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*“Most people are concerned only with what they can get from the world, but it is what we are able to give to others that determines the quality of our life”*  
— Mata Amritanandamayi Devi



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## ABOUT AMRITA UDAAN

Amrita Udaan is the monthly newsletter of the Dept. of Social Work. It is completely managed by the students under the guidance of the Faculty. It mainly covers the departmental activities, articles on various social issues, book review, movie review, drawings, posters, alumni interviews, guidance and solved previous year question papers of UGC-NET. The contents are contributed mainly by the students, alumni and faculty members. It is successfully publishing every month since October 2019.

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# DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES





# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING VISIT OF SECOND MSW



Experiential learning plays a crucial role in social work education, providing students with practical exposure to real-world challenges and opportunities in the field. As part of their academic curriculum, the second year MSW students participated in a seven-day Experiential Learning program from December 1 to December 7, 2024, aimed at exploring internship and job opportunities in NGOs beyond their city. The visit covered two major cities, Bengaluru and Goa, focusing on renowned institutions like NIMHANS and Sangath. The students were accompanied by Dr. P. Rangasami, Vice Principal and Chairperson, SSBS, Coimbatore, Asst. Prof. Dr. Rajeev Ramakrishnan, and Ms. Ambika Balakrishnan, the Field Work Coordinator. The learning experience began at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, where faculty from various departments, including Community Development, Child Protection, Medical, and Psychiatry, conducted orientation sessions and interactive classes. At the end of the day, the students were taken on a campus visit to understand the institution's environment and structure. On December 4, the program continued in Goa, where an organizer from Sangath, an NGO, provided an orientation on the organization's work and available opportunities in its branches. The following day, the students visited Sanjay a centre for Special Education school, where they received an orientation from staff members about the institution's operations. On December 6, the students visited Sangath, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the NGOs working structure and impact. The visit provided valuable practical exposure, helping students connect their academic knowledge with real-world social work practices.



BANUPRIYA,  
(II MSW))



# PONGAL CELEBRATIONS



Pongal, the harvest festival, was celebrated with great joy in our college on January 9, 2025. The festivities began with colorful Rangoli designs, adding beauty to the surroundings. A lively procession followed, where students dressed in traditional attire, bringing a festive spirit to the campus. The main event was the traditional Pongal preparation, symbolizing gratitude for nature's blessings. A grand festive feast was shared, bringing students and faculty together. Cultural performances by students showcased music and dance, making the celebration even more vibrant. Traditional village games added fun and excitement, reminding everyone of the festival's roots. As the day came to an end, an orchestra performance in the evening created a mesmerizing atmosphere. The Pongal celebration in our college was a wonderful experience, filled with tradition, joy, and togetherness, making it a memorable occasion for everyone.



FARHAAN FAROOQUI  
( I BSW )

CELEBRATING THE  
HARVEST WITH  
JOY, HOPE,  
AND HAPPINESS!





# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY (ICGT 2025)



*Students and faculties at ICGT*

The International Conference on Gender and Technology 2025, held in Amritapuri from January 16th to 19th, was a landmark event organized in partnership with UNESCO and IEEE. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Raj Bushan Chaudary, Central Minister of Jal Shakti, while the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean of SSBS. This flagship event brought together over 500 participants to explore the critical intersection of gender and technology, with the dedicated efforts of the Amrita Team—including AL and CWEGE organizers, faculty, students, and volunteers across three campuses—ensuring its success. The conference featured keynote speeches by eminent personalities, panel discussions on relevant topics, and parallel sessions for paper presentations. A total of 90 high-quality research papers were accepted, reflecting a competitive acceptance rate of 35%. One of the highlights was the GenAI x Gender Tech Hackathon, where top teams, selected from over 500 applications, presented innovative solutions to challenges faced by women in the Global South. Cash prizes were awarded to the best teams, and some participants secured internships with companies like Google. All hackathon projects were made open source to inspire future research and innovation. The conference concluded with the launch of UNESCO's South Asia chapter of Women for Ethical AI (W4EAI), marking a significant step towards promoting ethical AI practices and gender equity in technology.



