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"Don't be discouraged by your incapacity to dispel darkness from the world. Light your little candle and step forward."

– Mata Amritanandamayi Devi



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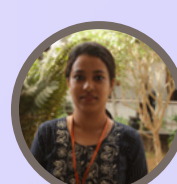
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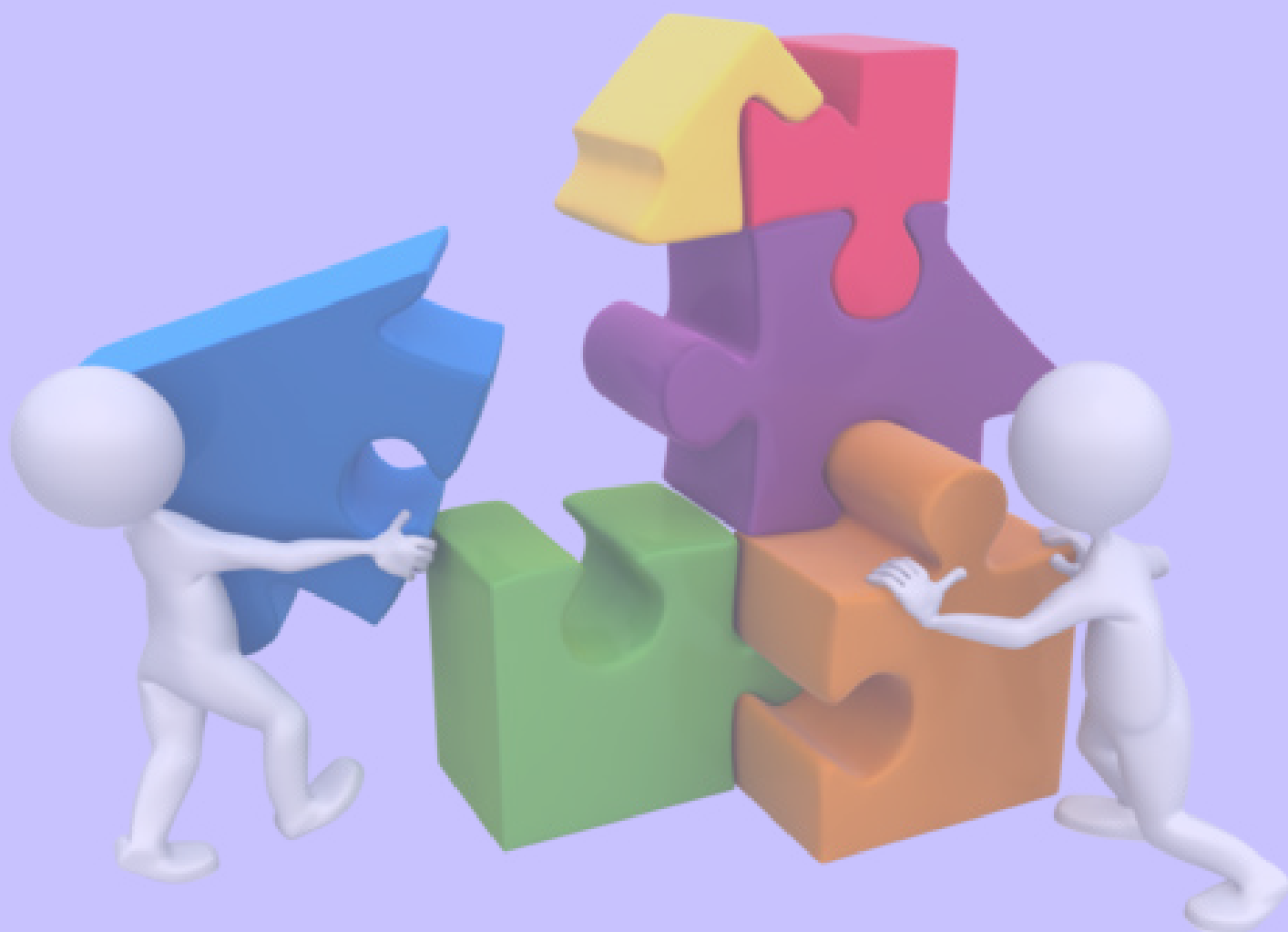
ABOUT AMRITA UDAAN

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



WELCOMING

Ms. Roopika Sreedharan As Faculty Associate To Department Of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore

After completion of Under Graduation in Electronics Ms. Roopika did her Post Graduation in Master of Social Work to find her passion through social work. Ms. Roopika started her career as school social worker and project associate at Helix Open School and Learning Centre in the year 2012 where she created school social work modules and implemented it in 8 prestigious schools and colleges in inter- districts and states of India. Later in April 2016 she joined the Project of Terre Des Hommes as Site Coordinator and recommended safety measures for adolescents working in textile mills by networking with various government and non- governmental organizations, elected representatives and trade unions. From April 2017 to February 2020 Ms. Roopika worked as Tamil Nadu State Programme Coordinator of CHILDLINE India Foundation involving in capacity building and monitoring of Integrated Child Protection Schemes implemented through CHILDLINE India Foundation and its partner CSOs in 9 districts of Tamil Nadu. She also worked as Convergence Coordinator- Development Support CRY, India- UNICEF for implementing "Ending of Child Marriage" in cooperation with District Collector and other line departments in Perambalur district. She was also a trainer (consultant) at State Resource Centre- UNICEF for training key stakeholders in child protection mechanisms of Tamil Nadu. Apart from all these work experiences in various fields Ms. Roopika is also a certified Transactional Analysis practitioner and a certified Assessor by Pearson Academy, Bengaluru. She has won Best School Social Worker, GRABS Awards in 2015 and outstanding performance award in school social work at Helix Open School and Learning Centre, Salem. With her 12 years of work experience in different sectors Ms. Roopika joined Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore as Faculty Associate in Department of Social Work to evoke the true potential within students. The team UDAAN cordially welcome Ms. Roopika to the Department of Social Work.



