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EDITORIAL

As 2024 comes to an end, we reflect on the evolving landscape of social work and its continued role in addressing some of society's most pressing issues. The field of social work continues to evolve in response to an ever-changing social, political, and technological environment. The resilience, adaptability, and dedication of social workers in navigating complex systems to create lasting change is truly commendable. This reflection highlights the diverse perspectives shaping our profession and encourages us to consider what lies ahead. This issue of *Perspectives in Social Work* explores key themes that have defined the year and offers insights into emerging challenges and opportunities.

The first article by Joseph Xavier, K., Dr. Sethuramalingam, V. & Dr. Nirmala, D on the topic A Study on The Factors Influencing the Quality of Life of Persons With Alcohol Use Disorder in Tirupattur Block of Sivagangai District Tamil Nadu. Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) continues to pose significant challenges to individuals, families, and communities in India, particularly in rural areas where access to resources and support systems is limited. In Tamil Nadu, regions like Tirupattur Block in Sivagangai District are witnessing the severe social and health consequences of alcohol misuse, making it critical to understand the factors influencing the quality of life (QoL) for individuals affected by AUD.

The second article Anu Singh & Dr. Md. Saifur Rahman on the topic Effect of Concept Mapping Approach on Scientific Attitude and Achievement in Science among students with Learning Disability. Students with learning disabilities (LD) often face challenges in science education due to difficulties in processing complex information, retaining concepts, and developing a scientific mind-set. These challenges can result in lower achievement and diminished interest in scientific subjects.

Traditional teaching methods may not effectively address the needs of these students. Consequently, there is a growing interest in employing innovative instructional strategies, such as the Concept Mapping Approach (CMA), to facilitate learning and enhance scientific attitudes.

The Third article by Megha Rathore & Dr. Bigi Thomas on the topic Systematic Review of Cyber Victimization in Emerging Young Adults. The rapid growth of digital technology and the widespread use of social media platforms have significantly transformed how emerging young adults communicate, form relationships, and engage with the world. However, with these technological advancements comes the pervasive issue of cyber victimization - a phenomenon involving harassment, intimidation, or harm through digital means such as social media, messaging apps, and online platforms. Emerging young adults (typically defined as individuals aged 18–25) are particularly vulnerable to cyber victimization due to their extensive digital engagement, developmental stage, and transitional life phase.

The fourth article by B.Chibbymuthu & Mr. Benet Rajadurai, on the topic the challenges in field data collection: Leading to fabrication issues among social wok researchers. Field data collection is a cornerstone of social work research, providing critical insights into human behaviour, social conditions, and community dynamics. This study explores the various challenges faced by social work researchers during field data collection and examines how these challenges contribute to data fabrication. The paper also discusses the implications of fabrication on research outcomes, ethical standards, and professional practice, and offers strategies to mitigate these risks.

The fifth article by G. Dhanalakshmi & P.B. Shankar Narayan on the topic, Marital Intention, Attitude and Social Support of Young Women with Disabilities. Marriage continues to be an important social institution, influencing identity, status, and social integration in many societies. Cultural norms, societal attitudes,

and personal aspirations all intersect with the experiences of disability, shaping marital intentions and attitudes toward marriage. Additionally, social support systems play a pivotal role in determining the pathways and choices available to these women.

The final article by Debashree Kashyap & Archana Sharma on the topic Changes in household expenditure on education and it's Position in the household budget in Assam. The study highlights a growing trend of increased household expenditure on education in Assam, which reflects both aspirations for better educational outcomes and the challenges posed by rising costs and inequalities. Addressing these issues through policy reforms, financial support mechanisms, and community initiatives is crucial to ensuring that all families can invest in education without jeopardizing their overall well-being. Equitable access to quality education can pave the way for sustainable social and economic development in the region.

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