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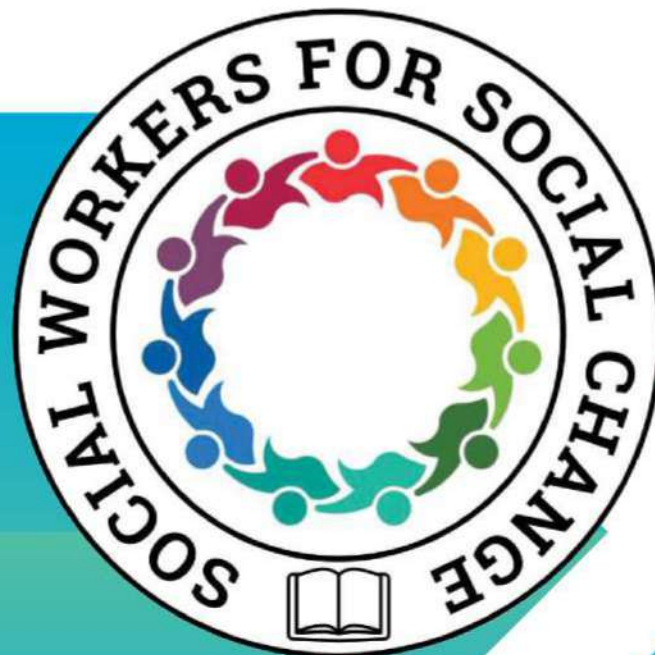
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From the chief editor,

Welcome to the latest edition of our Social Work Magazine
“SOCIAL WORKERS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE”! As we delve deep into the myriad topics and issues facing our profession, we’re reminded of the vital role social workers play in advocating for justice, equality, and well-being for all individuals and communities.

In this issue, we explore diverse perspectives, innovative practices, and emerging challenges confronting the field. As we navigate through these complex times, let us reaffirm our commitment to compassion, empathy, and social justice.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. We hope you find inspiration, insight, and encouragement within these pages. Thank you for your dedication to the social work profession.

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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:

DAY-1



Inauguration function of Village Extension Programme was Held in Vadakudi Palaniyappa Elementary School on 27.10.2023 at 10.30 am.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work delivered the Presidential Address. He mentioned about the Importance of Village Extension Programme and advised to the students that just Understand the livelihood, dynamics and needs of village through the camp which will be useful for our future career.

Vadagudi President Mr. Balasubramaniam told that his Transformation of life from an Ordinary employ to Vadagudi president as a pioneer to all. His words gave an inspiration to the students. Mrs. Vairajothi, Head Mistress of Vadagudi Elementary School expressed her happiness through her kindful words. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant explained the Purpose of Village Extension Programme for students to work in the field. And Highlighted that being similarities of Virtues between Dr. MA. Velusamy and Mr. Balasubramaniam.



Alagappa University Vice Chancellor, Prof. G. Ravi Visited the School and witnessed the Student's Activities. After that he came to see the student's works and effort, he appreciated and enjoyed a Puppetry show played by our Social Work Students in the theme of "Self Hygiene" in front of school students. Further, Conducted a fun games and competitions to the school students. Finally, Mr. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant distributed the prizes to the winning students. Ms. Vinothini, II MSW welcomed the gathering and Ms. Purna Pushpakala, II MSW proposed a Vote of Thanks.



The First day activity was held on the theme of "Cleanliness". Conducted a Community Clean in Vadagudi Public Pond around 2.30 pm. At Evening, Cultural Programme was held in Pillaiyaarkoodam, Vadagudi. Head Incharge Dr. MA. Velusamy, Teaching Assistants Dr.C.Vengateswaran, Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Head of the Lifelong Learning Department Dr. Johnson, Assistant Professor Mr.Neethiperumal were participated. Bank Manager Mr. Sundararajan, Retired Head Master Mr. R.M. Nelliyaan, Mr. K. Azhagappan, Vadagudi Trustee & Retired Bank Manager were invited as the chief guests. Mime, Group Dance, Parai Dance, Group Songs were given by the Social Work Students. For this occasion, Welcome address was given by Ms. Madhumitha, II MSW and Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Nandhini, II MSW.



DAY-2

In the Second day camp, Registrar Prof. S. Rajmohan and Member Dr. K. Gunasekaran came to Community Hall and supervised the Student's Activities. They appreciated and enthused the Students. Second Day Camp Activities were initiated with Student's Rally, on the theme of "Environment Hygiene & Education Awareness". The Rally began from Community Hall to Pillaiyaarkoodam in Vadagudi around 11 am on the date of 28.10.2023. The Rally was started by Mr. K. Azhagappan, Vadagudi Trustee & Retired Bank Manager by waving the green flag.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:



Then conducted Survey by interviewed the people by questionnairing on the theme of "Impact of Covid-19 Livelihood patterns of rural households in selected taluks of Sivagangai & Ramanathapuram Districts of Southern Tamilnadu" in Vadagudi Village.