MALAVIKA K  
(I MSW)

# PUBLICATIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER AND TECHNOLOGY 2025 Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham – Arasampalayam Campus

## Publications at the International Conference on Gender and Technology 2025

The following research papers were presented at the International Conference on Gender and Technology organized by the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, in collaboration with UNESCO, held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham from January 16th – 19th, 2025, at the Amritapuri campus, Kerala, India. (Scopus indexed)

1. Priya V. and Asvitha Karthikeyan (2025) presented a paper titled “Exploring the Role of Technology, Gender and Their Relationship Between Self-Efficacy & Academic Performance.”
2. Kanagaraj Saminathan and Smriti Rosily (2025) presented a paper titled “Gendered Impacts of Internet Addiction on Self-Esteem and Social Anxiety: Exploring Cultural Shifts in Education Through Technology.”
3. Kanagaraj Saminathan and Sandra K J. (2025) presented a paper titled “A Comparative Study on Gender Influence on Frustration Levels of Secondary School Students in a Technologically Evolving Educational Landscape.”
4. Raneesh C and Indu V Nair. (2025) presented a paper titled “Exploring Social Media’s Influence on Body Image Distortion in the Digital Era.”
5. Rajeev Ramakrishnan, Dhanya Anirudhan, and Rangasami P. (2025) presented a paper titled “Gendered Tech Fears, AI Anxiety Among Adolescent Students in Kerala, India.”



MALAVIKA K  
(I MSW)





*Dr. Bhavani Rao - Dean SSBS*



*Assistant professor Dr. S Kanagaraj presenting his paper*



*Assistant professor Dr. Raneesh C presenting his paper*



*PhD Scholar Asvitha K presenting her paper*



# ORIENTATION ON TEACH FOR INDIA FELLOWSHIP FOR SECOND YEAR MSW STUDENTS

**AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM**  
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**Orientation on TEACH FOR INDIA**

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DATE: 23 JANUARY, 2025 | VENUE: II MSW CLASSROOM

**Organised By**  
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The placement cell of the Department of Social Work at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, organized an orientation session on ‘Teach For India’ fellowship on January 23, 2025, to introduce students to its mission and opportunities. The event featured an inaugural address by Dr. P Rangasami, followed by a welcome speech from Mr. Ajiraj C A, Center Head, Corporate Industry Relations, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Arasampalayam. Dr. S Kanagaraj introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Cibin Kurien, who delivered an insightful address on the Teach For India fellowship, emphasizing its role in fostering educational equity and leadership. The session was coordinated by Ms. Medha S Menon of second MSW. It then concluded with an engaging discussion, leaving students with valuable insights into social impact careers.



RAKHI R N,  
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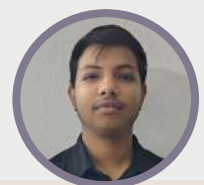


## DIVINE POOJA AND SPIRITUAL SESSION AT AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM

A special spiritual event was conducted at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Arasampalayam Campus, on January 24, 2025, to invoke peace and positivity. The college had the honor of welcoming Sampoojya Purnamritananda Puri Swamiji, the General Secretary of Mata Amritanandamayi Math. The event began with a sacred Pooja, followed by an enlightening Satsang and a peaceful Flute Meditation Session. Students, faculty, and staff gathered to seek blessings and experience spiritual harmony. The atmosphere was enriched with devotional chants, floral decorations, and traditional rituals. Swamiji's inspiring words encouraged mindfulness, self-awareness, and compassion. The soothing flute meditation session helped attendees experience deep relaxation and inner peace. The event provided a meaningful break from daily routines, allowing students to connect with spirituality while maintaining academic focus. The session concluded with a sense of gratitude, leaving a profound impact on all participants.



