



## Paper-First

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### **Professional Social Work.**

“Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledges, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. The above definition may be amplified at national and/or regional levels.”

If the global historical background of social work is analyzed, we can understand the following ideologies of social work.

**Social Work as Charity:** Religion encouraged individual to help their neighbors who were in need of help. The people who were in need of help were given alms. Those who are helped them, given alms out of charity. Thus western countries started their social work practice with charity mode. As religion encouraged them to help their fellow-human beings who were poor, they started giving alms in cash and kind. Soon they realised that could not give enough to the increasing poor and a way-out was required to overcome the problem. At that time the state (Government of UK) intervened by enacting legislation and initiating state responsibility to take care of the poor.

**Welfare Social Work Approach:** The state started providing its share of service in giving alms, and by passing the Elizabethan poor Law (1601) in UK to deal with the poor. The Act divided the poor into three categories, the able bodied poor, the impotent poor and the dependent children. The first category was forced to work in the workhouses, whereas the other two categories were given alms in almshouses. The Act, as well as subsequently passed enactments were unable to solve the problem of poverty. The government realised that an individualized approach was needed to understand the problem. The problem may be one, but different individuals have different causes for the same problem. They realised that the individual cause has to be investigated for its solution. Hence charity organisations were started to do that work.

**Clinical Social Work Approach:** In 1935, the Social Security Act was passed recognising the need for helping the poor. The Act was meant to handle the problem that were a consequence of industrialization. The state took over some of the financial problems of the people. A large number of volunteers were taken. As volunteers are trained people who can do case work practice, they also supervise untrained people. Most people realised that money alone could not solve problems and they turned to counselling roles. Counselling has drawn its base from psychological sciences particularly from Psychoanalytical theory.

**Ecological Social Work Approach:** In ecological social work approach problems are seen as deficits in the environment and not as personal deficits of the individual. Social work tradition emphasised social treatment and social reform which become the basis for ecological approach. Professional social workers and their employing agencies consider themselves as change agents aiming at systemic change. Identifying the problem, identifying the clients and target system (which is causing the problem) finding out the decision making on the goals of change in collaboration with clients and identification of "action system" with which change agent can achieve goals for change are the steps in ecological approach.

**Radical Social Work Approach:** Social workers are not satisfied only with care of the disabled and the deviants. In 1970, due to influence of Marxism, they advocate

oppression as the cause for many problems. They broadened their professional responsibilities to include reform and development in order to bring about an equitable social order.

**Progressive Social Work:** Progressive social workers may identify themselves with radicals, activists etc., They are unhappy about the injustice in the society. The progressive social workers strive to alter the oppressive element in the society. They help them heal their wounds and educate them to make proper choices so as to build their future.

**Feminist Social Work:** Liberal feminism is the school of thought that emphasises equality of sexes and demands legal reforms and equal opportunities for suffrage, education and employment to both men and women. Liberal feminists do not analyse the roots of gender oppression in the society

### **Definition**

Professional social work is a practice-based profession that promotes social change, development, cohesion, and the empowerment of individuals, families, and communities. It employs a variety of methods and techniques to help people address personal and social problems, improve their well-being, and achieve their full potential.

### **Core Values**

1. **Service:** The primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems.
2. **Social Justice:** Social workers challenge social injustice and work to promote equality and fairness.
3. **Dignity and Worth of the Person:** Respecting the inherent dignity and worth of all individuals.
4. **Importance of Human Relationships:** Recognizing the central importance of human relationships in achieving positive outcomes.
5. **Integrity:** Behaving in a trustworthy manner.
6. **Competence:** Practicing within one's areas of competence and continually developing professional expertise.

### **Ethical principles of professional social work**

The ethical principles of professional social work are grounded in the core values of the profession and guide social workers in their practice. These principles are articulated in the Code of Ethics of various social work organizations, such as the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Here are the key ethical principles:

#### **1. Service**

- **Commitment to Service:** Social workers' primary goal is to help people in need and address social problems. They prioritize the well-being of clients and are dedicated to serving the public, often placing others' needs above their own self-interest.

#### **2. Social Justice**

- **Advocacy for Social Change:** Social workers challenge social injustices and advocate for social change, particularly for vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups. They strive to address and eliminate discrimination, inequality, and other forms of social injustice.

### 3. Dignity and Worth of the Person

- **Respect for Individuality:** Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of every person. They treat clients with care and compassion, recognizing the unique qualities and needs of each individual.
- **Self-Determination:** Social workers support clients in their right to make their own choices and decisions, promoting their autonomy whenever possible.

### 4. Importance of Human Relationships

- **Building Trusting Relationships:** Social workers recognize the significance of human relationships as fundamental to their practice. They work to strengthen relationships among individuals and within communities, fostering a sense of connection and support.
- **Collaboration:** Social workers engage in collaborative efforts with clients, colleagues, and other professionals to address issues and achieve shared goals.

### 5. Integrity

- **Honesty and Transparency:** Social workers behave in a trustworthy manner, upholding ethical standards in all aspects of their professional work. They are honest, transparent, and responsible in their interactions with clients, colleagues, and the broader community.
- **Ethical Decision-Making:** Social workers are expected to make decisions that align with ethical principles, even in challenging situations, and to seek guidance when faced with ethical dilemmas.

### 6. Competence

- **Professional Development:** Social workers are committed to developing and enhancing their professional knowledge and skills. They engage in continuous learning to stay informed about emerging trends and best practices in the field.
- **Ethical Practice:** Social workers are expected to provide competent services, applying the best of their knowledge, skills, and abilities to serve clients effectively. They should also recognize and address any areas where their competence may be lacking.

### 7. Confidentiality

- **Respecting Privacy:** Social workers respect the privacy of clients and protect the confidentiality of all information obtained during professional service, only disclosing information with client consent or when required by law or for the safety of the client or others.
- **Informed Consent:** Social workers ensure that clients understand their rights regarding confidentiality and are informed about how their information may be used.

### 8. Cultural Competence and Social Diversity

- **Respect for Cultural Differences:** Social workers recognize and respect the diversity of the clients they serve. They strive to understand and honor cultural, racial, ethnic, and other differences in their practice.
- **Culturally Informed Practice:** Social workers engage in culturally informed practices and work to eliminate cultural biases in their service delivery.

These ethical principles serve as the foundation for the ethical practice of social work, guiding professionals in their commitment to justice, equity, and the well-being of individuals and communities.

### **Objectives of Professional Social Work**

1. **Enhance Human Well-being:** Promote the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.
2. **Empowerment and Liberation:** Support the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance their well-being.
3. **Address Social Problems:** Work to prevent and resolve social issues and problems.
4. **Promote Social Inclusion:** Ensure that marginalized and disadvantaged groups have access to resources and opportunities.
5. **Advocate for Social Change:** Advocate for changes in policies and practices that harm or marginalize individuals and groups.

### **Key Functions**

1. **Direct Practice:** Providing counseling, therapy, and support to individuals and families.
2. **Advocacy:** Championing the rights of individuals and communities, advocating for policy changes.
3. **Education:** Educating clients, communities, and the public about social issues and resources.
4. **Research:** Conducting research to inform practice and contribute to the evidence base of social work.
5. **Administration:** Managing and leading social service organizations and programs.

### **Methods of Professional Social Work**

1. **Casework:** Focused on helping individuals and families solve personal and social problems through direct intervention.
2. **Group Work:** Involves working with groups to support social functioning and personal growth.
3. **Community Organization:** Aims at mobilizing community resources to address collective problems and improve social conditions.
4. **Social Action:** Seeks to change social policies and structures to create a more just society.
5. **Social Welfare Administration:** Involves planning, implementing, and managing social programs and services.
6. **Research:** Utilizes scientific methods to study social issues, evaluate interventions, and inform practice.

### **Professional Roles**

1. **Counselor/Therapist:** Provides emotional support and therapeutic interventions.
2. **Case Manager:** Coordinates services and resources for clients.
3. **Advocate:** Supports and fights for the rights and needs of clients.
4. **Educator:** Provides information and training to clients and communities.
5. **Researcher:** Conducts studies to improve social work practice and policies.
6. **Administrator:** Manages social work programs and organizations.

## Educational Requirements

Professional social work requires a formal education, typically at the bachelor's (BSW) or master's level (MSW). Advanced degrees and certifications may be necessary for specialized roles and leadership positions. Education includes theoretical coursework, practical training, and fieldwork.

## Ethical Standards

Professional social workers adhere to a strict code of ethics that guides their practice and decision-making. This code emphasizes respect, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the responsibility to act in the best interest of clients.

The nature and characteristics of a profession are defined by several key attributes that distinguish it from other types of occupations. These characteristics include:

### 1. Specialized Knowledge

- **Expertise:** A profession requires a body of specialized knowledge, often gained through formal education and training. This knowledge is typically complex and involves both theoretical and practical elements.
- **Continuous Learning:** Professionals are expected to engage in lifelong learning to stay current with advancements in their field.

### 2. Formal Education and Training

- **Educational Requirements:** Entry into a profession typically requires a certain level of formal education, often at the college or university level, along with specialized training.
- **Licensing and Certification:** Many professions require practitioners to obtain licenses or certifications, which may involve passing exams and fulfilling continuing education requirements.

### 3. Autonomy and Judgment

- **Independence:** Professionals often work with a degree of autonomy, making independent judgments in their area of expertise.
- **Ethical Decision-Making:** Professional autonomy includes the responsibility to make decisions that are ethical and in the best interest of clients or the public.

