

Modules

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Foundations of Strengths-Based Social Work

Lecture 1 Valuing Individuals and Building Relationships
Lecture 2: Building Goals for Individuals
Lecture 3: Strengths-Based Assessments and Conversations

Module 2

Strengths-Based Assessment and Practices

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Module 3

Exploring Possibilities and Solutions

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Applying Strengths-Based Approaches

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Advanced Topics and Applications

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Lecture 12: Building Evidence in Strengths-Based Practice
Lectures: 13 Lab-based exercise
Lecture: 14 Field visits

The Faculty



**Professor Venkat Rao Pulla,
Fellow, FAASW (Australia)**

Professor Venkat Rao Pulla is an internationally recognized social work scholar and practitioner. His strengths-based approach is rooted in a strong ethical framework that prioritizes client

well-being and autonomy while advocating for societal change. Professor Pulla's research emphasizes the ethical benefits of strengths-based techniques, resulting in more effective, empowering interventions. He promotes global collaboration by publishing much of his work under a Creative Commons license. A passionate advocate for community service and academic exchange, Professor Pulla maintains strong ties with Bharat, mentoring countless academics and social work professionals.

An expert in Grounded Theory and qualitative methods, Professor Pulla has supervised doctoral research across diverse fields of social and allied health sciences. Professor Pulla held the position of Foundation Head at the School of Social Work, Northern Territory University, and has taught at several prestigious institutions, including Monash University, Australian Catholic University, and James Cook University.

A prolific researcher and writer, Professor Pulla serves on editorial boards of several journals and is the Editor-in-Chief of Journal Space and Culture, India, published from the UK and is an Associate Editor of SN Social Sciences - Open Springer. His numerous publications include books on strengths-based practice, resilience, and community empowerment, with works published internationally by Allied Publishers, Palgrave Macmillan, and Springer.

In India, he received the Ashoka Fellowship (1987-1988), the Global Indian Karma Veer Puraskar (2008), and the Lifetime Achievement Award from NAPSWI for significant contributions to social work. Currently, he is a Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Strategic Advisor, at the Institute of Health Management IHM, Melbourne, a Foundation Professor of Strengths-Based-Social Work Practice, at Brisbane Institute of Strengths-Based Practice, Australia and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the College of Arts, Society & Education, James Cook University, Australia.

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Strengths-Based Social Work Practice

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Broad Area: Social Work, Human
Resource Management, Integrated
Humanism

Overview

The strengths-based model offers immense potential for Indian social work practitioners to drive social change by leveraging local assets, cultural resources, and community networks. This approach effectively addresses complex societal challenges like marginalization and inequality while enhancing human service organizations and fostering applied research for sustainable, inclusive development.

A five-day curriculum focuses on transitioning from problem-focused methods to solution-oriented practices, emphasizing proactive approaches. Key components include strengthening human service organizations, aligning leadership with strengths-based principles, and equipping participants with practical skills to assess strengths, evaluate interventions, and engage in applied research.

The program targets advanced MSW students, doctoral candidates, early-career practitioners, and educators, enhancing their communication, problem-solving, and commitment to strengths-based practices. It integrates partial credits for MSW courses and serves as a standalone certificate program, combining lectures, case studies, and hands-on assignments to ensure comprehensive understanding and skill development.

**Department of Social Work,
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(A central University, NAAC A++)**



Dr. Sanjai Bhatt
(Retired Professor, Delhi University)

Dr. Sanjai Bhatt, a distinguished academic with over thirty years of experience, holds advanced degrees in Social Work and Law from Lucknow University. He has

served as a pivotal faculty member at the Delhi School of Social Work (University of Delhi) since 1993 and contributed to institutions like Lucknow University and MG Kashi Vidyapeeth.

An expert in nonprofit management, social legislation, and sustainability, Dr. Bhatt has mentored 12 doctoral scholars, authored eight books, and published 50 research papers. His thesis, "The 4 Ws of Development: Water, Work, Waste, and Women," reflects his innovative perspective on sustainable development.

He led notable initiatives, including UDAI-I (Bhuj earthquake rehabilitation) and UDAI-II (Bihar flood relief), and has actively participated in grassroots movements like the Chipko Movement and child rights advocacy. A former Treasurer of ASSWI and Executive Member of the NGO Forum on ADB, Dr. Bhatt continues to influence areas such as CSR, governance, and marginalized community welfare.

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Prof. Ranjana Sehgal (Retired Professor, ISSW- Indore School of Social Work)

With over 35 years of distinguished service in academia, Prof. Ranjana Sehgal is a renowned expert in social work, specializing in casework, community organization, CSR,

and women's empowerment. As a teacher, researcher, curriculum designer, and administrator, she has guided numerous doctoral students and contributed significantly to educational innovation and research.

A recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Education Award (World Education Congress, 2014) and the Lifetime Achievement Award (2020), she is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Social Sciences E-Journal and an active member of national and international academic bodies. Her work continues influencing CSR and sustainability practices and advancing social work education.

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Dr. Archana Yadav, an accomplished academic and edupreneur, brings nearly two decades of expertise in advancing University Social Responsibility. She holds a PhD in Social Work (MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Management.

Dr. Yadav has served in key roles, including Nodal Officer for UNICEF-GGV, Convener of KILKAARI Day Care Centre, and Co-Convener of GGV SHRAVAN Line for the elderly. She has authored over 20 research papers, published three books, and co-edited eight volumes. Her leadership in major projects funded by NISD, SECL, and NCW underscores her impact.

With over 50 national and international presentations and collaborations with ICSSR, NHRC, HelpAge India, and NCW, Dr. Yadav continues to drive societal change through education, research, and community engagement.

Who Should Attend?

The five-day curriculum targets advanced MSW students, doctoral candidates, new practitioners, and young social work educators.

Their communication skills, problem-solving ingenuity, and dedication to strengths-based practice improve.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 50

Important to note:

The above fee includes all instructional materials, working lunch, coffee on breaks, computer use for tutorials and assignments, and a free internet facility. The participants will be provided accommodation on a shared basis upon request. Fee payment will be online mode only.

The participation fees for the course:

Participants from abroad: \$100 (Online link will be provided)

Industry/ Research Organizations: Rs. 3500

Faculty members/NGOs: Rs. 2500

Students: Rs. 1000 & Research Scholars 1500

Bank Account Details:

State Bank of India, A/C No. No. 37137162271,

IFSC: SBIN0018879,

Account Name: REG GURU GHASIDAS UNI BILASPUR

Registration and other course-related details will be given on the Department of Social Work Portal of the university website (www.ggu.ac.in).

ACCOMODATION

Accommodation will be provided in the University Guest House/Hostel (as per availability) on payment basis. We can also provide contact details of nearby Hotels/Lodges to the participant on their demand. No T.A. /D.A. will be provided to the participants.

Google Form Link for Registration:

<https://forms.gle/ZzYwEqE8Rzw4EC4u5>

program details drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1goGhz4OLRoeCndB7KS1SEVKNgJdliY3b?usp=drive_link

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