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To,  
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Thank you for sharing the activity report of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry-CoE (IPGME&R - SSKMH), Kolkata, for the year 2025. The report has been received and perused. It presents a structured and substantive account of the department's academic, clinical, and community-based activities

It is observed that the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, IOP-COE has made notable progress in recent years, with improvements in the quality, scope, and outreach of its work. The departmental and Institutional leadership reflects clarity of direction, commitment, and effective utilization of available resources.

It is also noted that students from the Department of PSW, IOP-COE have been visiting Central Institute of Psychiatry over the past two years. Their professional conduct and academic orientation have been commendable, reflecting the standard of training and supervision.

The Department of Psychiatric Social Work, IOP-COE is showing encouraging development and appears to be emerging as one of the leading centers in the country in this field. My heartfelt appreciation is conveyed for the efforts undertaken and best wishes are extended for its continued advancement in the field of mental health and well-being.

We will look forward to strengthening the collaboration in future.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Mayank Kumar  
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Department of Psychiatric Social Work  
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(IPGME&R–SSKM Hospital)  
Kolkata – 700025

Dear Mr. Mayank Kumar,

I am pleased to have gone through the activity reports of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry – Centre of Excellence, Kolkata, and I convey my sincere appreciation to you and your team for the commendable work being undertaken by the department.

The reports clearly reflect the steady strengthening of the department's role in mental health services, academic advancement, institutional collaboration, and field-based engagement. Over the past few years, the department has significantly expanded its activities across clinical services, rehabilitation initiatives, disability assessment and certification, research in emerging and unique areas, and public mental health programmes. It is encouraging to observe the department gradually evolving as one of the leading centres for Psychiatric Social Work and community mental health services in Eastern India.

The successful implementation of various projects and programme activities supported by Government of India agencies and institutions further demonstrates the department's growing institutional capacity, professional credibility, and wider recognition.

I particularly appreciate the organised and sustained efforts undertaken under your leadership in managing and expanding departmental responsibilities despite limitations in manpower and infrastructure.

I would also like to place on record my appreciation for the students and trainees of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, IOP–CoE, who have been visiting NIMHANS over the last two years for one-month academic training exposure. During their postings, we found them sincere, motivated, disciplined, and promising young professionals, reflecting the quality of training, supervision, and academic guidance being provided by your department.

I had the opportunity to visit your department along with seven senior faculty members from NIMHANS, in addition to several NIMHANS alumni presently serving in institutions across India. During the visit, we observed an active academic environment, meaningful field-based engagement, and coordinated functioning among faculty members, Psychiatric Social Workers, and trainees across various service domains.





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Based on our observations during the visit and review of the reports, the following areas may be considered for further strengthening in order to support the department's expanding responsibilities:

1. Enhancement of faculty strength, Psychiatric Social Work manpower, and development of specialised academic and training units to address the growing mental health needs of the State;
2. Strengthening of administrative, rehabilitation, outreach, and digital infrastructure, including smart classrooms, internet connectivity, e-library facilities, documentation systems, and logistical support for community-based services;
3. Expansion of advanced research initiatives, interdisciplinary collaborations, and regular engagement in block-level mental health and wellbeing programmes, school mental health initiatives, training activities, drug and suicide prevention programmes, particularly in rural, slum, and remote regions of West Bengal.

Considering that the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at IOP-CoE is presently the only institution in West Bengal offering specialised training in Psychiatric Social Work, further strengthening of the department would substantially contribute towards the development of trained psychosocial professionals and improvement of psychosocial support systems in the State.

I extend my best wishes to you and your entire team for the valuable work being carried out by the department and look forward to continued academic interaction and professional collaboration in the future.

With warm regards,

Dr. N. Janardhana

Professor & Head

Department of Psychiatric Social Work

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Dept. of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry, Kolkata

Date: 08 / 05 / 2026

Dear Mr. Mayank Kumar,

It gives me immense pleasure to acknowledge and appreciate the remarkable contributions and professional accomplishments of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work during the year 2025. The activities and initiatives undertaken by the department reflect a commendable commitment towards academic excellence, professional ethics, community engagement, and institutional development.