JAI SWATHIKA S
(I MSW)

Invited Talk By Dr. Priya at Training Programme On Research For Societal Good Through Social Responsibility

Amrita School of Business, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore conducted a 5 Day Training programme sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India from 20th to 24th February 2023. The theme of the programme was "Research for Societal Good through Social Responsibility" where Government officials across various sectors were invited to participate in the programme. Dr. Priya V, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore delivered a talk on the topic 'Civil Society and Mental Health' on 23rd February 2023 from 09:15 am to 10:45 am. The participants ranged from academicians to practitioners who interacted well during the session. Dr. Sangeeetha Gunasekar, Associate Professor, Amrita School of Business thanked the resource person and participants after the session.



Dr. V Priya delivering talk on the topic 'Civil Society and Mental Health.'



Dr.V.PRIYA
(ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)

Child Marriage – A Post Evaluation Study Phase 1 in Madurai and Dindigul districts of Tamilnadu

As part of state balanced growth fund of Government of Tamil Nadu, The department of Social Welfare assigned a child marriage post evaluation study to the department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore. The study covers 10 blocks having the highest number of child marriages reported in four districts (Dindigul, Madurai, Thoothukudi, and Tirunelveli) in Tamil Nadu. Based on the result obtained through this study, interventions to prevent child marriage were carried out in these areas by Tamil Nadu Government with the help of organizations working under the department of social welfare.



Planning meeting with District Social Welfare Officer, Gram Sevika and Mukhya Sevika at Madurai District



Field level data collection at Madurai District



Evaluation with the stakeholders at Vadipatti and T.Kallupati Blocks of Madurai district.



As part of this study, a team of 8 students of Child Rights Child Protection specialisation and faculty members Dr.P Rangasami- Chairperson, Department of Social Work, Mr.V.S.Varunanvelu- Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, PhD Scholar Ms. Nimmi Samuel and Mr.Sachidhanandhan, Consultant travelled to Madurai – Dindigul from 13th of March - 17th of March. These districts were initially selected for post evaluation study on the basis of reports stating high child marriage in six blocks of these two districts. In Madurai- the following blocks were included for study i) vadipatti and ii) T. Kallupatti, and in Dindigul District i) Sanarpatti, ii) Vadamadurai, iii) Reddiarchatram, and iv) Thoppampatti. The evaluation study was conducted among government officials (DCPU staffs, Child line staffs, CWC staffs, DSW, All women police station, Panchayath and Block officials, PHC staffs, Teachers), common public, and school students of these blocks. Attitude scale, Knowledge scale, Focus Group Discussions were the tools used to evaluate the knowledge and attitude towards child marriage. Along with this, the number of child marriage cases reported in government offices were also collected.



Data collection at Sanarpatti and Vadamadurai block of Dindigul District



Evaluation with stakeholders at Reddiarchatram and Vadipatti



RENJITHA S
(II MSW)

World Autism Day

Shivesh Autism Centre, Coimbatore celebrated World Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2023. Inspire' 23 was organised by the centre and the organisation supervisors, care takers, parents and children came together to celebrate the day. Oath was taken for the sake of the betterment and inclusiveness of autistic people. Musical and instrumental performances were performed by the students in the centre. Dr. S Velmurugan, Assistant professor, Department of Social Work was the chief guest of the program.

Poster making competition was conducted with the theme "AUTISM".

Abhirami Shaj and Alka D of II MSW participated in the competition and won 1st and 2nd prize respectively.



Ms. Abhirami Shaj II MSW bagged 1st prize in the poster making competition.



JAI SWATHIKA S
(I MSW)

Visit To Gender Park – KOZHIKODE

On 13th of April 2023, the students from the specialization of child rights and child protection, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus were taken on an exposure visit to the gender park located in the social justice complex in Kozhikode, Kerala. The Gender Park in Kozhikode is first of its kind in the country and is established with the aim of creating relevant interventions to address a range of gender-based issues. It is an initiative that works towards gender equality and empowerment in the state of Kerala. It is headquartered in Thiruvananthapuram but the main campus sprawls over 25 acres in Silver Hills, Kozhikode. The platform provides an environment for policy analysis, research, capacity development, advocacy, economic and social initiative. The park is operational under the Department of Social Justice and this space is first of its kind across the world.



II MSW students visited Gender Park at Kozhikode along with Mr. V S Varunanvelu

The Gender Park also houses a Gender Library, a Gender Museum, an Amphitheatre, and a Convention Centre. All these four facilities will form an arm of the Gender Park that will serve to work towards gender equality in the state. The Gender Museum will be featuring various social struggles that were primarily responsible for shifting the status of women, the turning points, their achievements, including those during the Renaissance movement. Further, the Gender Library will serve the purpose of creating public awareness on gender and its role in development. Also, the Convention Centre will have a capacity to accommodate more than 500 people and is a revenue model on a long run. The Amphitheatre is set against a verdant backdrop. The complex is a hybrid system that accommodated a girl's home, a boys' home, an old age home, an aftercare home for girls, a Sakhi one-stop centre, a Home for Mentally Deficient Children, Child Welfare Committee along with the Gender Park lying at the heart of this campus.

