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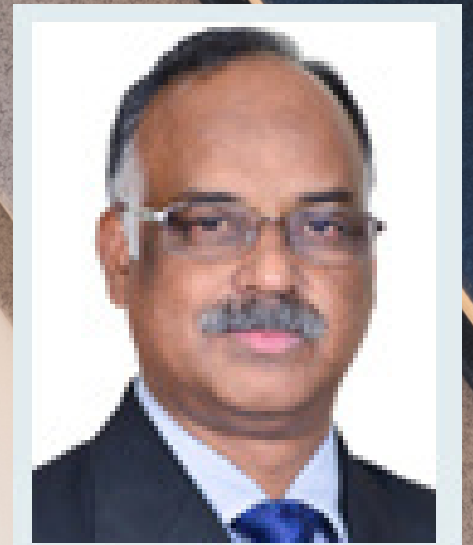
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Preface

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The Department of Social Work at Christ (Deemed to be) University was established in 2004 with the vision of “Excellence in social work education through service and research”. The department offers two post-graduate programs in Social Work; MSW HRDM and MSW CCP. The department also provides MPhil and Ph.D. programs for aspiring research scholars. The extensive fieldwork and internship opportunities are the highlights of the programs. The programs are designed to develop personal and professional competencies by the blending of knowledge and practice. The department strives to inculcate social responsibility, accountability, and ethics within the students. Along with the educational and academic engagements, the department takes part in catering services to the society through student-led projects. The programs of the department for the academic year 2016-17 began with the five-day Induction Program for MSW Freshers, which was followed by a conference on NEET’S IN NEED by CSA for MSW CCP. Other programs of the year were a street play on Healthy Food Practices, State Level Consultation on Children in Difficult Circumstances (CIDC), Teach for India, and so on. Rural Camps were conducted for MSW HRDM and MSW CCP at Hoskote and Bagalkote, respectively. Other programs like the National Workshop on Combating Child Labour and Child Trafficking, Quality Improvement Program (QIP), Student Exchange Program of HAN University, Training Program on Human Rights sponsored by NHRC were also conducted. The department also celebrated the International Social Work Week from January 26 to February 6, 2017, and World Social Work Day in March 2017. The department also organized Teacher Awards for Innovative Teaching to improve the efficiency of the faculty.

JUNE 11, 2016

INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR MSW FRESHERS 2016 BATCH (7-11 JUNE 2016)

The Department of Social Work organized a five-day Induction Programme for MSW (Clinical and Community Practice) and MSW (Human Resource Development and Management) students from 7/6/2016 to 11/6/2016. The objectives of this induction program were:

- To help students get familiarized with their surroundings
- To support students to prepare effectively to meet the demands of their course and eventual career path
- To provide information on respective roles of students and teaching faculty
- To encourage students to disclose their needs and seek appropriate support
- To help students to acquire the basic concepts of the discipline of the University

Departmental Induction programme started with welcoming the newly joined students of 1st MSW CCP and 1st MSW HRDM and the inauguration of the course by Dr. Victor Paul, the Head of the Department. He discussed the Departmental Vision and Mission and gave information about the University and Department in General.

The Induction Programme ended with the Orientation Visit of students to LR Nagar Project area of Centre for Social Action where the students had Transect Walk in the community, Interaction with community members, activity centre and transit school children and project staff. Dr. Sojan Antony, Dr. P. M. Mathew, and Prof. Ngaitlang Mary Tariang coordinated the visit. The induction programme gave an opportunity for students to get familiarized with the campus, culture, and surroundings. It was also a support for students to prepare effectively to meet the demands of their course and eventual career path. The sessions provided all sorts of information on the respective roles of students and teaching faculty at the University. The induction was a platform for encouraging students to disclose their needs and seek appropriate support whenever it is needed.