The department has demonstrated notable progress in strengthening its academic, clinical, research, and outreach activities. The systematic planning, effective execution of programs, and dedicated teamwork exhibited by the faculty members and students deserve sincere appreciation. Such efforts significantly contribute to the advancement of professional education and mental health services in the region and beyond.

It is also noteworthy that the students and faculty members associated with the department have maintained a high standard of professionalism, discipline, and academic orientation during various collaborative and training activities. Their conduct and enthusiasm reflect the quality of guidance, supervision, and institutional leadership provided by the department.

The consistent initiatives undertaken by the department indicate its emerging role as one of the promising centers of excellence in the field. The institution's vision, commitment towards capacity building, and service-oriented approach are highly appreciable and inspiring.

On behalf of our institution, I extend heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to the entire department for its continued dedication and achievements. We are confident that the department will continue to make meaningful contributions towards academic growth, research advancement, and promotion of mental health and well-being in the years to come.

We also look forward to strengthening our professional collaboration and academic partnership in the future.

With best regards,

  
08/05/2026

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**Prof. Archana Kaushik**

To,

**Mr. Mayank Kumar,**

Assistant Professor and Head,

Department of Psychiatric Social Work,

Institute of Psychiatry-CoE (IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital), Kolkata,

Government of West Bengal

Dear Mr. Kumar,

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations to you and your team for bringing out an extraordinarily comprehensive and inspiring annual report for 2025. This document stands as a powerful testament to what a dedicated, resourceful, and community-engaged team can achieve within a single year when guided by vision and compassion.

One of the most striking positive aspects of the report is the department's remarkable outreach and measurable impact. Surpassing all original targets, the team successfully reached over 4,100 direct participants and completed more than 10,000 therapy sessions across diverse settings. Their capacity to not only meet but quadruple the participant goals for the National Institute of Social Defence—accommodating 602 participants against a target of 150—speaks volumes about their efficiency, planning, and unwavering commitment to community mental health.

The report beautifully showcases the department's innovative and inclusive approach to mental health care. From sensitising Kolkata Police personnel as first responders to psychiatric emergencies to organising three high-level sensitisation programmes on gender-affirming healthcare for transgender persons, and leading the "Saarthak" initiative for elderly citizens in collaboration with HelpAge India, the department addresses the most marginalised and vulnerable sections of society with equal compassion, cultural sensitivity, and professional rigour.

Equally commendable is the department's commitment to academic excellence and national collaboration. Hosting over 32 senior faculty members from 16 Indian states—including eminent experts from NIMHANS, TISS, CIP Ranchi, IHBAS Delhi, and OP Jindal Global University—demonstrates the department's standing as a national hub for psychiatric social work training. The nine M.Phil trainees conducted impactful research on diverse, underserved populations, including acid survivors, childhood sexual abuse survivors, and transgender persons.

Finally, the use of creative mediums such as the powerful skits "Nahi Nahi Bhoi" and "Banchbo Mora Eksathe" by the theatre group Janhavi Sanskritik Chakra added emotional depth and community resonance to their awareness campaigns. This report is not merely a record of activities; it is a declaration of impact, dignity, and transformative care. The Department of Psychiatric Social Work, IOP-CoE, Kolkata, has set a benchmark for mental health training, outreach, and advocacy in India. Once again, congratulations to the entire team for bringing out such an incredible piece of work. My best wishes for the continued brilliance!

(Archana Kaushik)

Dated 10/05/2026

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12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dr. Subhasis Bhadra

Professor of Psychiatric Social Work (PSW),

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To,

Mr. Mayank Kumar, Assistant Professor and Head

Dept of. PSW, Institute of Psychiatry-CoE, IPGME&R

Kolkata, West Bengal, 700025

Dear Mr. Mayank Kumar,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you and the entire team of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry-CoE (IPGME&R-SSKM), Kolkata, for the comprehensive and well-organized Activity Report for the year 2025.

The report reflects the department's strong commitment to academic excellence, quality clinical services, and meaningful community engagement. The achievements presented demonstrate effective leadership, clear vision, and dedicated teamwork in advancing mental health and psychosocial care initiatives.

It is encouraging to observe the steady growth and progress of the department over recent years. The professional conduct, academic orientation, and training standards reflected by the students visiting various national institutes have been highly commendable and indicate the quality of mentorship and supervision provided by your department.