Among the projects of the Gender Park supporting gender equality in Kerala, SHE TAXI is the first self-sustainable tax service by women for women. It has not only empowered Kerala's women with self-confidence and self-employment but also took up the challenge of providing safe and reliable transport service to female travellers in the state. Other initiatives in the pipeline like the Gender Audit in Panchayats and Urban designing for a gender-justified infrastructure. Also, they are currently working on a project for the empowerment of transgenders and are currently in the process of developing an action plan for the same.

India's first institution for gender studies and activities, the Gender Park in Kozhikode is the cornerstone and a model that needs to be followed by other states to address and combat the disparities and provide "gender justice."



Interactive session at the Gender Park A policy think tank of Govt of Kerala in partnership with UNWOMEN a one of its kind initiative the country.



Glimpses from the visit to Gender Park - Kozhikode by the CRCP specialisation students



MALATHI M P
(II MSW)

YUVAM 2023

YUVAM 2023- biggest youth summit was organized by “Vibrant Youth for Modifying Kerala”, a voluntary organization of youth to work towards sustainable development of India in the field of social, economic, political and cultural aspects on 24.04.2023 (Monday) at Sacred Heart College, Kochi. People from various spheres like political, arts, social fields attended the programme.

Students from various departments of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore attended the programme. Forty students from 1st and 2nd MSW along with faculty members Dr. S. Kanagaraj and Dr. S. Velmurugan participated in the programme. The journey started at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai campus at 8.00 am and reached the venue by 4.30pm.

YUVAM 2023 is the first unofficial youth meet in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi had an interaction with the youths of Kerala. Students from various colleges attended the programme. The programme started with a welcome dance by actress Navya Nair and music show by Stephen Devassy was organised to entertain the students and other audience. Ms. Aparna Balamurali, Yash, Unnikrishnan Mukundan from film industry were also a part of the programme.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the venue by 6.00pm and inaugurated YUVAM 2023 and gave a speech on empowerment of youth and development of nation using youth power. The PM also spoke about how Kerala stands first in literacy rate yet most of its youth graduate to be unemployed and how the emerging youth power can be mobilized to uplift and bring overall development to the nation. The programme ended by 7.30pm and the students reached the campus by 4.00 am.



I and II MSW students attending YUVAM 2023 along with Dr.S Kanagaraj and Dr. S. Velmurugan



AKHILA L PRASAD
(I MSW)

ANOKHA- National Tech Fest

Anokha Techfest, the annual event of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Coimbatore organized by Amrita School of Engineering, is a 3-day congregation of some of the brightest minds in India. Founded in 2010, Anokha has grown by leaps and bounds and has progressed to become one of the leading tech festivals in India. It provides a unique opportunity for students from all disciplines to participate in fun-filled, challenging events and workshops to showcase their talents. Anokha 2023 happened on 27, 28 and 29th of April.

As a part of Anokha 2023, the Department of Social Work organized a stall and poster making competition. The stall was based on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a concept started with the initiative of a group of dedicated faculty members of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi who have worked for a long time in the area of rural development and appropriate technology. Community Development specialisation students of II MSW organized the stall and volunteers from I MSW assisted them in the same from 27- 29th of April 2023. The stall depicted the works done under UBA in the selected villages namely Arunthathiyar Street of Ettimadai, Kaliyapuram, MGR colony, AD colony and Veerapanur of Pichanur panchayat in Madukkarai block.

The Department of Social Work also conducted a poster-designing event on April 28, 2023. The participants for the event registered through online mode and a total of nine groups from various departments participated in the event. The duration of the event was one and a half hours, which started at 11 a.m. The topic given to the students was 'Gender Equality'. Charts were provided to the students by the department. At 12:30 pm the event ended, and the posters prepared by the participants were evaluated by the judges. The judging panel included four judges: Dr. V. Priya, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Dr. Lakshmi R.R, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Ms. Anjali B.K, Manager, Verbal and Communication Skills, Corporate & Industry Relations, Mr. Anish Mohan, Faculty Associate, Department of Mass Communication.

The posters were judged based on their creativity, originality, message clarity, and relevance to the theme. At 1:30 pm, the result of the event was published. Out of the posters made by the nine teams, team 6 and team 7 won the first and second prizes respectively. Team 6 from the CSE department won the cash prize of 3000 rupees, and team 7 from the Maths department won the cash prize of 2500 rupees. The event was coordinated under the supervision of Mr. Sathish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work. The students from I and II MSW coordinated the event.



Mr. Anu G Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore giving orientation on "Cost Effective Standalone Solar Street Light for Village Roads"



Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean- Engineering visited UBA stall organized by Department of Social Work.



DEVIKA G S
(I MSW)

FROM THE FACULTY'S PEN



Brain Gym

Health is not only physical health. A healthy mind lives in a healthy body. We do a lot of exercise in Gym to have a healthy body. Brain being our “Central Processing Unit” and it is responsible for all the activities we do. Our brain has two hemispheres and each responsible for some activities and tasks. Not all our activities are carried out by coordinating and synchronizing the two hemispheres of the brain or very less activities in our daily life have the two-hemisphere coordination. So why our brain is also in need of workouts and routine exercises. Wondering what is it? Yes, it is Brain Gym! These are a simple, easy, fun movements and exercises shall boost brain function and makes the children smarter, sharper, improve their eye sight, stimulates creativity, boost their communicative skills and increase their confidence.

