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The third issue of the Adelaide Journal of Social Work has an assemblage of articles of contemporary relevance authored by scholars from different fields of Social Science.

We commence with a study on the Challenges of Field work in social work education and its impact on the professional development of the students. Though the quality of social work and of social workers depends in part on the availability and effectiveness of field education opportunities provided within schools of social work, this remains a practical challenge.

Today with Women's emancipation and many a law introduced to help working women, the research on work life balance among women employees comes at a right moment giving us facts and figures how women have to handle tactfully her various spheres of life to achieve work life balance. With many a real life experience to substantiate the case and highlighting the preferred initiatives for women.

The world being a global village has become anachronistic now and every concept has to be seen in the global point of view. So also, Social group work in the global

context, throws light on the past, present and future trends in social group work and its growing importance globally.

Our youth is our tomorrow is a well known adage. But very often we forget to focus on this present which will mould our future and so addressing childhood concerns for a healthy family and community which is the basic unit of the Society. The solution to a better future, therefore, lies in the hands of every parent. The study aims to therefore look at some of those solutions.

Health is considered to be an integral part of social development. It is also an essential component of development, imperative to a nation's economic growth and internal stability. Improving Adolescent Health is an emerging area and there is a need for developing platforms for adolescent-friendly health services. The article on health concern and utilization of health services among adolescents shows that there is an ignorance of knowledge and attitude related to reproductive and sexual health, other related issues and utilization of health services among adolescents.

Elderly in India - An area for social work intervention brings to light information from various sources which is found relevant to the present scenario of elderly in India. The author also highlights Social Work interventions through principles, methods and techniques of Geriatric Social Work.

With increasing stress levels, conflict management plays an important role and where best to start but in the families. The sociological study on managing conflicts with special reference to the growing metropolis of Bengaluru sheds light on the delicate issue that the basic familial functions are now transferred to secondary agencies further leading to family disorientation and disorganisation. Read on to dwell into the findings of this study.

Karnataka is an interesting mix of cultures and the study about the Jenu Kuruba tribes working as unorganised labourers brings to light this vulnerable group and

examines the new problem solving interventions by the government and others in sustaining another part of our rich cultural heritage.

Education must enable every individual to become efficient and achieve the legitimate goals of life. Education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The focal point of the article on Efficacy of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation in the Promotion Policy is on the quality of education imparted in our primary schools through Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) system.

And finally we have a book review on *Doing Social Work Research*, authored by Roger Smith.

The editorial board wishes to thank all the authors who have contributed to the journal, sharing their knowledge and experience. This will surely fuel critical thinking and discussion among readers. We welcome constructive feedback and suggestions from our readers and well wishers to enhance the quality of this journal.

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