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Venue: Convention cum Cultural Centre, Pondicherry University.

Important Dates

Submission of abstracts	June 28, 2013.
Intimation of selection for presentation	July 5, 2013
Submission of full paper	July 20, 2013
Conference	July 26-27, 2013

Host Department

Established in October 2007, the Department's vision is to provide in-depth training to develop a cadre of Social Work practitioners and researchers to use innovative and interdisciplinary approaches and perspectives to understand strength's and exclusion in order to facilitate social transformation. The MSW programme offers specializations in Community Development, Human Resource Management and Medical & Psychiatric Social Work.

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National Conference on

PRAXIS IN DISABILITY STUDIES

26 – 27 July, 2013

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PRAXIS IN DISABILITY STUDIES

‘Praxis’ reflects the inter-relationship between theory and practice and provides scope for generation of a sound theory and effective practice. Praxis in disability studies is familiar to the social work discipline because social work education is itself based on praxis model, i.e learning from theory and field work. Through this method, it is possible for professionals to gain theoretical and practical skills. The process of action – reflection - action is a potent tool to ensure that we stand rooted in our power of possibilities with a commitment to dignity, justice, full potential, inclusiveness and wholeness of the key stakeholders in the disability sector, namely persons with disability. Using the power of the collective has greater potency and hence praxis in the field of disability studies and practice is a useful strategy for advancing practice, knowledge and research.

The Department of Social Work, Pondicherry University proposes to host a conference on “Praxis in Disability Studies”. This conference is an attempt to bring together academicians, theoreticians, practitioners and activists from disability studies in which all are equal collaborators in the effort to strengthen the generation and sharing of knowledge and practice wisdom. This conference will be a platform to learn and expand our knowledge from the

expertise and experience of each other and to discuss the challenges in practicing related theory. The gathering of academicians, theoreticians, practitioners and activists will be an occasion to enrich the knowledge of experts who play different roles in the field of disability. The one group of experts is in the need of the other groups to help and support in achieving their goals.

With the above rationale, the conference aims to contextualize disability theory and practice in the Indian setting. It aspires to promote a philosophy of praxis in disability theory which will then strengthen the field of disability studies and action. This conference serves to initiate dialectical interaction between academicians, theoreticians, practitioners and activists to expand the knowledge and provide them an opportunity to create a synergy that works for the dignity, respect, justice and wellbeing of persons with disability.

OBJECTIVES

1. To share information, skills and perspectives of generating knowledge, contributing to meaningful and value based practice in the disability sector.
2. To contribute and to strengthen research that synergizes and complements knowledge and practice in the disability sector.

Sub themes

1. Practicing Theory: Learning in Action

To breakdown the divide between theory and practice; and drawing on the knowledge from the research experiences of activists, practitioners, theoreticians and academicians.

2. Theorizing from Practice: Building Knowledge

It is vital to acknowledge the rich experiences of specialists in the field of disability to contribute to theory. Identifying innovative practices and conceptualizing them, facilitates learning from action. This aids in the generation of a body of knowledge that is context specific and culturally relevant in the field of disability studies.

3. Research in Disability Praxis: Evolving Critical Linkages

The researchers in the disability sector can gather the information from specialists and share their research experience with one another to learn from each other. This helps to create a network for young research scholars and specialists to promote their research pursuits, and to explore areas of shared work and practice.

REGISTRATION

Participants and paper presenters will have to pay a Registration Fee: Academicians- Rs.1000/; Research Scholars- Rs.500/; other students - Rs.300. TA/DA will **not** be provided to the participants and paper presenters.



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Please enclose your abstract and indicate the sub theme of your presentation

Last date of registration: 10th July 2013.

Details of Payment of Registration Fee: [DD in favour of the Head, Department of Social Work, Pondicherry University payable at Puducherry]

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Signature of the participant with date