While appreciating the remarkable accomplishments of the department, I would also like to highlight a few opportunities for further strengthening and development:

- Expanding research activities and scholarly publications, interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations to enhance evidence-based practice.
- Utilizing digital technology and data systems for training, service delivery, and monitoring activities, and outreach work to communities in remote locations.
- Appointment of at least 5 faculty members and contractual PSWs for such a wide range of service, academic, and research activities.
- Working closely with State Government Ministries/Departments for disaster risk reduction, school mental health, women's and children's mental health in critical circumstances.

I am confident that under your leadership, the Department of PSW will continue to grow as a leading center of excellence in the field of mental health and psychosocial care in Eastern India.

Appreciation and best wishes for your continued success and future achievements. I also look forward to strengthening institutional collaboration in the coming years.

With warm regards,



Dr Subhasis Bhadra.

12/05/2026

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### Subject: Recognition of the Contributions of the Institute of Psychiatry-CoE towards Medical and Psychiatric Social Work

Dear Mr. Mayank Kumar,

Thank you for sharing the activity reports of the Department of Psychiatric Social Work (PSW), Institute of Psychiatry–Centre of Excellence (IPGME&R–SSKM), Kolkata.

The All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals (AIAMSWP), New Delhi, acknowledges the significant role played by the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry–CoE, Kolkata, in strengthening Medical and Psychiatric Social Work education, field practice, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community mental health initiatives in recent years under your leadership.

It is evident from the reports that, despite limited resources and manpower constraints, the department has continued to undertake a wide range of academic, clinical, rehabilitation, outreach, and evidence-based initiatives across diverse community settings. The consistency, quality, and reach of these activities reflect a sustained commitment to psychosocial care, human resource development, and meaningful service delivery.

The department is gradually emerging as an important academic and practice-based centre in the field of Psychiatric Social Work in the country. The activities conducted in collaboration with various stakeholders and service sectors, together with the sincere involvement of students, supervisors, and faculty members associated with the Institute of Psychiatry, reflect professionalism, academic integrity, and thoughtful institutional leadership. Their collective efforts continue to enhance the visibility, relevance, and impact of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work within the broader healthcare system.

The work of the department resonates strongly with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*, which emphasizes inclusive human development and the holistic well-being of every citizen as foundational pillars of a developed India. Mental health and psychosocial care are integral to this vision, and Psychiatric Social Work professionals serve as vital bridges between policy aspirations and community well-being. It is equally encouraging that the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Union Budget 2026–27, has formally recognized the role of mental health and allied healthcare professionals under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), signalling a renewed national commitment to strengthening this critical workforce for the country's health and development.

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The Association further observes that there is an urgent need to strengthen the Department of Psychiatric Social Work through the engagement of adequate faculty members and Psychiatric Social Work professionals in accordance with existing norms and guidelines, particularly considering that it is the only department of Psychiatric Social Work in the State of West Bengal. In view of the expanding scope of mental health services, training responsibilities, multidisciplinary clinical engagements, community outreach programmes, rehabilitation initiatives, and evidence-based academic contributions undertaken by the department, additional human resources and institutional support beyond the minimum prescribed requirements are essential for sustaining and further expanding these activities effectively within a Centre of Excellence.

We congratulate you and the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at the Institute of Psychiatry-CoE for your continued contributions and dedication. We extend our heartfelt best wishes for your future endeavours and for the continued growth and success of the department.

**With regards!!**



**Raghavenra Kumar Rai**

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To  
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Department of Psychiatric Social Work  
Institute of Psychiatry-CoE, IPGME&R  
Kolkata

Dear Mr. Mayank Kumar

*I am delighted to convey my genuine gratitude for your remarkable dedication, commitment, and significant contributions to the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, IOP.*

*Your diligence, professionalism, and positive demeanor have greatly impacted the success of the department. The high standard of your work, your proactive approach, and your ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues have been truly commendable.*

*Your efforts towards the development of both the department and the profession at large have showcased excellence and set a commendable example for others. I deeply appreciate your contributions and acknowledge the influence of your work on the department's progress and achievements.*

*I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation. I urge you to continue your outstanding work and wish you ongoing success.*

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