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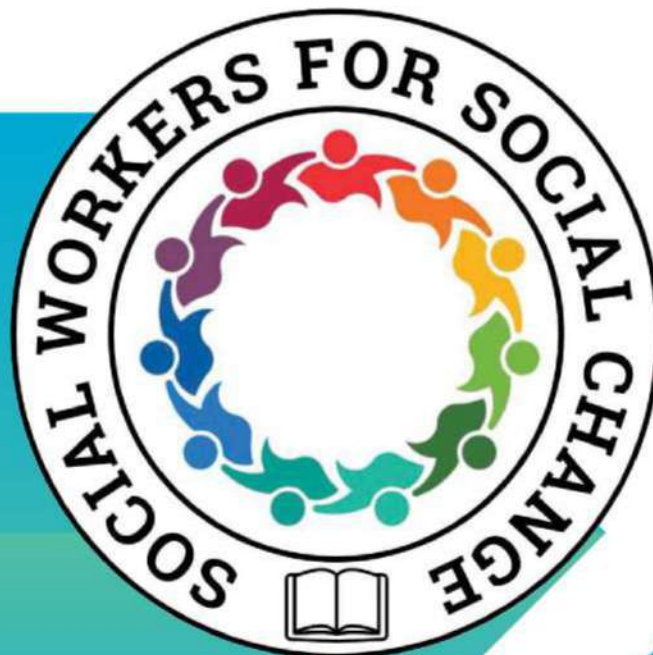
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From the chief editor,

The social workers around the globe play a crucial role in supporting, improving and empowering the life of individuals and the communities over years. The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University is set out to be a pioneer in creating socially responsive and skilled Social work professionals by offering world Class Social work education.

The Magazine *Social Workers for social Change* attempts to document and promote the holistic approaches attempted by the Department of social work, Alagappa University in creation of a socially inclusive society through the academic activities of our budding social work trainees.

The First issue, now in your hands reports the major highlights of the departmental activities, invited lectures, webinars, celebration of social work day and other important days, Community organisation programmes of the Social work trainees.

It also attempts to speak about the activities of Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA) and the best practices of the department are some of the intellectually fruitful occurrences during this period.

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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT:

Vision

To help society to access tangible services, improve social interaction and to participate in policy making and implementing process and to be a centre of continuous learning and practice, functioning within a secular, rights based and inclusive development framework contributing towards the creation of an egalitarian society.

Mission

To build capacities of young graduates by focusing on the synergy of theory and practice in Social Work. We strive to establish knowledge and praxis through a range of ideological stances in the social work practice and evolve innovative strategies through practice based research and field action.



AUSWA

AUSWA (Alagappa University Social Work Association) was started to promote social academic & cultural events, awareness & sensitisation programmes, training lectures, social entrepreneurship activities or such other activities as found necessary within and outside the campus and explore our profession across the country.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- * To encourage co-curricular and extracurricular activities to improve academic and personal competencies of students of Social Work and other departments in Alagappa University.
- *To initiate awareness and sensational programmes in socially relevant fields within the Alagappa University Campus.
- *To initiate community outreach programmes in socially relevant fields.
- *To function as a peer support group providing emotional and professional support to fellow students
- *To promote networking with national and international institutions involved in social work education and practice or related fields.

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DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

DISCUSSION ON MANIPUR ISSUES



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University conducted a Discussion on Manipur Issues which was terrific issue being talked nationally, was held on 15.07.2023 at Conference Hall, Department of Social Work, Karaikudi. At the beginning Chief Guest Dr. K. Senthil Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Politics & Public Administration, Alagappa University, Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Teaching Assistants and Students Were Imprint their Thumbs to raise the Voice against Manipur Issue.



Dr. MA. Velusamy gave the Presidential Address about the effects of manipur issue. In Student Participation, Mr. Sharukesavan, II MSW defined the keynotes on Manipur History, which provides information about what happened in previous years like this in human activities. Ms. Prithiusha, II MSW defined the nature and cultural habits followed in Manipur. Mr. Vigneshwaran, II MSW clearly defined the exact issue of Manipur from its root causes of problem. Our Chief Guest Dr. K. Senthilkumar, gave the special address about the Effects of Manipur Issue. From I MSW, Ms. Vanitha gave the volunteer speech about Manipur Issue. From II MSW, Ms. Vinothini, Mr. Sharukesavan recited tamil poems about this terrific issue. For this programme, Ms. Femisha, II MSW delivered Welcome Speech and Mr. Ravi Shankar, II MSW proposed a Vote of Thanks.