### 4. Code of Ethics

- **Ethical Standards:** Professions are governed by a code of ethics that outlines the standards of conduct expected of its members.
- **Accountability:** Professionals are held accountable for their actions, and there are mechanisms in place to address unethical behavior.

### 5. Commitment to Service

- **Public Good:** A profession is oriented towards serving the public or a specific community, often with an emphasis on improving societal welfare.
- **Client-Centered:** Professionals prioritize the needs and well-being of their clients, often over personal gain.

### 6. Professional Organization

- **Professional Associations:** Members of a profession often belong to professional organizations that represent their interests, provide networking opportunities, and offer resources for professional development.
- **Regulation and Standards:** These organizations often play a role in setting standards, accrediting educational programs, and regulating the profession.

### 7. Prestige and Social Recognition

- **Social Status:** Professions are typically regarded with respect and prestige within society.
- **Professional Identity:** Members of a profession often share a strong sense of identity and pride in their work.

## 8. Monopoly over Practice

- **Exclusive Rights:** Professions often have legal recognition that grants them exclusive rights to perform certain tasks or provide specific services.
- **Regulation:** This monopoly is regulated by professional bodies or government agencies to ensure that only qualified individuals practice.

These characteristics collectively define what it means to be a professional and differentiate professions from other occupations.

### Key Concepts for Social Work

**Self-Determination:** The priority for social workers to ensure that the client has the information and resources necessary to make an informed decision. Social workers consider this to be an expression of the belief that clients should be treated as experts in their own lives.

**Empowerment:** The empowerment process is the offering of both knowledge and skills necessary for the target system to achieve the agreed-upon goals. It is based on the notion that role of the social worker is to facilitate change, to be a collaborator in the change process, while carefully avoiding becoming overbearing in the change process.

**Strengths-based Approach:** Simply put, this is the intent to encourage and develop the strengths of the social worker's target system, be it the individual, the members of a group, or the community.

**Planned Change Process:** This is a reference to the process commonly used by social workers. It is a series of steps in the resolving of presenting concerns or problems identified by the target system. The following steps are referred to as the planned change process: engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation.

**Person-in-Environment:** One of the unique features of the social work perspective is the belief that a person must always be considered in the context of their environment. Such a perspective is considered different from a more psychological perspective with its focus on the individual, or sociology with its focus on groups and organizations. Social workers approach the individual from a contextual frame of reference, and such elements of one's environments would include family, social network (church, community, work), culture, and nation.

## Evolution of Professional Social Work in U.K

The evolution of professional social work in the United Kingdom is a complex and dynamic process that spans over a century. The development of social work in the UK has been shaped by historical, social, political, and economic factors. Here's an overview of its key stages:

### 1. Origins and Early Developments (19th Century)

- **Philanthropy and Charity Work:** The roots of social work in the UK can be traced back to the 19th century, during the Victorian era. Social work began as part of broader philanthropic efforts and the charity movement, with middle- and upper-class women often taking roles in helping the poor and vulnerable through charitable organizations like the Charity Organization Society (COS), established in 1869.
- **Poor Law System:** The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 played a crucial role in shaping early social welfare. The Poor Law system was primarily punitive, focusing

on deterring dependency rather than providing supportive services. Social work began to emerge as a response to the inadequacies and harshness of the Poor Law system.

## 2. Institutionalization and Professionalization (Early 20th Century)

- **Social Work Education:** The early 20th century saw the beginnings of formal education and training for social workers. In 1903, the London School of Economics (LSE) established the Department of Social Science and Administration, which offered one of the first social work courses.
- **Rise of Casework:** The development of social casework, influenced by Mary Richmond's work in the United States, became a significant aspect of professional social work. The focus was on individualized assessment and intervention, laying the groundwork for modern social work practice.
- **Influence of World Wars:** The two World Wars had a profound impact on social work in the UK, leading to increased demand for social services and the expansion of roles for social workers in addressing the needs of soldiers, veterans, and families affected by war.

## 3. Welfare State and Expansion of Social Work (1940s-1970s)

- **Creation of the Welfare State:** The post-World War II period was marked by the establishment of the welfare state in the UK, with the introduction of the National Health Service (NHS) in 1948 and comprehensive social security systems. This era saw a significant expansion of social services and the role of social workers in delivering these services.
- **Social Work as a Profession:** The 1960s and 1970s were pivotal in the professionalization of social work. The Seebohm Report (1968) led to the reorganization of social services, integrating them into unified social services departments within local authorities. This was a crucial step in recognizing social work as a distinct and essential profession.
- **Education and Regulation:** The 1970s also saw the establishment of more formal social work qualifications, with the introduction of the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work (CQSW) as the standard qualification.

## 4. Challenges and Reforms (1980s-2000s)

- **Austerity and Managerialism:** The 1980s, under the Conservative government led by Margaret Thatcher, brought challenges to the welfare state, including cuts to social services and the rise of managerialism. Social workers faced increased bureaucracy, reduced resources, and a shift towards efficiency-driven practices.
- **Child Protection and Public Inquiries:** High-profile cases of child abuse and neglect, such as the Maria Colwell case in 1973 and the Victoria Climbié case in 2000, led to public inquiries and significant reforms in child protection services. These events highlighted the challenges and complexities of social work, leading to new policies and practices aimed at improving child welfare and safeguarding.
- **Regulatory Changes:** The late 1990s and early 2000s saw the establishment of regulatory bodies like the General Social Care Council (GSCC) in 2001, which set standards for social work education and practice. In 2012, the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) took over the regulation of social workers in England.



## 5. Modern Era and Current Trends (2010s-Present)

- **Social Work Reform:** Recent decades have seen ongoing reforms in social work education, training, and practice. The Social Work Reform Board was established in 2009 to address concerns about the quality of social work practice and to improve the profession's status.
- **Integration with Health Services:** There has been a growing emphasis on the integration of social work with health services, particularly in the context of an aging population and the increasing complexity of social care needs. Social workers play a crucial role in multidisciplinary teams, working alongside healthcare professionals.
- **Devolution and Variations Across the UK:** Devolution has led to differences in social work practice and policy across the UK, with Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland developing distinct approaches to social work regulation and practice.
- **Social Work England:** In 2019, Social Work England was established as the new regulator for social workers in England, replacing the HCPC. This body is responsible for setting professional standards, approving education and training programs, and ensuring that social workers meet the required standards of practice.

## 6. Current Challenges and Future Directions

- **Austerity and Funding Cuts:** Ongoing austerity measures and funding cuts to social services continue to challenge social work practice, particularly in the context of rising demand for services.
- **Cultural Competence and Diversity:** Social workers in the UK increasingly work within a multicultural society, requiring them to develop cultural competence and address issues related to diversity, inclusion, and anti-racist practice.
- **Digital and Technological Advances:** The rise of digital technologies has influenced social work practice, with the use of digital tools for case management, communication, and service delivery becoming more prevalent, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Advocacy and Social Justice:** Social workers continue to play a critical role in advocating for social justice, particularly in the face of social inequalities, poverty, and systemic discrimination.

The evolution of professional social work in the UK reflects broader social changes and the on going challenges of addressing complex social issues within an ever-changing political and economic landscape. The profession has continuously adapted to meet the needs of society while maintaining a commitment to its core values and ethical principles.

The evolution of professional social work in the United States has been shaped by social, economic, and political changes over more than a century. Here's an overview of its key stages:

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## **2. Formalization and Professionalization (Early 20th Century)**

- **Education and Training:** The early 20th century marked the beginning of formal education and training for social workers. The New York School of Philanthropy, founded in 1898 (later becoming the Columbia University School of Social Work), was the first institution in the U.S. to offer specialized training in social work.
- **National Conference on Charities and Correction:** This annual conference, which began in the 1870s, became a key platform for discussing social work practice and policy. By the early 20th century, it was instrumental in defining the emerging profession of social work.
- **Mary Richmond and Casework:** Mary Richmond, one of the pioneers of social work, published "Social Diagnosis" in 1917, which laid the foundation for social casework. Her work emphasized the importance of a systematic approach to understanding and addressing individual and family problems.

## **3. Expansion during the Progressive Era and the New Deal (1920s-1940s)**

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- **The New Deal:** The Great Depression of the 1930s was a turning point for social work in the U.S. The New Deal, introduced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, included a range of social welfare programs, and social workers were instrumental in administering these programs. This period saw the growth of social work as a public service profession, with an increased focus on community organization, social policy, and administration.

## **4. Post-War Growth and the Development of Specializations (1940s-1960s)**

- **World War II and Its Aftermath:** The post-World War II era brought new challenges and opportunities for social work. Social workers were involved in helping veterans reintegrate into society, addressing mental health issues, and supporting families affected by the war.
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- **Civil Rights Movement:** The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s had a significant impact on social work, as the profession became more involved in issues of racial equality, social justice, and advocacy for marginalized communities.

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- **Federal Legislation:** Social workers were actively involved in implementing key federal legislation during this period, such as the Civil Rights Act (1964), the Social Security Act Amendments (1965), which created Medicare and Medicaid, and the War on Poverty programs initiated by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

## 6. Challenges and Adaptation (1980s-2000s)

- **Austerity and Policy Shifts:** The 1980s brought significant challenges to social work in the U.S., particularly under the Reagan administration, which reduced federal funding for social services and shifted the focus to private sector solutions. Social workers had to adapt to a changing policy environment, often with fewer resources.
- **Professionalization and Licensing:** The 1980s and 1990s saw increased emphasis on professional standards and licensing. By this time, most states required social workers to be licensed, and the NASW developed a comprehensive Code of Ethics in 1996 to guide professional practice.
- **Growth of Evidence-Based Practice:** The late 20th and early 21st centuries saw a growing emphasis on evidence-based practice in social work, with a focus on using research and data to inform interventions and improve outcomes for clients.

