



St. Claret College

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DEPARTMENT OF MSW

Annual Report 2020-2021

The Department of Social Work of St Claret College was instituted in the year 2018. The Department has been actively working towards knowledge enhancement of the students and faculty members through a series of workshops and programmes on social issues. The following is a summary of the key activities conducted.

MSW Induction Programme.

An eight day induction programme was organized for MSW students Batch of 2020-22 from 4th-13th January, 2021. The induction programme saw the students being oriented to MSW as a course and its various facets. A host of experts from Academia, Development sector as well as activists took sessions for the students. The induction programme offered an opportunity to the students to have a peek into what lay ahead in their two year journey with MSW.

Orientation Visits for MSW students

As per the Bangalore University Syllabus all the MSW students were taken for Orientation visits to various NGO's, reputed private hospitals and Governmental Organizations. The objectives of these visits, which were ten in number, were to orient students with the nature of the work undertaken by the organizations and the roles played by a social worker within the settings. The visits were conducted in the month of March.

Knowledge Enhancement Session on Research Study Initiation Strategies.

The Department of Social Work organized a workshop on research study initiation strategies for its students. The objectives of the session included orienting the students with the basic steps of how to go about conducting research studies. It also sought to develop an understanding and desire among students to undertake research studies following a clarity on the key concepts and features of research processes.

Knowledge Enhancement Session on Workshop on Setback to Gender Empowerment Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Department of Social Work organized a Workshop on Setback to Gender Empowerment due to COVID-19 Pandemic on 9th Nov, 2020. The session sought to orient students on the basic concepts and processes within Gender Empowerment. It also sought to familiarize students with the need to be discerning of the implications of violation of Gender empowerment upon society, communities, India and the world. The resource person for the webinar was Dr Sam Deva Asir, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber, Trichy.

Knowledge Enhancement Session on Social Entrepreneurship and its challenges: Perspectives from the Field

The Department of Social Work organized a *Knowledge Enhancement Session on Social Entrepreneurship and its challenges: Perspectives from the Field* on 26th and 27th November, 2020. The session's objectives included orienting students on the basic concepts and processes of Social Entrepreneurship. It also familiarized students with the challenges and requirements of being an effective social entrepreneur. The resource person for the session was Mr. M. Antony Stephen, Assistant Professor and HOD of the PG Department of Social Entrepreneurship, Madras School of Social Work Chennai.

National Level e-quiz on the occasion of World AIDS Day.

The Department of Social Work organized a National Level e-quiz on the occasion of World AIDS day on 1st December, 2021. The quiz was held with the objectives of commemorating virtually World AIDS day and also to familiarize people on key themes within the issue of HIV/AIDS and generate awareness among them indirectly through the Quiz mode.

Disenthrall - International Human Rights Day Celebration 2021.

The Department of Social Work organized Disenthrall - International Human Rights Celebration: Stand Up for Human Rights, on the occasion of World Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2020. The objectives were to commemorate virtually World Human Rights Day and to familiarize people on the significance of the day.

Knowledge enhancement session on 'Preparing for Student Conferences'.

The Department of Social Work organized a knowledge enhancement session on how to prepare for student conferences. The session's objectives were to learn how to prepare papers for student conferences. It also included initiating research and paper presentation skills among Post Graduate students. The resource person for the session was Dr Arunkumar Balakrishnan, Professor in the department of Social Work at Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

Knowledge Enhancement Session on IPR in Agriculture.

The Department of Social Work organized a Knowledge Enhancement Session on IPR in Agriculture on the 24th February 2021. The participants belonged to the batch from I MSW and II MSW. The session was to understand Intellectual Property Rights and its application in agriculture. This session was aimed at letting students know about indigenous knowledge and the relevance of documenting it. The session helped create amongst students an awareness about IPR and its relevance in agriculture. The students understood the role of IPR in social work. It also helped understand the importance of Geographical Indicators.

International Women's Day Celebration

The International Women's Day was celebrated on 08 March 2021. It was organized by the Final year students of PG Department of Social Work, St. Claret College, and Bangalore. The program was arranged keeping in mind the theme of the day for the year "Choose to Challenge". The students performed a mime performance for the St. Claret College PU College students. The mime

performance which was later followed up with an interactive sessions helped sensitize students to the significance of women's day.

Knowledge Enhancement Session on Dementia Awareness –Building Dementia Friends

The Department of Social Work in association with Nightingales Medical Trust, Bangalore organized a Dementia Awareness –Building Dementia Friends on 07 May 2021, for MSW students and BA psychology students of St. Claret College. There were 109 participants for the session. The resource persons for the session were Ms. Sreeja Rani and Mr. Justin Edward. The session sensitized the student community on the issue of Dementia and developed students capabilities on this critical social issue.

Extension Activity on Celebrating the Life and Times of Fr. Stan Swamy.

The students of social work were greatly affected by the imprisonment, wrongful treatment and sad circumstances surrounding the death of Father Stan Swamy. The students wanted to outpour their grief over the incident as well as help the larger world know about the sacrifices made by Fr. Stan Swamy towards the local communities. The students wanted to reach out to the wider community and depict through the help of a video the life and service rendered by Fr. Stan Swamy towards the Adivasi community in the form of a short video clip and to express students' condolences and heartfelt thoughts on the untimely demise of Fr. Stan Swamy.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION: RELEVANCE, PROSPECTS SCOPE IN POST COVID19 TIMES

The department of Social Work conducted a career guidance programme on 13th August, 2021. The objectives of the session sought to orient UG students with the scope and opportunities in the social work education field. It also so intended to enable more UG students to take up social work as a career. The discussion acquainted the participants with the pros and challenges of the social work profession.

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