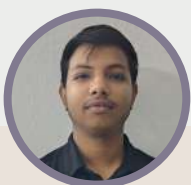
*Glimses from the session*



FARHAAN FAROOQUI  
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# PLACEMENT DRIVE BY SEVALAYA NGO FOR SECOND MSW STUDENTS

The Corporate Industry Relations wing of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Arasampalayam in association with the school of social and behavioral sciences organized a placement drive by the Sevalaya NGO, Chennai on 24th January, 2025 at 10:30 am. The session was organized at the farmer’s training hall of the campus. The dignitaries for the event were Mr. Ajiraj C A, Centre Head of CIR, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Asst. Prof. Dr. S. Kanagaraj from the department of social and behavioral sciences, Ms. Janani Lakshmi, Senior Executive – HR, Sevalaya and Mr. Anandan M T, Head- Homes, Sevalaya. The session had an orientation on Sevalaya, its culture, history and activities. Following this, there was the placement drive conducted by Sevalaya for the students applying for the post of HR, care takers and counselors in the organization. The personal interview and psychological assessment were completed on the same day for the applicants. .



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The placement drive for applicants at CIR block



# 76<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

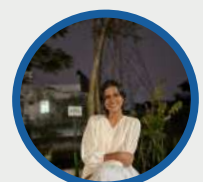
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The event commenced at 9:00 AM with the hoisting of the national flag by Dr. Sudheesh Manalil, Dean of Agricultural Sciences, followed by the singing of the national anthem. As part of the celebration, students performed a patriotic song, filling the atmosphere with pride and devotion to the nation. Their melodious rendition added to the spirit of the occasion and was met with applause from the audience. In his inaugural address, Dean Sudheesh Manalil spoke about the importance of Republic Day and the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. He encouraged students to uphold the values of democracy and contribute positively to society. Following the inaugural address, Dr. Rangasami, Chairperson of the School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, delivered an inspiring speech. He emphasized the democratic principles that guide the nation and urged students to actively engage in societal progress through education and ethical leadership. His speech resonated deeply with the audience, reinforcing the spirit of unity and responsibility. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets, fostering a sense of joy and camaraderie among students, faculty, and staff. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of patriotism and commitment to the nation.



NAYANA K A  
(I MSW)

# FROM ASPIRATION TO ACTION

Vaidehi Saju, a first-year Master of Social Work (MSW) student at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, has recently made her debut in the film industry by playing a minor role in the movie 4 Seasons, directed by Vinod Parameshwaran. Despite being deeply engaged in her academic journey in social work, Vaidehi has always nurtured a strong passion for cinema. Her interest in films goes beyond just acting—she appreciates the art of storytelling, direction, and the impact cinema can have on society. This opportunity in 4 Seasons marks her first step into the film industry, and she hopes to explore more roles in the future. Balancing both academics and her creative aspirations, Vaidehi sees cinema as a powerful medium to convey meaningful messages, much like social work, which aims to bring change in society. With her dedication and enthusiasm, she aspires to further explore the world of cinema while continuing her studies. Her journey serves as an inspiration to many young students who wish to pursue their passions alongside their academic commitments.



NAYANA K A  
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# CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS



The recent achievement of three dedicated second-year MSW students reflects their relentless commitment and determination. Remya Ramesh, Pooja S, and Suhas C have demonstrated exceptional focus and resilience in their academic pursuits. Their passion for social work has culminated in securing opportunities at the esteemed Sevalaya organization in Chennai. This milestone serves as a testament to the high quality of education and mentorship they have received. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals as they embark on a promising professional journey.