## 7. Modern Era and Contemporary Issues (2000s-Present)

- **Digital and Technological Advances:** The rise of digital technology has transformed social work practice. Social workers now use digital tools for communication, case management, and service delivery. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of telehealth and online services, leading to new models of practice.
- **Social Work and Healthcare:** Social workers play a crucial role in the U.S. healthcare system, particularly in addressing the social determinants of health, supporting patients with chronic conditions, and advocating for health equity.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Contemporary social work places a strong emphasis on cultural competence, anti-racist practice, and addressing systemic inequalities. Social workers are increasingly involved in social justice movements, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people of color.
- **Policy Advocacy and Social Justice:** Social workers continue to advocate for policies that address poverty, inequality, and social injustice. Issues such as criminal justice reform, immigration policy, and climate justice are increasingly important in the social work agenda.

## 8. Current Challenges and Future Directions

- **Workforce Challenges:** Social workers in the U.S. face significant challenges, including high caseloads, burnout, and the need for better pay and working conditions. Addressing these issues is crucial for the sustainability of the profession.
- **Integration of Social Work in Public Policy:** Social workers are increasingly involved in public policy and administration, influencing decisions at local, state, and national levels. The profession continues to advocate for policies that promote social justice, equity, and the well-being of all communities.
- **Global Social Work:** U.S. social workers are also engaged in global social work, addressing issues such as human rights, disaster response, and international

development. The profession is becoming more interconnected with global movements and challenges.

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- **Digital and Technological Advances:** The rise of digital technology has transformed social work practice. Social workers now use digital tools for communication, case management, and service delivery. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of telehealth and online services, leading to new models of practice.
- **Social Work and Healthcare:** Social workers play a crucial role in the U.S. healthcare system, particularly in addressing the social determinants of health, supporting patients with chronic conditions, and advocating for health equity.

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Contemporary social work places a strong emphasis on cultural competence, anti-racist practice, and addressing systemic inequalities. Social workers are increasingly involved in social justice movements, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities, including immigrants, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people of color.
- **Policy Advocacy and Social Justice:** Social workers continue to advocate for policies that address poverty, inequality, and social injustice. Issues such as criminal justice reform, immigration policy, and climate justice are increasingly important in the social work agenda.

## 8. Current Challenges and Future Directions

- **Workforce Challenges:** Social workers in the U.S. face significant challenges, including high caseloads, burnout, and the need for better pay and working conditions. Addressing these issues is crucial for the sustainability of the profession.
- **Integration of Social Work in Public Policy:** Social workers are increasingly involved in public policy and administration, influencing decisions at local, state, and national levels. The profession continues to advocate for policies that promote social justice, equity, and the well-being of all communities.
- **Global Social Work:** U.S. social workers are also engaged in global social work, addressing issues such as human rights, disaster response, and international development. The profession is becoming more interconnected with global movements and challenges.

The evolution of professional social work in the U.S. reflects the profession's ongoing commitment to social justice, advocacy, and the well-being of individuals and communities. Social work has continuously adapted to changing social, political, and economic conditions, and it remains a vital and dynamic profession in American society.

### Evolution of Professional Social Work in India

The evolution of professional social work in India is a story of adaptation, resilience, and commitment to addressing the diverse social issues of a complex and culturally rich society. The development of social work as a profession in India has been influenced by indigenous traditions, colonial history, and the country's post-independence socio-political landscape. Here's an overview of the key stages:

#### 1. Pre-Colonial and Colonial Periods (Before 1947)

- **Indigenous Traditions of Social Welfare:** Long before the advent of professional social work, India had a rich tradition of social welfare rooted in religious and cultural practices. Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam, and Sikhism all promoted principles of charity, compassion, and community service. Various religious institutions and individuals provided support to the poor, sick, and needy through acts of charity (e.g., almsgiving, establishing dharamshalas, and langars).
- **Colonial Influence:** During British colonial rule (1757-1947), social reform movements emerged, led by prominent figures such as Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Vivekananda, and Mahatma Gandhi. These movements addressed social issues like the abolition of sati, child marriage, and the promotion of women's education. Although these efforts were not professionalized in the modern sense, they laid the groundwork for social activism and social welfare in India.
- **Philanthropic Organizations:** The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw the rise of philanthropic organizations, such as the Brahma Samaj and Arya Samaj, which worked towards social reform. These organizations focused on education, healthcare, and poverty alleviation.

## 2. Introduction of Professional Social Work (1930s-1940s)

- **First Social Work Schools:** The formal introduction of social work education in India began in the 1930s. The first school of social work, the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work (now the Tata Institute of Social Sciences or TISS), was established in Mumbai in 1936 with the support of the Tata Trusts. This institution played a pioneering role in the professionalization of social work in India, offering a structured curriculum and fieldwork training.
- **Influence of Western Models:** The establishment of social work education in India was influenced by Western models, particularly the American model of social work. The curriculum at TISS and other emerging social work schools was initially based on the principles of casework, group work, and community organization, which were adapted to the Indian context.

## 3. Post-Independence Expansion (1947-1960s)

- **Nation-Building and Social Welfare:** After gaining independence in 1947, India faced significant social and economic challenges, including poverty, illiteracy, and health crises. The Indian government adopted a socialist approach to development, focusing on state-led initiatives for social welfare and economic planning. Social workers were increasingly involved in nation-building efforts, particularly in rural development, community organization, and public health.
- **Growth of Social Work Education:** The post-independence period saw the expansion of social work education across India. New social work schools and departments were established in universities, including the Delhi School of Social Work (founded in 1948) and the University of Madras's Department of Social Work (founded in 1952). These institutions helped to train a new generation of social workers equipped to address the country's diverse social issues.
- **Government and NGO Collaboration:** Social workers began to play key roles in government programs and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) focused on social development. Their work included community development, poverty alleviation, women's empowerment, child welfare, and public health initiatives.

## 4. Professionalization and Institutionalization (1970s-1990s)

- **Establishment of Professional Associations:** The 1970s and 1980s marked a period of professionalization for social work in India. The Indian Association of Trained Social Workers, later renamed the Indian Association of Social Workers (IASW), was established to promote the profession and advocate for the interests of social workers.
- **Social Work Education and Research:** During this period, social work education became more standardized, with the introduction of master's and doctoral programs in social work. Research in social work also gained prominence, with scholars focusing on issues such as poverty, gender, caste, and rural development.
- **Focus on Social Justice and Human Rights:** Indian social work began to incorporate a stronger focus on social justice, human rights, and advocacy. Social workers increasingly engaged in efforts to address systemic inequalities, such as caste discrimination, gender-based violence, and the rights of marginalized communities, including Dalits, Adivasis, and religious minorities.

## 5. Contemporary Developments and Challenges (2000s-Present)

- **Globalization and Social Work:** The era of globalization has brought new challenges and opportunities for social work in India. Economic liberalization has led to rapid urbanization and industrialization, which have created new social issues,

such as urban poverty, migration, environmental degradation, and the marginalization of rural communities. Social workers are actively involved in addressing these issues through advocacy, community organization, and policy development.

- **Expansion of NGOs:** The NGO sector in India has grown significantly in recent decades, with social workers playing key roles in these organizations. NGOs address a wide range of issues, including education, healthcare, women's rights, child welfare, disaster relief, and environmental sustainability. The growth of the NGO sector has also led to increased opportunities for social work graduates.
- **Human Rights and Social Justice:** Contemporary social work in India continues to emphasize human rights and social justice. Social workers are engaged in advocacy for marginalized groups, including Dalits, Adivasis, women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people with disabilities. The profession is also involved in addressing emerging issues such as climate justice, mental health, and the rights of refugees and migrants.
- **Social Work Education and Professional Standards:** While social work education has expanded significantly, challenges remain in terms of standardization, curriculum development, and fieldwork opportunities. There is ongoing debate about the need for a national regulatory body for social work, similar to those in other countries, to ensure consistent standards and professional recognition.

## 6. Current Challenges and Future Directions

- **Integration of Indigenous Knowledge:** There is a growing recognition of the need to integrate indigenous knowledge and practices into social work education and practice in India. This includes drawing on traditional forms of community support and conflict resolution, as well as respecting the cultural diversity of India's many communities.
- **Technology and Social Work:** The use of technology in social work is an emerging area in India, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Social workers have had to adapt to remote service delivery, digital advocacy, and the use of online platforms for education and support. This trend is likely to continue, with technology playing an increasingly important role in social work practice.
- **Policy Advocacy and Social Work:** Social workers in India are increasingly involved in policy advocacy, working to influence government policies related to social welfare, human rights, and development. This includes participation in policy formulation, research, and public education campaigns.

The evolution of professional social work in India reflects the country's complex social fabric and the profession's ongoing commitment to social justice, human rights, and community development. Social work in India has continuously adapted to changing social, economic, and political conditions, and it remains a vital force in addressing the challenges faced by India's diverse population.