2ND YEAR INAUGURATION OF AUSWA



On the date of 16 August 2023, Behalf of Alagappa University, Department of Social Work held the 2nd Year Inaugural Function Of Alagappa University Social Work Association(AUSWA) and Investiture Ceremony For Newly Elected Office Bearers of AUSWA in Conference Hall, Department of Social Work. I & II MSW Students were participated as a Members of AUSWA. At the Beginning, the Chief Guest Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts who started the event with plant sampling followed by Lamp Lightening ceremony.

Mr. M. Manimaran, Vice President, II MSW delivered a Welcome Address. Dr. MA. Velusamy, President of AUSWA, Head Incharge introduced the AUSWA and explained about the Values and Last Year Activities of AUSWA. Ms. Aarthi, II MSW, Secretary of AUSWA spoke about Aims and Objectives of AUSWA. Ms. Vanitha, II MSW, Treasurer of AUSWA described the Membership Activities.

Prof. S. Thanuskodi delivered the Presidential Address. He appreciated this initiation and authenticated to permanently appointing a Conference Hall for Our Department Property after seeing the efforts and activities of the students.



At the Helm of Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Investiture Ceremony was held for Newly Elected Office Bearers of AUSWA by Presenting the Badge. Next, all of the peoples took the pledge. Further, Launched the Newly Opened You Tube Channel for our department in the name of 'Raising Hands!' and also the Book Cover of Our Department Magazine which was named as 'Social Workers For Social Change'

Dr. C. Vengateshwaran, Teaching Assistant who was the

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

Dr. C. Vengateshwaran, Teaching Assistant who was the Election Officer reported about the Election Process and its Results. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant, newly appointed Student Convenor spoke about his roles and responsibility. Next, Five Office Bearers who were Mr. M.Manimaran, Vice President, Ms. M.Aarthi, Secretary, Ms.K. Vanitha, Treasurer, Ms.T. Loshini Devi, Joint Secretary and Mr. Paskal Puthin KA, Joint Secretary talked and proposed their Annual Plans of AUSWA in the manner of one by one.

After sharing the opinions of members, Office Bearers accepted their views and took it as an approval. Finally, First General body meeting was held. At the end of the Programme, Mr. Paskal Puthin KA, Joint Secretary, I MSW Proposed a Vote of Thanks.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

On the date of 05.08.2023, Department of Social Work Held Orientation Programme for Students. Our Chief Guest Mr. E. Babu, Country Director(India), ECHO INDIA, New Delhi gave his thoughts on the topic of ICT and Community Health. At the Beginning, Ms. Anitha, I MSW delivered a Welcome Address. Ms. Tamizharasi, I MSW introduced the Chief Guest by reading the Chief Guest Profile.

He explained about the two topics., such as ICT Application in Social Work and ICT in Health Management. Students came to learnt about some new terms like ABHA, LMS, AMR etc. End of this session, Trainees ideas were upgraded in the Field of Medical Social Work. Then, he cleared some doubts regarding the Scopes of Medical Social Work and Study Tour Purposes to II MSW Students.

At Afternoon, Dr. A. Thomas William, Associate Professor & Former Dean, Arulanandhar College, Karumathur, Madurai holds lecture on the topic about the importance of Field Work in the Social Work Education.

He defined the Field work Practicum & its objectives with Usage of Shortcut to Understanding of Professional Terms. Trainees got informative experience from this Engaging Session. Finally, Ms. E. Swetha, I MSW proposed a Vote of thanks.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK 2023 PROGRAMME



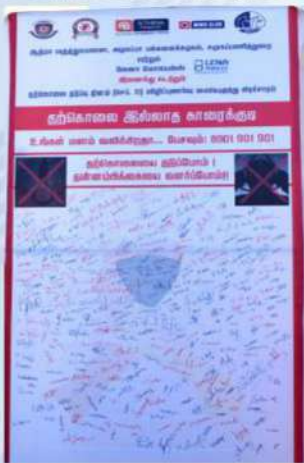
In Commemorate of World Suicide Prevention Week - 2023 Dated on 10th Sep 2023, On Behalf of Alagappa University Department of Social Work, Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Science in Collaboration With Athma Hospital, Trichy, Conducted Suicide Prevention Awareness Programme on 20th September 2023 at the Convocation Hall, Alagappa University Dr. R. Stalin, IPS, Assistant Superintendent, Karaikudi initiated this programme by Lightening Ceremony and gave a thematic speech about the awareness of Suicide by introducing the Suicide Helpline Number (104&1091). Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head Incharge Welcomed the gathering.



