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International Conference on

***Shared Pathways:
Social Work and Public Health.***

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Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous)

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), an institutional partner of ICSD, is a pioneering institution in India. One of the highest-ranking colleges in India (12th in the country in the 'Colleges' category by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, MHRD, Govt of India), Rajagiri College was reaccredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an A++ grade and a CGPA of 3.83, the highest in the country. Rajagiri College of Social Sciences was selected and granted with "College with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India in 2016.

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The convergence of social work and public health represents a critical frontier in addressing the multifaceted challenges of global well-being. The 2023 WHO report highlights staggering inequities, with 1 in 8 individuals globally affected by mental health conditions and 3.5 billion people lacking access to safely managed sanitation services. Additionally, over 45% of the world's population remains without access to essential health services, aggravating disparities driven by preventable diseases, systemic inequalities, and fragile healthcare infrastructures. These realities underscore the urgent need for interdisciplinary collaboration to create sustainable solutions that enhance health equity and social justice.

The 2026 DYUTI International Conference, themed "Shared Pathways: Social Work and Public Health," provides a scholarly platform to examine the synergies between these disciplines in advancing public health goals and addressing social determinants of health. Social work's commitment to human rights, social justice, and community empowerment aligns seamlessly with public health's focus on disease prevention, health promotion, and policy advocacy. Together, these fields are uniquely positioned to mitigate health disparities, enhance service delivery, and promote sustainable development.

Rajagiri School of Social Work

The Department of Social Work of Rajagiri is a pioneering School of Social Work in Kerala, India, established with a one-year Diploma in Social Service (DSS) in 1955. The department started the first Masters of Social Work (MSW) and the first Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programmes in the state of Kerala and is an approved Doctoral Centre in Social Work. BSW/PGDCSW/MSW/MSWCSW programs have twinning, accelerated, and dual degree arrangements with world-class International Universities across the globe. Rajagiri School of Social Work is ranked second-best in The India Today-MDRA and OUTLOOK-ICARE Survey of Best Social Work Colleges 2025 in India.

This conference will engage academics, practitioners, and policymakers in critical dialogue to explore innovative, evidence-based strategies for addressing global health challenges. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and examining best practices, the event seeks to chart actionable pathways toward building resilient, equitable, and inclusive communities. Through its emphasis on research, policy, and practice, the conference aims to contribute meaningfully to advancing global health and well-being.



Objectives

- Foster collaboration between social work professionals, public health experts, and other stakeholders to address complex social and health challenges.
- Highlight and discuss the social determinants of health, such as poverty, education, housing, and access to healthcare, and explore means on how social work and public health can address these issues collaboratively.
- Explore strategies for effective cross cultural policy advancements and initiate evidence informed policy changes with a focus on vulnerable populations.
- Encourage discussion on research on the intersection of social work and public health, with a focus on evidence-based practices and program evaluation further to establish consortiums to do research and develop evidence based models

Theme: Shared Pathways: Social Work and Public Health.

Sub-themes:

1. Foundations-Public Health

- Public Health Education and Career Pathways
- Transitioning from Clinical Roles (e.g., Nursing, Medicine) to Public Health
- Community and Grassroots Routes into Public Health Practice
- Inter-professional Education as a Gateway to Public Health

2. Core Disciplines and Professional Roles

- Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Surveillance
- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Nutrition and Public Health
- Social Work, Mental Health, and Behavioral Sciences
- Public Health Nursing and Community Outreach
- Global Health and Humanitarian Health Careers

3. Social Determinants and Equity in Practice

- Addressing Health Inequities and Structural Racism
- Indigenous and Culturally Responsive Public Health
- Gender, LGBTQ+, and Intersectional Health
- Rural and Underserved Community Health Access

4. Innovations and Emerging Tools

- Public Health Informatics and Data Science

- AI, Digital Health, and Telehealth Integration
- Climate Change and Public Health Preparedness
- Pandemic Response and Future Threats
- Alternative health care systems

5. Policy, Advocacy, and Leadership

- Health Policy Development and Implementation
- Public Health Law and Ethics
- Advocacy Strategies and Community Mobilization
- Leadership Pathways in Public Health

6. Training, Collaboration, and Lifelong Learning

- Inter-professional Collaboration and Practice Models
- Continuing Education and Certification Pathways
- Mentorship, Networking, and Professional Development
- Building a Diverse and Inclusive Public Health Workforce

7. Global to Local Impact

- Indigenous Health practices
- Indian Knowledge Systems
- Evidence based models
- Global Public Health Trends and Lessons
- Localizing Global Strategies for Community Impact
- Cross-border Collaboration and Health Diplomacy





PHFI Centre for Environmental Health (CEH), is a centre for knowledge creation and dissemination regarding the interdisciplinary field of environmental health. The Centre was launched in May 2016 by the Honourable Union Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Shri J. P. Nadda. CEH translates knowledge into action by addressing key environmental and health challenges while expanding into emerging fields like environmental planning, sociology, architecture, biodiversity conservation, and climate change communication.

Call for papers

We are calling for papers (for **oral and poster presentations**) that bring together novel solutions to development issues through social work and social development practices. All kinds of innovations will be considered, whether methodological, theoretical, social, technological, policy, practice-based or organisational and are of local relevance and/or have the potential for large-scale replication. Lessons learned from implementing evidence-based solutions, interdisciplinary approaches, and critiques of current solutions are also welcome. Interested participants can submit proposals for a **workshop** (90 minutes) or a **panel discussion** (4 panellists maximum on a theme excluding the chair, 10 minutes each) on the related topics.

Guidelines for Abstract

- The abstract should be within 300 words of text including the title and keywords (MS Word Doc.)
- The text should be arranged according to the following headlines: Objectives, Design, Model, Result & Conclusion.
- Title page of the abstract should include Title of the paper, Author's name, designation, institution affiliation, mailing address, contact number & Email id.
- The abstract can be submitted through www.dyuti.in

Important Dates & Deadlines

Last date of Abstract Submission	15 October 2025
Last date of Early Bird Registration	30 October 2025
Full paper submission	1 December 2025

Registration Details

Registration for the conference will be available on the official conference website.

Type of Participant	Country	Regular	Early Bird	Spot
Academics/Field Practitioners	From Developed Countries	350 USD	300 USD	400 USD
	From Developing Countries	250 USD	230 USD	300 USD
	National Participants	4500 INR	4000 INR	5500 INR
Students/PhD Scholars	From Developed Countries	300 USD	250 USD	350 USD
	From Developing Countries	200 USD	180 USD	250 USD
	National Participants	₹4000	₹3500	₹5000
Undergraduate and postgraduate students		₹2100	₹1950	₹2800

- The fee covers a conference kit, lunch on conference days and a gala dinner
- For Registration: www.dyuti.in

[Click here for Registration](http://www.dyuti.in)

Abstract Submission

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