### Methods of social work and their applicability in India

Social work employs various methods to address the diverse needs of individuals, families, and communities. In India, these methods are adapted to fit the cultural, social, and economic contexts of the population. Here are the primary methods of social work and their applicability in India:

#### 1. Case Work

- **Definition:** Case work involves a one-on-one relationship between a social worker and a client. It focuses on understanding the client's needs, problems, and strengths to provide personalized assistance.
- **Applicability in India:** Case work is widely used in various settings, including hospitals, schools, and rehabilitation centers. Social workers use case work to assist



individuals dealing with mental health issues, domestic violence, addiction, and other personal challenges. The method is particularly effective in urban areas where individual issues are prevalent, allowing social workers to tailor interventions based on clients' unique circumstances.

## 2. Group Work

- **Definition:** Group work involves facilitating interactions among a group of individuals to promote personal growth, social skills, and problem-solving abilities. It emphasizes the collective experience and support of group members.
- **Applicability in India:** Group work is used in community settings, educational institutions, and mental health programs. It is effective for addressing issues such as women's empowerment, addiction recovery, and youth development. For example, self-help groups (SHGs) for women have gained prominence in rural areas, promoting financial independence and social cohesion. Group work is also employed in schools to address bullying, enhance social skills, and support students with learning disabilities.

## 3. Community Organization

- **Definition:** Community organization focuses on empowering communities to identify and address their needs collectively. This method emphasizes collaboration, resource mobilization, and advocacy for social change.
- **Applicability in India:** Community organization is crucial in rural and urban development projects, where social workers engage with communities to address issues like poverty, sanitation, education, and health care. Social workers facilitate community meetings, mobilize resources, and help communities develop action plans. Initiatives like the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and urban community development programs utilize community organization principles to improve living conditions and promote self-sufficiency.

## 4. Social Action

- **Definition:** Social action involves advocating for social change and addressing systemic issues through collective efforts. This method often includes mobilizing individuals and communities to challenge injustices and demand rights.
- **Applicability in India:** Social action is critical in addressing issues such as gender inequality, caste discrimination, labor rights, and environmental concerns. Social workers engage in advocacy campaigns, public awareness programs, and policy lobbying to promote social justice. Organizations like the People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) work on various social justice issues, employing social action to empower marginalized groups.

## 5. Research and Evaluation

- **Definition:** This method involves conducting research to gather data, assess needs, and evaluate the effectiveness of social programs and interventions. Research informs evidence-based practice and policy development.
- **Applicability in India:** Social work research is essential for understanding social issues and measuring the impact of interventions. Social workers conduct needs assessments, program evaluations, and action research to improve services and advocate for policy changes. Collaborations between academic institutions and NGOs often facilitate research initiatives that address pressing social concerns.

## 6. Policy Advocacy

- **Definition:** Policy advocacy involves working to influence public policy and legislation to address social issues and promote the rights and welfare of vulnerable populations.
- **Applicability in India:** Social workers engage in policy advocacy to address issues such as poverty, healthcare access, education, and women's rights. They collaborate with NGOs, community organizations, and grassroots movements to advocate for policy reforms. Initiatives like the Right to Information Act and the National Food Security Act demonstrate the role of social workers in shaping social policies.

## 7. Therapeutic Approaches

- **Definition:** Therapeutic approaches involve using psychological methods and interventions to support individuals facing mental health issues or emotional challenges.
- **Applicability in India:** Social workers often integrate therapeutic techniques into their practice, particularly in settings like hospitals, counseling centers, and schools. Mental health awareness is growing in India, and social workers are trained to provide counseling and support for individuals dealing with trauma, anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns. Collaborative efforts with mental health professionals enhance the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions.

## Conclusion

The methods of social work in India are diverse and adaptable, reflecting the unique needs and challenges faced by individuals and communities. Social workers in India utilize these methods to promote social justice, empower marginalized groups, and address pressing social issues. The combination of case work, group work, community organization, social action, and research ensures a holistic approach to social welfare and development in the country. As India continues to evolve, the methods of social work will also adapt to meet emerging challenges and opportunities.

## What is a Social Worker?

What comes to mind when you think of a social worker?

Let me welcome you to an introductory course on a helping profession that includes a Nobel prize urban activist, Jane Addams, and a pioneer writer and researcher on the impact of environment on individuals, Mary Richmond. Both are significant in terms in providing the historical foundation to the profession.

As you might expect from an overview course, time and attention will be given to defining the profession, offering some history on its development into a profession, and professional values and code of ethics. We will review the wide range of roles and responsibilities that are common to the social work practice. Our focus on the practice of social work will include a consideration of what it means to be a generalist practitioner and the 3 modalities of practice: micro, mezzo, and macro. Attention is given to the diverse fields of practice where social workers can be found with major consideration for the more common fields of practice: children and family, mental health and addictions, health, gerontological, administrative, to name a few. We conclude with a look at what might be future opportunities and challenges for new social workers.

## A Definition of Social Work

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has defined the profession of social work in the following way (NASW, 1973, pp 4-5):

Social work is the professional activity of helping individuals, groups, or communities enhance or restore their capacity for social functioning and creating societal conditions favorable to this goal. Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles, and techniques to one or more of the following ends:

- Helping people obtain tangible services (such as housing, food, income)
- Providing counseling and psychotherapy with individuals, families, and groups
- Helping communities of groups provide or improve social and health services
- Participating in relevant legislative process

Another agency overseeing social work education, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), states that the purpose of the social work profession is to “promote human and community well-being” Which can be achieved through promoting social and economic justice and preventing conditions that limit human rights for all people. The CSWE’s vision is to ensure a well-educated social work profession equipped to promote health, well-being, and justice for all people in a diverse society.

What do you notice about the definitions of social work? I would like to note a couple of important points. For one, social work is considered a profession, and what qualifies it for such a distinction deserves some attention. Secondly, social work has a dual focus in that it addresses both individual well-being (micro practice) and more systemic well-being (macro practice). We will be addressing both micro and macro practice in this course.

### What Makes Social Work a Profession?

So, what are the characteristics of a social work that qualifies it to be considered a profession?

- **Code of ethics:** A formal statement that provides both the core values of the profession and the practice competencies in keeping with the core values.
- **Expertise (body of knowledge and skills):** Professional body of knowledge and evidence- based practice
- **University education (bachelors and masters, etc.):** Expectation that all professional degrees be granted by accredited schools of social work.
- **Status and income (prestige & compensation):** Expectation of professional respect and regard by society as well as income based on one’s professional training.
- **Specializations:** As evidenced in accredited Masters’ and Doctoral programs
- **Professional autonomy (exams, licensure, continuing education, professional boards, professional organizations):** Professional education, training, organizations, and licensing boards.
- **Protection for consumers (the code of ethics, sanctions for unprofessional behaviors):** State oversight of the examination process for clinical social workers and administering of sanctions in the event of code of ethics violations.

## What Are Characteristics of The Professional Relationship?

Let us discuss some of the characteristics of the professional relationship with our clients. They are professional relationships that sets them apart from friendship and family relationships. Such relationships have a recognized purpose, they are time-limited, engage the client in a collaborative manner, they may involve some degree of authority and control, and the relationship is maintained and protected by the professional code of ethics.

## What Are Some Characteristics of Social Work Professionalism?

- **Integrity (Truthfulness, honesty, and trustworthiness):** The NASW Code of Ethics should not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, or deception. Therefore, integrity suggests
- **Professional knowledge:** Professional knowledge is considered essential for both ethical and effective social work practice. Such knowledge will vary according to the setting, the assigned roles, the work issues, and the population served.
- **Critical thinking and lifelong learning:** Critical thinking is the treatment of all knowledge with a healthy skepticism and maintaining this questioning posture throughout one's social work career.
- **Ethical decision-making:** The social worker must know the profession's code of ethics and legal responsibilities. It is important for them to be able to identify legal and ethics obligations as they apply to specific situations, and how to address ethical dilemmas.
- **Diversity and difference:** The Council of Social Work Education indicates "that the dimensions of diversity are understood as the intersectionality of multiple factors including but not limited to age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status." (2015) Thus behooves the social worker to have an extraordinary self-awareness to know how best to serve others.
- **Self-understanding and self-control:** Social work is a personal encounter that requires one's conscious and intentional use of various aspects of oneself, such as one's knowledge, attitudes, and skills.

## Fields Of Social Work In India

The fields of social work in India encompass a wide range of areas, each addressing specific social issues and the needs of various populations. Here's an overview of the mentioned fields of social work and their significance:

### 1. Family and Child Welfare

- **Description:** This field focuses on promoting the well-being of families and children through preventive and intervention services. It addresses issues like child abuse, neglect, family conflict, and parenting support.
- **Significance:** Social workers in this field advocate for child rights, provide counseling to families, and connect them with resources such as educational and health services. Programs like the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) aim to improve the health and nutrition of children and support their development.

## **2. Welfare of Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Communities (OBC)**

- **Description:** This area focuses on the empowerment and upliftment of marginalized communities, addressing issues related to caste-based discrimination, poverty, and access to resources.
- **Significance:** Social workers advocate for the rights of SCs, STs, and OBCs, facilitating access to education, employment, and government welfare schemes. Programs aimed at skill development, self-help groups (SHGs), and community organization play a crucial role in enhancing social and economic status.

## **3. Medical and Psychiatric Social Work**

- **Description:** This field involves supporting patients and their families in healthcare settings. Social workers address the psychosocial aspects of illness, treatment, and recovery.
- **Significance:** Medical social workers assist patients in navigating the healthcare system, providing counseling, and facilitating discharge planning. Psychiatric social workers focus on mental health issues, offering therapy and support for individuals with mental health conditions, contributing to their recovery and well-being.