The Vice Chancellor along with other dignitaries inaugurated the Academic Year 2016-2017 which was held on 7th June 2016 from 9am to 11am at main auditorium. The first session of the induction programme began by invocation dance, followed by lighting the lamp and reading the Holy Scriptures from Bhagavadh Geetha, Quran and the Bible. The inaugural address by Dr. Fr. Thomas C. Mathew, Vice Chancellor was focused on the Vision, Mission and Core Values of Christ University. The other important areas of focus were pertaining to readiness to change for 'Excellence & Service', 'Power of Library' and Research & Publication.



NEET'S IN NEEDS CONFERENCE

JUNE 27,2016

Students of MSW CCP attended a conference on NEET'S IN NEED, organized by Centre For Social Action together with FSL India on 27th of June 2016. The Conference was inaugurated by Mr.Rakesh, President of FSL India, and Prof. Phinu Jose, the Director, CSA, Christ University. The conference proved to be a forum to discuss the needs of youth who are not educated, not employed, and not trained.

The conference started off with an invocation song by MSW CCP students and lighting the lamp by the president of FSL, director of CSA, volunteers from the Youth Development Program, students from MSW, and youths from the Kolar project. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Ranjith, co-ordinator of CSA following which Mr. Rakesh, introduced the programs under the ERASMUS+ project of FSL India. Prof. Phinu Jose felicitated the conference by discussing the importance of such a conference for youths. She also elucidated on the globalization effects that seen in India for a long period.

The last session was composed of a presentation by the respective group leader on different themes as discussed by different groups in World café. The presentation was evaluated and the discussion was led by a panel comprising the president of FSL India, coordinators of ERASMUS+ project and CSA. The conference came to an end with the vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Ranjith.



JULY 14, 2016

Street Play on Healthy Food Practices



STATE LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

A state-level consultation on children in difficult circumstances (CIDC) was conducted on 18th July 2016 in room number 911, Christ University, Bengaluru from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM. The programme was supported by PLAN India and jointly organized by the Academy of Gandhian Studies, Association for Promoting Social Action, Manav Charities, and Department of Social work, Christ University, Bengaluru. The programme started by inviting all the guests to the dais by students of Christ University which was followed by a welcome address by Ms. Brinda Adige. Mr. Gopalakrishna Murthy – AGS gave the background and objectives of the consultation where he explained the need for developing a platform where a dialogue, information and innovative ideas could take place among multiple stakeholders in issues concerning children in difficult circumstances, promotion of knowledge management, formation of consortium and building of forums where voices of children and youth can be heard to drive better policies. Ms. Anita Kumar, PLAN India gave Plan India's perspective on CIDC where she spoke about Plan, which is a member of Plan International Federation, a nationally registered independent child development organization and is committed to creating a lasting impact in the lives of vulnerable and excluded children, their families and communities. She also mentioned about the relevance of "Plan for every child" initiative taken by Plan India which is a plan to foster dialogue, exchange ideas, and innovative thinking on children's rights.

The first session on Child Labor was moderated by Mr. Lakshapathi, APSA. The panelists included Ms. Kavita Ratna, from The Concerned for Working Children, Ms. Kathyayini from CIVIC, and Mr. William Christopher from International Justice Mission(IJM). Ms. Kavita Ratna dealt with the strategies and challenges in combating Child Labor.

The Subject for the second panel was 'Child Marriage' and the Moderator for this panel was Mr. Mariswamy, Member, KSCPCR. The panelists included Ms. Nalini Shekar, Hasiru Dala, Ms. Edwina Pereira, INSA, and Ms. Pankaja, KIDS, Dharwad. Ms. Nalini Shekar introduced Hasiru Dala which strives to eradicate child marriage, key strategies adopted to address the issues were discussed including organizing, intervention, and planning for the way ahead through networks.

