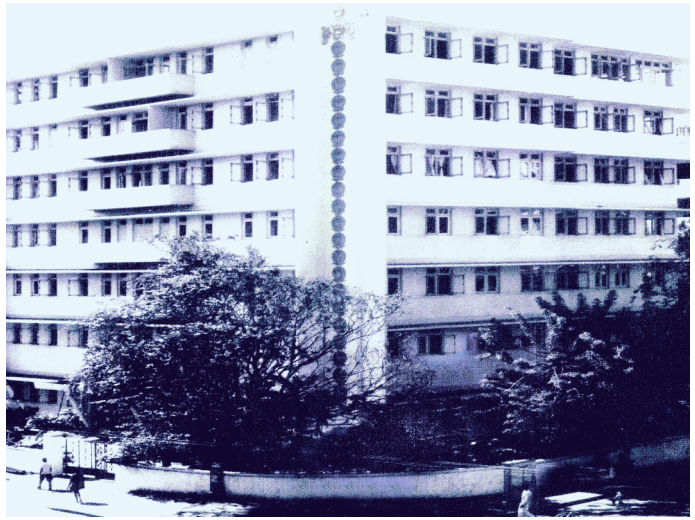
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  - Research questions
  - Rationale for the study
- Methodology
  - Aims of the research
  - Research design
  - Variables
  - Operational definitions
  - Sampling strategy
  - Description of the tools of the data collection
  - Techniques for analysis
  - Limitations of the study, if any
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    - Validation of the hypothesis
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- Conclusion and recommendations:
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  - Statement of purpose
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- Discussion:
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- Gaps in knowledge/services and emerging area addressed:
  - Intervention methods
- Conclusion:
  - Summary of key points
  - Recommendations

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  - Problem identification/analysis
  - Rationale for intervention
- Discussion:
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  - Action plan to improve/remedy the situation
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  - Critical assessment of effectiveness of intervention
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  - Limitations and suggested modifications
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EDITORIAL

The challenge posed to all those involved in social work in the uncertain times is to share knowledge, experience and debates on how new aspects of intervention/ innovation and resilience can prepare social workers for uncertainty and the unexpected. The ability to be innovative and the capacity to face adversity and instability with resilience are certainly important aspects of a qualified practitioner in social work. In this edition of the *Perspectives in Social Work,* six authors (researchers, practitioners, and educators) share their research findings, practices and experiences with the wider academic community. These articles cover aspects of juvenile justice, child protection, medical social work, Thalassemia interventions, scale construction and social entrepreneurship.

The first article by Priyanka Korde titled "Experiences of Children in Conflict with Law with the Juvenile Justice System in India: Scope for Social Work Practice" explores the lived experiences of children in conflict with law within the juvenile justice system. Based on a qualitative in-depth interview with 13 youths (children in conflict with law) in Mumbai, she brings out three major themes of lived experiences of the youths with the system. Her study reveals that experiences of the youths with the police and inside the institutions were largely negative, while normalizing violence. Interestingly youths' interactions with professional social workers were found to be positive. The paper concludes with challenges in implementation, and suggests scope for specific improvements in the juvenile justice system.

The second article titled "*Scope and Challenges of Child Protection Committees in Keral*a" by Tintu Toms and Sabu Thomas analyzes the scope of Child Protection Committees at the grassroots level in Kerala. Besides, the field experiences of the researchers in the child protection system, interview and observational techniques are used in this study which reveals that role and scope of child protection committees. This article suggests

certain capacity building modules and puts forward strategies for community mobilization for child protection committees.

The third article by Suraqua Fahad titled "*Emerging Trends in Indian Medical Social Work: Retrospective to Prospective*" offers a techno- practical solutions based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in medical social work (MSW). The study explores the emerging trends of MSW through in-depth analysis of selective international and national literature from different interdisciplinary primary sources. The results suggests that AI applications provide an algorithmic prediction that proliferate better services for the people affected with different problems, thus bridging the gap between the needs of the clients and the resources provided by the granting agencies with respect to AI in MSW practical settings.

The fourth article by Minde, Chakrabarti, Sharma, Mudaliar, Kulkarni, Kamath titled *"Choosing adoption over pregnancy: Perceptions of mothers having a child with Thalassemia*" investigates the scope for social work interventions for the Thalassemia carrier women during reproductive phase of their life. Through a cross-sectional, exploratory, retrospective, multi-centric study with hundred participants in Mumbai, the perceptions about adoption was analysed. Findings suggest that information about adoption is crucial in forming a positive opinion regarding adoption. Inclusion of a social worker, in a multidisciplinary team for adoption counseling, can widen the scope of interventions for women having a child with Thalassemia major.

The fifth article by Ramavath Naresh and Ravula Krishnaiah titled *"Development and Standardization of Likert model scale of Socio-Economic and Institutional Factors of Equal Access to Higher Education Opportunities for SEDGs"* is aimed to construct and evaluate the Scale of Equal Access to Higher Education Opportunities (HEO) for Socio Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDG). The researchers thoroughly examined review-related literature and reviewed the tools available in the market before constructing the scale. The researcher divided statements

into two sections based on review of relevant literature and an analysis of the tools that were available in the market, such as Section I: Socio-Economic Factors and Section II: Institutional Factors. The investigator designed the items for the pilot study based on the aforementioned dimensions. With the assistance of a supervisor and subject matter specialists, the researcher double-checked the items before executing the pilot study. The researcher performed the t-test for standardisation of the tool and the Cronbach alpha test for reliability. In addition, Pearson correlation coefficient test was performed for construct validity. Finally, they have assessed item analysis, validity, and reliability to determine appropriateness of the scale in interpreting the results.

In the sixth article by Lidwin Dias, Ronald Yesudhas and Cletus Zuzarte titled "Towards Integrating Social Entrepreneurship Education in Social Work: The Case of College of Social Work (Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan" traces the efforts made by the college of social work to spearhead social entrepreneurship efforts culminating in setting of Nirmiti Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, offering Entrepreneurship Development programs, Faculty Development Program in Social Entrepreneurship and eventually launching of Master of Arts program in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2022.

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