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EDITORIAL

As part of the editorial team, it gives me great pleasure to present this issue of Perspectives in Social Work. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we have received numerous submissions of which we have picked the best and timeliest for our discerning readers.

The first article by Jitendra Gandhi discusses the quality of marital life of the spouses living with an alcoholic spouse diagnosed with 'Alcohol Dependence Syndrome' as per ICD-10. Data was collected from two de-addiction centres and one psychiatric treatment and care centre from Solapur, Maharashtra. The study highlights hampered quality of marital life of the spouses and proposes social work intervention to improve the same.

The second article by Neetu Gaur and Bindu Duggal discusses vocational education in schools in Haryana from the teachers' perspective. Vocational education is pertinent for human resource development but the teachers' perspective is important to understand the gaps in the implementation of the National Vocational Education Qualification Framework. The study not only throws light on the profile of teachers but also brings out pertinent issues of excessive workload, lack of in-service training, inter-district differentials in induction, teachers' inadequate knowledge of mandatory industrial visits,unsatisfactory course content, irregular and inadequate funds and facilities etc, with relevant suggestions for quick rectification.

The third article by Abhisek Bhattacharya explores the post-independence literature and religious-political movements of the Dalits of West Bengal. It focuses on the cultural mobilization of the depressed through literature produced by Bengali Dalit writers of the twentieth century, and secondly, on the socio-political manifesto of the Motua Mahasangha movement and the Kamtapur Liberation Movement to understand the dimensions of a typically Dalit uprising in West Bengal.

The fourth article by Lakshmana G discusses the opinions of experts and street dwelling adolescents on risk and protective factors of substance use. The use of substances is a part of street life amongst street adolescents. The article highlights individual, family, peers, community, school, and financial factors along with media, and the need for early identification and rehabilitation.

The last article by Hemanta Mishra, Ratnawali, R K Choudhury examines the morbidity patterns and health seeking behaviors among slum dwellers in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. It discusses the users' preferences between government and private health facilities, the reasons for the same and the key criterion for their satisfaction and dissatisfaction with both services and staff in these facilities.

We would like to thank our patrons for their support. We hope for safety and global solidarity in these trying times.

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