



Introduction to Social Work

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Professional Social Work Associations in India

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✿ To understand the national associations in social work and various categories of associations
- ✿ To comprehend the need and functions of national associations in social work and their contributions
- ✿ To analyse the role of national associations in improving the standards of social work profession
- ✿ To find out the role of national associations of social work towards promoting the core values of the profession

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

—Henry Ford

INTRODUCTION

Professional social work has completed eight decades in India after its inception in 1936. India is fortunate to have a good beginning of professional social work education and training under the leadership of founding father of social work in India, Dr Clifford Manshard in Mumbai with the establishment of Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work now popularly known as Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). Many stakeholders including professional associations, institutions of social work, educators, students and practitioners have come up to standardize and streamline the professional training in this country in line with the many developed countries such as the USA, the UK, Germany and Australia.