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## Samanwaya: Social Sensitization Camp 2022



'Samanwaya', the 2022 edition of Rajagiri annual social sensitization camp for first-year postgraduate students took place from 27th

August 2022 to 1st September 2022 at Kamakshi Gramapanchayat in Idukki. The camp aimed at familiarizing the students with the realities of rural life through interactions with the local community. Fr George Marippat and Fr Jobin Orangal, the manager and assistant vicar of St George's Church, Calvary Mount, were the special guests for the inaugural ceremony, which took place on the first day of the camp. Onam was celebrated on 30th September 2022. Dr Binoy Joseph, our principal,

joined the campers for the sadhya and other cultural programmes. Apart from conducting home visits, the students widened a road on the hills of Calvary Mount, prepared a vegetable garden for Calvary Mount LP School and planted nearly a hundred trees as part of the Vidya Vanam scheme at Calvary Mount UP School. The camp was a unique learning experience for the students who were alerted to the concerns of a rural community by making the best use of limited resources.

## WAM-2022 Quiz ARDSI

This year for World Alzheimer's Month, the Kottayam chapter of the Alzheimer's Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI) organized an online quiz competition on 17th September 2022. The topics were dementia, the brain, general knowledge and current affairs. Praisewin Johny (MSW I) and Khadeejath Shabna (MSW II) participated in the same and won the first and third prizes, respectively.

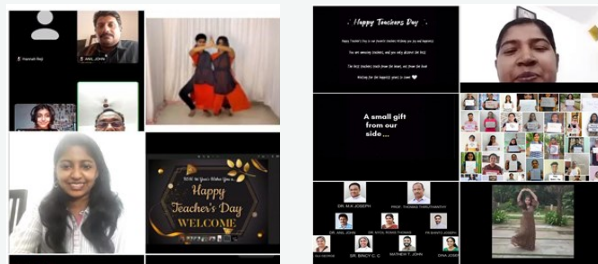
Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India Kottayam chapter  
"Remember those who cannot remember"  
"ഓർമ്മിക്കാൻ സാധിക്കാത്തവരെ ഓർമ്മിക്കാം"  
World Alzheimer's Month (September) Online Quiz competition on 17.09.2022

1st Prize: Praisewin Johny (Rajagiri College of Social Science Ernakulam)	2nd Prize: Sarath. R. S (NSS College Konni)	3rd Prize: Khadeejath Shabna (Rajagiri College of Social Science Ernakulam)

Congratulations from team ARDSI Kottayam chapter!!!

## Teacher's Day Celebration

BSW 1st Year students organized a Teacher's Day Celebration event on September 5th 2022. The event was done online with many fun-filled programmes and messages by the teachers.



## KILE Seminar on Internal Migration in Kerala: Challenge and Consequences



On 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Kerala Institute of Labour and Employment (KILE) organized a seminar titled 'Internal Migration in Kerala: Challenge and

Consequences' at Thiruvananthapuram. The seminar was attended by five first-year MSW students: Chitra Muraly, Praisewin Johny, Sona Jacob, Ayarin Elizabeth Tom and Anita Robin. It was inaugurated by Professor V. K. Ramachandran, Vice Chairperson, Kerala State Planning Board.



## Visit to Thuruthikkara: Kerala's First Green Village

On 23rd September, Monday, a group of students from first-year MSW along with Dr Sr. Sunirose I. P. visited the model village of Thuruthikkara in Mulanthuruthy Panchayat, Ernakulam. The village achieved 'Green Village' status in 2018 under the Oorja Nirmal Haritha Kerala Mission for multiple initiatives in waste management, energy efficiency, water security and scientific farming. As a result of innovative methods, the village became the first filament-free village in Kerala.