Around 3.30 pm, Organized Focus Group Discussion for Community People in Vadagudi Village. Mrs. Agnes Fedoline, II MSW talked about the Women Health in Rural Areas, Ms. Janet Silviya, II MSW explained about the Cancer awareness, Ms. Femisha, II MSW gave awareness on the topic of Mobile Addiction, Ms. Parveen Reena, II MSW talked about Schemes for Oldage People for the beneficial of rural people. People asked and Clarified their Doubts to the Students regarding these topics.

At the Evening, Cultural Programmes were conducted in Pillaiyaarkoodam, Vadagudi. Mime, Street Theatre, Solo Dance, Puppetry and Group Dance were given by the Social Work Students and Drama was given by the Lifelong Learning Students. Ms. Senthamil Selvi, II MSW welcomed the gathering. Ms. Abirami, II MSW proposed a vote of thanks. Village Peoples and children were participated in this programme.



DAY-3



The Third Day programme was started by organizing a Health & Hygiene Awareness Programme on 29.10.2023 in Vadagudi Panjayat Office.

Ms. Sneha Shruthi, II MSW delivered the welcome address. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head Incharge, Department of Social Work gave a Presidential Address to this programme. Dr. M. Kumaran delivered a special address about Healthcare Concern of Our Day to Day Routine life through the interaction with students and explained about the Structure of Medical Administrative of Public Health Department. This session was more informative to all the students and provided such health & disease related ideas to the students for apply in their field of studies and career. Mrs. Jeyalakshmi, Village Staff Nurse shared her Roles and Responsibilities in this work. Ms. Prabha, II MSW proposed a vote of thanks.

Next, Conducted a Palm seed planting in the Nursery Garden of Vadagudi. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head Incharge of Social Work Department initiated this programme by planting the Palm Seeds. Further, All the students and participants were planted. Totally 35 palm seeds were planted. Mr. M. Joseph Sebastian Saint Jean, Director & Chief Trainer of Aatral Management Consultants, Chennai was Special Invitee of this Function. Ms. Janet Silviya, II MSW thanked him for came to our programme



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

Three days Camp of Village Extension Programme-2023 came to end with Valedictory Function, around 2 pm in Community Hall, Vadagudi. Ms. Swetha, II MSW delivered the welcome speech. Students Shared their Feedback about three day activities. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant addressed an Overall Report of Three day Activities. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c spoke about three days camp and what kind of learning & understanding taken by the students through these days. Mr. Balasubramaniam shared his words about three day activities. Mr. M. Joseph Sebastian Saint Jean appreciated the student's effort and their works. Then, kindly advised the students to not fall on addiction with mobiles and cinema. Finally, Ms. Gayathri, II MSW proposed vote of thanks. Village Extension Programme - 2023 was successfully completed by taking a Group Photo and the Social work Clapping.



Chennai, International Justice Mission, Programme Head Mr. Jeba Prince underlined the date of 09 February 1976 which specifies especially for Bonded Labourer System Abolition. He denoted to all students that the people in our country should have the rights to vote. Madras High Court Advocate, Mr. M.Raja gave a short talk about bonded labourers and Chennai, International Justice Mission, Head of Rehabilitation & Social Service Mr. Sandeep Joseph Samuel talked about Survey which will be taken by the students. Finally Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant proposed a Vote of Thanks.

Technical Session:

Mr. Sandeep Joseph Samuel explained the Introduction of International Justice Mission, its Vision & Mission and its effective functioning to rescue and benefit the bonded labourers. He noticed the Free Helpline Number for Bonded Labour i.e., 1800 4252 650.

Mr. M. Raja described about the Legal perspectives of Bonded Labourers by explaining the Articles and Case Studies. Mr. Jeba Prince talked about the Central Sector Schemes for Bonded Labourers. Finally, They Clarified the Doubts of Students regarding to this topic.

LECTURE FOR MSW STUDENTS:

On behalf of Social Work Department, Conducted Lecture Programme for MSW Students on 30.10.2023 in Conference Hall, Department of Social Work.



TRAINING FOR TRAINERS PROGRAMME ON BONDED LABOURERS

Inaugural Session:

On the Behalf of Alagappa University, Department of Social Work conducted Training for trainers programme on BONDED LABOURERS on 30.10.2023 in Conference Hall, Department of Social Work.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head In charge delivered a Welcome Speech. Sivaganga, Assistant Commissioner of Labour Enforcement Mrs. I. Muthu delivered a thematic address. In her speech, she specially mentioned that rescue cases of bonded labourers in her period of service. She listed out the Articles & Schemes related to Bonded labourers to give beneficial to students. Sivaganga, Deputy Inspector of Labour Enforcement Mr. Velayutham addressed about the bonded labourer by explaining real rescue incidents.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

Ms. Senthamil Selvi, II MSW delivered a welcome Address. Our Chief Guest Mr. M. Joseph Sebastian Saint Jean, Director & Chief Trainer of Aatral Management Consultants, Chennai cordially covered the Topics of Positive Industrial Relations and Effective Communication with much of Interactions, Demos with Students for grabbing points easily through the Power Point Presentation. This session was excellence to change and build our personality towards the career and professional healthy life benefit. Students gave Positive feedback about this session. Ms. Varsha, II MSW proposed a vote of thanks.

