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"Contemporary Studies in Social Work" comprise a brief of some of the recent doctoral research studies conducted by scholars under the supervision of one of the eminent social work teachers of our time namely, Professor Gracious Thomas, Founder Director, School of Social Work (SOSW), IGNOU. This book highlights relevant and important topics on social work that were taken up for research by scholars who pursued their doctoral research under the professor in the recent past. This book has compiled some of the contemporary research studies in social work which are expected to have a far reaching impact on Social Work Research in Indian context. This book would be of interest to social work teachers, students, NGO functionaries, policy makers and social activists.

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Relevance of Social Work Intervention in the Care of Aged

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Introduction

Indian society has been proud of its culture of caring for its aged parents and grandparents. However, the scenario has been changing drastically over the last one decade. The change is obviously due to the sweeping transformation occurring at the basic structure of the Indian society (Help Age India, 2008). These changes have brought diverse issues pertaining to the elderly care in our Indian society. Family was the primary institution providing all types of care to its elderly members, which has undergone structural changes as well. Old age is the last phase of one's life where elderly confronts many challenges with regard to their physical, mental health and support system. Although, Central and State Governments have adopted various policies and legislations to deal with the challenges of older people for their well-being. However, these policies and legislations are not being implemented effectively therefore, social work intervention can deal with the problems of the elderly as it tries to help, individuals, groups or communities to balance between the needs and demands of the environment. Social work profession enhances the well-being of people by intervening at the points where people find difficulties and interventions are intended to assist clients in alleviating problems impeding their well-being. The central goal