During the visit, the students were exposed to the ways in which instilling a scientific temperament in the members of a community can lead to a sustainable way of life. They were introduced to a method of horticulture developed by the people of the village which utilizes water from fish farming for growing lush green plants across the caps of water tanks. The village has also trained all its community members to use LEDs which are returned by every household for recycling after use. The village also has an efficient rainwater harvesting and

waste management system. There are stalls which sell vegetable seeds, saplings, grow bags, organic fertilizer, LED bulbs, kitchen bins, bio-bins, biogas plants, eco-friendly carry bags, solar water heaters, solar cookers and lighting systems set up across the village. Apart from that, the villagers also engage in poultry farming of BV 380 chickens. This sustainable model of Thuruthikkara stands as a blueprint for a green future.

## Inauguration of SWARAJ 2022

The official inaugural ceremony of SWARAJ (Social Work Students Association of Rajagiri) for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 27th September at GLC Hall, Carmel Block. The guest speaker for the function was Mr Dinu Veyil, President of Dhisha Kerala, a non-profit organization based in Manjummel, Ernakulam. The

ceremony was organized by Dr Rajeev S P (faculty coordinator, SWARAJ), Sanjana Salome Durairaj and Chris Maria (student coordinators). Dr M. K. Joseph, the head of the Department of Social Work, delivered the welcome note. During his address, Mr Dinu Veyil spoke on the issues of caste discrimination and gender ine-

quality in society. He also discussed the role and responsibilities of human rights defenders in society and the work carried out by the members of Dhisha with respect to the same. The inaugural was followed by an interactive session with the speaker.

## Vikas Samvad #19: Maya Care



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NGO CONNECT DISCUSSION SERIES  
VIKAS SAMVAAD #19

**-SPEAKERS-**



**Ayush Garag**  
State coordinator  
of Delhi  
Maya CARE  
Foundation.



**Rijwana**  
Bangalore City  
Coordinator and  
Kerala State  
Coordinator, Maya  
CARE Foundation



**Dr. Fr. MK Joseph  
CMI**  
Head,  
Department of  
Social Work

29th September, 2022 Thursday  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meeting ID : 875 1564 8676  
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The 19th edition of Vikas Samvad, an NGO connect discussion series was hosted online on 29th September. Representatives of Maya Care Foundation, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly, were the guests for the Zoom session. All the students of the Department of Social Work were in attendance. The welcome address was

delivered by Dr Fr Joseph M. K., the head of the department. Later, Ayush Garaj and Sharif Rizwana, the coordinators of Maya Care Foundation, took the audience through the activities undertaken by the NGO and their vision for senior citizen welfare. They presented the services offered by the volunteers of their organization and how they work to empower the aged in


the community, many of whom suffer from neglect and isolation in their homes. The session offered an insightful overview of the role and need of social workers in taking care of the elderly in society. Towards the end of the session, the participants raised their doubts and interacted with the speakers.

## Manan Samvaad #16




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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
Alma Connect Discussion Series  
MANAN SAMVAAD #16


**SPEAKERS**




**DIMPLE JOSEPH**  
Care coordinator  
Home and Community  
Care Support Services,  
Canada




**DIYA ELIZABETH PUNNOOSE**  
Social Worker  
Ministry of solicitor general  
(corrections), Canada



**ALEN JOSEPH**  
Child Protection  
Worker  
Peel Children's Aid,  
Canada




**NEENI SHINTO**  
Early Childhood Educator  
St Anne's Day Nursery  
Inc, Canada



**DR. FR. MK JOSEPH CMI**  
HEAD  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

15th September, 2022,  
THURSDAY 03:00 - 04:00pm



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For this month's Alma Connect series, which was held on 15th September 2022, four alumni working in Canada were invited as guest speakers. They were: Dimple Joseph, Care Coordinator, Home and Community Care Support Services, Canada; Diya Elizabeth Punnoose, Social Worker, Ministry of Solicitor General (Corrections) Canada; Alen Joseph, Child Protection Worker, Peel Children's Aid, Canada; and Neeni Shinto, Early Childhood Educator, St Anne's Day Nursery Inc. Canada. The discussion, moderated by Dr M. K. Joseph, the head of the Department of Social Work was conducted in the

afternoon via Zoom. The invited speakers shared their work experiences as well as the challenges and opportunities available to social workers in Canada in their own respective fields.

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