WEBINAR SERIES-I

On the side of Alagappa University, Department of Social Work Organized a Webinar Series-I on 28.08.2023.

Ms. Deepika, II MSW delivered a Welcome Address. Chief Guest Mr. E. Babu, Country Director (INDIA), ECHO-INDIA, New Delhi took on the topic of "CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE OF MENTAL

HEALTH DISORDERS" through online. From His Speech, Trainees got some new knowledgeable things regarding to Medical and Psychiatric Settings.

Further, he introduced Mr. Nithin Antony, Psychiatric Field Practitioner. He spoke about how psychiatric things will be applicable to the practical field. They Cleared the doubts from Student's Side regarding to this specific topic. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant summed up their session. Ms. Abirami, II MSW proposed a Vote of Thanks.

WEBINAR SERIES - II

Department of Social Work, Alagappa University organized a Webinar Series-II on 25.09.2023.

Ms. Gayathri, II MSW welcomed the Gathering. Our Chief Guest Mr. Ambedkar Sekar, CSR – Program Manager, VISCH Power Tools Manufacturing Division took over the session to his lecture on the peak topic of

"A ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKER IN CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY". He defined under this topic such as Definitions of CSR, Benefits of CSR, CSR Evolution, CSR in India, CSR in Practice - Governance and Implementation etc these topics were mainly included. From his technical session, Students have learnt more

things and ideas about the CSR related to Study also. Then, Mr. Ambedkar Sekar clearly clarified the Student's Doubt regarding to this topic. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant followed by the Students gave Feedback about this informative session. Ms. Senthamil Selvi, II MSW delivered a Vote of Thanks.

WEBINAR SERIES - III

The Department of Social Work conducted Webinar Series-III on the dated of 20th October 2023. Ms. Vanitha, II MSW gathered all by delivering Welcome Speech.

Our Chief Guest Mrs. Lakshmi Devi TN, Workforce Specialist & Non-Profit Employment Source Ontario Psychologist & Mental Health Supporter, Canada took a lecture on the

topic of "POWER OF EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE". She explained What is Emotional Intelligence, Difference between High Emotional Intelligence and low Emotional Intelligence, Concepts of Emotional Intelligence i.e., Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness and Relationship Management and How to Strengthen Our Own Emotional Intelligence by sharing the presentation slides. From her lectures, Students got ideas about how to manage our emotions professionally and personally. Ms. Thaarani, II MSW proposed a Vote of Thanks.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES:

BOOK TALK PROGRAMME – 2



On the side of Department of Social Work organized நூல்களை நேசிப்போம் – 2 on 01.08.2023 in Conference Hall, Department of Social Work. For this programme, Ms. K. Sneha, II MSW gave a Welcome Address. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head in charge, delivered a Presidential Address about what kind of Good Transformation would happen when human started to reading a book with the right example of History of Alexander Cunningham, Father of Archaeology. Ms. Swetha, I MSW spoke about the Importance of Books in Social Work that she gave new information about the books in general. Ms. Aarthi, II MSW delivered a Short Review on the book of " அணிலாடும் முன்றில் " by the Author " நா.முத்துக்குமார் " in her view of perception.



Then, Ms. Jothi Meenakshi and Mr. Baskal Puthin KA of I MSW recited a Tamil poetry about book reading. Our Chief Guest, Dr.S. Naganathan, Principal, Ramanathan Tamil College, Karaikudi oriented about the Benefits of Book Reading and gave some tips for have a book reading as a Usual Habit. He defined some enthusiastic information in the topic of " நூல் எனும் தோழன் ". Ms. Gayathri, II MSW proposed a Vote of Thanks.



BOOK TALK PROGRAMME – 3



Alagappa University, Department of Social Work Conducted நூல்களை நேசிப்போம் – 3 on the dated of 08.08.2023 in Conference Hall, Department of Social Work. For this programme, Ms. A. Pavithra, II MSW welcomed the gathering by delivering Welcome Speech. Ms. C. Varsha, II MSW proposed the Chief Guest Profile to Introduce him. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head In charge recounted his experience on publishing the first poetry in magazine on his College Days and mentioned the importance of magazine reading. From the Student's Side, Mr. Sharukesavan, II MSW delivered the Short Review on the Book of " கிழவனும் கடலும் " by Author "Ernest Hemingway" in his perception. Mr. Prakash, I MSW shared his Review on the book of "கள்ளிக்காட்டு இதிகாசம்" by Author "Vairamuthu".



Next, Ms. Priyadharshini, II MSW and Ms. Kaviya, I MSW recited a Tamil poem about Book Reading. Chief Guest Dr. K. Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics & Rural Development, Alagappa University delivered a Keynote Address. He encouraged and motivated the Students to read books and Suggested some motivational books to the students. At the end of this programme, Ms. X. Little Flower, II MSW Proposed a Vote of Thanks.

SOCIAL WORK GARDEN





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