

## Resume



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### **Educational Qualifications:**

- PhD in Social Work on “Persons Living with HIV AIDS: Problems and Solutions’ A study of PLWHA in Delhi, India,’ from Department of social work, Lucknow University, Lucknow. 2013
- Master of Social Work (Delhi University) First Division.1994
- BSc. Home Science (Hons) Delhi University, First Division.1991

### **Professional Experience:**

- Teaching Social Work as Associate Professor, in Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedker College, University of Delhi, Delhi, since July 2001.

**Languages known:** Hindi, English, Gurmukhi.

## Publications in Journals

1. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor(2022) '**Health Seeking and ART Adherence Behaviour Among Persons Living with HIV AIDS in India**' in Asian Man (The) - An International Journal Year : 2022, Volume : 16, Issue :: ( 42-48)Print ISSN : 0974-6366. Online ISSN : 0975-6884.Article DOI : 10.5958/0975-6884.2022.00004.4
2. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2022) '**Impact of Psycholosocial Factors on the Risk Behaviour of HIV Positive Homosexual Men in India: A Qualitative Exploration,**' Year : 2022, Volume : 11, Issue : 1 ( pp 95 -105)Print ISSN : 2319-3581. Online ISSN : 2456-7523. Published online : 2022 1.Article DOI : 10.5958/2456-7523.2022.00008.8
3. Dhaor, S. S. (2022). **Developing a framework of practice for social Workers in HIV management in India.**' The Journal of Practice Teaching and Learning, 19(1-2), 124-165. <https://doi.org/10.1921/jpts.v19i1-2.1673>
4. Dhaor S.S.(2021) '**Lived Experiences of Internalized Stigma among HIV Positive Persons in India**' in *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*. 0(0) 1-9 Sage (2021) DOI: 10.1177/0272684X21022580
5. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2020) '**Commercial Sex Work in India; Genesis and current situation**', in The Social Ion , an international peer reviewed Indexed Journal. ISSN 2310-3581 e ISSN 2456-7523 Vol 9 No 1&2 January-June & July -December 2020.
6. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor( 2022) "**Effect of Internalized Stigma on Sexual Relations of PLHA with their Regular Partners in Delhi, India,**' in International Journal of Science and Research (IJSR), [https://www.ijsr.net/get\\_abstract.php?paper\\_id=SR22525094800](https://www.ijsr.net/get_abstract.php?paper_id=SR22525094800), Volume 11 Issue 5, May 2022, pp2012 - 2018, #ijsrnet DOI: 10.21275/SR22525094800
7. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2022) '**Social Support Issues of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Delhi, India -An Exploration,** in *International Journal of Science and Research A Peer Reviewed /Refereed Journal Vol 11, Issue 5, May 2022,* ISSN 2319-7064, SJIF (2022) 7.942 DOI: 10.21275/SR22522091739
8. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2022) **Teachers' education in India: An overview of Teachers education challenges and Way Forward** in *Excellence in Education*

*A multidisciplinary International Peer reviewed / Refereed Journal Vol XI number 6, ISSN No. 2320-7019. January 2022.*

9. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2022) '**Impact of Health communication on Health seeking behaviour of HIV Positive Persons in India**' in *Sanchar Sarokar A multidisciplinary Peer reviewed Research E Journal* ISSN 2583-1453
10. Dhaor S.S.(2022), **HIV Status Disclosure: a Call for Helping Profession in India.**' In *Excellence in Education; A peer reviewed/refereed Journal An International Journal of Education and Humanities. Vol XI, number 5. January 2022. ISSN : 2320-7019*
11. Dhaor S.S. (2018) '**Risk Behavior of PLHA-A Study of Person Living with HIV /AIDS in India**' in *Edu World A multidisciplinary International Peer Reviewed/ Refereed Journal. Vol XII, Number 24, ISSN 2319-7129 Special Issue - 2018. UGC notification No. 62981*
12. Dhaor Sangeeta Sharma(2017) "**Gender Dynamics of Serdiscordance Living in India**" in *Social Aspects of HIV AIDS Vol 2 Eds Asha Persson & Shana D Huges Cross cultural perspectives in couples with mixed HIV status ;Beyond Positive and Negative. Springer Nature Publications* ISBN978-3-319-42725-6 DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-42725-6
13. Dhaor Sangeeta Sharma (2021) '**Anti Oppressive Social Work Practice Issues for Working with Homosexual men in India**' in *Contemporary Areas of Social Work Practice. Eds. Ashwini Kumar Singh & Ushwinder Popli (2021), Bloomsbury India . ISBN 978-89351-89-7*
14. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor( 2012) '**Spirituality and Social Work in Health Care**' in *Social Work: The Ethical and Spiritual Paradigm, Eds R.B.S.Verma. Rapid Book Service, 2012. ISBN- 978-93-82462-03-03*
15. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor "**Correctional Services**" in *IGNOU Publication on Social Work Practicum and Supervision in course MSW 005. ISBN- 978-81-266-5474-9*
16. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor(2015) "**Risk behavior of PLHA and Social Development in India**" in 'Social Development in India, critical assessment' (ed.) Chhayya Patel, Rawat Publications 2015, ISBN 978-81-316-0748-0
17. Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor(2015) "**Increasing spaces of women in HIV/AIDS Domain: A gendered Phenomenon**" in the book 'Gender and Space,

multidisciplinary insights' Eds. Geeta Singh, Seema Mehra Parihar, published by CPDHE, New Delhi Publishers ISBN 978-93-85503-48.

18. Abstract: '**Living positively**': **Lived experiences and Intrapersonal Issues of persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Delhi**. Published in the conference proceedings of Australasia AIDS conference: retrieved from [https://www.eiseverywhere.com/file\\_uploads/e324839c25c737d6a65e0448d0ef120e\\_2012ConferenceHandbook.pdf](https://www.eiseverywhere.com/file_uploads/e324839c25c737d6a65e0448d0ef120e_2012ConferenceHandbook.pdf) (p.p.160)
19. Poster published '**Marriage as Risk ;A mixed method study of influence of sociocultural factors on women living with HIV AIDS in India**  
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21. Published online lecture on "**Diminishing social support and increasing social responsibility.**" On [www.psychevisual.com](http://www.psychevisual.com) .  
[https://www.psychevisual.com/Video by Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor on Diminishing Social Support and Increasing Social Responsibility A Study of Social Support of Persons LWHA in Delhi India.html](https://www.psychevisual.com/Video%20by%20Sangeeta%20Sharma%20Dhaor%20on%20Diminishing%20Social%20Support%20and%20Increasing%20Social%20Responsibility%20A%20Study%20of%20Social%20Support%20of%20Persons%20LWHA%20in%20Delhi%20India.html).
22. Published online discussion with WION channel on HIV AIDS see  
link:<http://www.wionews.com/videos/scales-tip-after-aids-claim-2-million-lives-in-2016-un-4272>
23. Published chapter on "**Community engagement in social welfare administration**" paper 15, Module 29 in subject, Human Resource Management, of E-Pathshala, of University Grants Commission under Ministry of Human Resource Development. Government of India.
24. Published chapter on "**Spirituality and role of Community engagement**" paper 15, Module 30 in subject, Human Resource Management of E Pathshala, of University Grants Commission under Ministry of Human Resource Development . Government of India. [http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/view\\_s.php?category=1769](http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/view_s.php?category=1769)
25. Published chapter on "**Social change & Development and role of Community engagement**" paper 15, Module 21 in subject Human Resource Management of E Pathshala, of University Grants Commission under Ministry of Human Resource

Development. Government of India.

[http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/view\\_s.php?category=1769](http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/view_s.php?category=1769)

26. Published E-chapter on “**Role of Community Engagement in HIV Prevention**” paper 15 Module 24 in subject “Human resource management” of E Pathshala, of University Grants Commission under Ministry of Human Resource Development , Government of India.