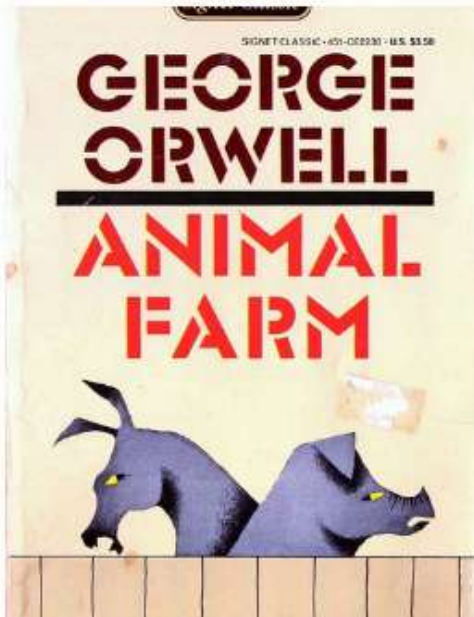


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# STUDENTS' CORNER





# ANIMAL FARM

GEORGE ORWELL



In *Animal Farm*, farm animals rebel against their cruel human ruler in the hopes of a better life. At first glance, the story appears straightforward, but as it progresses, the plot thickens and gets more captivating with each new chapter. George Orwell's allegorical work, which explores corruption, deception, political recession, authoritarianism, and communism, effectively captures a whole era. *Animal Farm* is a superb book with a powerful lesson that is still relevant 76 years after it was first published. It recreates the Soviet era in a world that seems whimsical and mythical. To warn people about the perils of a gullible and uninformed common class, the story is essential reading in a society where corruption and autocracies are a constant threat. It is essential for everyone. It is essential for everybody who wants to contribute to the fight for freedom and political reform, and because the novel has significant historical value, it is a great read for both historians and general readers. All things considered, *Animal Farm* by George Orwell is a classic with a compelling story and a timeless moral that has won its author a place among the greatest writers of the 20th century.

ARYA A S  
(I MSW)







## SKY FORCE

The movie has a predictable opening with air training scenes and humorous moments, but it has trouble holding viewers' attention at first. But the story takes off once the action moves to the sky. Kewlani's script and A. Sreekar Prasad's deft editing guarantee a compelling story that keeps viewers interested and emotionally invested. Action filmmakers Craig MacRae and Parvez Shaikh, in collaboration with cinematographer Santhana Krishnan Ravichandran, create breathtaking scenes that captivate viewers. The discussion of bureaucratic annoyances and political red tape is brief, providing reality without slowing down the action. Watchers may want to have tears close during the heartbreaking and fulfilling emotional conclusion, as the truth about Tabby's objective is revealed. One notable aspect of Sky Force is its impartial depiction of patriotism, which steers clear of overt hostility or sensationalism. It honors unsung warriors such as Squadron Leader Ajjamada Boppayya Devayya, whose valor is reflected in Tabby's personality. It is a worthy homage, and anybody interested in military movies that combine action and poignant narrative should see it. Aside from a few plot hiccups, it's a worthwhile cinematic journey.

Suvarna K A  
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# SCHEMES AND ACTS



## ACTS

# NEW INDIAN CRIMINAL LAWS 2024



In a historic action, India has initiated a comprehensive reform of its criminal justice system by enacting three crucial laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam. Effective from July 1, 2024, these new regulations will supersede the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC) of 1860, the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1898, and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872, and are set to introduce major reforms designed to modernise and enhance the nation's legal system.

These reforms represent more than a superficial change; they are a thorough overhaul of India's criminal laws to more effectively reflect modern realities. The recent legislation seeks to tackle the persistent inefficiencies and shortcomings of the current laws, which have faced criticism for being antiquated and unresponsive to contemporary societal needs. The motivation for these alterations stemmed from the need to improve legal processes, incorporate technological progress, and guarantee a stronger safeguarding of citizens' rights.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita emphasizes substantive criminal law, seeking to streamline and modernize the legal regulations to align with contemporary societal values and technological progress.

The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita revamps procedural elements, guaranteeing faster and more effective justice delivery. In the meantime, the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam updates the regulations of evidence to encompass digital and electronic documents, which are becoming more significant in the current digital era. These changes are expected to significantly affect multiple areas, including law enforcement, the judiciary, and the general population. The new laws seek to improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the criminal justice system by implementing measures such as digitizing processes, using videography for search and seizure, and incorporating forensic science.

Reference: <https://authbridge.com/blog/new-criminal-laws-india-2024/>

VAIDEHI SAJU  
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## STATE SCHEME

# FREE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES



The “Free Education Scholarship for Professional Courses” scheme was launched on May 7, 2012, by the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, and Minorities Welfare Department of Tamil Nadu. This initiative aims to support students from BC (Backward Classes), MBC (Most Backward Classes), and DNC (Denotified Communities) backgrounds in pursuing professional courses like Engineering, Medical, Agriculture, Veterinary, and Law.

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Under this scheme, the government covers the following expenses for eligible students: Full tuition fees as prescribed by the state government. Special fees and other non-refundable compulsory charges. Entire examination fees as per government regulations.

### Benefits of the Scheme:

Tuition fees are completely waived. All special and non-refundable charges are fully covered. Examination fees are reimbursed in full.