These exercises or movements have coordination with ears, eyes, head, limbs and over all body. The consistent use of Brain Gym is recommended and it is designed to ‘wake-up’ the brain or to “stimulate the brain functions. By doing so the neural connections in the whole brain and body stimulated. It makes us feel safe and emotionally centered. Most of the development of a child’s brain occurs in the first few years of life so this brain gym is highly recommended for young children and even adults can do. This movements helps children to release stress and enhance learning. Since most of our academic activities involves both

Some of the brain gym exercises helps us in our daily life are given below,

Thinking Cap – helps in memory.

Brain buttons – helps in concentration and focus.

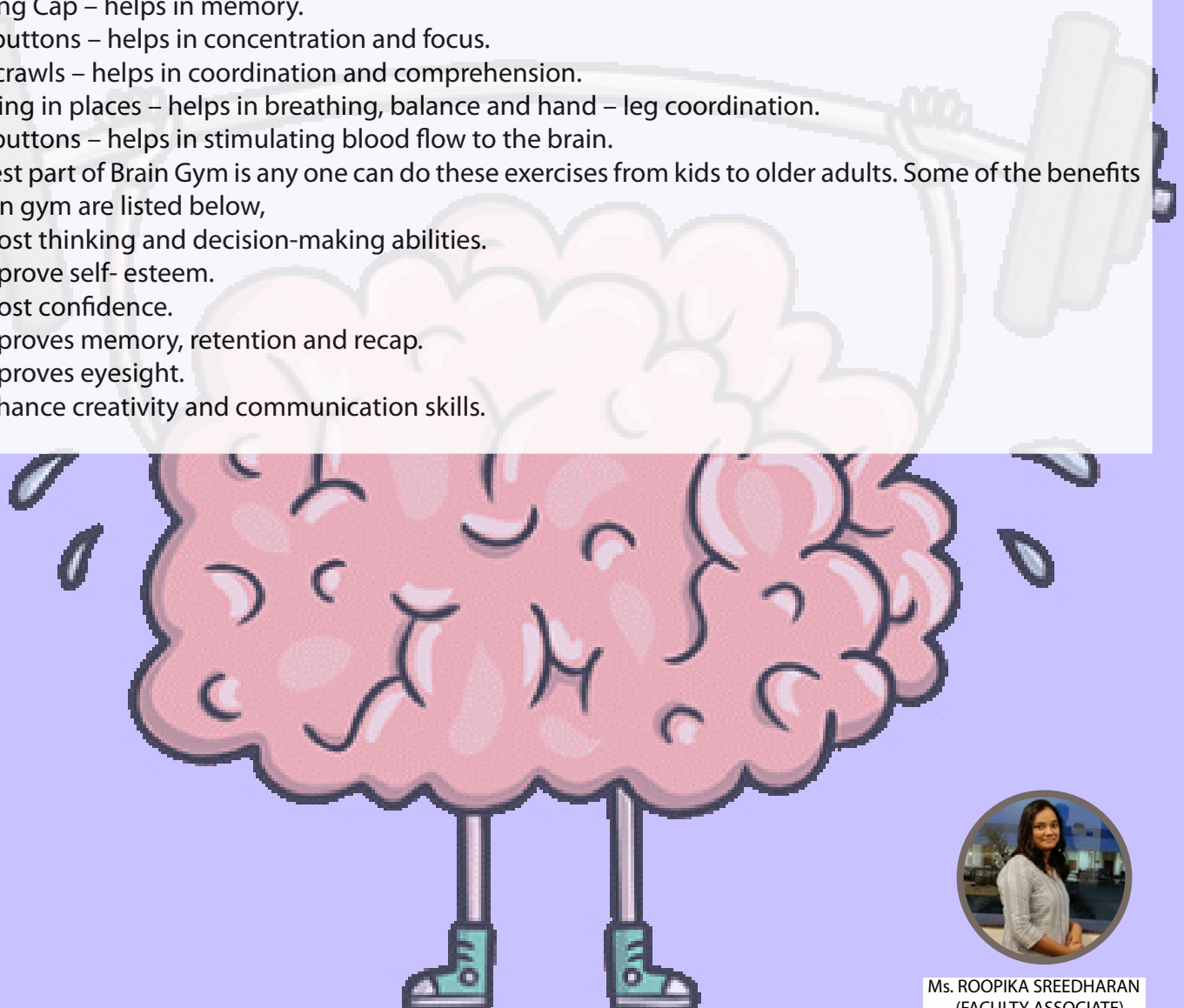
Cross crawls – helps in coordination and comprehension.

Marching in places – helps in breathing, balance and hand – leg coordination.

Brain buttons – helps in stimulating blood flow to the brain.

The best part of Brain Gym is any one can do these exercises from kids to older adults. Some of the benefits of brain gym are listed below,

- Boost thinking and decision-making abilities.
- Improve self- esteem.
- Boost confidence.
- Improves memory, retention and recap.
- Improves eyesight.
- Enhance creativity and communication skills.