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### **Books published**

1. Sole Authored, Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor (2017), “**Social work practice with HIV positive persons , Issue Challenges and Solutions**” ASR Publications ISBN : 978-93-83247-51-6 (2017)
2. Co -edited book on ‘*Indian and Western Knowledge Traditions*’ published by Shivalik Prakashan for Centre for Professional Development in higher Education, University of Delhi , India. ISBN :978-938-144-936
3. Co- edited book *Indian and Western Aspects of Identity*, published by Shree Kala Prakashan for CPDHE, University of Delhi. India ISBN 978-93-85329-22-7.

### **Participation in International conferences held abroad**

1. Participated in **Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2012** held at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, **Melbourne, Australia**. The title of the poster was ‘**Psychosexual issues of Sero-discordant couples; A study of PLWHA in Delhi, India.**’
2. Presented poster on ‘**Condom Use, Sexuality and Substance Abuse by PLWHA: A study of risk behavior by PLWHA in Delhi, India**’ in the **International AIDS Conference 2012**, held at Washington D.C. United States of America, (USA) from 22-27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 in Poster Exhibition.

3. Oral Presentation on, **‘Marriage as risk : socio cultural factors affecting women’s vulnerability to HIV/AIDS at** in Australasian AIDS conference 2015, held in **Brisbane, Australia** from 16 to 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.
4. **Presented** a paper on **‘Living Positively- Lived experiences and Intrapersonal Issues of persons living with HIVAIDS in Delhi, India’** in Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2012,; at Melbourne exhibition and convention center in **Melbourne, Australia** on 17-19th October 2012.
5. Presented oral poster on **‘A Mixed Method Study of Sociocultural Influence on HIV Positive Women in India’** in Australasian AIDS Conference 2015, held in **Brisbane Australia** from 16 to 19 September 2015.
6. Presented poster on **‘A Study of Sociocultural Influence on HIV Positive Homosexual Males in India’** in Australasian AIDS conference 2015, held in **Brisbane, Australia** from 16 to 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.
7. Presented paper on **‘HIV Status Disclosure: A Call for Helping Profession in Public Health’** in World Social Work conference on Social work and social Development 2016 SWSD 2016. Held in **Seoul, South Korea**, from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
8. Presented a paper on, **Social work practice with HIV positive homosexual males in India.** in International conference on social work (ICSW) held in **Zurich, Switzerland** on 16 and 17 of September 2019. Awarded the **‘Best paper award’**
9. Oral paper presented on **‘Model of social work practice for HIV positive persons’** presented in Social work education and social development (**SWESD 2020**) conference held in **Rimini, Italy** in June July 2021.

<b>Peer review</b>
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1. Peer reviewed for Health education Quarterly Sage.
2. Peer reviewed for Health Education Quarterly Sage Publications.
3. Peer reviewed for Health education Quarterly
4. Peer review for Practice teaching learning , Whiting & Birtch PKP journals
5. Peer reviewed for Journal of Criminal Justice Social Work Sage Publications

### Participation in International conferences held in India

1. **Presented paper** in the International Conference on “Strategies of Empowering marginalized Sections of Society: Global patterns of Social Development” Title of the paper was ‘**HIV, Marginalization and Development: An Analysis**’. The Conference was organized by Department of Social Work, Lucknow University. From 1<sup>st</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.
2. Presented paper on **Gender and Health: The challenge of HIV/AIDS**, in the International Conference organized by Women’s Study Centre, Punjabi University, Patiala, on the theme “**Women and Development: Issues and Initiatives.**” On 26-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.
3. **Presented paper** on ‘**The Unreached Goal: Study of the Challenges Faced by Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Delhi, India.**’ International Conference on, “**Women and Millennium Development Goals; Social Work Response and Strategies.**” Held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February’2014, organized by FSW MSU Vadodara, Gujrat, India in Collaboration with **University of South Carolina** and Women’s Study Centre.

