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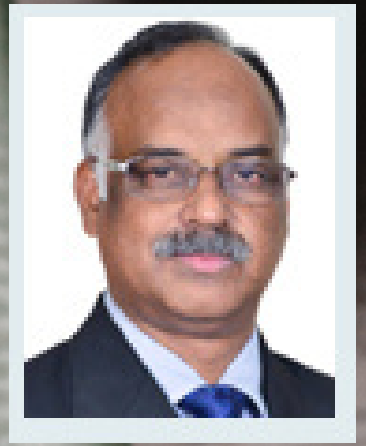
SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Preface

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The Department of Social Work at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) works towards the pursuit of excellence in academics and skill training for students of social work. In addition to its focus on academic engagement, the department strives to engage in providing services to society through student led projects for communities in need of support. Inspired by the ever-changing social context and the needs of people, the department initiates programmes that cater to the emerging needs of the society. The department organises researches, educational programs, seminars, workshops, camps as part of its curriculum. The value of learning through service is significantly incorporated in the academic programmes. The curriculum offered by the department provides opportunities for the holistic development of the students and blends learning from the classroom with experiential learning.

The Department adopts various programmes, strategies according to the need of the specialisations. The department emphasizes building skills required for professional and academic excellence. The department also encourages student-led projects, which helps in the betterment of society. As part of the curriculum, the department organises rural camps, international summits, webinars, seminars, conferences, research, workshops, educational programmes like street plays, fests, etc. These programmes commemorate important national and international days (World Environment Day, World Population Day, Human Rights Day, etc), create awareness on various societal problems and its impact. The Department plays a vital role in moulding the young leaders by providing more insights into their professional areas.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2017

World Environment Day has been started celebrating as an annual event every 5th of June since 1973 in order to raise global awareness about the importance of a healthy and green environment in human lives. People of all age groups were actively involved during the celebration to save their planet in its original form as gifted by the nature.

On 5 June 2017, the students of III Master of Social work Clinical and Community Practice as part of service-learning celebrated Environment Day in the University in collaboration with the Center for Social Action (CSA). The theme for 2017 was "connecting people to nature". The theme for World Environment Day 2017, implores us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share. The students made posters to promote awareness about the environment among everyone on the campus. The team also took part in selling the recycled products made by women along with the Parivarthana team. The team was part of campaigning during lunch break, they could interact with the whole student and staff community of the University

In the age of smartphones and the distractions of modern life, connections with nature can be momentary. The street play rendered a human face to environmental issues. The whole program promoted an understanding that student communities can act a pivotal role to change attitudes towards environmental issues. World Environment Day Celebrations could make clearer than ever that, we need harmony between humanity and nature so that both are able to flourish.



"LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE": PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION JUNE 29, 2017

Department of Social work and Sociology, Christ University, and FSL India jointly organized a photography exhibition on "Learning by Experience" on 29 June 2017. This was a platform for social work students to learn from the Welwaerts volunteering program of FSL India on their involvement in diverse projects of FSL India.

Programme was started with an invocation song. Mr. Rakesh S Soans, President of FSL gave the welcome address of the program. He said, "During the first world war, thousands of young people have traveled around the world, spreading peace, mutual respect, and understanding among local communities".

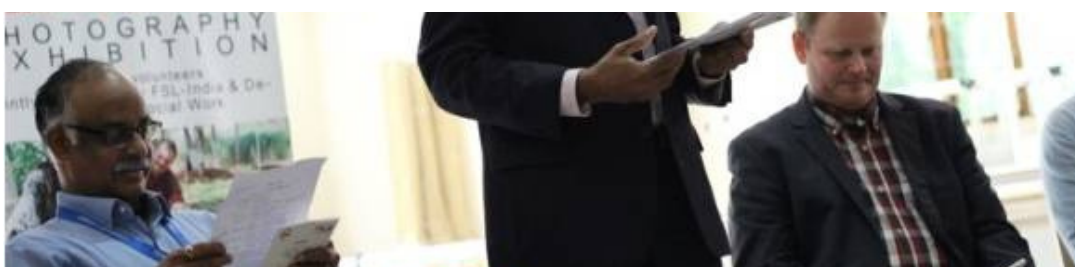
Mr. Gotz Ortmann, Cultural Officer, German Consulate General, Bangalore in his inaugural address, opined on the importance of creating a learning experience aboard.

