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## DYUTI Pre-Conference

On January 4, 2024, the highly anticipated DYUTI Pre-Conference was held at Golden Aureole. In the due course of the event, Dr. Johny Augustine from St. Ambrose University addressed the gathering, emphasizing the collective action that can bring about social change. The keynote speaker, Dr. Sherry Joseph, a Public Health professional from the Delhi School of Social Work, presented an insightful session on SDGs—Social Work Priorities and Practices. He incorporated important concepts, explained the forerunners of SDGs, and delineated the milestones, distinguishing between Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals. He also interacted with the students, discussing social work practices at micro, mezzo, and macro levels, and how social workers can scientifically contribute to addressing societal needs and discrepancies.



## Vikas Samvaad with Maya Care Foundation

On January 18, 2024, the Vikas Samvaad NGO Connect series was held via Zoom, for the students of MSW Ist year. Mr. Ayush Garg, co-ordinator of the Maya Care Foundation, was the resource person, presented information about Maya Care Foundation. He talked about their main function of offering empathetic service at no cost from their establishment. He also mentioned that the organisation practically identifies and caters to the needs of differently-abled people. Their foundation was quite active during the pandemic, and he shared the vital role that youth play in carrying out these processes.



## Session on Women in STEM & Entrepreneurship

Four students from MSW 1st year- Anwin K F, Sneha Selvakumar, Sruthilakshmi and Yudhith IX participated in the 'Women in STEM and 'Entrepreneurship Program' held on January 19, 2024 at Kinfra Hi-Tech Park, Kalamassery. The event aimed to cover diverse and insightful views from panellists and experts, encompassing a wide range of topics right from H2O and sanitation to artificial intelligence and healthcare. With notable speakers from various industries, the sessions had a lot of valuable perspectives to offer, such as inclusive finance, incubation of start-ups, and scaling businesses. It was a thought-provoking exploration of key themes in entrepreneurship, technology, and societal impact.



## Session on Scope and Opportunities of Social Work

On January 23, 2024 five students from MSW 1st year- Maria Anjitha, Antony V M, Yudhith IX, Anitta Mariam Varughese, and Emmanuel David- conducted a session on "Scopes and Opportunities in MSW Programme- A Career Oriented Session" at St. Teresa's College (Autonomous) Ernakulam for the batch of III-year BA History students. The students talked about social work, fieldwork practicum, major specialisations, top institutions, scopes, and opportunities of the program etc. During the session, they shared their insights about the MSW programme offered by Rajagiri College of Social Science. They also received positive feedback from the audience.

### SWARAJ - SDG Campus Tour

On January 23, 2024, SWARAJ organised a sustainable tour programme at Carmel Hall. The teams were composed of both 1st and 2nd year MSW students, who presented glimpses of their sustainable tours, showcasing pictures from allocated college locations. This activity aimed to create an insight into sustainable development goals, also touching upon the college's contributions in this direction. Creative elements such as songs and videos related to the SDGs were incorporated into the presentations.



### SAS Programme at RBS Campus

On January 25, 2024, 10 students from MSW 1st year participated in the 'Semester at Sea' Programme held at Rajagiri Business School, where they interacted with the international students. The students were divided into 5 heterogeneous groups, consisting of 8 students from SAS, PGDM, and MSW programmes. During the allotted time of discussion, the students discussed a set of questions stating Kerala's economy, welfare contributions and initiatives, civic engagement, etc.



### Basic Wheelchair Skills and Accessibility Needs Workshop

On January 16, 2024, Junior SWARAJ organized a workshop titled "Basic Wheelchair Skills and Accessibility Needs" facilitated by Mr. Rameez PN. The workshop aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of basic wheelchair skills and the accessibility needs of individuals with mobility challenges.

## Inauguration of “Avaraniya”: Another step towards equity

On January 24, 2023, AVARANIYA, Women's Cell of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, was inaugurated with a ceremony from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The event commenced with the Rajagiri Anthem, followed by a welcome speech from Dr. Giji George (Faculty Convenor, Women's Cell). Dr. Binoy Joseph (Associate Director & IQAC Co-ordinator) delivered the inauguration and inaugural message. The logo unveiling and keynote address were presented by Fr. (Dr.) Shinto Joseph CMI (Assistant Director, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences). Dr. Kiran Thampi (HOD, Social Work Department) and Dr. Ann Baby (Dean, Student Affairs) offered felicitations. Nanma Norwin (BSW First-year student) addressed the importance of Girl Child Day. A session on "Love & Relationship" was conducted by Ms. Renitta Manuel (Faculty, Department of Social Work & Comprehensive Sexuality Educator), emphasizing the significance of healthy relationships in personal growth and development.



