

**National Institute of Social Defence,  
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI**

**Sponsored**

**National Seminar**

**On**

**Geriatric Care Management: Rehabilitation and Psychosocial  
Care and Role of Social Work Profession**

**20-21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018**

**Organised by the Department of Social Work  
Assam University, Silchar**

## **Seminar Description and Objectives**

The phenomenon of population aging is becoming a major concern for the policy makers all over the world, both for developed and developing countries. India too is not immune to this demographic change. With the emerging prevalence of nuclear family set ups in recent years, the elderly are likely to be exposed to emotional, physical, and financial insecurity in the years to come. Due to the ever increasing trend of nuclear families, elder care management is getting more difficult, especially for working adult children who find themselves responsible for their parents well being. The elderly in India are much more vulnerable because of the less government spending on social security system. They suffer from various chronic illness, the most common being arthritis, hypertension, diabetes, asthma, heart disease, depression. Lack of physical infrastructure is a major deterrent to providing comfort to the aged. Emphasis on geriatrics in the public health system is limited with few dedicated geriatric services. This section of population also suffers from high rates of morbidity and mortality due to infectious diseases.

Stressing upon the need to start planning for demographic transition, there will be multiple vulnerabilities faced by the aged in India, especially in terms of health, income as well as social and psychological aspects. However, elderly care is predicted to soon become a major concern for developing countries such as India, though it will be a herculean task for policy makers to address geriatric care that will take into account all these determinants. Under this backdrop the objectives of the present seminar is designed in such a manner so as to update the knowledge about geriatric care in a variety of settings, including the home-based, community, hospitals, long term care and others. A variety of topics will be addressed in this seminar to assist participants to gain knowledge and flexibility in care and education of patients and their families.

### **Objective of the Seminar are:**

- To understand the conditions that present challenges to geriatric care
- To identify holistic approaches to use in caring for the elderly
- To explore the role of geriatric team in providing care
- To find out the available support services for the elderly
- To understand and analyse the policies, laws and programmes affecting older persons.

### **Call for Paper**

**Broad Theme:** National Seminar on Geriatric Care and Management: Rehabilitation and Psychosocial Care and Role of Social Work Profession.

## **Sub Theme(s):**

- Health issues of Older Persons
  - Older Persons and Livelihood
  - Older Persons and Family
  - Social Media and the Older Generation
  - Crime and Older Persons
  - Approaches to manage old age problems
  - Institutional and Non-Institutional Services for Older Persons
  - National and International Organisations working for Older Persons
  - Role of Geriatric Care Givers for its Management
  - Policy, Legislations and Schemes for older persons
- ❖ **Field of knowledge goes beyond these above mentioned points, so you may come up with any idea that touches the broad theme.**

## **Intended Participants**

Health care professionals, home care givers, social workers, research scholars and students having interest in the area concerned, NGOs working for older persons, Policy makers and the academicians researching in the area are expected to be the participants of this two days national seminar.

## **ABSTRACT**

Abstract of your original concept needs to be expressed within 150-300 words although legitimate relaxations are there but not exceeding 500 words, may mail at “ns2018sw@gmail.com”. It should have 3 to 4 keywords.

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| Abstract Submission     | : Within 14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018 |
| Acceptance Notification | : Within 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018 |
| Full Paper Submission   | : Within 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018     |

If there is any problem, you may consult Seminar Convener for immediate initiative. After 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 every potential participant will be communicated again with the probable programme schedule.

## **Full Paper Criteria**

Word limit- 3000-5000  
Size-12 pt

Font- Times New Roman  
Gap- 1.5 lines

## **Registration Details**

INR 1000 (Academicians)

INR 700 (Others)

INR 500 (Research Scholars)

INR 300 (Students)

## **Assam University**

Assam University, Silchar, Assam, India came into existence through Assam (Central) University Act, 1989 (Established under an Act of Parliament). It was established in 1994. Since then the University is steadily becoming an excellent centre of learning. The campus is situated in Dargakona which is about 20 kms from Silchar town occupying an area of 600 acres surrounded by lakes and mountains providing an ideal environment for academic pursuit. The university has been running 41 departments under sixteen different schools on major disciplines. .

## **Social Work Department**

The Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar had sown its seed in starting the first five-year integrated course in North East in July 1997, imparting the following degrees - Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW). The department has strength of 15 faculties imparting education to 230 students including UG & PG. The department also offers research programmes leading to Ph. D degree. The department had adopted three villages as a part of outreach activities and has a history of organising and conducting workshops both at national and international level in collaboration with UNICEF, Central Social Welfare Board, National Jute Board, Assam AIDS Control Society etc...

## **How to Reach Assam University, Silchar**

Silchar is the headquarter of Cachar district in the state of Assam in India. It is the second largest city of Assam and is 343 kilometres away from Guwahati. It is also known as the second gateway of North-East. The city is well connected by all modes of transport. Nearest airport is located 22 Kms away, at Kumbhirgram. In order to reach the University, a journey of approximately two hours is necessary from Kumbhirgram. Small vehicles and AC buses are plying between Kumbhirgram and Silchar; and from Silchar main city to the University small vehicles are always available for transportation. Silchar is well connected by road from Guwahati, Agartala, Mizoram, Imphal and other cities and towns of Northeast India. The host city Silchar has direct railway connectivity with the cities like Agartala, Guwahati, Kolkata, Bangalore and New Delhi.

## **Hospitality**

Local hospitality will be provided to the out station participants who will present papers. Hope you will appreciate our efforts. For any query in this regard, Dr. Ritwika Rajendra, the convener, may be contacted.

## **Weather**

During March, the weather is rather pleasant, neither too hot nor cold. However, light woollen garments may be brought in case of vagaries of weather.

## **Organising Committee**

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