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:



Alagappa University Syndicate Member Dr. K. Gunasekaran and Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Professor and Head of the Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Science spoke about the Effects of Society Issues due to People Committing Suicide.



From Athma Hospital, Trichy Mr. J. Karan Louis, Project Director (Mind Club) & Community Social Worker and Ms. Karthiga, Counsellor spoke about the Prevention of Suicidal Thoughts and Contribution of Social Workers in it. For this Occasion, Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant proposed a Vote of Thanks.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work welcomed the gathering by delivering welcome speech. Prof G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor initiated the program by Lamp Lightening Ceremony followed by he explained how technologies influences and affecting the Student's Mental Well-being. At the end of his speech, he reminded that the "Human's Mental Health plays vital role in their life".



Further, Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Professor and Head, Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Science spoke about the importance of student's mental health in their day to day life. Dr. P.R. Sathish Sankar, MD(psy), DPM, Satellite Clinic Psychiatrist, District Mental Health Program (DMHP) provides thematic address about the Importance of Human's Mental Health, Awareness on Regarding the Mental Disorders and introduced the mental health helpline (14166). On addition to this programme, a Blood Donation Camp was organized by our students.

Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work proposed a vote of thanks for this great occasion.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2023



In commemorate of World Mental Day 2023 dated on 10th October 2023 , Department of Social Work & Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science in collaboration with District Mental Health Program (DMHP), Sivagangai, conducted World Mental Health Awareness Programme on 11th October 2023 in Convocation Seminar Hall, Alagappa University.



TECHNICAL SESSION:

In Technical Session, First Dr. P.R. Sathish Sankar explained Hierarchy Structure and Purpose of District Mental Health Programme through Power Point Presentation. He Created an awareness by explaining the treatment process for patients if the person is mentally affected.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:



From the Students and Faculties Side, totally 17 team of members did presentation on the various aspects of Mental Well-being i.e., team of five students from the Social Work Department, team of 9 students, Mr. G. Ravichandran, Phd Scholar; Mr. Adaikalam, Phd Scholar and Mr. Sheik Ahmad Imthiyas, Teaching Assistant from Special Education & Rehabilitation Science Department were presented.

Dr. C. Vengateshwaran, Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work and Mr. Tarak Halder, Teaching Assistant, Department of Special education & Rehabilitation Science were the moderators for the technical session.

VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK 2023



The Department of Social Work and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science in collaboration with United India Insurance Co Ltd., Karaikudi Celebrated the Vigilance Awareness Week on 14th November 2023 at Alagappa University.

Earlier on 09th November 2023 various Competitions on the topic "Say No to Corruption - Commit to the Nation" to the Students of Alagappa University and Affiliated College Students.



Honourable Vice –Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof.G.Ravi , distributed prizes to the student winners for the competitions conducted and Presided over the Programme. In his presidential address he pointed out why the citizens of Scandinavian Countries like Denmark, Sweden, Norway are leading a happier life, It's because the Corruption rate goes down and the happiness rate goes up. Once in Asia, Singapore is considered to be one of the poorest nations, but now Singapore has grown into one of the leading economy among the Asian Continent. It's also because of the corruption free practices of the country.

Mr.M.Baskaran, Branch Mangaer, United India Insurance Co Ltd., Karaikudi emphasised that India can become a developed nation only when we build a corrupt free Nation.



Mr.M. Radhakrishnan, Social Activist, Arappor lyakkam Chennai in his thematic address quoted various real life situations where our country is being corrupt. Through his interaction with the students, he adduced upon to voice out against the people who indulge in corruption.

Dr.J.Sujathamalini , Dean – Education in her keynote address expressed the importance of celebrating vigilance awareness week in educational institutions among the student communities. Dr.MA.Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head i/c , Department of Social Workdelivered the welcome address and took up the integrity pledge with all the participants against corruption.Mr.J.Viginesh Sabarikiran, Guest Faculty Proposed the vote of thanks.

VILLAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME - 2023

On the Behalf of Alagappa University, the Department of Social Work collaborated with the Department of Lifelong Learning Organized, a Three days Camp of Village Extension Programme-2023 in Vadakudi from 27th October 2023 - 29th October 2023.

SOCIAL WORK GARDEN





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