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About the College

College of Social Work (Autonomous), Nirmala Niketan was founded in 1955 by a religious society of Catholic Christian women, known as The Daughters of the Heart of Mary, whose charism is to readily respond to felt needs of the people according to the signs of the times.

In the years following the independence of India, the founders discerned that the nation's struggle for development would be served not so much by material relief as by sensitive social concern and insightful committed action. Accordingly the College was founded to realize its vision. The Institute of Social Service Trust managed the College till 1978. Since 1978, the Nirmala Niketan Institute has become the parent body of the College.

The Institute awarded its own Diploma in Social Work, till 1965. The institute sought affiliation for MSW program from University of Bombay under the Faculty of Arts and got it in 1969. Realizing the need to respond to professional interventions at different levels, the College also started its university recognized three year BSW program in 1971. These programs are revised periodically in order to ensure that the educational content of the courses are relevant to the social reality of contemporary life.

The Government of Maharashtra recognized the College as a Catholic Christian Minority Institution in the year 1995.

The University recognized the college as a Doctoral research center and enabled students to enroll for Ph.D. program in social work from 1997.

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) constituted by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, awarded the College the FIVE STAR status for its academic excellence in 2001.



On 31st March 2007, the same body, after further inspection and appraisal re-accredited the College of Social Work at the A+ level with an Institutional Score of 93 per cent. The College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan is reaccredited (Third Cycle) by the National Accreditation and Assessment Cell (NAAC) with A Grade (3.53 CGPA out of 4) in May 2015 valid up to 2024.

On 12th Feb 2019 The University Grants Commission has conferred Autonomous Status to the College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan for a period of ten years w.e.f 2019-2020 to 2028-2029.

About the Journal

About Perspectives in Social Work

College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai is one of the most reputed and prestigious educational institutes in Social Work arena since 1955 affiliated to University of Mumbai. In May 2015 during the NAAC third cycle re accreditation, the college has been awarded with A grade, CGPA of 3.53 on a scale of 4.

We have been publishing the quarterly journal entitled 'Perspectives in Social Work' since 1984. Perspectives in Social Work is a professional Journal for the advancement of perspectives on social issues and social work intervention.

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All articles in the Journal are blind peer reviewed.

The Journal levies NO submission/publication charges for publishing papers.

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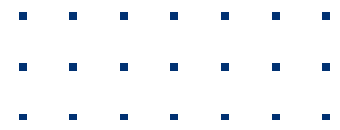
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NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS



1 Criteria for acceptance of articles

The Journal welcomes articles, reports of research studies, field experiences and academic papers related to Social Work, Social Change, Social Research, Social Psychology, Social Policy and current topics having a bearing on Social Work Theory and Practice. Manuscripts are selected on the basis of relevance to Social Work education and practice, sound treatment of subject, clarity in presentation, methodology of research articles, implications for intervention, appropriateness of references, correct language and evidence of a high level of scholarship.

The author should send soft copies of the article to **perspectivesnn@gmail.com**. Which will be screened for plagiarism with a cost of Rs. 300/- for the article.

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Each article should be accompanied with a declaration by the authors stating that the article is original and has not been earlier published nor been submitted for publication elsewhere. If the article has already been published, then permission from the publishers for republishing has to be enclosed along with the manuscript.

3 Responsibility of Authors

Authors are solely responsible for the factual accuracy of their contributions. The author is responsible for obtaining permission to quote lengthy excerpts from previously published material.

Structure of Articles



A cover page indicating

- Title
- Author Name and Organizational Affiliations
- Corresponding Author Contact Details (postal address, telephone, email)
- Word Length (including abstract, keywords and references)

Abstract and Keywords

A second page including:

- **Title of the paper**
- **An abstract of not more than 150 words**

About the abstract - Each article should be summarized in an abstract of no more than 150 words. Abstracts must be structured, using four headings: Objective, Method, Results, and Conclusions. Format the abstract as a single paragraph in *Italics*. Abbreviations and citations NOT to be included in the abstract unless the study replicates or builds directly on another's work.

- **Keywords upto five keywords.**

Length and presentation

- The length of the article may range between 3000 and 5000 words, including the abstract, keywords and references but NOT including figures, or tables.
- All parts of the manuscript should be typewritten in MS Word typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with margins of at least one inch on all sides. The pages should be numbered serially.
- Within the text of the article, no features should be included that enable the authorship to be identified (for example in page headers and footers or acknowledgements).