Children subjected to sexual exploitation and 'children impacted by disasters' were the subjects for the third and fourth Panels. The Moderator for both the panels was Ms. Joyathri Equations and the panelists included Mr. Stanley, Odanadi, Mysore, Ms. Hemalatha, Inspector Mr. Nagamani, SI-SJPU, and Mr. Amit Singh. Mr. Stanley spoke about Key strategies adopted to address the issue with a case study of 17-year-old Sandeep, 14-year-old Prashanth whose needs were assessed and addressed by effective interventions. Ms. Hemalatha explained about Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) in Karnataka and the specialized child-friendly services to children in need of care and protection as well as those alleged to be in conflict with the law. Mr. Nagamani discussed about child sexual exploitation in tourism, especially domestic tourism.

AUGUST 03,2016

Teach For India

Teach For India is a nationwide movement of college and graduates and outstanding working professionals who teach full time for two years in low-income and under-resourced schools and become lifelong leaders working towards equity in education.

The session began at 2 pm and the resource persons were two young ladies who were the Fellow member and Alumni of Teach For India. They took the students of 3rd MSW CCP through a detailed explanation on how the Fellowship program works, what the benefits were, and what is the present status of education in the country.



**“UNDERSTANDING THE
FUNCTIONING OF YOUR
EAR BETTER”- AN
INTERACTION WITH
HEARFON**

The presentation began with a very brief introduction about the two resource persons namely Mrs. Jayanti and Ms. Andrea from the organization named “Hearfon”, Bengaluru in the presence of the Faculty of Social Work Department and the students of 3rd MSW CCP.

The session further was carried on with interactions and queries. The students could connect the topic with their future career options and gained a lot of insights through the presentation. The session ended by 3.30 pm and vote of thanks was taken over by Ivy Sebastian of 3rd MSW CCP.



RURAL CAMP-2016 (CROSS CULTURE FIELD STUDY) FOR STUDENTS OF III SEMESTER MSW-HRDM

The rural camp for the MSW students specializing in Human Resource Development and Management (2015-2017) of Christ University was organized in collaboration with the Centre for Social Action (CSA) and the Department of Social Work, Christ University. The camp was from 4th August to 10th August 2016. It focused on providing Cross-Cultural exposure to students in a village of Hoskote (rural setting). The main objectives were to analyze the business and economic activities of the SHG's (Self Help Groups) in that village, cross-cultural understanding and mutual learning and, to give an opportunity to students for learning leadership and teamwork. The rural camp started with an industrial visit to a manufacturing unit of BEML Limited in Bangalore. The students were divided into eight committees that catered to the different aspects of the camp. Also, at the campsite, students were further divided into four groups for village visits in Hoskote, in order to collect the required information that meets the objectives of the camp. Two faculty members had accompanied the students there. 30 SHG were surveyed across 8 villages in and around the campsite. A group of students had visited a school in Thoranahalli to conduct activities and play games with the primary students of that school. The Cultural Committee had organized around 30 recreational activities for the school children, SHG members, Cluster level group, Board of Directors, students, and the faculty. The students actively performed with the members of the communities. There were other special activities conducted during the camp and they include, cleaning in and around the campsite, grooming a mentally challenged person, painting the accommodation center, and conducting games and guest lecture by Ms. Meenakshi, a distinguished person from an NGO. The major objectives that were laid for the camp were met to a large extent. One of the benefits of the camp was that all students worked as a team. The students interacted with the local community and adjusted extremely well with the food, weather, and the rural setting. As a whole, the camp had been a huge learning experience for all the students.



RURAL CAMP-2016(CROSS-CULTURAL FIELD STUDY) FOR STUDENTS OF MSW-CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE

Department of Social Work in association with Centre for Social Action (CSA) organized one week rural camp for second year students of MSW (Clinical and Community Practice) at Jamakhandi, Bagalkote, 7 to 14 August, 2016. Faculty members Dr. Sojan Antony and Prof. Ngaitlang Mary Tariang accompanied the students for the rural camp. This cross cultural field study aimed to nurture students' competency to understand problems of rural society and to equip them to intervene effectively in rural community. Major activities of the camp were visiting community based organizations, home visits, surveys, voluntary efforts to renovate an Anganwadi through painting, surveys to understand the socio economic fabric of rural community, street play campaign for preventing communicable diseases and promoting livelihood opportunities, village survey and visiting other key stake holders of community such as schools, Panchayat office, agricultural offices, primary health centre and activity centers of CSA.