### Eligibility Criteria:

To avail of this scholarship, students must meet the following conditions:

1. The applicant must be a student and a native of Tamil Nadu.
2. Belong to the BC, MBC, or DNC categories.
3. Be enrolled in a professional course at a Government, Government-Aided, or Self-Financing college.
4. The family's annual income should not exceed ₹1,00,000.
5. There should be no graduates in the applicant's family.

Source: <https://www.myscheme.gov.in/schemes/fesfpc>



DIYA RAJESH  
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## CENTRAL SCHEME



# SAVITRIBAI JYOTIRAO PHULE FELLOWSHIP FOR SINGLE GIRL CHILD

The University Grants Commission (UGC), Department of Higher Education, established the Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child (SJS GC) to support research leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree. This scheme's target audience is the 'single girl child', or the sole girl child in the household who does not have a brother or sibling. A girl scholar who is one of the twin daughters/fraternal daughters may also apply for the fellowship under the scheme. Every year, the number of places for the fellowship will be determined based on qualified applications that are complete in all aspects and submitted online.

### OBJECTIVES OF THIS SCHEME

- The Scheme aims to promote the higher education of single girl children in Social Sciences.
- Recognize the importance of following the small family norm.
- Recognize the social norm of single girl children.
- To spread the notion of the single girl kid norm.
- To increase the social acceptance of lone girls.



Ashwathi V R  
(I MSW)



# CURRENT AFFAIRS





### 1. Ethanol Procurement Price Reapproved for 2024-25

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday approved an increase in the ethanol procurement price to Rs. 57.97 per litre for the Ethanol Supply Year 2024-25, from Rs. 56.58, to push the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme. This programme of 20% of ethanol blending by 2025-26 has reduced crude oil import dependency and saved more than Rs.1, 13,007 crore of foreign exchange, substituting 193 lakh metric tonnes of crude oil.



### 2. Disaster Mitigation Funding Approved by High-Level Committee

The Indian government's High-Level Committee, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has sanctioned Rs 3,027.86 crore for disaster mitigation projects to strengthen disaster management across states. This includes Rs 186.78 crore for lightning safety in 50 high-risk districts across 10 states, Rs 2,022.16 crore for drought mitigation in 12 drought-prone

states (with Rs 1,200 crore from the central government), and Rs 818.92 crore for forest fire risk management in 144 high-priority districts across 19 states.

### 3. National Critical Mineral Mission

As reported by the Global EnThe National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) is the ₹16,300 crore scheme to reduce dependence on imported critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel. It would focus on domestic exploration, mining, and faster regulatory approvals, while attracting ₹18,000 crore in investments. The mission supports international collaborations, research, and mineral processing to strengthen India's clean energy and high-tech industries.



### 4. Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs Inaugurated

On December 4, 2023, the Indian The government of India launched the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs to enhance access to credit faci-

ties for manufacturing units. The amount of loan to be guaranteed would be up to ₹100 crores with 60% guarantees. Eligible MSME units must have an Udyam Registration Number; at least 75% of the loan can be used towards equipment or machinery. The scheme has flexible repayment terms, low guarantee fees, and aims to boost the manufacturing sector's GDP contribution.

### 5. Sharavathy Pumped Strobe Project

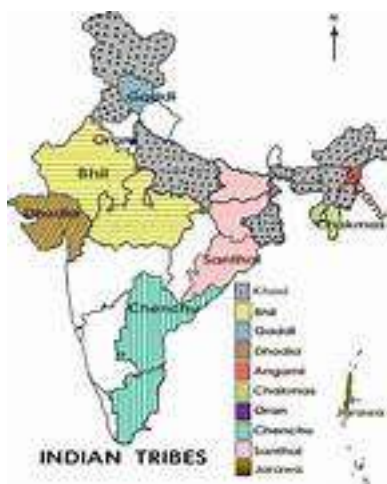
Environmentalists and local people have opposed the Sharavathy Pumped Storage Project in Karnataka, which has been granted conditional approval. The project falls within the Sharavathy Lion-Tailed Macaque Sanctuary. It is meant to produce 2,000 MW of hydroelectric power, but it will destroy 125 acres of dense forest and fell 7,000–8,000 trees. Critics point out that it will destroy the habitat of the endangered Lion-Tailed Macaque and damage the ecosystem.