A book titled "Learning by Service" based on the yearlong field experience of the Welwaerts Volunteers was released by the dignitaries of the program.

Dr. Anil Joseph Pinto, Registrar, Christ University, in his presidential address appreciated each volunteer in bringing out their experience as stories to tell others and the importance of making memories for a lifetime.

Dr. Victor Paul, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work appreciated the efforts of German volunteers and suggested MSW students interact with the volunteers for gaining deeper insights.

The exhibition was opened for all students of Christ University and the Welwaerts volunteers explained the stories behind each photo to the participants. A group discussion was organized for the MSW CCP students and Welwaerts Volunteers on Indian and German education, Indian teaching and German teaching, Indian culture, and German Culture. They were happy to stay in different local houses and learn the customs traditions and culture of India. It was expressed by the German volunteers that they could learn a lot in one year about Indians and India.



SOCIALWORK ASSOCIATION 'SOCIA' 2017

With a keen eye of curiosity and the utter desire to know about the hidden calculation of innovations in this field of Social Work, Department of Social Work, Christ University, Bengaluru inaugurated the second term of the Social Work Association, "Socia" on 7th of July'17 with the aim of bringing the challenging and analytical minds in one platform to create something new and different thereby challenging the unfamiliar.

The programme began with the customary Lamp Lighting ceremony along with a prayer song by Ms. Abhinaya (MSW-HRDM, 1st Semester). The Dean, HOD and the Association Members of 2016-17 were called upon stage for lighting the lamp



The gathering was then welcomed by Ms. Anurupa (MSW-HRDM, 3rd Semester). The zest and buoyancy in the students of the department is what Socia needs in the pursuit of excellence, she added

The chief guest of the event, Prof. Dr. John Joseph Kennedy, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences gave the inaugural address where he explained the need of enhancing skill sets along with formal education for overall development of students. He stated that being a social worker, it is our prime duty to work for the society and hence we need to be equipped with necessary skills and be more empathetic.

Dr. Victor Paul, HOD, Department of Social Work then welcomed the new members. He guided the members to be responsible and accountable towards the position. He mentioned the need of building leadership capacity. He also mentioned that the students are budding "change agents" and they need to take up challenges and bring in innovation for which this platform is beneficial for them. Finally, Ms. Ashima John, MSW HRDM, 3rd Semester concluded the event by thanking everyone for attending and co-operating throughout. She also congratulated the newly elected members

Mr. Alen Thomas Sathy, MSW-HRDM, 3rd Semester was the MC. Sristieth (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester), Ashik (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester), Naveen (MSW- CCP 3rd Semester), Sneha (MSW- CCP, 3rd Semester) Amlin (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester), Shraddha (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester), Yash (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester) and Anurupa (MSW-HRDM 3rd Semester) were the volunteers who worked for this event under the guidance of Prof. Bharathi and Dr. Amaresh.



WORLD POPULATION DAY JULY 11, 2017

IN 1989, THE UN DECLARED 11TH JULY AS WORLD POPULATION DAY WITH THE AIM TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE GROWING POPULATION. THE THEMES SET BY UN FOR WORLD POPULATION DAY 2017 ARE FAMILY PLANNING, EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. A PROGRAM WAS ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK AND AMONG THE ATTENDEES WERE STUDENTS OF MSW-CCP I AND III SEMESTER AND STUDENTS FROM MA SOCIOLOGY CLASS. THE KEY SPEAKER OF THE PROGRAM WAS MR. KARTHIK PONNAPPA, CO FOUNDER OF SMARTER DHARMA, BENGALURU.

Mr Karthik Ponnappa, Co-Founder of Smarter Dharma, spoke about the theme of the day – “Empowering Global Citizens to Sustain Nations for a Better Tomorrow”.

Mr. Karthik also gave an astonishing fact that even after the rapid pace of construction in Bangalore, 70% of the infrastructure/construction required to meet the demands of the population in 2020 has not even started. The program ended by Mr. Karthik adding to the talk about his organization and the activities they do to promote and achieve sustainable development and the various activities that are conducted by Smarter Dharma.



