

# RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIECNES (AUTONOMOUS)

## CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND SKILL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

# LIFE SKILLS (YOGA, PHYSICAL FITNESS, HEALTH AND HYGIENE)

### HOME MADE HAND WASH MAKING

**Date of the Programme:** 17/07/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Junior Swaraj, Youth Red Cross, Rotaract Club,

ENCON Club and NSS; Department of Social Work, RCSS

The Social Work Students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) representing Junior Swaraj, Youth Red Cross, Rotaract Club, Encon Club, and NSS initiated a livelihood programme offering free training in making Homemade Hand Wash. The coordinators of the programme made an official WhatsApp group for the interested participants named Homemade Hand wash Making. It was a 4- DAY programme. 32 students took part in this training. The participants were also provided with e-certificates.



### **SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE DURING PANDEMIC**

**Date of the Programme:** 5th June 2020

**Organizer/s of the Programme:** Department of Social Work, RCSS, and OYSTER (Alumni

Association)

The webinar session "Social Work response during pandemic: Education, Research and Practice" was organized by the Department of Social Work, RCSS, and OYSTER (Alumni Association) of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This was an earnest effort from the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) to value and disseminate the efforts of Social Work Alumni of Rajagiri across the world in various sectors during the time of the pandemic. The programme was organized to value the efforts of many sectors working to fight against the pandemic. Presently the world is witnessing unusual changes that are triggered by the "lock-down" effect of this pandemic, such as the return of migrants and immigrants to their native place, educational reforms, reintegration of the vulnerable population, etc.

The speakers of the day were, Dr Fr. Joseph CMI, Dr George Palattyil, Dr M.P. Antony, Dr Shaju K.K., Ms Meena Kuruvila, Dr Fr. Saju M.D. CMI and Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI. The speakers spoke about the online classes conducted during the pandemic, the changes that took place in the educational system as well as in the working sectors, and also in the other areas which made an impact on the way of living.

The speakers gave a note on the role of social workers in the deep value of bringing relief, restoration, resilience, and empowerment to vulnerable lives. As a Social Service Centre, Rajagiri has initiated many programmes and projects under the Rajagiri outREACH to provide assistance and provisions to help the vulnerable population. The session came to

an end by 04.30 pm. On the whole, it was an interactive and informative session. The guidance and concept were clear and practicable in life.



### **WORLD BLOOD DONORS DAY**

Date of the Programme: 14th June 2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Social Work students

"Every blood donor is a lifesaver"

The Social Work students of Youth Red Cross Club, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) Kalamassery, observed World Blood Donors Day on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This day is celebrated every year to spread awareness about the significance of blood donation and to recognize the contribution of blood donors in saving lives. The Youth Red Cross club of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), acknowledged and thanked each and every blood donor and also shared thoughts about every blood donor who is a hero in someone's life The Social Wok students created a poster and shared it through social media.to promote blood donation.



#### **CORONA OUTLIVE**

Date of the Programme: 18th June 2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Youth Red Cross, Department of Social Work, RCSS

"Be a victor, not a victim"

The Youth Red Cross of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) Kalamassery, conducted a talk with COVID-19 survivor, Mr Vishnu Sasidharan named

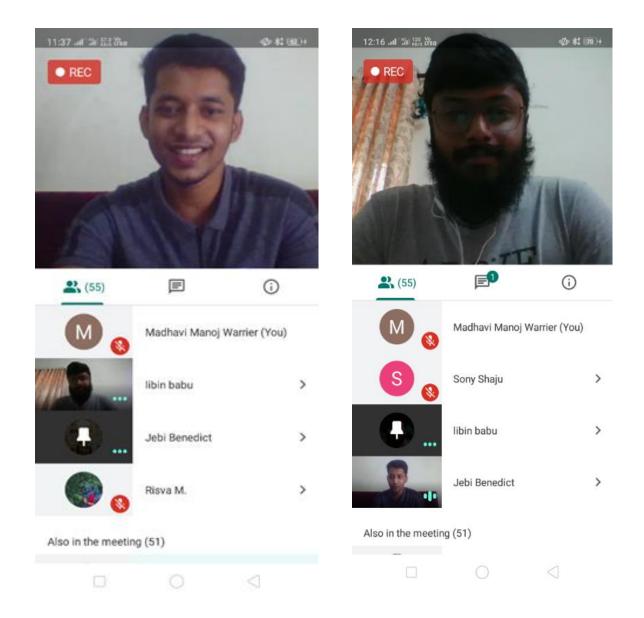


'Corona Outlive' on 18th June 2020 at 11:30 am. There were around 70 participants in the Google Meet.