## **4. Community Development (Rural and Urban)**

- **Description:** Community development focuses on empowering communities to identify and address their needs collectively, enhancing their quality of life through participatory approaches.
- **Significance:** Social workers engage in both rural and urban settings to promote development initiatives such as education, healthcare, sanitation, and livelihoods. They facilitate community participation, capacity building, and resource mobilization, fostering self-sufficiency and sustainable development.

## **5. Welfare of the Physically and Mentally Handicapped**

- **Description:** This field addresses the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities, promoting their inclusion and access to services.
- **Significance:** Social workers advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities, providing counseling, rehabilitation, and support services. They work to raise awareness about disability issues and promote policies that ensure accessibility and equal opportunities.

## **6. Welfare of Women**

- **Description:** This area focuses on promoting gender equality and empowering women through various programs and interventions.
- **Significance:** Social workers address issues such as domestic violence, discrimination, and health care access for women. They facilitate programs that promote women's rights, economic empowerment, and access to education, helping to challenge gender-based inequalities.

## **7. Welfare of Youth**

- **Description:** This field targets the needs and aspirations of young people, addressing issues such as education, employment, and mental health.
- **Significance:** Social workers engage with youth to provide guidance, counseling, and support services. They promote youth participation in community development,

facilitate skill development programs, and address issues like substance abuse, bullying, and mental health concerns.

## 8. Welfare of the Aged

- **Description:** This area focuses on the needs and rights of elderly individuals, promoting their well-being and addressing issues related to aging.
- **Significance:** Social workers provide support services for older adults, including counseling, healthcare access, and assistance with daily living. They advocate for policies that protect the rights of the elderly and promote their inclusion in society.

## 9. School Social Work

- **Description:** This field involves working within educational settings to support students, families, and school personnel.
- **Significance:** School social workers address issues such as bullying, academic challenges, family problems, and mental health concerns among students. They collaborate with teachers and parents to create a supportive school environment, facilitating access to resources and services.

## 10. Social Work in Disaster Situations

- **Description:** This area focuses on providing support and assistance during and after disasters, including natural disasters and humanitarian crises.
- **Significance:** Social workers play a crucial role in disaster response, providing psychological support, coordinating relief efforts, and helping affected communities rebuild. They work with government agencies and NGOs to ensure effective disaster management and recovery.

## 11. Social Defence

- **Description:** This field addresses social issues related to crime, juvenile delinquency, and rehabilitation of offenders.
- **Significance:** Social workers in this area work with individuals involved in the criminal justice system, providing counseling, support, and rehabilitation services. They advocate for policies that promote restorative justice and social reintegration of offenders.

## 12. Labour Welfare and Personnel Management

- **Description:** This field focuses on improving working conditions, labor rights, and employee welfare in various sectors.
- **Significance:** Social workers engage with labor unions, employers, and government bodies to advocate for workers' rights, safety, and fair wages. They facilitate programs that promote skill development, occupational health, and employee well-being.

## Conclusion

Each of these fields of social work in India plays a vital role in addressing specific social issues and improving the quality of life for diverse populations. Social workers apply various methods and approaches to empower individuals and communities, advocate for social justice, and promote sustainable development. As social challenges evolve, the fields of social work will continue to adapt and grow to meet the needs of society.

## UNIT – II

### **Social Welfare**

Social work and social welfare are two intertwined concepts that focus on promoting the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

Social welfare refers to the systems and programs in place that provide for the basic needs of people and help them improve their lives. This can include things like:

Income security programs like Social Security and unemployment insurance  
Social services like child care, mental health care, and housing assistance  
Community development initiatives

The goal of social welfare is to create a just and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Social Work-Social work is a profession that helps people address life challenges and improve their well-being. Social workers work with individuals, families, groups, and communities to provide a variety of services, including:

- Counseling and therapy
- Case management
- Advocacy
- Crisis intervention
- Community organizing

Social workers are guided by a code of ethics that emphasizes social justice, human rights, and the dignity and worth of every person.

### **The Connection Between Social Work and Social Welfare**

Social workers play a vital role in delivering social welfare programs and services. They assess the needs of clients, develop plans to meet those needs, and connect clients to resources. Social workers also advocate for changes in social welfare policies and programs to make them more effective and responsive to the needs of the people they serve.

Social work and social welfare are both essential to creating a more just and equitable society. By working together, social workers and social welfare programs can help people overcome challenges, improve their lives, and build a brighter future.

### **Changing concepts and practices of social welfare.Changing political philosophy and its impact on social welfare**

Social welfare has undergone significant transformations over time. Here are some key trends:

**From Charity to Empowerment:** Traditionally, social welfare focused on providing basic needs to those deemed "deserving poor." Now, the emphasis is on empowering individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency. Programs aim to address root causes of poverty and inequality, not just symptoms.

**Prevention vs. Response:** Social welfare is increasingly focusing on preventive measures. This means investing in programs like early childhood education and job training to prevent problems before they arise.

**Data-Driven Approaches:** Social welfare programs are becoming more data-driven, using evidence to assess effectiveness and identify areas for improvement. Technology is also playing a bigger role in service delivery and communication.

**Focus on Diversity and Inclusion:** Social welfare programs are becoming more tailored to address the specific needs of diverse populations. Cultural competency and inclusivity are crucial aspects of practice.

### **Changing Political Philosophy and its Impact:**

Political philosophies have a profound impact on the shape of social welfare programs. Here's how different ideologies can influence these programs:

**Liberalism:** Focuses on individual opportunity and equal access to resources. May advocate for universal basic income or programs that promote upward mobility.

**Conservatism:** Emphasizes personal responsibility and self-reliance. May support workfare programs or tax cuts for low-income families.

**Socialism:** Focuses on collective well-being and reducing social inequality. May advocate for stronger social safety nets, like universal healthcare or public housing.

### **Impacts of Political Change:**

- **Funding:** Changes in government can lead to increases or cuts in social welfare spending, affecting program availability and quality.
- **Eligibility:** Political shifts may change eligibility criteria for programs, impacting who receives benefits.
- **Priorities:** Different philosophies may prioritize different social issues, leading to changes in program focus.

### **The Evolving Debate:**

The debate surrounding social welfare is ongoing. Key questions include:

**The Role of Government:** To what extent should the government be responsible for providing social services?

**Balancing Individual Responsibility and Social Welfare:** How can we ensure both opportunity and support for those in need?

**Efficiency and Effectiveness:** How can we ensure social welfare programs are delivered efficiently and effectively?

### **Looking Forward:**

The future of social welfare will likely be shaped by factors like economic trends, demographics, technological advancements, and changing political landscapes. The goal will remain the same: to ensure all people have the opportunity to reach their full potential and contribute to a just and equitable society.

### **Introduction to Social Work Welfare**

Social work welfare refers to the organized efforts and services aimed at improving the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through various interventions. It is a broad field that encompasses various aspects of social welfare, including health, education, housing, and employment.



## Concept of Social Welfare

- **Definition:** Social welfare is a system of programs, benefits, and services that helps individuals and groups meet basic human needs for education, health care, housing, and income. It is grounded in the principles of social justice, human rights, and equality.
- **Core Principles:** Social welfare emphasizes the dignity of individuals, the importance of community support, and the need for systemic change to address the root causes of social issues. It advocates for a society that ensures every individual can access the resources necessary for a decent quality of life.

## Scope of Social Welfare

The scope of social welfare is broad and encompasses various fields and services, including:

1. **Health and Medical Services:** Access to healthcare, mental health support, and rehabilitation services.
2. **Education:** Programs aimed at increasing access to education, vocational training, and lifelong learning opportunities.
3. **Housing and Shelter:** Initiatives to provide affordable housing, homeless shelters, and support for families in crisis.
4. **Income Support:** Welfare programs that provide financial assistance, unemployment benefits, and social security to individuals and families in need.
5. **Community Development:** Efforts to empower communities through capacity building, resource mobilization, and participatory planning.
6. **Child and Family Welfare:** Services aimed at protecting children, supporting families, and promoting healthy family dynamics.
7. **Employment Services:** Programs to assist individuals in finding and retaining employment, including job training and placement services.
8. **Support for Vulnerable Populations:** Services addressing the needs of marginalized groups, including women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and minority communities.

## Need and Objectives of Social Welfare

### *Need for Social Welfare*

- **Addressing Inequality:** Social welfare addresses social and economic disparities that exist within society, ensuring that marginalized groups have access to basic needs and opportunities.
- **Promoting Social Justice:** It works to rectify injustices and promote equity, ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and have equal rights.
- **Enhancing Quality of Life:** Social welfare programs aim to improve the overall quality of life for individuals and communities, promoting health, education, and well-being.

## *Objectives of Social Welfare*

1. **Support Basic Needs:** Ensure that individuals have access to food, shelter, healthcare, and education.
2. **Empower Individuals and Communities:** Foster self-sufficiency and resilience through skills development and capacity building.
3. **Promote Social Justice:** Advocate for the rights of marginalized and vulnerable populations, addressing systemic inequalities.
4. **Enhance Community Cohesion:** Foster a sense of community and belonging, promoting social inclusion and participation.
5. **Facilitate Rehabilitation and Reintegration:** Support individuals in overcoming challenges, such as addiction or incarceration, and reintegrating into society.