Students excelled in their involvement, planning, creativity, communication and problem solving skills during camp. The members of local community observed and appreciated the students' initiatives to touch the lives of people from marginalized sections of society.



NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON COMBATING CHILD LABOUR AND CHILD TRAFFICKING 18-19 AUGUST 2016

This report provides the summary of the events of the two days National Level Capacity Building Workshop for Child Rights Social Workers, held at Christ University, in association with the Indian Network of Professional Social Work Associations (INPSWA), Child Rights Trust (CRT), and International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) on 18 & 19 August 2016.

The inaugural session of the “National Level Capacity Building Workshop for Child Rights Social Workers” started on 18/08/2016 at 10:30 AM. Dr. Hemalatha, Associate. Prof. Social Work Dept. Christ University was the master of ceremony. Dr. Victor Paul, Head, Dept. of Social Work, Christ University delivered the Welcome Speech. The workshop was inaugurated with the watering of plants by the dignitaries. Mr. N.V. Vasudeva Sharma Chairman, Programme Committee Executive Director, Child Rights Trust, enlightened the event by providing the Overview of the Workshop. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. R. Ragavendra Jannu, Commissioner of Labour, Govt. of Karnataka. In his speech, he informed the participants that a new “Anti child labor action plan” was being drafted by the Govt. of Karnataka. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Lukose Vallatharai, Independent Consultant, Public Policy. He highlighted two important factors that led to increased school dropout rates among children. Following the Keynote address, the guests of honor Prof. Mariko Kimura, President, IFSWA-Asia Pacific, Prof. Michiko Hirato, Treasurer, IFSWA-Asia Pacific, and Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto, Registrar, Christ University adorned the event by sharing their rich thoughts and experiences. Prof. L.S. Gandhi Doss, President, INPSWA, delivered the Presidential Address, emphasizing the issue of migration happening at the present times, and the consequences that affect the children. Finally, the vote of thanks was given by Mr. M.V. Sriganesh, Secretary-General, INPSWA.

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On behalf of the Social work Department, Christ University, Dr. K. Hemalatha, Associate Professor, thanked the organizers and the participants of the workshop. She also expressed gratitude to IFSW for their collaboration with the Social work Dept. Christ University. And finally, Prof. L.S. Ghandi Doss, President, INPSWA, delivered the Presidential Address in the valedictory session. In his speech, he emphasized the need for analyzing the policies that concern children. Followed by the presidential speech, the certificates were issued for the participants by the dignitaries. Towards the end of the session, Prof. Shobana Takrar delivered the vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, resource persons, organizers and the participants.



SEPTEMBER 29,2016

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (QIP)

The Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) was organized on 27, 28, and 29 September 2016. the Theme of the programme was Research and Publication. The Faculty members of the department presented their area of interest and expertise related to Research and Publication. Dr. Aarthi Jagannathan from NIMHANS and Dr. Parashurama KG from Tumkur University was the external reviewers.



Student Exchange

Programme: HAN University

OCTOBER 2016

Anupam Das and Tony Thomas Mathew, students from IV semester were selected for student exchange programme of HAN University, Netherlands for two months. they underwent courses on Intercultural Social Profession and International Sustainable Development. They were also involved in various research and other activities of the University.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME II

NOVEMBER 19, 2016



INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2017

As part of International Social Work week, the faculty members and students from Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland visited the Department of Social Work, Christ University. The programme was from January 26, 2017 to February 6, 2017. The team was given a traditional welcome followed by an Inaugural programme on January 26, 2017 from 12.15pm to 1.30 pm.

Dr. Victor Paul, HOD, welcomed the team and introduced Christ University and Department of Social Work. Dr. K Hemalatha, Associate Professor, Dr. Sheeja Karalam, Associate Professor, Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Programme Manager, CSA, addressed the team on Social Work Practices in India and the agenda of International Social Work week. MSW students and faculty members accompanied the group for a campus tour.