The meeting was started by the Red Cross Club President, Libin Babu welcoming COVID- 19 survivor to the online platform on behalf of all the Red Cross Club members and later introducing him to the rest of the participants. Then with a smile on his face, Mr Vishnu shared his experience of being a Covid patient for more than 30 days, telling out what all he went through

during that time. All his ups and downs being in the hospital were shared out with the public. The session was very interactive and informative, the participants were eager to share their queries. It was an informative session as he could explain to us what all precautions we all are supposed to take during this pandemic period and also briefed out what all he had seen in the hospital, the day and night hard work of the doctors, nurses, and even the other co-workers, working and taking care of the patients. Being a new platform too

Mr Vishnu was willing and very friendly to solve out all doubts shared by the participants. The session came to an end by 12:30 pm.



### S.A.F.E. FORUM

**Date of the Programme:** 29/06/2020 - 01/07/2020 **Organizer/s of the Programme:** Social Work Students.

S.A.F.E forum 2020, an online engagement where brilliant young minds are given the opportunity to present their social initiative or project ideas to curtail substance



abuse among youth, was going on from 29th June 2020 to 1st July 2020. the 5 Among teams participated from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, two teams were MSW II, year students. The two consisted teams of students each and the teams were named "Lumine" and "BTA".

The S.A.F.E(Substance Abuse Free Environment) Forum is

a multi-stakeholder forum organized by Fourth Wave Foundation, initiative project VENDA, annually in the month of June commemorating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Project VENDA empowers teenagers to say "No" to substance abuse and help to rehabilitate addicted and affected teenagers. The S.A.F.E Forum 2020 is the third in the series of S.A.F.E forums. In the sessions from 29th June 2020 to 1st July 2020, various eminent personalities like Dr Dharav S Shah (Consultant Psychiatrist of Mumbai National Consultant, NIMHANS), Mr Shane W Varcoe (Executive Director of Dalgarno Institute, Australia,), Mr Abhijeet Bardse, Co-founder, Slum Soccer, Ms Regina Mattsson, Secretary-General, WFAD, Sweden, Srhruthi Bopiah, Head of Client Engagement and Communications at Bridgeweave and, the Indian Musician Mr Stephan Devassy were all part of the platform. The panel discussion on the Role of Alternative Pursuits among youth in creating a Substance Abuse Free Environment discussed various relevant ideas like the role of sports and other physical activities in connection with mind

and body wellbeing and the need to discover the interest of youth so that they can be made productive.

The forum discussed issues, challenges, and solutions in the context of drug abuse. The participant teams of students from various colleges in Kerala came up with project



proposals
regarding the
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teams were
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opportunity to present the project proposal before Mr Balagopal (Independent Director, Federal Bank), Joe Ikareth (Fashion designer, co-creator movability), Swarup BR, (co-founder. Stark Communications), Tina S George (Associate vice president, Muthoot Capital Services). The "Lumine" team was one of the 8 shortlisted teams. After the final presentation, the best project proposals were declared. The project proposal titled "Prakasham Parakatte" prepared and presented by team "Lumine" received 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The team members were Georgie Jacob Kaippallil, Joseph Mathew, Basuri Balan, Sreelakshmi D, Sajin k Sebastian and Nithin Tomy.

The S.A.F.E. Forum officially came to an end on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 with the vote of thanks delivered by Roshan Kunjachan. This was an insightful opportunity for the participants and was able to broaden the view towards understanding and assimilating the issue.

