of the Sarvodaya movement in shaping Indian social work. 10

d) Compare Western and Indian approaches to social work philosophy. 10

4) Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 150 words each:

a) Trace the evolution of social work education in India. 5

b) What is the role of professional associations in Indian social work? 5

c) Explain how social work integrates with national development planning. 5

d) Discuss the importance of fieldwork in Indian social work education. 5

e) What are the challenges to indigenizing social work in India? 5

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5) Write short notes on any **five** of the following questions in about 100 words each:

a) Bhakti movement 4

b) Social defence 4

c) Charity and philanthropy 4

d) Code of Ethics in Social Work 4

e) Self-respect Movement 4

f) Gandhian Trusteeship 4

g) Role of NGOs in India 4

h) Informal Social Work Practices 4