

# Demand for National Council of Social Work

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The East Zone co-ordinator Sneha Mishra who chaired a meeting of the East Zone Campaign demanded the establishment of a National Council of Social Work Profession.

The meeting was attended by several practitioners of Social Work and students from West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar .

National Convenor Prof Sanjay Bhatt from Delhi School of Social Work, addressed the gathering and launched the campaign to enact a legislation. Representing their respective Zone Prof Devi Prasad from South Zone, Prof Archana Dassi from North Zone along with Prof Asutosh Pradhan from Central University, Himachal Pradesh, Prof. Prasant Ghosh from Viswabharati, Shantiniketan shared their views on the campaign.

Prof Bipin Jojo, Dean of TISS, Mumbai supported the campaign.

An action plan was worked out and it was decided to meet MPs and other influential persons to create opinion in favour of the proposed legislation.

Prof Sanjay Bhatt stated that many among the 60000 BSWs and 50000 MSWs yearly pass-outs are working in the government, non-government , corporate and UN bodies.

The National Education Bill also talked about recruiting School Social Workers. This is a 85 year old profession in India but yet to have a council of its own. Hence it's high time to have the council in order to ensure quality, standardized education of Social Work all over the country so that better, committed, passionate professional can come out and serve the country in various spheres.