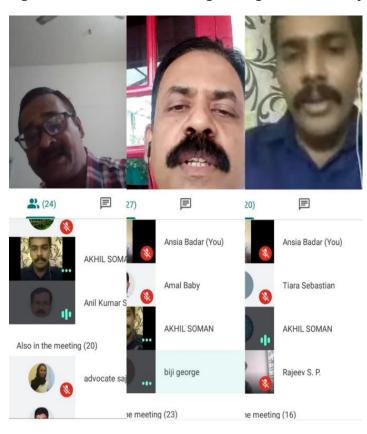


# **Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness**

**Date of programme:** 09/08/2020

**Organiser of the programme:** College Students

The Anti-Human Trafficking and awareness program was conducted on 9th August 2020 at 10 am through Google meet. The program started with the welcome



speech by Amala. D, 2nd year MSW student Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Mr. S K Anil Kumar, Secretary, Sub Judge, Dist. Legal Services Authority (DLSA), officially inaugurated the meeting. He explained, in short, the different trafficking that exists in society such as, bonded labor, child labor, a violation against women, drug dealings, etc.

According to Article 21, human trafficking is completely prohibited, and in support of this, IPC 370, 371, 372 are also against trafficking. Mr. Biji George, Asst.

Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, Kochi City Police, and Nodal Officer of AHTC, Ernakulam, explained the importance of making society aware of human trafficking. Human trafficking is a critical issue that must be talked about among school children, college students, etc. During the pandemic, the rate of trafficking has significantly increased. As responsible citizens, we must be equipped to prevent trafficking and protecting society. Mr. Akhil Soman, AHTC co-ordinator, talked in detail about the laws associated with trafficking, and the other authorities related to AHTC. The organization came into effect 6 years ago and is under the guidance of the government. Anyone witnessing any of the issues related to trafficking can dial 112 and inform the police. The details must include the informer's name, landmarks of the place where trafficking happens. These calls will be recorded spot and will be accounted for in the documentation process.

The important points discussed in the meetings are as follows:

- 1. Identification of cases: We must be able to observe and identify a person who is part of any kind of violent activity. Their physical body language, emotional state of being must be observed clearly and needs to be reported if it is a relevant one. The uniform service agencies are the anchoring units. There are rapid response teams and subcommittees (e.g.: child protection, women protection units).
- 2. Reporting: As we identify a case we need to report it to the officials and check whether they have taken any actions or not. If not, we can further contact the higher officials, the Childline, etc.
- 3. Rescuing: Once the case is reported the officials will take action to rescue the victims.
- 4. Rehabilitation: The victims who are rescued must be rehabilitated. Unfortunately, due to the lack of financial aid, many victims are unable to get rehabilitation.
- 5.Sensitizing the System: All units that could help in anti-trafficking should be brought together.
- 6. Awareness Creation: It is important to create awareness among the general public so that they will be able to identify, observe and report the violations that happen within their society.

The session concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Rajeev S P, Faculty-in Charge, AHTC Unit Coordinator, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

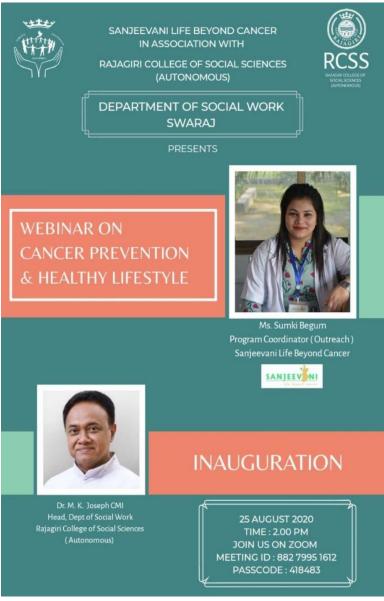
### **CANCER PREVENTION AWARENESS**

**Date of programme:** 25.08.2020

Organiser of the programme: Junior SWARAJ

Cancer is not a death sentence, but rather it is a life sentence; it pushes one to live.

A webinar on Cancer Prevention and Healthy Lifestyle was organized by Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer in association with SWARAJ, Department of Social Work, RCSS Rajagiri on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Sanjeevani- Life Beyond Cancer is an award-winning



presented a brief introduction about the organization.

non-profit organization working for prevention, early detection, counseling, and rehabilitation of cancer and cancer patients. SLBC focuses on navigating them from disease to wellness and is a pioneer in Comprehensive Cancer Care.