## National Youth Day Observation

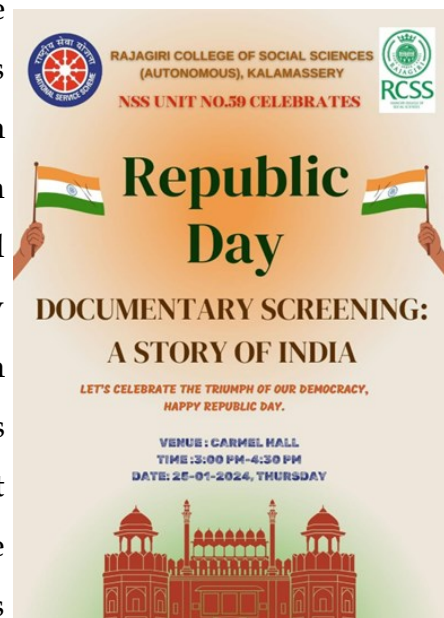
ED Club, in association with NSS Unit 59, organized the National Youth Day Observation. The event included an interaction with Mr. Adarsh Saji, an entrepreneur and BBA 6th Semester student. Mr. Saji, the Founder and Managing Partner of Lezgo Wayanad Tours and Travels, as well as the Founder and Managing Partner of Apex Media Solutions, shared insights and experiences with the students. The session aimed to inspire and engage young minds by showcasing the entrepreneurial journey of a fellow student, providing valuable perspectives on business and leadership.

## National Road Safety Month 2024

On January 31st, 2024, a team of 1st and 2nd year BSW students organized a street drama and flash mob event in various parts of Ernakulam District, including Vyttila Mobility Hub, Perumbavoor, Aluva Bus Stand, and Ankamaly. The event was held during India's National Road Safety Month and was organized by the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) of Kerala, the Australian Consulate, Rajagiri Outreach, and the Department of Social Work at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

## Republic Day Celebrations

The festivities of the 75th Republic Day kicked off on January 23rd with a Republic Day Quiz, organized in collaboration with the Rotaract Club. The quiz, which tested students' knowledge of the history and significance of Republic Day, was a resounding success. On January 25th, the college screened a documentary titled "A Story of India," in collaboration with the NSS Unit No. 59. The documentary, which chronicled India's journey from independence to the present day, was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our forefathers and the progress the nation has achieved. The screening was followed by a discussion, where students shared their thoughts and reflections on the documentary. The Republic Day Celebrations prove to be a testament to the patriotism and knowledge among the students. The events provided students with an opportunity to learn about India's rich history and heritage and reflect on the nation's progress leaving them with valuable insights regarding the country.



## DYUTI 2024

On January 10-11, over two days, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) held the 24th edition of the annual international conference, DYUTI 2024, which brought together a renowned group of academics, practitioners, and researchers. This year's theme was the Sustainable Development Goals and how they relate to social work practice across a number of sub-themes, including Partnership models in SDGs Initiative, Inclusive Societies, Resilient, Sustainable Habitats, Enhancing Healthy Lives and Promoting Wellbeing, and Reducing Inequalities among Specific Groups. The Sustainable Development Goals stressed the critical role that social work plays in promoting teamwork. They provide professionals a chance to rethink their roles, advocate for human rights, and make a substantial contribution to achieve these crucial goals.

Key figures like Dr. Binoy Joseph, Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara, Rev. Fr. Dr. Saju M.D., Dr. Arun A. Elias, and Chief Guest Prof. Neil Quigley attended the inauguration on Day 1 of DYUTI 2024. The celebration featured a felicitation session, the launching of the 25th anniversary logo, and a keynote speech on the Sustainable Development Goals. Professors Neil Quigley, Arun A. Elias, Matthew Pepper, and Rev. Dr. Fr. Saju, MD all signed the memoranda. Plenary talks, panel discussions, and paper presentations with a focus on multidisciplinary approaches to the Sustainable Development Goals took center stage on Day 2 of DYUTI 2024. Conversations took place as participants shared their points of view on issues such partnership models in the SDGs Initiative, safe and sustainable habitats, health and wellbeing, and inclusive societies. The day offered a forum for lively discussions, which evoked deeper of the relationship between social work and sustainable development.

**DYUTI 2024**  
 International Conference on  
**SDGs : Social Work Priorities and Practices**  
 International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches  
 to SGDs And Internationals Partners' Meet  
**10-11 January 2024**



## Student Achievements

The students of BSW (2023-26), took part in Aahvaan - National Social Work Fest, at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, on 18th January 2024 organized by the MSW (CCP) Students of the Department of Sociology and Social Work. They have won 4 prizes in total in individual and group events, namely,

1. 1st prize in Essay Writing Competition by Alna Maria with a cash prize of 4000/-
2. 1st prize for Emerging Social Worker by Ida Rose with a cash prize of 4000/-
3. 1st prize for The Panchayat by Asna, Reez, Ann Teresa, Akshitha and Ida with a cash prize of 5000/-
4. 2nd position for Treasure Hunt by Agnel, Alna, Sebastian, Deborah and Mary.

Leona Maria Joyson, BSW 2nd Year student has been selected to represent Kerala for the National Republic Day Parade 2024 in New Delhi. She is one of the 4 students from MG University and one among the 12 selected from Kerala.



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