Ms. ROOPIKA SREEDHARAN
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STUDENTS' CORNER



MOVIE REVIEW

AYALI WEBSERIES

The people of a little village called Veerapannai have been adhering to a set of traditions and rituals for many years. Girls who reach puberty are thus not allowed to attend school and should be married right away. They hold the view that breaking the customs will lead to the village's annihilation. But, a young woman by the name of Tamizh Selvi (Abhi Nakshatra) makes an effort to overthrow the long-standing customs that have limited the advancement of women in the hamlet. Contrary to expectations, she wants to become a doctor. The show explores the persisting sexism and superstitions in modern culture. It strongly emphasises the independence of women and makes it abundantly evident that women are not designed for household labour or motherhood.

Ayali is one of those television programmes that get us thinking. The show challenges the sexism and superstitions that are still prevalent in today's society. It places a significant emphasis on women's emancipation and sends a clear message that women are not suited for domestic work or childbirth.

The presentation is handled carefully, and as a result, the message is strong. This part would have become preachy if it had been done incorrectly. The writing team deserves praise for creating strong and beautiful scenes that captivate us completely. The great calibre of the writing is demonstrated by situations where viewers want to slug the adversary in the face.

The young actress Abhi Nakshatra was the ideal candidate for Tamizh's part, and her outstanding performance solidified our interest in the show. Her facial expressions are certain to bring tears to our eyes at important scenes. It takes a lot of skill to portray Tamizh, and if it weren't done well, the entire point of the show would have been lost. While Abhi Nakshatra's performance is noteworthy, her career still has a ways to go. We immediately root for the characters because of how well the programme is set up in the first episode. There are several occasions that will move us emotionally. For instance, the moment in which Tamizh hides her puberty from the villagers is certain to make viewers grin.

Anumol does a great job as Abhi Nakshatra's mother. Her character had two sides, and Anumol convincingly portrayed both. The characters played by Singampuli, TSR, Lingaa, Madhan, and Lovelyn are strong and give the series depth. The dialogues enhance the proceedings and are skillfully crafted.



Having saying that, the series also has several shortcomings. A handful of the series' songs serve as the story's main plot devices. Regrettably, they were not dubbed in Telugu, which diminished their effect at several points. It surprises me that the Tamil songs were placed that way without dubbing. The comedy in a couple instances didn't work, and the storyline really didn't need it. Several figures, such as the burglar, had considerably more potential but were poorly carved. A couple scenes' positioning should have been improved as well.

The mid-episodes were a little lacklustre, and the series occasionally drags. The duration could have been cut down, and the editing may use improvement. The climax lacks punch, and the series ends on an ordinary note.

Ramji's superb cinematography deserves special praise for effectively showcasing the rural setting. The series' background music is decent, and the budget for it was sufficient. The editing might have been better, but it's enough.

The series' writer and director, Muthu Kumar, performed a respectable job. The way the message is conveyed without going overboard is wonderful, and the emotional sequences are handled sensitively. The artists were given their best effort by Muthu Kumar, and his vision is excellent. There were other pertinent topics covered throughout the presentation, not just one.

Overall, Ayali is a programme that sheds light on societal patriarchy. Its strengths include excellent acting, a strong social message, and uplifting scenes. There are clap-worthy moments and an excellent narration of the important issue. Yet the sluggish rhythm and protracted duration are the problem. So Ayali ends up being a good movie to watch this weekend.



MALATHI M P
(II MSW)

BOOK REVIEW

WAVE

Wave is a gutsy, sensitive, and exceptionally composed book written by a survivor of the 2004 tsunami that hit the Sri Lankan coast and killed her whole family. Sonali Deraniyagala lost her parents, husband, and two small sons in the tsunami but she unexpectedly survived on the morning of December 26, 2004 on the southern coast of Sri Lanka. She chronicles those initial terrifying moments, as well as her lengthy journey since, in this gutsy and searingly honest book.

She has written a captivating, unassuming, and exquisitely poised account: as she struggles through the initial months following the tragedy, clenching her fists ferociously against a reality she cannot face or deny; and then, as she slowly and reluctantly emerges over the subsequent years, allowing her memory to slowly take her back through the rich and joyful life she is mourning, from her family's home in London to the birth of her children to the year she met her English husband at Cambridge and her childhood in Colombo; all the while, she learned how to strike a delicate balance between the need to somehow keep her family alive and the almost unbearable reminders of her loss. Deraniyagala's memory is the cause of his greatest sorrow ("The more I remember, the greater my agony") and confusion. However, as time passes and Wave gets further away from the tsunami, recalled happiness grows stronger and the reader is made to feel as though Deraniyagala's family is still alive and well.

Reading Wave is like following the advice of the Zen saying, "Let go over a cliff, die completely, and then come back to life - after that you cannot be deceived." Wave is turbulent and magnificent. The reader seldom has a chance to catch their breath or see any of Deraniyagala's outward world of professions, locations, and events (including tributes to her family) since Deraniyagala's concentration is so intensely inward.

Only in the acknowledgments do we hear of the assistance and support she had from her therapist. The author provides very little information on her work life, either before or after the tsunami. The memoir serves as a permanent memorial to the deceased and is both an elegy and a memento mori. You won't forget Vik, Malli, and Steve after reading Wave, or that love is irreplaceable and grief is unavoidable.



SREELEKSHMI K
(I MSW)

WELL- KNOWN SOCIAL WORKER

SHRI BIKRAM BAHADUR JAMATIA

Shri Bikram Bahadur Jamatia is a renowned social worker and political leader in the state of Tripura, India. He has dedicated his life to the betterment of rural communities and the protection of the rights of indigenous people. Through his work in the field of rural development, women's empowerment, and social justice, Jamatia has become a widely respected figure in Tripura and beyond.