The session started at 2.30 pm with the prayer song of Akhila K.V (3rd year BSW). Ms. Rekha Maria Biju (Secretary, Junior SWARAJ) delivered the welcome speech. Dr. Fr. Joseph MK, (Head, Department of social work, RCSS) inaugurated the webinar. After the inaugural address, Ms. Samodrita Neog (Program Executive, SLBC)

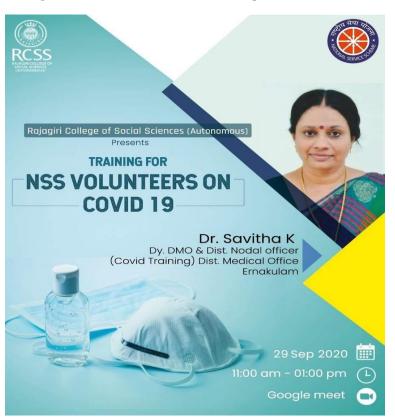
Ms. Sumki Begum (Program Coordinator Outreach, SLBC) was the resource person of the session. The session included videos with messages on tips for a healthy lifestyle and preventive measures for cancer from Ms. Ruby Ahluwalia, the founder of the organization and who herself is a cancer survivor. Ms. Sumki Begum stressed the need for the early diagnosis of cancer and the importance of identifying the symptoms. Students were able to understand the most common forms of cancer, risk factors of cancer, and most importantly, the do's and don'ts while dealing with cancer patients. The session was highly informative, and the students understood the social responsibilities that social work trainees undertake to enhance the lives of cancer patients. A quiz was conducted at the end of the session. All the students participated in the same. Ms. Ruby Ahluwalia, the founder of SLBC, joined us and enriched the session with her personal experiences. SLBC also offered virtual internship opportunities for the students of RCSS. Dr. Rajeev SP (Assistant Professor and Faculty Coordinator, SWARAJ) expressed sincere gratitude to the SLBC Team. The session ended with a pledge on Cancer battle, organized by Dr. Rajeev RCSS and taken by all the participants. A vote of thanks to the webinar was proposed by Mr. Vishnu Prasad (2nd Year MSW). There were 160 attendees for the webinar, and it ended by 4.10 pm.

# TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON COVID 19

**Date of the Programme**: 28/9/2020

Organizer/s of the program: National Service Scheme Unit

A training Programme on COVID 19 was organized by the NSS Unit of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on 28<sup>th</sup> September from 11.30 AM to 1.30 PM. The speaker of



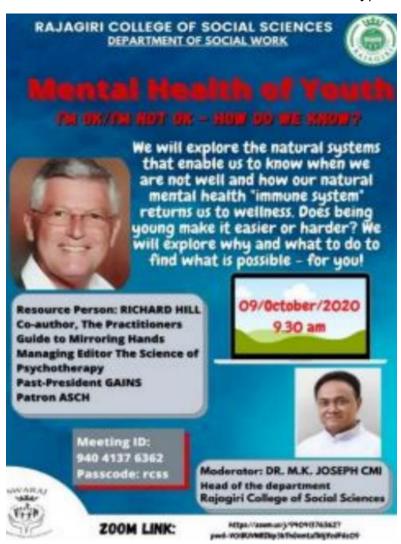
the program was Dr. Savitha. K., Dy. DMO and District Nodal Officer (COVID Training), Office, District. Medical Ernakulam. Savitha Dr. explained about Corona Virus, Symptoms, Precautions to be taken, Donning and Doffing, Future of the Corona Virus, and on. The program was conducted on the Google Meet platform and there were 92 participants participated in the training program.

#### MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUTH- WEBINAR

**Date of the Programme:** 09/10/2020

**Organizer/s of the Programme:** Department of Social Work (SWARAJ)

A webinar on Mental Health of Youth I am okay / I am not okay – How do we know?



was organised by SWARAJ, Department of Social Work, RCSS on 9th October 2020 at 9.30 am as part of Mental Health Week. Fr. Joseph MK (Head, Dept. of Social Work, RCSS) moderated the webinar. Dr. Rajeev S P (Assistant Professor & SWARAJ Faculty Coordinator) delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource person Dr. Richard Hill (Coauthor of The Practitioners Guide to mirroring Hands, Managing Editor of The Science of Psychotherapy, past president of GAINS and

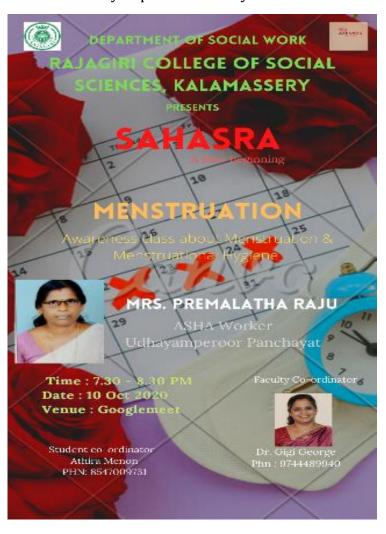
Patron of ASCH). He spoke about mental health and physical status, the undifferentiated and differentiating idea of therapeutic experience. In the end, he concluded the session by quoting "Curiosity is a way of life and it is very important and we need to be curious in our life". It was a curious session and attendees raised their quires. Mr. Tibin Thomas (2nd Year MSW) delivered the vote of thanks. There were 100 attendees and the session was concluded at 10.40 am.

# A WEBINAR ON MENSTRUATION

**Date of the Programme:** 10/10/2020

**Organizer/s of the Programme:** Social Work students

A webinar titled "Menstruation" was organized on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM through Google Meet. The key speaker was Mrs. Premalatha Raju, ASHA Worker of Udayamperoor Panchayat. There were about 40 participants took part in the



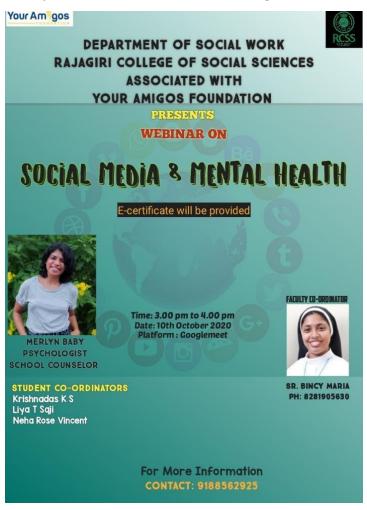
session. As part of the menstruation, skill training was also organized on how to make cloth pads at home. The program was organized for men and women as both need to know about its importance in women's health. The faculty coordinator was Dr. Giji George.

### SOCIAL MEDIA AND MENTAL HEALTH-WEBINAR

**Date of the Programme**: 10/10/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Social Work Students

The agency supervisors provide support and confidence to conduct the webinar. The webinar was conducted with the help of the agency coordinators and the College faculty coordinators and the resource person who taken the session.



The social worker trainees started the program by 3 pm and ended at 4 pm. The session was handled by Mrs. Merlyn Baby who was a psychologist and a school counsellor who is presently working at Dhirubhai Ambani Reliance Foundation in Gujarat. The session was about social media and mental health and how social media influences mental health.

# **INTELLEGO-WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

**Date of the Programme:** 10/10/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Rotaract Club, Department of Social Work, RCSS

World Mental Health Day is observed on 10<sup>th</sup> October every year to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilize efforts in support of mental health. The Mental Health Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working in the mental health field to talk about their work and what needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people in the world.



Intellego was quiz competition conducted bv the Rotaract Club of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) on 10th October 2020 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM as part of World Mental Health Day. More than 100 people participated in the competition. The quiz was conducted to impart awareness about the importance of mental health. Today many people are facing mental health issues and thus they fail to carry out their responsibilities. More than 100 people participated in the competition.

### **WORLD FOOD DAY**

**Date of the Programme:** 15/10/2020 - 23/10/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Rotaract Club, Department of Social Work, RCSS

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on 16<sup>th</sup> October to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with hunger and food security, including the World Food Program and the International Fund for Agricultural Development. This year's theme for World Environment Day was "Grow, nourish, sustain together. Our actions are our future."

