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M&P AND CD FIELD VISITS



Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Anish KR, students specializing in Medical and Psychiatric Social Work and Community Development conducted field visits to various healthcare institutions, divided into groups. Group 1 visited the subcentre at Manjummel, Eloor Municipality, gaining insights into its public health role through an interaction with ASHA worker Mrs. Biji and attending the Ward Sabha of Ward 21. Group 2 visited the Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Kalamassery, where discussions with the Medical Officer and Junior Health Inspectors focused on grassroots health functions, national health policies, and vector control measures for dengue prevention. Group 3 visited the Community Health Center (CHC) in Edappally, where the head nurse elaborated on the CHC's functions and challenges in the absence of the medical officer. Group 4 explored Government Medical College, Kalamassery, interacting with the medical superintendent and visiting the psychiatric and community medicine departments to understand tertiary-level healthcare. Group 5 visited the National Health Mission (NHM) in Ernakulam and learned about its organizational structure, national health programs, and preventive health strategies from the District Education Media Officer. These visits provided a comprehensive understanding of healthcare systems at various levels, thanks to the guidance and opportunities facilitated by Dr. Anish KR.

A WEBINAR ON EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL WORK

NEXT CHAPTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Free webinar

- Career Opportunities
- Academics into Actions
- Connecting the Ground Realities of Social Workers to the Goals of Social Work

CURTAIN RAISER For
ATMA SOCIAL IMPACT CONGLAVE
2025



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key Speakers



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The Atma Foundation hosted an online webinar titled "Next Chapter of Social Work" on January 4, 2025, from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The session, aimed at raising awareness for the Atma Social Impact Conclave 2025, featured Dr. Anish K.R., Associate Professor and mental health professional, and C.K. Suresh, Founder & Director of Atma Foundation. Attended by MSW 1st-year students, the webinar offered valuable insights on bridging theory with practice and transforming academic knowledge into impactful community action..

WORKSHOP AT ANWAR MEMORIAL PAIN AND PALLIATIVE CARE



The BSW students (2023-2026) and NSS volunteers of Rajagiri college of social sciences participated in a two-day Palliative Care Certificate Program conducted by Anwar Memorial Pain and Palliative Care Center, Aluva. The certification program took place from January 7 to January 10, 2025. The session was conducted in 2 batches. The sessions focused on patient care, doctor care, nurse care and much more. The 2 day sessions ended with an exam which made the volunteers eligible for the certificate.

ICSD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE- DYUTI 2025



The 24th ICSD Biennial Conference - DYUTI 2025, held from January 8th to 10th, 2025, was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD). The conference, held at Rajagiri Business School in Kakkanad, served as a global platform, bringing together professionals, scholars, and practitioners from 21 countries to exchange ideas and collaborations for social change. The theme, "Innovations in Social Work and Social Development: Uniting Communities Across the Globe for Sustainable Change," highlighted the importance of collective action in addressing global challenges and promoting sustainability. The conference featured plenary sessions and panel discussions on various sub-themes related to social work and development. The event was organized through multiple committees, with both students and faculty members playing key roles in its execution.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF ICSD AND THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE DYUTI CONFERENCE

On January 14, 2025, the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan, inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) and the Silver Jubilee of the Dyuti Conference hosted by the Department of Social Work at Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad. The event commemorated fifty years of ICSD's global contributions to social development initiatives and twenty-five years of Dyuti Conference.

DYUTI EVALUATION MEETING

The programme was conducted in Carmel Hall on 14th January. All the faculties from Social Work department and students belonging to MSW II, MSW I, CSW, BSW III and PGDCSW attended the programme. Each committee heads presented a brief report on their respective committees' work. Each and everyone were congratulated for their contributions. Suggestions were also provided by students for the next DYUTI. This was an excellent opportunity to reflect and learn to make DYUTI even better.

KERALA PALLIATIVE DAY



Anwar Memorial Pain and Palliative Care Society celebrated Kerala Palliative Day on January 15, 2025, in collaboration with the NSS units of four colleges: Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Morning Star Home Science College, St Xavier's Women's College, and KMEA Engineering College. The event marked the official inauguration of the renovated Anwar Memorial Pain and Palliative Care Society, conducted by Anwar Sadath, MLA of Aluva. The program commenced at 9:15 am with a presidential address by Mr. Shabeer, the program officer. Anwar Sadath delivered a speech on palliative and home care, distributing hygiene kits to volunteers from the participating colleges to be given to patients during home visits. The event also flagged off a home care initiative, where volunteers, accompanied by nursing staff, visited homes and distributed fruits and hygiene kits to patients. The program concluded at 12:40 pm.