### Participation in National Conferences in India

1. **Presented** a paper in National Seminar on “**Networking in-Program Development and Implementation**” organized by Department of Social Work (DSSW) and Department of special assistance(DSA) titled “**Networking at the grassroots, a case study of Gram Mahila Kendra**” in March 1999.
2. **Presented** a paper in the National Seminar on “Women, Social Work and HIV/AIDS” Titled “**HIV as an Issue Confronting Women**” held on 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct’2006 organized by IGNOU and American Embassy.
3. **Presented** a paper in the National Seminar series on “Migration, Mobility and HIV risk” on “**Vulnerability of Indian Woman to HIV,**” organized by Development Research Solutions (DRS) on December 2006 in collaboration with

Department for International Development (DFID) and State AIDS control Society (DSACS).

4. **Presented** paper in the national seminar jointly organized by IGNOU and NAPSWI 'Reaching the Un-reached- Social work intervention in HIV prevention,' titled, **"HIV Prevention amongst Commercial Sex Workers: A Case study of an NGO of North east Delhi"** at Don Bosco Institute in Guwahati on 16-19<sup>th</sup> November '2007.
5. Presented a paper in the National Conference held in on **Field work Practicum: Issues and Challenges**" at 'JainVisvabharti' in Ladnuu, Rajasthan on **"Field Work with HIV Positive Persons: Issues and Challenges"** 16-19<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
6. Presented paper on **'Diminishing social support: increasing social responsibility , Challenge for social worker in HIV AIDS,** in national conference on social work held at 'JainVisvabharti' in Ladnuu, Rajasthan.
7. Presented a paper on **"Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice with HIV Positive Persons,' in the national conference on 'Indigenous Social Work: Challenges, Responses and Way Forward"** organized by Social work Department, Jamia Milia Islamia on 16-17 November 2018.
8. Chaired a session in the **VI Indian Social Work Congress On Human Development And Social Inclusion: Imperatives For Social Work Education And Practice** held on 01-03 November 2019.

#### Competencies and certifications

1. Underwent training of trainers (TOT) on **'Training of Gender Trainers'** organized by NIPCCD in Aug 1999.
2. Underwent training course on, **'Health System Research'**, organized by National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW), from 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2003.
3. Underwent **Training of Master Trainers'**, by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) for implementation of NACP III. Got Selected as Master Trainer to conduct trainings for different cadres of Targeted Intervention.



4. Undergone **Training of Master Trainers**, by **GFATM** Global Fund for AIDS TB and Malaria, in February 2010; in Jamia Millia Islamia Delhi.
5. Underwent training of “**ANM/Counselors module**” conducted by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) in August 2010.
6. Underwent refresher training on ‘**Gender Sex and Sexuality**’ conducted by TISS, under the aegis of **GFATM** in December 2010 in Mumbai.

#### **Refresher courses and methodology courses attended**

- 1) Attended certificate course on **Research Methodology Course on Qualitative Research** from V.V. Giri national Labour Institute, (NLI) NOIDA, July 2007.
- 2) Attended certificate course on **Research Methodology Course** conducted by Indian Council for Social science Research (ICSSR) **2008**.
- 3) Participated in 3 weeks’ orientation course by CPDHE, University of Delhi in 2004
- 4) Participated in 3 weeks’ refresher course on **Women’s studies** by CPDHE, University of Delhi in 2007.
- 5) Participated in 3 weeks’ refresher course on “**human rights**” conducted by Academic Staff College Jamia Millia Islamia in August 2014.
- 6) Participated in one week workshop and faculty development program on “**Human Rights**” by CPDHE University of Delhi in 6 to 11 July’2015.
- 7) Participated in three week **refresher course** on “Gender and Space” by center for promotion and development of higher education ( CPDHE) from 2<sup>nd</sup> December to 22 December 2015.
- 8) **Convened** three weeks **orientation course OR 87** from 26 November to 22 December 2016, in HRDC, CPDHE, Delhi University.

#### **Extension Activities in providing technical inputs**

1. Prepared half yearly report of ‘**Sukhad Yatra**,’ a Targeted Intervention project of Delhi School of social work and DSACS in second half of the year 2006.