The health of an individual depends upon the food he/she eats. Vegetables are one of the common food materials used by every one of us so why do not we think about setting up a kitchen garden in our own home. Rotaract Club of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) as part of observing this day organized VERDURAS "Kitchen garden Challenge" in which the participants have to plant a vegetable sapling at their house premises and send the picture of the same, a webinar was also conducted on this day. A kitchen garden ensures an inexpensive, regular, and handy supply of fresh vegetables



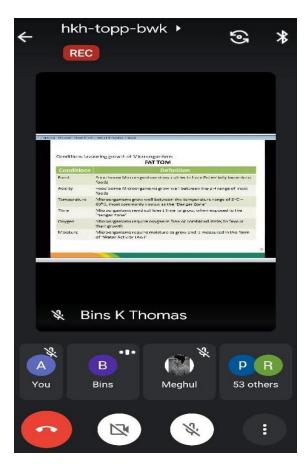
### WEBINAR ON HEALTHY LIVING AND FOOD SAFETY

**Date of the Programme:** 23/10/2020

**Organizer/s of the Programme:** Rotaract Club, Junior Swaraj, Department of Social Work

We often say that "Health is Wealth" but a question remains, 'is our wealth correctly being utilized for our health?' The issue of an unhealthy lifestyle is very serious, but people take it very lightly and continue to follow the unhealthy pattern of lifestyle which can harm both the body and mind.

Rotaract Club and Junior Swaraj of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) Kalamassery organized VERDURAS a webinar on "Food Safety and Health Life" as part of observing International Food Day 2020. This webinar aims to make people get familiar with food safety and healthy living. The Resource person for the webinar was: Prof. Bins K Thomas (M.Sc. Food Science and Technology) Assistant Professor at ST. Georges College, Aruvithara). More than 70 participants attended the program and everyone shared good feedback, participants certificates were provided for all participants.



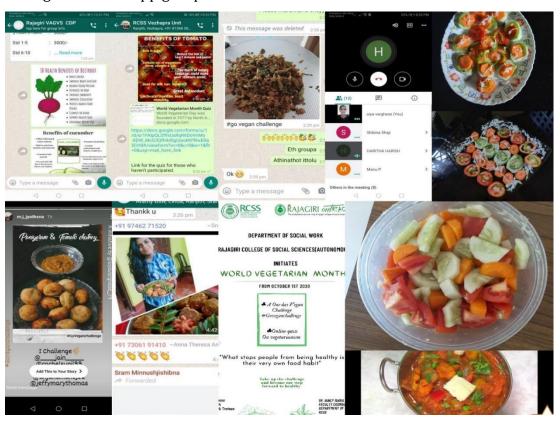


#### **VEGETARIAN CAMPAIGN - OBSERVING WORLD VEGETARIAN MONTH**

Date of the Programme: October

Organizer/s of the Programme: Social Work Students, Rajagiri Outreach

The social work trainee of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized a vegetarian campaign as part of observing the "World Vegetarian Month". The programmes included an online quiz through Google forms on vegetarianism and nutrients. E-certificates were provided to those who scored above 50 percent on the quiz. The second was a vegan challenge that aimed to promote the healthy habit of including vegetables in our diet and promote vegetarianism. In the vegan challenge, the participants were asked to prepare a vegan dish and put it as a status with the hashtag #Goveganchallenge and aware other people. The programme was open from 4th October 2020 to 10th October 2020. About 105 responses were there for the vegetarian quiz and about 15 participants for the vegan challenge. This was conducted in collaboration with the Rajagiri outreach. Also, the posters showing the benefits of vegetables were shared through the Whatsapp groups.

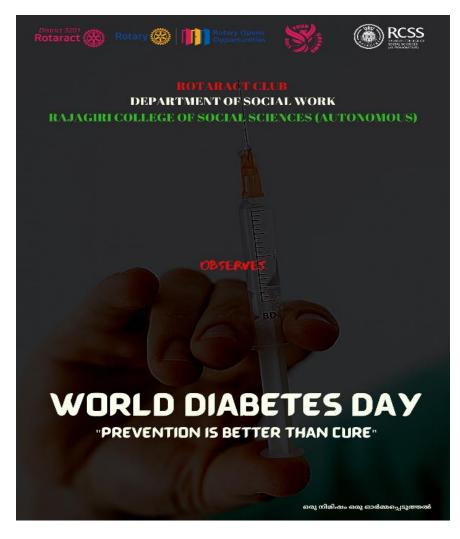


### **WORLD DIABETES DAY**

**Date of Programme:** 14/11/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: Rotaract Club, Department Of Social Work, RCSS

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed



diabetes. World bv Diabetes Day became official United an Nations Day in 2006 with the passage of United Nation Resolution 61/225. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting. who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922.