EN-ROUTE MUNNAR – STUDY TOUR



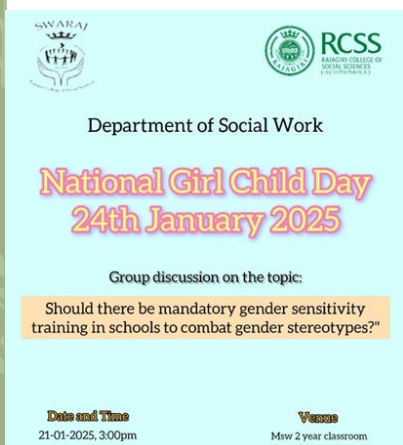
The second-year BSW students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, accompanied by faculty members Mr. Mathew T John and Sr. Shyba Babu, went on a study tour to Munnar on January 17, 2024. They visited Srishti, a charitable trust dedicated to the rehabilitation and sustainable livelihood generation for differently-abled children and young adults in Munnar's rural plantation community, where they were given an orientation and witnessed the various activities and initiatives undertaken by the trust. The group then spent the night at the Koodaram Resort, where they engaged in various recreational activities, including a mist dance, campfire, and participated in games and songs arranged by the resort. The next morning, they embarked on a hiking excursion along the nearby river, followed by a visit to the Kundala Dam before returning to Kochi, making the tour an enriching and memorable experience for the students.

ESG CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), through its Department of Social Work, collaborated with KPMG India to organize an ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) Certification Program for MSW students. This industry-academia partnership aimed to enhance students' understanding of ESG principles and practices. The program was conducted over two days, on the 17th and 18th of January 2025, at RCSS, providing a platform for academic and professional engagement.

SWARAJ



The Department of Social Work organized a group discussion on January 21, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the MSW second-year classroom to commemorate National Girl Child Day, observed annually on January 24. The discussion focused on the topic, "Should there be mandatory gender sensitivity training in schools to combat gender stereotypes?" and aimed to promote awareness and dialogue on addressing gender biases through education.

REPUBLIC DAY INTERDEPARTMENTAL QUIZ

The BSW students stole the spotlight at the Republic Day interdepartmental quiz competition, organized by NSS. The second-year BSW team secured the first prize, while the first-year BSW students claimed the third prize, proving their academic excellence. The competition featured two rounds of prelims, where teams battled for a spot in the finals. Out of the many participating teams, six made it to the final round, where they competed in an intense battle of wits on topics including Indian history, governance, and current affairs and the Republic Day.

WORKSHOP ON RESUME WRITING & INTERVIEW SKILLS



On January 28, 2025, a workshop on Resume Writing, Personal Interview was conducted for BSW students at BSW Third year classroom. The session was led by Mr. Scaria Thomas, Assistant Professor & Corporate Relations Officer, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, who shared insightful tips on resume building, interview techniques. Organized by the Dept. of Social Work and the Dept. of Language in collaboration with the Placement Cell, the workshop provided students with practical skills to enhance their professional communication and presentation abilities.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



On January 30th, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with Rajagiri Outreach organized a road safety awareness campaign with the support of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The event featured an engaging street play and a dynamic flash mob, designed to highlight the importance of road safety and responsible driving practices. Targeting drivers and employees of the two organizations, the initiative was met with enthusiastic participation and positive feedback.

ORIENTATION ON MSW AT JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY



An orientation session for BSW 3rd-year students on the opportunity to pursue an MSW at James Cook University, Australia, was held on January 30, 2025. The session was led by Shruti Srinivasan, Regional Manager for Recruitment, Schools Engagement & Special Projects at James Cook University. She discussed the scope of pursuing an MSW at James Cook University, highlighting the various courses offered, their duration, and the career opportunities available post-graduation. She also provided detailed insights into the admissions process, helping students understand the opportunities for future students, and emphasized the university's global reputation in the field of social work.

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