RURAL CAMP CCP AUGUST,2017

The rural camp, 2017 was organized by the Department of Social Work, Christ University and AttapaadiAdivasi Development Initiative (AADI), a non-profit organization in Attapaadi advocating for the rights of tribal people, for the MSW students of Christ University (2016-2018), which provided an opportunity for the students to gain practical exposure of working with people in the rural and tribal areas. The rural camp was held from 07 August to 12 August 2017. Fr. Lenin, the coordinator of AADI helped the team in conducting the rural camp successfully. The faculty in charge was Prof. Cyril John, Dr. Ngaitlang Mary Tariang, and Dr. Amaresha. Dr. Victor Paul, Head of Department, Social Work had visited AADI to evaluate and assess the progress of the rural camp.

Activities Conducted During the Rural Camp

The social work trainees were involved in Anganwadi painting, in Anaikatti village. They also planted saplings in a Primary Health Centre. Sramadhaan was one of the key activities undertaken during this rural camp; it was done in Primary Health Centres, AADI campus, and villages visited. Surveys and PRA mapping were also done in the villages covered by the social work trainees during the rural camp. Campaigning and street play were done on the topics of mental health and hygiene. One day camp and food were organized by the social work trainees, for children. They also built a bus stop for AADI. The trainees got a chance to connect better with each other on a fun-filled campfire night.

Learning Outcome of the Rural Camp

The social work trainees got an experience of group living in and with the community, sharing their life and participating with them. They also applied social work methods into practice. This rural camp created opportunities for every student to develop a sense of teamwork. It helped them to break from self-circle or self-centered thinking created by them. They learned to take responsibility and developed skills for conducting social surveys and analysis. The rural camp also helped the students to gain management skills such as skills in planning, organizing, coordinating, leading, and controlling.



Bharath Yathra

SEPTEMBER 2017



DECEMBER 5, 2017

INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT 2017

The Department of Sociology and Social Work, CHRIST Deemed To Be University in Collaboration with World Vision India and James Cook University, Australia organised two days International Summit on "Child Rights: Education matters for Life" on the 4th to 5th December 2017. The Summit '17 was inaugurated on 4th December by placing blocks of the Summit logo representing four broad classifications of Child rights: Right to survival, Protection, Participation and Development by the dignitaries,



Dr Kripa Amar Alva, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Dr Anil Joseph Pinto, Registrar, CHRIST Deemed to be University, Dr Abraham Francis, Associate Professor, Social Work and Human Services, James Cook University, Australia, Mr Cherian Thomas, CEO and National Director, World Vision India, Ms Christabel Kalaiselvi, Group Director, Operations, World Vision India, Dr. Sanjay Bhattacharya, Strategic Lead, World Vision India and Dr Victor Paul, Professor & Head, Department of Sociology and Social work. Dr Victor Paul, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology and Social Work and The Convener of the Summit, welcomed the gathering consisting of 200 participants with 20 international participants, 27 academicians, 153 practitioners and budding social workers and social scientists within the country.

A brief overview and an insight of the conference were given by Dr Sanjay Bhattacharya, Strategic Lead, World Vision India. The Summit was concluded for the valedictory session presided over by the Former Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr Mallika Krishnaswami, Head, Department of French, CHRIST Deemed to be University. Dr Victor Paul presented the "Way forward" of the summit with a comprehensive report on the recommendations given by each speaker and the participants. Dr. Neil Devasahayam, Technical Head, World Vision India proposed vote of thanks to all contributors of the Summit especially, the student committees of the Summit.



Orientation on Project Vision

DECEMBER 6, 2017



“YOUTH ETHICAL ISSUES AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIETY “

7 DECEMBER, 2017

Students of sociology and social work attended a talk on “Youth Ethical issues and their impact on society ” by Clifford Jacob, CEO, Rescue Research and Training Charity Trust, Mysore, Karnataka on 7 December, 2017 at Campus view, Central block from 2 -4 pm.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK ACHEIVEMENT'S



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Mr. Midhun Manohar and Ms. Sana fathima of 2nd sem MSW CCP have been selected for the training programme of BIRDS NGO conducted on 11th and 12th August 2017 and they are selected as the youth wing under leadership of BIRDS organization.



Ms. Shahina Ali and Ms. Eshitha Roy secured the first position for the quiz on "child rights and protection" conducted by the bengaluru Child line 1098 at Jain University on 14th and 21st of November 2017.