WDD is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign reaching a global audience of over

1 billion people in more than 160 countries. The campaign draws attention to issues of paramount importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in the public and political spotlight

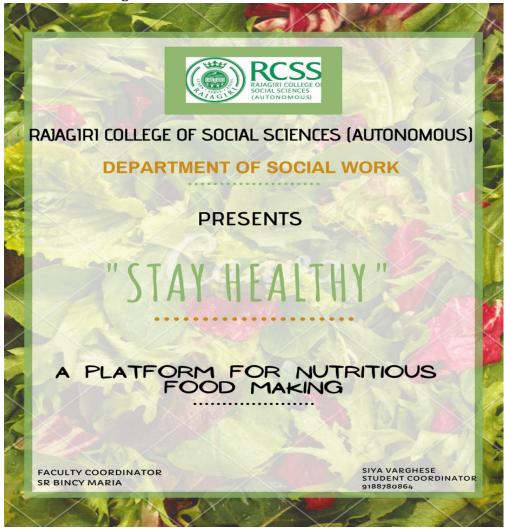
Rotaract Club of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized an Awareness campaign as part of World Diabetes Day because always prevention is better than cure we can control and avoid diabetes through practising some healthy tips in our life. Nowadays the number of diabetes patients are increasing day by day so we can do whatever possible by ourselves for being Healthy.

### STAY HEALTHY"- NUTRITIONAL FOOD MAKING PROGRAMME.

**Date of Programme: 25/11/2020** 

Organizer/s of the Programme: Social Work Students

The Social Work trainees of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences conducted a nutritional food making platform for women and adolescent girls. This was conducted via the WhatsApp group. It was aimed to create a sense of awareness among the changing trends happening in the time of covid19 and inspire the members to switch towards healthy nutritious foods that could contribute positively towards our health. There were nearly 60 participants in the nutritional food making group. Videos of homemade nutritional foods were shared in the group. Group members were also given chance to share their food making videos.

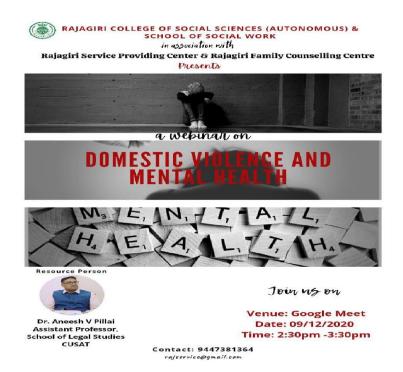


### WEBINAR: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Date of the programme: 9/12/2020

Organizer/s of the programme: Rajagiri College of Social Sciences

A webinar on 'Domestic Violence and Mental Health' was Organised by Rajagiri College of Social sciences and School of Social Work in association with Rajagiri Service Providing Centre and Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre on 9th December 2020. The webinar was organised through the Google Meet platform The Resource Person was Dr Aneesh V Pillai, Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT. The webinar was from 2.30 PM to 3.45 PM. There were 64 participants in total. Dr Aneesh started the session by explaining domestic violence. He explained about the victims of Domestic Violence, the types of Domestic violence, the characteristics of Domestic Violence and the reason behind it. Some of the students raised their doubts and asked questions to Dr Aneesh.



#### PAPER BAG MAKING TUTORIAL

Date of the Programme: 12/07/2020

Organizer/s of the Programme: ENCON Club, Department of Social Work

As part of Paper-Bag Day, which was on July 12th, 2020, the ENCON club, in collaboration with the NSS of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, hosted a DIY paper bag making tutorial video. The video tutorial for making a paper bag was shared on social media, along with a small message about the negative effects of plastic use. The video was created in Malayalam, Hindi, and English. This has helped to promote the use of paper bags and avoid the use of plastic.





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