### **Changing Concepts and Practices of Social Welfare**

- **Evolution of Concepts:** The concept of social welfare has evolved over time from a charity-based approach to a rights-based framework. It has shifted from merely providing assistance to addressing the underlying causes of social issues and promoting empowerment.
- **Emergence of New Practices:** Current practices emphasize community participation, collaboration with various stakeholders (including government, NGOs, and private sectors), and evidence-based interventions. There is a growing focus on holistic approaches that consider the social, economic, and environmental factors affecting individuals and communities.

### **Changing Political Philosophy and Its Impact on Social Welfare**

- **Impact of Political Philosophy:** Social welfare policies and programs are heavily influenced by the prevailing political philosophy. Shifts in government ideology—whether towards liberalism, conservatism, or socialism—can significantly impact social welfare funding, priorities, and implementation.
- **Liberalism:** Emphasizes individual responsibility and the role of the market, often leading to reduced government intervention in welfare services.
- **Socialism:** Advocates for extensive government involvement in social welfare, prioritizing collective well-being and social equity. This philosophy often results in more comprehensive welfare programs and protections for vulnerable populations.
- **Neoliberalism:** This contemporary political philosophy often prioritizes economic efficiency and privatization, leading to a focus on market-driven solutions to social issues, which can undermine traditional welfare structures.
- **Impact of Globalization:** Globalization has influenced social welfare by introducing new challenges such as migration, economic disparity, and environmental degradation. It has also led to increased collaboration among countries and organizations in addressing social welfare issues.

### **Conclusion**

Social work welfare plays a crucial role in promoting the well-being of individuals and communities. The concepts, scope, and practices of social welfare are continually evolving, reflecting changing societal needs and political philosophies. Understanding these dynamics is essential for social workers, policymakers, and advocates to effectively address social issues and promote social justice in an ever-changing world.

## UNIT – III

Social welfare refers to the systems and programs in place that provide for the basic needs of people and help them improve their lives. This can include things

Income security programs like Social Security and unemployment insurance  
Social services like child care, mental health care, and housing assistance care center and housing assistance [Image of Child care center]  
The goal of social welfare is to create a just and equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

### **Related Terms**

**Social Work:** A profession that helps people address life challenges and improve their well-being. Social workers work with individuals, families, groups, and communities to provide a variety of services, including counseling and therapy, case management, advocacy, crisis intervention, and community organizing. [Image of Social worker helping a client]

**Social Safety Net:** A system of programs and benefits that provide people with financial assistance and other forms of support during times of need. Examples include unemployment insurance, welfare, and food stamps.

**Means-Tested Programs:** Programs that provide benefits to people who meet certain income or eligibility criteria.

**Universal Programs:** Programs that provide benefits to everyone, regardless of income or need. An example is public education.

**Safety Net vs. Springboard Debate:** A debate about whether social welfare programs should primarily focus on providing basic needs (safety net) or on helping people achieve self-sufficiency (springboard).

**Social Justice:** The concept of fair and just treatment for all members of society.

Social welfare programs are often seen as a way to promote social justice.

**Poverty:** The state of being extremely poor. Social welfare programs aim to alleviate poverty and its effects.

**Inequality:** The unequal distribution of resources and opportunities in a society.

Social welfare programs can help to reduce inequality.

These are just a few of the many terms related to social welfare. The field is complex and ever-evolving, but it is ultimately about helping people to live better lives.

Social reform is a reshaping or reforming of culturally accepted laws and norms in light of new cultural paradigms that occur over time. Social reform can occur at local, regional, national, or global levels.

Understanding social welfare and its related terms is essential for grasping the broader context of social work and its impact on society. Here's an overview of the key terms associated with social welfare:

### **1. Social Reform**

- **Definition:** Social reform refers to organized efforts to improve specific social issues, practices, or institutions within a society. It aims to bring about change to enhance social justice, equity, and the overall quality of life.
- **Examples:** Historical movements for social reform include the abolition of slavery, women's suffrage, and civil rights movements. In India, social reformers like Raja

Ram Mohan Roy and B.R. Ambedkar worked to address issues related to caste discrimination and women's rights.

## 2. Social Security

- **Definition:** Social security is a government program designed to provide financial support and assistance to individuals and families in times of need, such as unemployment, disability, old age, or death of a breadwinner.
- **Components:** Social security systems typically include pensions, unemployment benefits, disability allowances, and family support programs. In India, schemes like the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) and the National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) are examples of social security measures.

## 3. Social Policy

- **Definition:** Social policy encompasses the guidelines, principles, and frameworks that govern the planning and implementation of social welfare programs and services. It is concerned with addressing social issues and promoting the well-being of individuals and communities.
- **Importance:** Social policies guide government actions and interventions, helping to allocate resources and prioritize social issues. They are influenced by political, economic, and cultural factors and are essential for effective social welfare delivery.

## 4. Social Planning

- **Definition:** Social planning is the process of formulating strategies and plans to address social issues and improve the quality of life for individuals and communities. It involves assessing needs, setting goals, and developing action plans.
- **Approach:** Social planning often involves collaboration among various stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and community members. It focuses on data-driven decision-making and considers social, economic, and environmental factors.

## 5. Social Administration

- **Definition:** Social administration refers to the management and organization of social welfare programs and services. It involves coordinating resources, personnel, and processes to ensure effective service delivery.
- **Functions:** Social administration includes planning, budgeting, policy implementation, and evaluation of social welfare programs. Effective social administration is crucial for achieving the goals of social welfare initiatives and ensuring accountability.

## 6. Area Development

- **Definition:** Area development focuses on the holistic improvement of specific geographical areas, addressing economic, social, and infrastructural needs. It aims to empower communities and promote sustainable development.
- **Approach:** Area development initiatives often involve community participation and collaboration among government, NGOs, and local stakeholders. Examples include rural development programs, urban regeneration projects, and integrated development schemes.

## 7. Social Development

- **Definition:** Social development refers to the process of improving the well-being of individuals and communities through economic, social, and cultural advancements. It emphasizes empowerment, participation, and social justice.
- **Objectives:** Social development aims to reduce poverty, promote education and health, enhance gender equality, and foster social cohesion. It recognizes the interconnectedness of economic growth and social progress.

## 8. Social Legislation

- **Definition:** Social legislation consists of laws and regulations enacted to address social issues, protect individual rights, and promote social welfare. It provides a legal framework for social policies and programs.
- **Examples:** In India, social legislation includes laws related to child protection (e.g., The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), women's rights (e.g., The Domestic Violence Act), and labor rights (e.g., The Minimum Wages Act).

## 9. Human Rights

- **Definition:** Human rights are the fundamental rights and freedoms to which every individual is entitled, regardless of nationality, sex, ethnicity, religion, or any other status. They encompass civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.
- **Significance:** The promotion and protection of human rights are essential for social welfare, as they ensure dignity, equality, and justice for all individuals. Social workers often advocate for human rights and work to address violations through various interventions and programs.

## Conclusion

Social welfare and its related terms form a comprehensive framework for understanding the various dimensions of social work and its impact on society. These concepts guide policies, programs, and practices aimed at promoting social justice, equality, and the overall well-being of individuals and communities. By recognizing the interconnectedness of these terms, social workers and policymakers can develop effective strategies to address social issues and improve the quality of life for all.



## UNIT – IV

Mahatma Gandhi started the Sarvodaya movement in 1948 after India had gained independence after successfully ending the long British rule in the country. Mahatma Gandhi had the vision of developing the nation and concentrated on improving the social, economic, and morals of all Indians with the help of peaceful cooperation and non-violence. Mahatma Gandhi wanted to establish the importance of love and peace in every society in India after the long, oppressive, and traumatic years of British rule. Gandhi insisted that the greed and hunger for political power and the greed to rule people are harmful and will not improve the conditions of the common people. Rather, it will be better off if people choose their elected candidates who are empathetic, kind, and helpful as their leaders (called panchayat heads). These Panchayat heads will have the power to make the final say to solve any matter.

### **The Vision of Sarvodaya**

Mahatma Gandhi had a vision of developing the social, economic, and mindset of every Indian to become more cooperative for a better and more peaceful co-existence. He suggested people support each other and looked to connect the nation after so many years of divides and disagreements among different states and different rulers of the country during and even before the British rule. He also pushed the necessity of choosing spiritual power over any materialistic attachment and greed. The movement had the most impact on the village communities. The idea of ‘Gram raj’ or village rule came up during this movement.

Even today, village governing bodies are the panchayat and they play a pivotal role in the governance of the villages. Their work is directly related to the well-being of the people of a village and their societal and economical development.

### **Principles of Sarvodaya**

Mahatma Gandhi was always renowned for his strong principles and beliefs. He famously quoted “My life is my message” and always led by example on how he would want others to lead their lives too. The core principles of the Sarvodaya movement are as follows:

1. Peace and peaceful co-existence as the main weapon- the Sarvodaya movement emphasized the development of a society based on cooperation, truth, and non-violence.
2. Liberty and Equality- Mahatma Gandhi advocated for liberty and equality for all and that the rich and poor should never fight against one another.
3. Importance of morality and ethics- All people must have a high moral sense and ethical correctness within them. Lying and cheating is a crime in society and is not expected.
4. Economic Equality- Equal pay for all laborers doing the same job was highlighted. No one should live with poverty and economic hardship.
5. Bhoodan Movement- The rich people of the villages were advised to donate some of their excess lands to the poor and thus, bring in a better balance in their economic condition.
6. Emphasis on Spiritualism- Gandhi advocated to get rid of materialistic attachments and gather higher levels of spiritualism.
7. Village system- The Sarvodaya movement stated that all villages must be ruled separately by different selected village councils and headed by a panchayat head.
8. No centralized authority- No centralized party should rule all the people of all different areas of the country.
9. No importance is given to political parties and political power- Most political parties are power hungry and are full of greed. In the Sarvodaya system, they are not given any importance. No room for political propaganda.
10. Little is more philosophy- places should be divided into small and independent areas that are governed by a village council. Large places under rule by one authority face more problems so, the lesser the population and size of the area, the easier it will be to look after them with greater care and solve issues.
11. Emphasis on physical labor- Gandhi strongly advocated the fact that all individuals must do some sort of physical labor to earn their bread and stay active. He did not support the machine takeover and replacing them with laborers.