The closing session of the International Social Work Week was held on February 06, 2016(Wednesday) at 11.00 am. Prof. Dr. Ursula Blosser, Dean, School of Social Work, appreciated the team as well as the Dept. of Social Work for its collaboration and successful completion of the program. Dr. Mallika Krishnaswani, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Christ University addressed the guests. Dr. Victor Paul, Head, Department of Social Work, appreciated all the team members for the active participation and spoke about the way forward. Dr. Sheeja Karalam summarized the whole programme. The students and faculty members shared their experiences on the fieldwork exposure and a detailed feedback session was conducted during this session. In conclusion, the students and faculty were given a Certificate of Participation.



“TEACHER AWARDS FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING (TAFIT) – 2016”

JANUARY 28,2017

Times Foundation and Christ University in partnership with Byju's, organized "Teacher Awards for Innovative Teaching (TAFIT) – 2016". TAFIT aims to recognize and acknowledge innovative strategies tried by teachers in their classrooms. Teachers across Karnataka had sent their portfolios showcasing innovative ideas in teaching-learning assessments.

On 28th January, the Award ceremony was organised at Christ University which was attended by esteemed guests, teachers and budding teachers from the Department of Education, Christ University. The event was inaugurated by a traditional lamp lighting ceremony.

Ms. Kala Devi, South Regional Head of Times Foundation spoke about the recognition of Teachers and the need for TAFIT. Ms. Shwetha Harshwal, Programme Manager of Times Foundation gave information about the TAFIT Awards.

Following this Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto, Registrar of Christ University took efforts to narrate the Christ University's journey in Education and the role of today's teachers in shaping today's youth. Prof. Mallika Krishnaswamy, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences gave her observations on the event and also spoke about the importance of the role of a teacher and the lasting impact that the profession has.

Chief Guest of the event Mr. Jaffer, Commissioner for Public Instructions and State Project Director, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, in his talk stressed the need to incorporate technology into teaching and said it could not replace a teacher totally. He also mentioned that Technology Assisted Learning Projects (TALP) is being introduced in the state to improve standards especially in government schools. He added that the studies show that level of proficiency among students is dismally low, so through Pratham Project, remedial intervention has been undertaken. The Guest of Honour was Ms. Anita Nazare, Dy Director Education Cell, spoke about the relevance of teachers and the teaching tool in shaping the future. She said teachers have to go beyond just the learning, reading, writing and speaking abilities of the students and she also pointed out that technology is not just about using a projector or audio visual elements but asking students the right questions and using appropriate evaluation methods.

Later, the Panelist Judge, Ms Padma Shastry, Director-Samam Vidya gave an overview on the innovative methods used by teacher applicants.

The winners for the event were awarded with cash prize and certificates. The details are of follows:

Savithri .K, Pompei High School, Nazia Shamim from Deens Academy, S.P Sridevi from The Brigade School, Jaishree. B.N from Sindhi School and Revathi Sundaresan from National Hill View Public School were awarded as winners for TAFIT 2016-17.

Rama Devi from Christel House India, Anu Thomas from Christ School, Ketaki Kumta from Deens Academy, Prathima Pai from Sindhi School, Kavitha Mohan from Deens academy received runner up awards and were awarded with mementos and certificates

JANUARY 31, 2017

ONE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME ON HUMAN RIGHTS SPONSORED BY NHRC

The Department of Social Work, Christ University in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission of India organized a training programme on Human Rights on 31st January 2017. This was the 4th training in this series being organized by Christ University with the financial support of National Human Rights Commission. 110 students and faculty members from different deaneries of the University and Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) participated in the training programme. The programme was organized with an objective to sensitize university students and faculty members on human rights issues. The training programme had four technical sessions with themes varying from introduction to Human Rights, Human Rights Institutions in India, Rights of Women and Children and Rights of other vulnerable groups respectively. The sessions were aimed at developing an understanding of human rights and its application in the field by the participant with the help of experts from the field of Human Rights.