Citations, notes, and references

- All evidence based statements within the article MUST be supported with proper citations.
- Authors should ensure that ALL in-text citations have a corresponding reference entry and that each reference entry is cited in the text. Articles with citations but without reference list or vice-versa will NOT be accepted.
- Key statements in the article may be supported by the author with a logical explanation, the author's opinion, illustration, or in-text citation/paraphrasing of another author's work.
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Tables and Figures

- Tables, figures, graphs and diagrams (illustrations) should not be embedded in the text. Place tables and figures after the References section and indicate preferred placement point in the body of the manuscript such as "<Insert Table 1 here>".
 - A short descriptive title should appear above each table with a clear legend and any footnotes suitably identified below. All units must be included.
 - Figures and diagrams should be completely labelled, taking into account necessary size reduction and should be supplied in .gif, .jpg, or .png format with resolution 300 dpi or higher.
 - Ensure any colors used in figures will be distinct when converted to black and white for print version.
 - The word percent should replace the symbol '%' when it is used in the text, but the symbol '%' can be used in parentheses.
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Review System

The review of the manuscript will be blind and impartial. Manuscripts are reviewed by the Editorial Board and peer-reviewers. Accepted manuscripts may be revised for clarity, organization and length. The article will be sent to authors via e-mail for correction and should be returned within seven days of receipt. Corrections and editing as suggested by the Editorial Board and peer-reviewers should be undertaken by the author and is not the responsibility of the publisher. The decision of the Editorial Board will be final and binding.

Publication of articles

The accepted articles are scheduled for publication in the chronological order in which they are received. The publication lag of an accepted article is generally one year. Each author gets a complimentary copy of the journal issue in which his/her article is printed.

Guidelines For Book Reviewers



Pre-requisites for a Book Review

The book under review should have been published in the last two years and should have direct relevance to the field of social work.

Expectations of a Book Review

The book review can include the following aspects.

- Title of the book (underlined/italicized), edition, name(s) of the author(s)/editor(s), year of publication and name of publisher (separated by a colon), ISBN number, Format (hardcover/soft cover), number of pages and price of the book.
- Objective/theme of the book
- Contents/organization of the book
- Intended audience for the book
- Perceived response of the audience/user (would you recommend it to the user)
- Approach of the book (topical/analytical/chronological /descriptive/biographical)
- Concise summary of contents
- A critique of the content of the book (language and presentation)
- Remarks on the strengths and limitations of the book, originality, implications for practice, contribution to knowledge, contemporary relevance, applicability to Indian conditions in case of a foreign book, adherence to ethical practices in referencing information)
- Conclusion

A book review could also include:

- A catchy quip/anecdote that succinctly delivers the reviewer's perspective/viewpoint/argument
 - Relevant information of the author, where he/she stands in the genre/field of enquiry
 - A note (where appropriate) on how well the text is supported by tables/diagrams illustration
 - Quote with a specific page reference. Excessive quotations to be avoided.
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Points to note when the book is an edited version comprising chapters from many authors:

- Summary of each chapter or section (in keeping with the abovementioned guidelines)
 - Way in which the central theme is dealt with in each chapter or section
 - Name of the author and related information
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Editing Procedure

The Editorial Board reserves the right to modify the Book Review for length, clarity and content. The reviewer's concurrence to this is assumed, unless specified otherwise by the reviewer.

Typescript for a Book Review

The book review should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with margins of at least one inch on all sides on A4 paper and **SHOULD NOT** exceed **1500 words**.

Publication of Book Reviews

The Book reviews are scheduled by the Editorial Team of Perspectives as per the quality of the review and contemporary issues. Priority will be given to invited book reviews. Every book reviewer gets a complimentary copy of the journal issue in which their review gets published.

Guidelines for Writing Different Types of Articles



1

Writing an Article based on a Research Paper/Reports.

This is an article based on an original research project/study, involving information from primary data sources. Such an article contains the following sections:

Introduction

- Description of the subject
- Critical Summary of available information
- Background of the research
- Problem identification / analysis
- 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

Discussion:

- Results of the study: This should include a summarized description of the statistical figures and techniques as well as a concise note on the key findings which could be descriptive or numeric
- Interpretation of the data in terms of :
 - Validation of the hypothesis
 - Corroboration with cited literature

Conclusion and recommendations:

This section should include the following

- Recommendations to improve/remedy the situation
- Implication for the future research and field practice

2 Writing an Academic Article



This article is based on information from secondary data sources. It generally seeks to raise new issues or examine existing issues from a new perspective. It can also be used for theory building. It should contain the following sections:

Introduction:

- Description of the background and importance of the subject under consideration
- Statement of purpose
- Rationale for the article

Discussion:

- Critical review of literature
 - Gaps in knowledge/services and emerging area addressed
 - Intervention methods

Conclusion:

- Summary of key points
- Recommendations

3

Writing an Article based on Field Experiences



This article stems from the experiences of the author. It focuses on a specific issue / problem / project / program that is within the purview of the author's professional practice and is descriptive in nature. It provides details of how the author dealt with the specific issue / problem or implemented the program / project under consideration. An overview of such an article is given below.

Introduction:

- Description of the subject under consideration
- Critical review of relevant literature
- Problem identification/analysis
- Rationale for intervention

Discussion:

- Details of the problem/issue/program/ project under consideration
- Action plan to improve/remedy the situation
- Details of implementation of the action plan
- Critical assessment of effectiveness of intervention
- Learning in relation to existing theory
- Limitations and suggested modifications

Conclusion:

- Summary of key points
- Suggestions for future work

Submissions that do not conform to the above guidelines will be returned for modifications before entering the review process.

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