2. Conducted a session on “**Low Cost Nutritious Food**” with Persons living with HIV/AIDS ( PLWHA) Target group of “Sukhad Yatra” a project of Delhi School of Social Work Society ; in May 06 (see ‘Delhi Times’ Dated 10<sup>th</sup> may 2006)
3. Prepared baseline survey report of **Sukhad Yatra**, a targeted intervention project of DSSW and DSACS June to December’ 06.
4. **Evaluated** NGO’s for Targeted Intervention of Delhi State AIDS Control Society. June ’07.
5. Selected as **Technical expert** by DSACS to evaluate NGO’ in Joint Appraisal Team for Targeted Intervention in Delhi, March 08.
6. Selected as **Technical Expert** and **team leader** for evaluation of Targeted Intervention for MPSACS (Madhya Pradesh State AIDS Control Society) in Sept 09’.
7. Evaluated Targeted Intervention projects of NGO in Delhi as Technical expert in August 2010.
8. Evaluated targeted Intervention projects of NGO’s in December 2014.

### Trainings Conducted

1. Trained Project managers of 24 targeted interventions from all over Delhi in “Outreach Planning” in Feb 08.
2. Trained Outreach Worker and Peer Educator of Targeted Intervention projects of Delhi in “Outreach Planning” in April 08.
3. Conducted three day training of peer educators under STRC (State Training and Resource Centre) Delhi, in Jehangirpuri February 2009.
4. Conducted workshop cum training of CISF personnel from Delhi and NCR on ‘Basics of HIV’ July 2009.
5. Conducted training of ICDS supervisors on “Basics of HIV/AIDS” in October 2009 in Delhi State AIDS Control Society, B.R.Ambedkar Hospital Rohini.
6. Conducted refresher training of officials of NDPL (North Delhi Power Limited) (Cenpeid) Rithala, Delhi. January, 2010.

7. Conducted refresher training of counselors of North India (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K) on 12<sup>th</sup> April.2010. under GFATM(Global Fund for AIDS TB and Malaria)
8. Conducted training of ANM/ Counselor on “Basics of Counseling” under State Training and Resource Centre Delhi.
9. Conducted training of Integrated counseling and Testing center (ICTC) counselors on ‘Behavior Change Communication’ under Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and MALARIA (GFATM) in August 2010.
10. Conducted training of peer educators of ‘Savera’ and ‘Drishtikon’ Targeted Intervention at site office of Drishtikon in Sultanpuri in May 2011.
11. Conducted training of Peer educators of SOSVA and HUMANA May 2011 at site office of SOSVA at Shashi Garden.
12. Conducted training of counselors of NGOs, under State Training Resource (STRC) Center in September 2011.
13. Conducted Training of Outreach workers of targeted Interventions of Delhi from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
14. Conducted training of BSES, DTC officers on sexually transmitted infections (STI) and its link with HIV on 14 November, 2013.
15. Conducted training of ASHA workers in NRHM on “Basics of HIV”.
16. Convening the four-week orientation course for CPDHE University of Delhi OR 87 for university teachers across country from various disciplines.

<b>Invited lectures</b>
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1. Lecture on HIV/AIDS to school children of Cambridge school Indirapuram.
2. Lecture in refresher course in academic staff college, Bhagat Phool Singh University, Sonipat on ‘ **Introduction to HIV/AIDS**’ on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015
3. Lecture on ‘**Feminization of AIDS**’ in academic staff college, BPS University on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015
4. Invited as **chief guest** in DPS Vasundhara Ghaziabad on the annual day celebrations on September 17<sup>th</sup> , 2016.
5. Invited lecture on ‘**Gender as a determinant of HIV**’ in orientation course OR -- organized by Human Resource development centre,( HRDC) Saurashtra university, Rajkot.