MFF-NAPSWI fellowship on 9th October 2017 selected Mr. Susai Antony of 2nd semn MSW CCP. He is persuing research on nature and forms of sexual harassment at workplace faced by domestic workers in Bengaluru and Gurgaon.

Martha Farrell
FOUNDATION



Ms. Aditi Malik 4th sem of MSW CCP won Best Oral Presentation Award in the Students & Researchers category for her research on 'Aspirations of Homeless Children' in Internatinal Symposium on Social Inclusion held at Manipal University on 7th December 2017.



Ms. Liyona of 4th sem of MSW CCP secured third prize in the poster presentation in International Symposium on Social Inclusion 2017 at Manipal University on 7th December. The poster was based on study titled ' Life skill development among adolescent girls of foster care homes'.

Congratulations

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Dr. Amaresha C

Prof. Cyril John

Dr. Mathew PM

Dr. Ngaitilang Mary Tariang

Dr. Hemalatha K

Dr. Princy Thomas

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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2017 DECEMBER 11, 2017

Department of Sociology and Social Work in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi organized One day training program on Human Rights on 11 December 2017 at Seminar Hall, Block II. The focus of the training programme was to sensitize students and Faculty members on human rights issues. The technical sessions focused on Introduction to Human Rights, Human Rights Institutions in India, Rights of Women and Children and Rights of other vulnerable groups.





'Teacher Award for Innovative Teaching' TAFIT 2017-18

On 29 January 2018 thirteen teachers from across the state were presented the Teacher Awards for Innovative teaching (TAFIT- 2017) for innovations they had brought in their teaching. Presented by The Times Foundation in collaboration with CHRIST (Deemed to be University) and Support partner Edvantagepoint. The awards recognize & acknowledge innovative strategies they had worked out as part of their classroom role.

Others present at the program were Dr. Victor Paul, HOD of Department of Sociology and Social work, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Ms. Santrupti Rajankar, Senior assistant Editor- NIE, Times of India, and Ms. Seliha Muvva, founder and CEO, Edvantagepoint and Anuradha Valluri, Senior Manager from Times Foundation. Dr. Hemalatha was the Faculty Coordinator of the program.

JANUARY 29,2018

“ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN REALIZING SDGS”

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE KARNATAKA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS (KAPSW) ORGANISED A GUEST TALK ON “ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN REALIZING SDGS” BY DATUK DR. DENISON JAYASOORIA, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT), COLLEGE OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCE, NORTHERN UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA (UOM). HE IS ALSO A PRINCIPAL RESEARCH FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF ETHNIC STUDIES (KITA), AND THE UNIVERSITY OF KEBENGSAAN MALAYSIA.

THE PROGRAM WAS CONCLUDED WITH THE REMARKS OF MR. VASUDEVA SHARMA, PRESIDENT, KARNATAKA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS (KAPSW).



COLLABORATION MEETING WITH FACULTY MEMBERS FROM FAMILY SCIENCE AND SOCIAL WORK, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO, US. 5-7, MARCH 2018

As part of the ongoing discussion between Miami University, Ohio, USA and CHRIST, a team of professors and administrators from Miami University visited CHRIST between March 4 and 7, 2018. M. Elise Radina, PhD, CFLE, Professor and Chair, Family Science and Social Work, Miami University and Sharon Cluster, Director FSW Field Education / Just Communities Liaison visited the Department of Social Work and Sociology. Purpose of the visit was to explore the possibilities of Faculty – student exchange programme, internship, and collaborative projects and programmes.



An exposure visit was organised for the all eight members from Miami University to Selco Foundation on 6 March to understand the Solar Energy projects for Rural livelihood and visited another organisation MILANA to know the Support system for the HIV positive women and to LR Nagar Slum to understand the Urban poor programmes of CSA.

Student interaction programme was organised on Tuesday 6 March to understand Curriculum/ Internship/ placements through student perspective followed by their discussions. The team visited both Junior classes of MSW Clinical and Community practices and Human Resource Development.

Field visit was organised for the whole team to understand the functioning of the District Child Protection Institutions like Children's home for girls, mentally challenged and Children's home for below 6 years followed by a visit to Enable India to learn about the successful stories of the working professionals with disability and role of Enable India.