The inaugural programme started at 9.30 am with the invocation song by Dr. Mary Tariang (Assistant Professor), Department of Social Work. It was then followed by a welcome speech and concept presentation by Dr. Mathew CP, the convener of the programme.

The inaugural ceremony ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Nibedita Dutta, the student coordinator followed by the National Anthem. Mr. Md. Musaib, Student of 4th Semester Sociology was the MC for the inaugural ceremony.

Session 1: Introduction to Human Rights

Session 2: Human Rights Institutions in India

Session 3: Rights of Women and Children

Session 4: Rights of other Vulnerable Groups

Conclusion:

Dr. Mathew C.P., the convener of the programme delivered the vote of thanks which was preceded by the distribution of certificates to the participants. The one-day training programme was also accompanied with tea and snacks in between the session and exquisite lunch for all the participants.



**WORLD SOCIAL WORK
DAY -2017 PROMOTING
COMMUNITY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY 21
MARCH 2017**

World Social Work Day has become a vital point in the social work calendar with social workers all over the world celebrating and promoting the contributions of the profession to individuals, families, communities and wider society. This day is celebrated on every 3rd Tuesday in March. The themes of World Social Work Day are set for two years according to the goals of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. On this date social work organizations throughout the world mark, World Social Work Day bring messages to their governments, communities, and peer professional groups on the unique and significant contributions of the social work profession.

The theme for two years 2017 and 2018 are 'Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability' relates to the third pillar of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. To mark the occasion, Department of Social work, Christ University, Bengaluru, India in association with FSL India observed World Social Work Day on 21 March 2017.

Dr. Mallika Krishnaswamy, Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences was the Chief Guest of the programme. She made clear to the participants on significance of preserving one's own culture and values no matter how advanced we are and the need of 3D's- Discipline, Devotion and Diligence in everyone's life.

The prolific author, journalist and social activist Mr. Siddhartha, founder Pipal Tree & Fire Flies Intercultural Centre, Bangalore, delivered the key note address with an enlightening story that helped the audience to contemplate on viewing things from deeper roots that will prove that everyone has common grounds no matter how different it looks from shallow heights.

Dr. Victor Paul, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work and Sociology, in his felicitation address, connected the theme on positive actions of social work education and environment – the eco social work and green social work, demonstrated sustainable community development models in the projects of Centre for Social Action and encouraged students on their role as change agents to act upon UN Sustainable Development Goals 7, 8,9,11&13 focusing community and sustainable environment.

Rahul Raghav, FSL team member jerked the audience with power packed group bonding activities that left the audience merry and wanting for more of it.

WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY -2017 PROMOTING COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY 21 MARCH 2017

Technical session started with a Panel discussion on the theme “Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability”. Panellists were Mr. Nirban Ganguly and Ms. Mithali from Centre for Social Action, Christ University, Ms. Priyanka Das from Green Army, Christ University, Ms. Matha Margret from FSL, India and M. Karthik from Srishti Foundation. They came along and shared their innovative ideas on sustaining environment for promoting community. The initiatives put forward by the panellists have proved very effective on water harvesting, cultivation, grey water usage, compost solutions and waste management. Panel discussion concluded with various initiatives that has been implemented and that could be further put forward in action. Dr. Mary Tariang, Assistant professor, Department of Social Work, Christ University was the moderator.

The panel discussion was followed by group discussions on Promoting community and Environmental sustainability Clubs in participant social work colleges were brainstormed and each groups came up with interesting ideas which can be implemented across smaller localities to make a change. Interesting action plans included Nidhi – Garbage Treatment, Project Disha which were impressed by all participants. Such initiatives that connect sustaining the environment and promoting community can be spread to other rural places where people await solutions.

Mr. D. Ragland, Deputy Director, FSL India delivered the Vote of Thanks with which the program came to an end with an indenture of creating a core committee representing participant college to bring together more actions to mark world social work day message to governments, communities and peer professionals.



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