The Sarvodaya Movement in India, rooted in Gandhian philosophy, emphasizes the welfare of all and aims for the upliftment of society as a whole. Here’s an overview of the Sarvodaya Movement, its ideology, history, and its relationship with social work.

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- **Definition:** The Sarvodaya Movement, meaning "the welfare of all," is based on the principles of non-violence, self-reliance, and social justice. It seeks to create a society where all individuals, regardless of their background, can thrive and live with dignity.
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encourages community participation in addressing social issues such as poverty, education, and health care.

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### *Post-Gandhian Era*

- **Expansion of the Movement:** After Gandhi's death in 1948, the Sarvodaya Movement continued to evolve. Leaders like Vinoba Bhave, who emphasized Bhoodan (land gift) and Gramdan (village gift), played a significant role in expanding the movement's reach.
- **Focus on Land Reforms:** The post-Gandhian era saw a focus on land reforms, cooperative farming, and the promotion of self-help groups (SHGs) to empower rural communities.
- **Contemporary Relevance:** Today, the principles of Sarvodaya continue to influence various social movements, NGOs, and development programs in India, focusing on sustainable development and social justice.

## **Differences and Similarities Between Gandhian Constructive Work and Professional Social Work**

## *Similarities*

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## **Conclusion**

The Sarvodaya Movement in India represents a significant approach to social welfare that emphasizes the welfare of all individuals and communities. Its ideology, rooted in Gandhian principles, continues to influence contemporary social movements and development practices. While there are similarities between Gandhian constructive work and professional social work, their philosophical foundations and approaches to social change differ, reflecting diverse methods of addressing social issues and promoting social justice. The Sarvodaya movement was one of the more popular movements of Gandhi and was a great effort to develop the people of India in all fields of life. Gandhi wanted to bring moral independence and equality among the people and remove the class gap between the rich and the poor. Eminent leaders succeeded in carrying the Sarvodaya movement forward and shaped the way present-day villages are governed.

## UNIT – V

### **State Action for Social Welfare in India**

India has a long history of state action for social welfare, with a complex system of programs and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of its citizens. Here's a breakdown of some key aspects:

State action for social welfare in India encompasses a variety of policies, programs, and initiatives aimed at promoting the well-being of individuals and communities, particularly marginalized and vulnerable groups. Here's an overview of the state action for social welfare in India:

#### **1. Constitutional Framework**

- **Fundamental Rights:** The Constitution of India guarantees several fundamental rights that form the foundation for social welfare, including the right to equality, freedom from discrimination, and the right to life and personal liberty.
- **Directive Principles of State Policy:** Articles 36 to 51 outline the Directive Principles, which guide the state in promoting social and economic welfare. These principles encourage the government to work towards securing a decent standard of living, education, health, and social justice for all citizens.

#### **2. Key Social Welfare Schemes and Programs**

The Government of India has implemented various social welfare schemes targeting different sections of society. Some prominent initiatives include:

- **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS):** Provides food, health care, and education to children under six and their mothers, aiming to improve nutrition and health status.
- **Mid-Day Meal Scheme:** Aims to enhance the nutritional status of school children by providing free meals during school hours, thereby improving attendance and learning outcomes.
- **National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA):** Guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household, ensuring a livelihood and enhancing the economic condition of rural families.
- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY):** Aims to provide affordable housing to the urban poor and promote housing for all by 2022, addressing the issue of homelessness and inadequate housing.
- **National Health Mission (NHM):** Focuses on providing accessible and affordable healthcare to all, particularly in rural areas, and emphasizes maternal and child health.
- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao:** A campaign aimed at preventing gender-biased sex selection, ensuring the survival, protection, and education of the girl child.
- **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS):** Provides legal guarantee for at least 100 days of unskilled wage employment in a financial year to every rural household, enhancing livelihood security.

#### **3. Special Schemes for Marginalized Groups**

The Indian government has also initiated specific programs for the welfare of marginalized groups, such as:

- **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:** Programs like the Special Central Assistance Scheme, scholarships, and grants to enhance the socio-economic conditions of SCs and STs.
- **Women Empowerment Schemes:** Initiatives like the Mahila E-Haat for women entrepreneurs, the National Mission for Women's Empowerment, and the One-Stop Centre Scheme for survivors of violence.
- **Welfare of the Elderly:** The National Policy for Older Persons aims to ensure the well-being of older adults through various schemes, including the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme.

#### 4. Legislative Measures

The Indian Parliament has enacted various laws to support social welfare, including:

- **The Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005:** Empowers citizens to seek information from public authorities, promoting transparency and accountability in governance.
- **The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005:** Provides protection and legal remedies for women facing domestic violence.
- **The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989:** Aims to prevent atrocities against SCs and STs and ensure justice for victims.

#### 5. Role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

In addition to state actions, NGOs play a significant role in social welfare by implementing various programs and initiatives, advocating for policy changes, and providing services directly to communities. They often collaborate with the government to enhance the reach and effectiveness of social welfare programs.

#### 6. Monitoring and Evaluation

The government conducts regular monitoring and evaluation of social welfare programs to assess their effectiveness, identify gaps, and make necessary adjustments. This process is crucial for ensuring accountability and improving service delivery.

#### 7. Challenges in Implementation

Despite the various initiatives, challenges remain in the effective implementation of social welfare programs, including:

- **Corruption and Bureaucratic Hurdles:** Mismanagement and corruption can hinder the proper execution of welfare schemes.
- **Awareness and Accessibility:** Many beneficiaries are often unaware of available schemes, and access can be limited, especially in rural areas.
- **Data Collection and Management:** Inadequate data systems can affect planning and execution, making it difficult to identify needs and measure outcomes.

#### Government

**Central Government Schemes:** The central government implements various schemes across the country, focusing on areas like poverty alleviation, healthcare, education, and women's empowerment. Examples include:

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS): Provides guaranteed wage employment in rural areas.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): Promotes financial inclusion by providing basic bank accounts.

Ayushman Bharat: Aims to provide health insurance coverage to a large portion of the population.

State Government Programs: State governments also have their own social welfare programs, tailored to address specific regional needs.

### **Focus Areas:**

**Basic Needs:** Providing food security, safe drinking water, and shelter through programs like the Public Distribution System (PDS) and housing initiatives.

**Education:** Ensuring access to quality education at all levels, with special emphasis on girls' education through programs like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

**Healthcare:** Making healthcare accessible and affordable, with initiatives like Ayushman Bharat and Jan Arogya Yojana.

**Livelihood Generation:** Empowering individuals, especially in rural areas, to earn a sustainable living through skill development programs and microfinance schemes.

**Social Protection:** Providing safety nets for vulnerable populations like the elderly, widows, and people with disabilities through pension schemes and social assistance programs.

**Women's Empowerment:** Promoting gender equality and women's rights with initiatives like Mission Shakti and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.

### **Challenges:**

**Large Population:** Reaching such a vast and diverse population with social welfare programs is a significant challenge.

**Corruption and Inefficiency:** Bureaucracy and corruption can hinder the effectiveness of program delivery.

**Targeting:** Ensuring benefits reach those who truly need them can be difficult.

**Funding:** Funding constraints often limit the scope and reach of social welfare programs.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Focus on Effectiveness:** There's a growing emphasis on using data and evidence-based practices to ensure program effectiveness.

**Technological Innovation:** Technology can play a crucial role in improving service delivery, transparency, and targeting.

**Public-Private Partnerships:** Collaboration between government and private organizations can help to expand the reach and impact of social welfare initiatives.

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The Sarvodaya Movement in India, which translates to "the welfare of all," is deeply rooted in the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and seeks to promote social justice, equality, and the overall well-being of society. Here's an overview of the relationship between social welfare and the Sarvodaya Movement in India:

## 1. Philosophical Foundations

- **Gandhian Philosophy:** The Sarvodaya Movement is fundamentally influenced by Gandhian principles of non-violence, self-reliance, and communal harmony. Gandhi envisioned a society where the welfare of all, especially the marginalized, was prioritized.
- **Moral and Ethical Values:** The movement emphasizes moral and ethical values, advocating for a just and equitable society. It encourages individuals to act with compassion, empathy, and responsibility toward others.

## 2. Objectives of the Sarvodaya Movement

- **Welfare of All:** The central tenet of the Sarvodaya Movement is the holistic welfare of all individuals, regardless of caste, creed, or economic status. It seeks to uplift the poorest and most marginalized sections of society.
- **Community Empowerment:** The movement emphasizes the empowerment of communities through self-help and collective action. It advocates for participatory development, where individuals play an active role in addressing their own needs and challenges.
- **Decentralization of Power:** The Sarvodaya Movement promotes decentralized governance, encouraging local decision-making and self-governance in villages as a means to empower communities.