The Centre for Social Action (CSA) organised a session for the team and after that the programme ended with exit meeting with Department of Sociology and Social Work on 7th March. Possible collaboration areas discussed in the meeting are student exchange programmes, Joint seminars & Workshops, research & publications, student mentoring, faculty exchange, support in developing new programmes / courses like elderly care, family welfare etc. and possibilities for field work placements in India and at Miami University.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018 A TALK BY MS. VIRALI MODI, DISABILITY RIGHTS ACTIVIST, MUMBAI.

MARCH 7, 2018

The Department of Sociology and Social work organized a talk on 7 March at 11 am for students of Sociology and Social work with Ms. Virali Modi, the Disability Rights Activist from Mumbai. Ms. Virali Modi is well known for her efforts in trying to make public spaces more accessible for the physically challenged. She has posted two campaigns on the kind of marginalization and discrimination that the physically challenged go through when it comes to their movements in the public spaces of India. She has initiated two campaigns on "change.org". One is on making railways and restaurants more accessible to the physically challenged.

During the talk, she discussed her life from her childhood to adolescence and how she had a severe bout of untreated malaria which left her, wheelchair-bound. She had a tough life where she needed constant help to get through her daily needs. She also threw light on the social exclusion that she faced during her adolescence after she was wheel-chair bound. This talk was very beneficial to the students of sociology because they got first-hand knowledge of the kind of struggles that a physically changed individual can go through and how excluded they can feel in society. The talk also makes the participants aware of the scenario that India faces with regard to the inclusion of the physically challenged and what role in society one plays in the future. The talk also brings hope to the participants, that it is possible to create a change through online campaigns. It also expresses how support is available and there are people in this world who are willing to lend a helping hand. This was a truly beneficial talk for all students of social sciences who want to attempt to make society a more inclusive environment.



STUNA 2018 : STUDENT CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (NIPM)

The Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ (Deemed to be University) in collaboration with the National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), organised the first ever student conference STUNA 2018 on 9th March at the Main Auditorium. The objective of the conference is to ignite the minds of students and enable a smooth transition from the Classroom to corporate. Mr. Suresh Narayanan (Chairman and MD) of Nestle India was the Chief Guest who shared important life experiences and gave out 12 success mantras for the young audience, leaving the crowd enthralled.

The panel discussion on “Transition from Classroom to Corporate” was chaired by Dr Krishna Prasad voicing his concern on the emergence of the Metal Collar in the industry and how one had to adapt to it, followed by Mr. Amod Deshpande’s (Co-founder CNC Times) breezy cricket fete on stage showing youngsters how his learnings were through sports. Ms Neeti Sharma (VP Team Lease) connected well with the generation’s challenges having placed around 15 million youngsters through her venture while Mr. Suman Tikade (HOD SB Jain Institute of Management) cited the examples of Sachin Tendulkar and MS Dhoni and a lot of motivational quotes in Hindi



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The Second panel dealt with “Connecting Champions” chaired by Mr. Krish Shankar (VP and Group Head, Infosys), where the first speaker was the founder CEO of indianmoney.com, Mr. CS Sudheer, who, without any hesitation, gave a firsthand account of his numerous struggles with the corporate, how he came about starting this venture, and how many hurdles he had faced to finally see what he is today, which was truly inspiring. This was followed by Mr. Anto Philip (Co-founder Under 25) gave the takeaway that age is just a number and an account of how his “crazy” idea of selling wristbands had become a huge success because of his college friends. Next, another Ex-christite Ms Urvashi (Co-founder Have you Eten) took this detour when she realized Political Science was not her cup of tea and had begun this with her sister where they sold pre-proportioned meal-kits which also encouraged people to cook and basically makes it easier for them as they just have to put the items together.

The key-note speaker Mr. Rajiv Krishnan (CEO and MD KornFerry Hay Group) in the valedictory threw light on various corporate angles like the Megatrends shaping the future, certain areas organizations need to focus on and attributes future leaders must have. Lastly, also success tips were given to students. Thus, the conference came to a fruitful end with valuable inputs from Mr. Ashraful Hasan (MD, Karnataka Vocational and Skill Development) and by thanking the immense contribution of Mr. Ashoka Thamaiyya (Chairman, Karnataka NIPM Chapter) and Mr. Girinarayan (Conference Organizing Committee)

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