Jamatia was born on December 25, 1962, in the West Tripura district of Tripura state. He grew up in a rural community and witnessed first-hand the struggles and hardships faced by the indigenous people of Tripura. This experience instilled in him a deep sense of compassion and a desire to help his fellow citizens.

Jamatia began his career as a social worker, working tirelessly to promote the welfare of rural communities in Tripura. He focused on the development of infrastructure such as roads, schools, and healthcare facilities in rural areas, as well as on initiatives to promote agriculture and other livelihoods. Through his work, he helped to uplift the living standards of thousands of people in Tripura.

Jamatia also played a pivotal role in promoting women's empowerment in Tripura. He worked to ensure that women had access to education, healthcare, and other basic rights. He also fought against gender-based violence and discrimination, advocating for laws and policies that would protect women's rights and ensure their safety.

Jamatia's work has not been limited to rural development and women's empowerment. He has also been a champion of social justice, fighting against discrimination and inequality in all forms. As a political leader, he has been an advocate for the rights of indigenous people in Tripura, working to ensure that their voices are heard and their interests are protected.

Jamatia's contributions to the development of Tripura have been widely recognized. In 2003, he was elected to the Tripura Legislative Assembly, and he has been re-elected multiple times since then. He has held various positions in the state government, including Minister for Tribal Welfare, Forest and Rural Development. He has also been recognized with numerous awards and honours for his contributions to social welfare and rural development including Padma Shri in 2023.

In conclusion, Shri Bikram Bahadur Jamatia is a truly inspirational figure who has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens. Through his work in the field of rural development, women's empowerment, and social justice, he has helped to uplift the living standards of thousands of people in Tripura. He is a role model for all those who aspire to make a positive difference in the world, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of social workers and activists.



SREELAKSHMI MOHAN
(1 MSW)



SCHEMES AND ACTS



ACTS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT

Information Technology Act came into force in 2000 which deals with matters related to e-commerce and cybercrime. It gives legal sanction to e-commerce and e-transactions to enable e-governance and to prevent cybercrime. This law gives legal recognition for digital signatures and penalties are given for cybercrimes and digital frauds.

Information Technology Amendment Act- 2008

- Under this amendment Section 66A was introduced in the IT Act which gives power to the authorities to arrest anyone for posting contents on social media which is considered to be "Offensive".
- It also stated that any information sent by the sender which is known to be false but for the sole purpose of creating inconvenience, insult or enmity through an electronic device is considered to be "Offence".
- The offenders are punished with three years of imprisonment and fine.

There were many controversies against Section 66A stating that the words offence, annoyance, menacing is so vague and are not defined properly or improperly defined because of which anybody could interpret any information as offensive. This also repress the Freedom of Speech and Expression which is a fundamental right under Article 19(1)(a).

The government asserted that the section did not violate any fundamental right as there is need to regulate the contents on internet due to booming of internet users in the country. However, Supreme Court struck down the Section 66A of IT Act in 2015 saying it was unconstitutional and violates Article 19(1)(a) as a result of the famous Shreya Singhal v Union of India case 2015.

Section 69A

- Section 69A empowers authorities to monitor any information generated, transmitted, received or stored in any computer resources for the security of the state.
- It also empowers government to block internet sites in the interests of the nation.
- This section does not impose any public emergency restrictions for the government.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERMEDIARY GUIDELINES (AMENDMENT) RULES- 2018

- These rules are been framed under Section 79 of Information Technology Act.
- Section 79(2)(c) of the act states that the intermediaries must observe due diligence while discharging their duties and other guidelines prescribed by the central government.
- 'Intermediary' is a service that facilitates people to use internet such as search engines, social media platforms.
- Social media intermediaries should publish rules and privacy policies to curb users from using materials which is pedophilic, pornographic, hateful in nature that are available online.
- Online intermediaries should appoint 'Nodal Person of Contact' for 24*7 coordination with law enforcement agencies to deal with compliance.
- The intermediaries must provide information related to cybersecurity within 72hrs whenever an order is issued by the government agencies.
- Online intermediaries are required to remove unlawful contents within 24hrs and have to maintain such records for a period of 180 days for investigation purposes.



JAI SWATHIKA S
(I MSW)

SCHEMES

CENTRAL SCHEME - STAND-UP INDIA Scheme

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, introduced his game-changing programme "Start-Up India" Stand-Up India to promote entrepreneurship at the grassroots level for economic empowerment and employment creation in his Independence Day address on August 15, 2015. The Stand-Up India Scheme, which was introduced to coincide with the commemoration of Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's 125th birthday, aims to use the institutional credit structure to reach out to the underserved group of people, such as Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and women entrepreneurs, and empower them to contribute to the economic development of the country.

The programme will help at least 2.5 lakh borrowers through a nationwide network of 1.25 lakh bank branches. The Stand-Up India Scheme's purpose is to allow For the purpose of establishing a new business, all scheduled commercial banks must offer loans between 10 lakh and 100 lakh to at least one borrower from a Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST), as well as one woman, each bank branch. A digital platform built on three pillars is made available through the Stand-Up India portal to support the promotion of businesses among entrepreneurs in the SC, ST, and women categories holding assistance. Providing details on credit guarantee financing.