## 6. Comprehensive Classification of India's Nomadic Tribes

Anthropological Survey of India and Tribal Research Institutes classified the 268 never before categorized tribes that move by nomadic processes. In it, it submitted 179 groups to SC/ST and OBC. Once again, classification comes into force after decades-old attempts which fell into naught when Criminal Tribes Act 1949 was abolished. Submission of this Classification was made way back in the year 2023. With political and social implications, the government is reviewing the recommendations to finalize their inclusion in reservations and welfare policies.



## 7. Israel Cuts Ties with UNRWA

Israel has declared that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) will no longer be allowed to function in the West Bank and East Jerusalem from January 30, 2025. UNRWA is the agency responsible for providing essential services to nearly six million Palestinian refugees. It faces severe challenges due to key Western donors suspending funding following allegations by Israel of its staff being involved in the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks.

## 8. India and Oman CEPA and DTAA

India and Oman are strengthening economic ties, through comprehensive economic partnership agreement talks and updating their double taxation avoidance agreement. These agreements are expected to enhance trade volume, simplify the process of tax declaration, and boost investment. Bilateral trade between India and Oman has risen to US\$ 9 billion in the financial year 2023-24, and these agreements are believed to strengthen economic cooperation between both countries and benefit the businesses on both sides.



## 9. Red Cross Raises Ebola Alarms at Goma

Ebola samples are now deemed insecure at the laboratory in the East African town of Goma by the International Committee of the Red Cross due to continued violent fights between Rwandan forces and M23 rebel groups. In addition, fighting, coupled with its implications that Ebola samples would most likely run into a loss as power cut chances arise. The town of Goma, already reeling from instability and displacement, faces a possible catastrophe in case the Ebola pathogens break out.

The ICRC appeals for prompt action to secure these dangerous samples to avoid more humanitarian catastrophes.



## 10. Centre Launches TEAM Initiative

The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) launched the MSME Trade Enablement and Marketing (TEAM) Initiative with an allocation of ₹277.35 crore for three years. Under this initiative, the ministry intends to enable 5 lakh micro and small businesses, mainly led by women entrepreneurs, to take digital presence under the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). It gives all digital storefronts, integrated payment systems, and logistics support with workshops and financial support for small businesses. This initiative aims to boost competition, inclusivity, and innovation in e-commerce, though new challenges such as system complexity and customer service are there.

REFERENCE: <https://www.gkto-day.in/current-affairs/month/current-affairs-january-2025/>



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## INTERNSHIP OPPURTUNITIES

### MARAPU FOUNDATION NGO

<https://internshala.com/>

Work from home

Start date: Immediately

Duration: 1 week

Stipend: Unpaid

Apply by: 24th Feb 25

About The Internship

The Marpu Foundation is a youth-run NGO supported by presidential and UN awardees, focused on empowering young individuals to become global citizens. Interns will develop and execute fundraising campaigns on social issues, ensure their successful implementation, and assist in raising funds for specific causes.

#### Benefits

Certificate

Letter of Recommendation

Flexible work hours

#### Only those candidates can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. cavailable to work from home for one week between January 25, 2025, and March 13. are available for duration of 1 month

#### To know more and apply:

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### ODISHA DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (ODMP)

<https://internshala.com/>

Work from home

Start date: Immediately

Duration: 1 week

Stipend: 300-5,000/- week

Apply by: 23rd Feb 2025

About the Internship

The Odisha Development Management Programme (ODMP) is a registered network of grassroots NGOs, environmentalists, and academics that emerged after the 1999 super cyclone in Odisha.

#### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendation

#### Only those candidates can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. can start the work from home job/internship between 24th Jan'25 and 28th Feb'25
3. are available for duration of 1 weeks

#### To know more& apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-part-time-fundraising-volunteer-internship-at-odisha-development-management-programme-odmp1737707626>

### SCOPE FOR CHANGE NGO

<https://internshala.com/>

Work from home

Start date: Immediately

Duration: 1 month

Stipend: ₹ 1,500-10,000/- month

Apply by: 23rd Feb 2025

About the internship

Scope for Change is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals and communities through sustainable development projects. Their initiatives focus on education, women's empowerment, and environmental sustainability.