6. Assessment of micro teaching in OR -- organized by Human Resource development centre,( HRDC) Saurashtra university, Rajkot
7. Invited lecture on **Education policy**' in OR 221 organized by organized by Human Resource development centre,( HRDC) Saurashtra university, Rajkot.
8. Assessment of micro teaching in OR 221 organized by Human Resource development centre,( HRDC) Saurashtra university, Rajkot.
9. Key Note address delivered in the National seminar on '**Transition in Teacher Education in Global Perspective: Rethinking, Redesigning & Revitalizing,**' organized by Army Institute of Education, NAAC Accredited grade 'A' institution. February 25th 2018.
10. Invited as plenary speaker in National conference on **Societal and Justice Response To Sexual Harassment At Work Place: Measures For Policy Reform.** Social Work dept Bijnaur. March 2020

<b>Membership</b>
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- **Life member of national Association of professional Social workers in India(NAPSSWI)**
- **Member/friend of International federation of social workers( IFSW)**
- **Member of International AIDS Society (IAS)**
- **Member of Australasian Sexual health Mission(ASHM)**

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# Marriage as Risk

A mixed method Study of Influence of Sociocultural Factors on  
**Women Living with HIV/AIDS**  
in Delhi, India

-Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor Verma<sup>RBS\*</sup>

Women constitute almost 50% of the population but the HIV which was centred around male population is gradually affecting women despite their non-risky behaviour. There is a need to look into the sociocultural interplay.

Background	Methods:
<p><b>Biological vulnerability:</b></p> <p>Sociocultural vulnerability: Low status, illiteracy, restricted mobility, silence over matters of sex and sexuality.</p> <p>Outcome of patriarchy (male dominance) and internalized patriarchal values by women: Domestic violence, trafficking, violation of reproductive rights, rape.</p> <p><small>Gender Inequality Index India ranks 133 HDI and 137 in GI. UNICEF/WHO, 2018.</small></p>	<p>Mixed method research employing semi-structured interview was conducted after obtaining consent; with 105 HIV positive persons. Focus group discussions and case study of willing participants were taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender: 60 males, 40 females 05 Transgender.</li> <li>Marital Status: 63 married, 19 unmarried, 23 ever married.</li> <li>Sexual Orientation: 84 heterosexual, 14 homosexual</li> </ul>

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## A STUDY OF SOCIOCULTURAL INFLUENCE HIV POSITIVE HOMOSEXUAL MALES IN DELHI, INDIA

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**INTRODUCTION:**

In India homosexuality is socially, morally and legally unaccepted. Excluding homosexuals from mainstream society has always been considered a politically, socially and now legally correct approach. This is despite the fact that this country has been the most vocal and explicit about homosexuality since the times of Kamasutra (written in 400BC). Culture influences the way the life of HIV+ homosexual person is lived resulting in creating a negative self-image and guilt.

**METHOD:**

As a larger mixed method research, in-depth interviews with 105 HIV positive consenting adults were held to understand the cultural and societal factors influencing positive living. 60(59%) were males and 40(39%) were females 5(5%) were transgender. 14 reported to be homosexuals, 7 bisexual and rest 84 heterosexual. Case studies and FGD were held to understand exclusion, vulnerability and positive living.

**CONTRIBUTORS**

Live Webinars

- Practice of Psychotherapy
- The Internet in Practice
- Group Therapy
- Jungian Analysis
- The Conversational Model
- Self Psychology
- Notions of Self
- Brief Interpersonal Therapies
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Accept. & Commit. Therapy
- Process Oriented Psychology
- Narrative Therapy
- Positive Psychotherapy
- Gestalt Therapy
- Reality Therapy
- Psychoanalysis
- Counselling
- Attachment
- Family Therapy
- Couple Therapy
- Child and Adolescent
- EMDR

## Diminishing Social Support and Increasing Social Responsibility - A Study of Social Support of Persons LWHA in Delhi, India

**Dr Sangeeta Sharma Dhaor**

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"Man is a social animal", (Aristotle). Social groups are important in instilling a sense of belonging and are instrumental in bringing about a desired change in the participants. Society has certain notions of including and excluding persons from its social fabric. Any abrasion is intolerable and there is stigma of being "others" as against "us". Persons living with HIV AIDS owing to the mode of infection which is perceived to be immoral means, including but not limited to intravenous drug use, homosexual behaviour and commercial sex work are excluded from the society. This exclusion is conveyed in more than one ways leading to cocooning and withdrawing of self on the part of HIV infected. As we are basking in the glory of controlled pandemic with reduced prevalence and numbers, there is need to check the social support available to these persons who are a subject of ridicule and are discriminated against.

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