Accessing the interactive site allows prospective business owners to search for support services like training, skill development programmes, mentorship, guidance, etc. or sign up for financing. Important links to Central and State SC/ST Corporations, SC/ST Industry Associations, and/or Women Entrepreneurs are also provided by the portal.



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TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER'S GIRL CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME

The Girl Child Protection Scheme aims to eradicate gender discrimination by giving girl children more power and defending their rights through direct government support. The state of Tamil Nadu is putting it into practice. The advantages that fall under this scheme are:

Scheme-I: For a household with just one girl child, a sum of Rs. 50,000 is placed with the Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited in the form of a fixed deposit to the name of the girl child born on or after 01/08/2011. The family of the girl child receives a copy of the fixed deposit receipt.

Scheme-II: For a family with just two girl children, a sum of Rs. 25,000 is placed with Tamil Nadu Power Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited in the form of a fixed deposit in the names of the girls. The family of the girl children receives a copy of the fixed deposit receipt.

From the sixth year of the deposit, a girl child is given a yearly incentive of Rs. 1800 to help with educational costs. The aforementioned deposit is renewed every five years, and the girl child will receive the original sum put plus interest once she is 18 years old. In order to receive this benefit, the girl child should appear for 10th standard public examination.

From the year 2013-14, the benefits provided under the Marriage Assistance Scheme have also been extended to the beneficiaries under the Girl Child Protection Scheme who were enrolled in the years from 1992 to 1995.

Eligibility for the scheme is Annual income limit of Rs.72000, the parents of the girl child should have no male child and the girl child must be enrolled in an educational institution and unmarried.



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APRIL 2023

1. World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies

The world population has reached eight billion and is expected to grow for decades, but many countries are facing a sharp drop in working-age adults. The competition for workers and talent will intensify globally, and many countries will be reliant on migration to realise their long-term growth potential. A recent report from the World Bank, titled "World Development Report 2023: Migrants, Refugees, and Societies", proposes policies for better migration management in destination, transit and origin countries, underscoring its urgency. The report introduces the "Match-Motive Framework," a labour economics-based approach that emphasizes how well migrants' skills and attributes match the needs of the destination countries. The framework also considers the reasons why migrants move in search of opportunity and determines the extent to which migrants, origin countries and destination countries gain from migration. Many low-income countries are anticipated to experience a surge in population, which will exert pressure on them to generate additional employment opportunities for the youth. However, developing and impoverished nations such as India are observing an increase in the number of young people, while developed countries have already surpassed this stage, as they are experiencing depopulation.

2. Mana Village

Mana village is located near the famous pilgrimage site of Badrinath in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. The village has gained prominence recently after it was renamed as part of the government's 'Vibrant Village' scheme mentioned in Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget speech in Parliament. The scheme aims to develop villages in 46 border blocks across 19 districts, four states, and one Union Territory. Mana village is around 3,219 meters above sea level and rests on the banks of River Saraswati. The village is home to the Bhotias, a Mongol tribe, and is one of the oldest villages in the region. The locals are known for their hospitality and simple way of living. Mana village holds a significant place in India's history and culture. During a visit to the village in October last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that border villages of the country are its

first villages and not the last as they are usually called. The central government recently put up a signboard at the entrance of the village along the Line of Actual Control or LAC, reading 'India's first village', to denote the village's importance.



3. The State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination

The UNICEF recently unveiled its global flagship report, 'The State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination,' which provides a comprehensive overview of vaccine confidence and coverage around the world. The report highlights some worrying trends, including a decline in vaccine confidence in over a third of the 55 countries studied, with some notable exceptions. China, India, and Mexico were among the countries that saw an improvement in vaccine perception, according to the report. The pandemic interrupted childhood vaccination almost everywhere, resulting in the largest sustained backslide in childhood immunization in 30 years. Factors such as access to misleading information and declining trust in vaccine efficacy have contributed to the growing threat of vaccine hesitancy. The UNICEF report revealed that 67 million children missed out on vaccinations between 2019 and 2021 and the number of measles cases doubled in 2022 compared to the previous year, and the number of children paralysed by polio was up 16% year-on-year in 2022.

4. Operation Kaveri

The Indian government has launched a rescue operation in Sudan to evacuate its stranded citizens. The operation, named Operation Kaveri, is currently underway. As per official data, around 4,000 Indians are stuck in Sudan. The Indian government has de-

ployed two C-130s aircraft and the navy ship INS Sumedha on standby to evacuate Indians from the violence-hit African nation. The rescue operation in Sudan has been named Operation Kaveri for a symbolic reason. Kaveri is an important river flowing through Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, worshipped as Goddess Kaveriamma. The name represents a river that reaches its destination despite barriers, symbolizing the safe return of Indians stuck in Sudan. The Sudanese army and a paramilitary group have been engaged in an armed conflict for the last 10 days. The warring factions have agreed to a 72-hour ceasefire beginning from today, allowing Western, Arab and Asian nations to evacuate their nationals from the country.

