

P R E F A C E

The present dissertation, A critical study of field work training in social work education in the schools of social work in Solapur, has, I feel, immense value not only for the students of social work in Shivaji University but also for all the field work agencies and the schools of social work as it portrays the merits and weaknesses of the present conditions and the practice of field work training in social work education. It is quite interesting to note that since the establishment of the department of social work, by the Walchand College, Solapur, in the vicinity of Shivaji University, the field work training has been remained unshaped. This has inclined me because I was also a student of this University and now I am a teacher in the Department of Social Work, Institute of Management, Solapur affiliated to Shivaji University, to undertake the present study for my M.Phil. dissertation.

I feel that the present study is a fruitful and healthy experience which was challenged by many people in the beginning of this study. Similarly there were negative comments about this topic but it proved altogetherly a different experience. I considered the obstacles into precautions and converted them into positive responses. The study is totally a critical analysis but based on the emperical data.

The main objective of the present study is to know that to what extent the schools of social work are meeting the needs of the students, especially in the case of field work training, so that they can be prepared themselves as a professionally trained persons in social work.

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