

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (ONLINE) [MSWOL]

(MSWOL First Year)

Assignment: 2025-26

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

<p>Last Date of Uploading the Assignment in the LMS Portal July, 2025 Session – March 31, 2026</p>
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Note: Kindly write the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work (Online) [MSWOL] Programme** at IGNOU. Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in.
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

Important Notes on Assignments:

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and **signed** before submission.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write in **your own words** and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

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