#### Benefits:

Certificate

Letter of Recommendation

#### Only those candidates can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. can start the work from home job/internship between 24th Jan'25 and 28th Feb'25
3. are available for duration of 4 weeks

#### To know more& apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-part-time-fundraising-internship-at-scope-for-change1737722132>



## She Can Foundation NGO

<https://internshala.com/>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 1 week
- Stipend: 20% of Total Funds Raised
- Apply by: 24th Feb 2025

### About the Internship

The She Can Foundation is a registered NGO under the Indian Society Registration Act of 1860, focused on empowering underprivileged women through education, training, and resources. Interns assist in planning and executing events, conducting research, and preparing reports for ongoing projects. They collaborate with team members to create content for social media and the website, provide adminis-

trative support, and attend meetings for insights into the nonprofit sector.

- **Benefits:**
- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendation
- **Only those candidates can apply who:**
- 1. are available for the work from home job/internship
- 2. can start the work from home job/internship between 25th Jan'25 and 1st Mar'25
- 3. are available for duration of 1 weeks
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### To know more& apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-part-time-1-week-fundraising-internship-at-she-can-foundation1737790326>

## She Can Foundation NGO

<https://internshala.com/>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 1 week
- Stipend: 20% of Total Amount Raised
- Apply by: 23rd Feb 2025

### About the Internship

She Can Foundation is a non-governmental organization (NGO) registered under the Indian Society Registration Act of 1860, focused on uplifting underprivileged women. Its mission is to provide education, training, and resources to help women from marginalized communities overcome obstacles and achieve their potential.

### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendations
- Flexible work hours

### Only those candidates can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. can start the work from home job/internship between 24th Jan'25 and 28th Feb'25
3. are available for duration of 1 weeks
4. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more& apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-part-time-7-days-virtual-charity-drive-internship-at-she-can-foundation1737694870>



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## MSW JOB OPPURTUNITIES

### 1) Project Facilitator

Nirman

Location: Daspalla, Nayagarh, Odisha

Job email ID: nirman@nirmanodisha.org

Apply By: 20 February 2025

### 2) Senior Project Manager

NIDAN

Location: Delhi NCR, Gorakhpur, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh

Job email ID: office@nidan.in

Apply By: 17 February 2025

### 3) Associate – Community Development

Thuvakkam

Location: Ramnad and Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Job email ID: career@thuvakkam.org

Apply By: 17 February 2025

### 4) Training and Capacity Building Associate Development Consortium (DC)/ Ansh

Location: Remote, Rajasthan

Job email ID: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R5l-6TRdrPFOsL65DY1s5oPZtAB8CyhHvYG\\_hOyh902s/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1R5l-6TRdrPFOsL65DY1s5oPZtAB8CyhHvYG_hOyh902s/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Apply By: 16 February 2025

### 5) Social Worker cum Office Admin

Multiple Sclerosis Society of India

Location: Mumbai (Sion West), Maharashtra

Job email ID: mssimumbai@gmail.com

Apply By: 15 February 2025

### 6) Project Facilitator

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## FEBRUARY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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16	17	18	19	20 	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27 	28 	

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1 February 2025 – Indian Coast Guard Day
- 4 February 2025 – World Cancer Day
- 5 February 2025 – Safer Internet Day
- 6 February 2025 - International day of zero tolerance to female genital mutilation
- 11 February 2025 – International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 13 February 2025 – World Radio Day
- 20 February 2025 – World Day of Social Justice
- 21 February 2025 – International Mother Language Day
- 22 February 2025 – World Thinking Day
- 27 February 2025 – World NGO Day
- 28 February 2025 – National Science Day

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# ALUMNI CORNER

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## 1.How was your life at Amrita?

Being part of the COVID batch, most of my studies were online, and I got to be on campus for only about five months. Even with virtual classes, our tutors made learning easy, especially in social work and mental health. When I finally went to campus in my last semester, meeting everyone in person was exciting. The tutors, whom I thought would be strict, were actually very friendly. The campus itself was beautiful—a perfect place to relax and make memories with friends. Before leaving for New Zealand, my friends and I revisited the campus and our tutors to relive those moments. If I get a chance, I would love to go back again.

