

# Review of: "A Deeper Look at the Origin and Evolution of the Social Work Profession"

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The article traces the origin of the social work profession in different countries and informs the readers about various alms-houses and societies that were pioneers of social work practices. It is commendable that the author attempts to collate historical information on the origin of social work. Reflecting on the main argument of the article, the 'modern' social work profession did originate from the West. Indian philosophies and specific Gandhian philosophies such as *sarvodaya* and *antyyodaya* were already in existence when modern social work was established in India. India had its indigenous beliefs and values of social work when Clifford Manshardt established the Neighbourhood House in Nagpada. The article must include the Indian Journal of Social Work in the discussion as it is the first social work journal published in 1940 and is still continuing its publication to date. It is published by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Secondly, the article may focus on India only, as it will help in an in-depth exploration of the philosophical roots, events, people involved, setting up of important schools, and methods used.

Including a few articles in the discussion, such as "Historical Perspective of the Social Work Profession" by MS Gore (ex-Director of TISS), "Indigenous Base of Social Work Profession in India" written by PD Kulkarni, and "American Influence on Social Work Education in India and Its Impact" by Kalyan Sankar Mandal, will help in strengthening the article.

Regards,

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