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EDITORIAL

It is a great pleasure to write the editorial for this journal which seeks to open professional practice to new challenges and realisations in the field of social work. Traditional methods of social work, while foundational, may not always address the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals and communities today. By embracing innovation, social workers can develop more effective interventions, improve specific outcomes, and enhance overall social work service to the society.

The first article by Algur Kisan, Ph.D. Scholar and Mundhe Nitin, on the topic Socio-Economic, Demographic Progress of the Primitive & and Non- Primitive Tribal Groups (PVTGs and Non-PVTGs) in India: A Regional Study of the Tribal Dominated States of India (Census, 2011), addressing the challenges faced by these vulnerable groups requires a concerted effort from government, civil society, and the communities themselves. By focusing on inclusive and sustainable development, India can ensure that its tribal populations are not left behind in the journey towards progress and prosperity.

The Second article by Shefali SK & Premanand on the topic Positive Emotions, Relationships, Meaning, Engagement as Mediators between Accomplishment and Creativity among Indian Youth explained clearly about the educational and psychological programs targeting youth should emphasize the development of positive emotions, supportive relationships, a sense of meaning, and engagement to boost creativity. Policymakers and educators can create environments that cultivate these mediating factors, thereby promoting a culture of creativity and innovation among Indian youth. This study contributes to the understanding of the psychological mechanisms that link accomplishment to creativity and provides actionable insights for enhancing creative potential in the younger population.

The third article by Amira Wali on the topic “I am a Woman heading my workplace… How do you see me? Re thinking Gender and Leadership” brings out the need for development of women in the workplace. As a woman heading your workplace, you are redefining what leadership looks like. Your presence challenges outdated stereotypes and paves the way for future generations of women leaders. By fostering an inclusive and equitable environment, we can ensure that leadership potential is recognized and nurtured regardless of gender.

The fourth article by Dr Suman Rana on the topic Positive Youth Development: An Intervention among Rural Youth of Rajasthan, India. Youth face unique challenges such as limited access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. This intervention aims to implement PYD principles to empower rural youth in Rajasthan, enhance their life skills, and improve their socio-economic conditions. By focusing on life skills, education, employment, and health, this intervention has laid the groundwork for sustainable development and empowerment of rural youth.

The fifth article by Dr.P.Pachaiyappan on the topic Examining Leadership Qualities and Self-Acceptance of Higher Secondary School Students. Leadership qualities such as confidence, responsibility, empathy, and decision-making are crucial for personal and academic success. Similarly, self-acceptance, the ability to acknowledge and embrace one's strengths and weaknesses, plays a vital role in students' overall well-being and development. This research aims to understand how these two attributes correlate and influence each other. Educational interventions that focus on both aspects can foster well-rounded personal development and academic success.

The Final article by Shamikhah Hamid & Dr. ShaziaManzoor, on the topic Facing Challenges While Working: A Study of Women Police in Kashmir. This study examines the unique challenges faced by women police officers in Kashmir, a region marked by political instability and societal conservatism. Women in law

enforcement in this area confront a myriad of obstacles, ranging from gender bias and work-life balance issues to safety concerns and limited career advancement opportunities. This research aims to shed light on these challenges, explore their impact on the professional and personal lives of women police officers, and propose measures to support and empower them.

As we present the latest edition of our journal, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and contributions. Your commitment to the field of social work continues to inspire us and enrich the discourse within our community. Together, we can build a body of knowledge that will inspire and guide the future of social work.

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