## 2.What are the key skills that you learned at Amrita that helped your career?

I gained a strong understanding of mental health and psychiatry, which helped me grasp real-life challenges. The cultural education program also gave me a broader perspective on values and beliefs, enriching my approach to social work and healthcare.

## 3.How is the current scope of Social Work?

Honestly, I feel India still has a long way to go in recognizing the importance of social workers. Many people don't fully understand what social work involves, and salaries are often lower because the profession isn't seen as essential.



However, things are slowly changing, with social workers being appointed in schools and more job opportunities emerging. My friends and colleagues have also noticed growth in the field. Not just in India, but globally, the demand for social workers is rising. I hope people start valuing social workers more, just like in other countries, where they are seen as key professionals in mental health, community development, and social welfare.

#### 4. What message would you like to give to the current MSW students?

To all current MSW students—your role in society is invaluable. Social work is not just a profession; it's a commitment to making a real difference in people's lives. Keep learning, stay passionate, and be open to challenges.

#### 5. What are your key responsibilities in the present job?

Just graduated and am currently in the process of registering as a Social Worker.

#### 6. Who is your inspiration?

My mom has always been my biggest inspiration. Her strength, wisdom, and kindness have shaped the way I view the world and the way I approach my work. Growing up, I've seen her dedicate herself, which sparked my own desire to do the same. Her influence has been a constant source of motivation.

#### Anything else you would like to share?

If you have any questions about coming to NZ or anything else, feel free to reach out to me. Don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you so much for considering me for the interview. A special thank you to Kanagaraj Sir for staying connected with all his students. It's not easy to keep in touch with everyone, but you do it so well. You still wish everyone well during festivals and help students connect with alumni for clear guidance. You even offer help to those who passed out years ago. You're truly humble and kind. To Priya Ma'am, I was initially scared of you, but after spending time with you as my research guide, you became like a mother figure to me, allowing me to be myself. Lastly, I want to thank all my tutors for their constant support and willingness to help whenever needed.



# UGC-NET QUESTION PAPER (DECEMBER 2015) PAPER II SOLVED

1. Which method of social work is related to the process of transforming social policy into social welfare?

- A) Social work research
- B) Community organization
- C) Social action
- D) Social welfare administration

2. The person-in-situation was coined by:

- A) Marry Richmond
- B) Florence Hollis
- C) H. Bartlett
- D) Charles Cooley

3. Which is not true of social values?

- A) Values are preferred behavior
- B) Values cannot be proved
- C) Values grow out of personal experiences
- D) Values are evolving in nature

4. Which one of the following is not a principle of social group work given by H.B. Treckler?

- A) The principle of democratic self-determination
- B) The principle of focussing on change and possibilities
- C) The principle of flexible functional organization
- D) The principle of progressive program experience

5. Which one of the following is not secondary data in Social Work research?

- A) Information collected from Journals
- B) Information collected from Reports
- C) Information collected from Respondents
- D) Information collected from Websites

6 The book 'Community Welfare Organization: Principles and Practice' has been written by:

- A) M.S. Gore
- B) Murray G. Ross
- C) K.D. Gangrade
- D) Arthar Dunham

7. Ego states referred in Transactional Analysis Theory does not include:

- A) Child
- B) Parent
- C) Adult
- D) Sibling

8. Anti - Social personality has:

- A) Undeveloped Id.
- B) Undeveloped Ego
- C) Underdeveloped Super - Ego
- D) Undeveloped all Three i.e. Id, Ego, and Super-ego



9. Evaluation research is basically:

- A) Confirmatory research
- B) Action research
- C) Fundamental research
- D) Pure research

10. Which one of the following is not the characteristic of social disorganisation?

- A) Obstructing the functioning of patterns of coordination
- B) Endangering the survival of group
- C) Adhering the rules laid down by society
- D) Lack of social cohesion

#### ANSWERS

- 1. Option D
- 2. Option B
- 3. Option B
- 4. Option B
- 5. Option C
- 6. Option D
- 7. Option D
- 8. Option C
- 9. Option A
- 10. Option C



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