## 3. Key Initiatives and Programs

- **Village Reconstruction:** Inspired by Gandhi's vision of self-sufficient villages, the movement focuses on rural development through initiatives that enhance agriculture, education, health, and infrastructure in villages.
- **Bhoodan Movement:** Initiated by Vinoba Bhave, a key figure in the Sarvodaya Movement, the Bhoodan Movement aimed at land reform through voluntary land donations from wealthy landowners to landless laborers and small farmers.
- **Gramdan Movement:** This initiative sought to encourage entire villages to collectively donate their land for the common good, promoting communal ownership and sustainable development.

## 4. Social Welfare Activities

The Sarvodaya Movement has influenced various social welfare activities and programs, including:

- **Education and Skill Development:** Promoting basic education and vocational training to empower individuals, especially in rural areas, to improve their livelihoods.
- **Health Initiatives:** Advocating for community health programs that emphasize preventive care, sanitation, and access to healthcare services.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Encouraging women's participation in development activities and promoting gender equality through various initiatives and programs.

## 5. Challenges and Critiques

- **Implementation Issues:** While the Sarvodaya Movement's principles are noble, there have been challenges in the implementation of its ideals, including bureaucratic hurdles and resistance from entrenched interests.
- **Sustainability:** Ensuring the sustainability of community-driven initiatives and maintaining momentum in rural development efforts can be challenging over time.
- **Limited Reach:** While the movement has had significant impact, its reach may be limited, and many marginalized communities may still lack access to resources and opportunities.

## 6. Contemporary Relevance

- **Influence on Social Movements:** The principles of the Sarvodaya Movement continue to inspire various social movements and NGOs in India today, focusing on issues such as poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, and human rights.
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The Sarvodaya ideology, rooted in the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and later developed by leaders like Vinoba Bhave, envisions a holistic and equitable reconstruction of society. The term "Sarvodaya" translates to "welfare for all," and the ideology seeks to create a just society that prioritizes the well-being of every individual, especially the marginalized and disadvantaged. Here's an overview of the Sarvodaya ideology of the reconstruction of society:

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- **Non-violence (Ahimsa):** The ideology strongly advocates for non-violent means of achieving social change. Sarvodaya promotes dialogue, compassion, and understanding over conflict and coercion.
- **Self-reliance:** Emphasizing self-sufficiency, the Sarvodaya ideology encourages individuals and communities to rely on their own resources and abilities for development, fostering a sense of responsibility and empowerment.

- **Decentralization:** Sarvodaya advocates for decentralized governance, promoting local decision-making and self-governance in villages. This allows communities to have a direct say in their development and resources.

## 2. Socio-Economic Reconstruction

- **Economic Equality:** Sarvodaya emphasizes the reduction of economic disparities through equitable distribution of resources and wealth. This includes advocating for land reforms, cooperative farming, and self-help groups to empower rural communities.
- **Rural Development:** The ideology promotes comprehensive rural development, focusing on agriculture, education, health, and infrastructure. It envisions self-sufficient villages as the foundation of a prosperous society.
- **Social Justice:** Sarvodaya seeks to address social injustices, such as caste discrimination, gender inequality, and economic exploitation. It promotes social harmony and inclusivity, ensuring that every individual has equal rights and opportunities.

## 3. Cultural and Ethical Reconstruction

- **Moral and Ethical Values:** The Sarvodaya ideology emphasizes the importance of moral and ethical values in public life. It advocates for integrity, honesty, and accountability among individuals and leaders in society.
- **Community Spirit:** The movement fosters a sense of community and solidarity, encouraging individuals to work together for the common good. It promotes voluntary service and collective action to address social issues.

## 4. Education and Awareness

- **Empowerment through Education:** Education is a key component of the Sarvodaya ideology, as it empowers individuals to improve their circumstances and make informed decisions. The movement promotes basic education and vocational training as means of upliftment.
- **Awareness and Advocacy:** Sarvodaya encourages raising awareness about social issues and advocating for rights and entitlements. This involves educating communities about their rights and responsibilities and promoting active citizenship.

## 5. Implementation Strategies

- **Grassroots Participation:** Sarvodaya emphasizes grassroots participation in decision-making processes, encouraging individuals to actively engage in their communities and advocate for their needs.
- **Voluntary Organizations:** The ideology supports the role of voluntary organizations and NGOs in implementing social welfare initiatives, providing support, and facilitating community-driven development.
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### 1. Gandhian Foundations (Early 20th Century)

- **Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy:** The seeds of the Sarvodaya Movement were sown in the early 20th century through Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a just and equitable society. Gandhi believed in the principles of non-violence, self-reliance, and community welfare, advocating for the upliftment of marginalized sections of society.
- **Constructive Programme:** In the 1940s, Gandhi articulated his "Constructive Programme," which outlined a range of social reforms aimed at empowering communities, promoting rural development, and addressing issues like untouchability and poverty. This program laid the groundwork for the Sarvodaya Movement.

### 2. Formation of the Sarvodaya Movement (1940s)

- **Vinoba Bhave:** Following Gandhi's assassination in 1948, Vinoba Bhave emerged as a prominent leader of the Sarvodaya Movement. He was deeply influenced by Gandhi's philosophy and worked to translate these ideals into action.
- **Bhoodan Movement (1951):** Bhave launched the Bhoodan Movement in 1951, which aimed to promote land reform through voluntary donations of land from wealthy landowners to landless laborers and small farmers. This movement sought to address land inequality and empower the rural poor.

### 3. Growth and Expansion (1950s-1970s)

- **Gramdan Movement:** Building on the success of the Bhoodan Movement, Bhave initiated the Gramdan Movement in 1952, which encouraged entire villages to collectively donate their land for the common good, promoting communal ownership and sustainable development.
- **Community Development Programs:** The government began to incorporate the principles of Sarvodaya into various community development programs, focusing on rural development, education, health, and self-sufficiency.

- **Influence on Policies:** The Sarvodaya Movement influenced several policies and initiatives aimed at poverty alleviation and rural development, including the Community Development Programme launched in 1952 by the Indian government.

#### 4. Post-Gandhian Era (1980s-Present)

- **Continued Advocacy:** After Bhave's death in 1982, the Sarvodaya Movement continued to be represented by various organizations and individuals who advocated for social justice, rural development, and empowerment of marginalized communities.
- **Role of NGOs:** Many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have adopted Sarvodaya principles in their work, focusing on grassroots development, community empowerment, and social justice.
- **Contemporary Relevance:** The principles of Sarvodaya have been integrated into various social movements addressing issues such as environmental sustainability, women's empowerment, and human rights. The movement continues to inspire efforts to build inclusive and equitable societies.

#### Key Contributions and Achievements

- **Empowerment of the Marginalized:** The Sarvodaya Movement has played a significant role in raising awareness about the rights and needs of marginalized communities, including women, scheduled castes, and scheduled tribes.
- **Promotion of Cooperative Models:** The movement has encouraged cooperative farming and self-help groups (SHGs), promoting collective action and self-reliance among rural communities.
- **Advocacy for Non-Violent Solutions:** The Sarvodaya ideology continues to advocate for non-violent means of social change, emphasizing dialogue and cooperation over conflict.

#### Conclusion

The Sarvodaya Movement in India represents a significant approach to social welfare that emphasizes the welfare of all individuals and communities. Its ideology, rooted in Gandhian principles, continues to influence contemporary social movements and development practices. While there are similarities between Gandhian constructive work and professional social work, their philosophical foundations and approaches to social change differ, reflecting diverse methods of addressing social issues and promoting social justice. State action for social welfare in India is a complex and evolving endeavor. Despite challenges, the Indian government continues to strive towards creating a more just and equitable society by providing its citizens with essential support and opportunities for a better life.

Planning is programming for action for a particular period for achieving certain specific progressive developmental goals. Socio economic planning has been one of the most noteworthy inventions of the twentieth century. At present, when the most perceptible accent is on market forces and liberalization, the talk of economic planning might appear to be anachronistic, but, considering the state of economic development in most developing

countries, the co-existence of liberalization and planning is most likely to continue for a long time. Besides, the nature of economic planning is likely to experience modifications from time to time as the economies of developing countries undergo structural changes. The planning commission of the government of India was set up on 15th March 1950 and the first five year plan commenced on 1st April 1951. Indian planning, ever since its inception more than four decades ago, has attempted to meet the

following objectives of multi faceted development:

- 1) Securing an increase in national income
- 2) Accelerating the planned rate of investment to enhance the proportion of actual investment to national income.
- 3) Mitigating the inequalities of income and wealth and regulating the concentration of economic power.
- 4) Increasing the quantum of employment for the maximum utilization of manpower.
- 5) Promoting development in agricultural industrial and other sectors and striving to achieve inter-sectoral development.
- 6) Speeding up the development of relatively backward regions and promoting balanced regional development.
- 7) Reducing, in a progressive manner, incidence of poverty by providing food, work and productivity to the people below the poverty line.
- 8) Modernization of the economy through effecting shifts in the sectoral composition of production diversification of activity advancement in technology and institutional innovation. Though all the above objectives have figured in one form or the other, either explicitly or tacitly, in almost all plan documents, their relative emphases have varied. We will look at various provisions of social welfare in Five Year Plans from the First Plan up to the Eighth Plan under four sections, i.e. development of women, child development, nutrition status, and other welfare programmes.