5. India handmade Portal

India handmade Portal is an e-commerce portal launched by the Indian Government with the aim of empowering artisans and weavers by providing them a platform to sell their products directly to customers. This initiative is part of the government's efforts to promote local artisans and craftsmanship, and support the "Vocal for Local" movement. More than 35 lakh handloom weavers' products and over 27 lakh handicraft artisans' products are available directly to consumers through the portal. Customers can find a variety of products including clothing, home decor, jewellery, accessories, and other handmade items by skilled artisans. It connects artisans and weavers directly to buyers through a common platform, eliminating the need for middlemen and ensuring that artisans and weavers get fair value for their products. The portal does not charge any commission from sellers, ensuring that artisans and weavers receive the full value of their products. Free shipping is provided to customers, making it convenient and cost-effective for them to purchase products from the portal. Indiahandmade Portal is part of the government's broader efforts to promote artisans and weavers in India. The portal complements the PM-VIKAS initiative by providing a platform for artisans and weavers to showcase their products and sell them directly to customers.

6. Kochi Water Metro

PM Modi is all set to inaugurate the first phase of the Kochi Water Metro project in Kerala on April 25. The Kochi Water Metro project is said to revolutionize transportation in India as it is the country's first-ever water metro system of its kind. The

main objective of the Kochi Water Metro project is to link ten island communities in Kerala's city with the mainland, resulting in shorter travel times and more cost-effective transportation. The project boasts a distinct infrastructure and has the capacity to carry over one lakh passengers. The boats in the Kochi Water Metro are powered by batteries and require only 10 to 20 minutes to traverse each route. The incorporation of innovative technology enables smooth sailing even in adverse weather conditions. The project has a total cost of Rs. 1137 crore, which is being financed by the Kerala state government and a German funding agency called KWF.



7. National Panchayati Raj Day

National Panchayati Raj Day is a significant day observed on April 24 every year in India. It marks the day in 1993, when the Panchayati Raj system with constitutional status in India. The Panchayati Raj system has its roots in ancient India, dating back to around 300 BCE. The word "panchayat" has its origins in Sanskrit, where "panch" denotes "five" and "ayat" represents "assembly". The Panchayati Raj system was initially implemented in modern India in 1959 under the leadership of Jawaharlal Nehru's government. However, it was only in 1993, with the 73rd Amendment to the Indian Constitution, that the system was granted constitutional status. National Panchayati Raj Day is significant as it highlights the importance of grassroots-level democracy and local self-government in India. This occasion offers a chance to evaluate the advancements made in executing the Panchayati Raj framework and recognize regions that need to be enhanced. The theme for National Panchayati Raj Day 2023 is "Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, and Clean & Green Villages." This celebration week recognizes the crucial role played by PRIs in achieving sustainable development in India.

8. Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill

The Union Cabinet recently approved the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill 2023. The proposed legislation seeks to curb the transmission of pirated film content on the internet. The announcement was made by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, who stated that the bill would be introduced in the upcoming session of Parliament. Currently, films in India are classified into three categories: 'U', 'A', and 'UA'. 'U' stands for unrestricted public exhibition, 'A' is restricted to adult audiences, while 'UA' is for unrestricted public exhibition subject to parental guidance for children below the age of 12. The proposed amendments seek to add new classification – "UA-7+", "UA-13+" and "UA-16+" in place of 12 years, which will be age-based classifications for films. The amendments also aim to bring about uniformity in categorisation of films and content across platforms. They are expected to harmonise the law with executive orders and various Supreme Court judgements, to achieve consistency. In 2019, a Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill in the Upper House of the Indian Parliament. The new draft was based on consultations with the film industry, incorporating best practices from across the world.

9. NIMHANS-AHT Comprehensive Mental-Health Action Program for Rural Communities

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) and NGO Ashraya Hastha Trust (AHT) signed a MoU recently to test the feasibility of a model comprehensive rural mental health program named "NAMAN" (NIMHANS-AHT Comprehensive Mental-Health Action Program for Rural Communities) in two taluks before launching it nationwide. NAMAN envisions to deliver promotive, preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative care for the entire population of the target taluks utilizing the existing human resources in the community. It will be implemented over 3 years in 4 phases. The two taluks selected for implementing NAMAN are Munsiyari in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district and Belur Taluk in Karnataka's Hassan district. NIMHANS will develop and implement the overall roadmap of the program, and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) -Rishikesh will collaborate with NIMHANS to deliver the program in Uttarakhand. Other implementation partners include the state governments of Karnataka and Uttarakhand.

10. Ambedkar Circuit Tourist Train

The Indian government recently launched the Ambedkar circuit tourist train under the Dekho Apna Desh initiative, aimed at promoting domestic tourism in the country. This eight-day special tour covers eight significant places associated with Ambedkar i.e., New Delhi, Mhow, Nagpur, Sanchi, Sarnath, Gaya, Rajgir, and Nalanda. The train is a joint initiative of the Ministries of Tourism and Railways, aimed at attracting not only the wider tourist base but also the Dalit community. The flag-off ceremony of the Bharat Gaurav Tourist train was held on April 14, 2023, at the Nizamuddin Railway Station in Delhi. The train was flagged off by the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy. The Bharat Gaurav Tourist train is equipped with various facilities to make the journey comfortable and memorable for tourists. It has a well-equipped pantry to cater to the dietary needs of passengers. The train also has an infotainment system that provides information about the places covered in the tour. Additionally, CCTV cameras have been installed in the train for the safety and security of passengers.



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INTERNSHIP

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Work from Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Month

STIPEND: 1,000- 2,000

APPLY BY: 8/5/2023

About the Internship: HappiMynd is a start-up in the mental health and emotional well-being space with India's first approach and a global service model. It is evolving as a niche player in the mental health and wellness sphere. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of Taking steps in supporting people, especially emotionally, reaching out to people of different profiles, collecting their insights in detail via question- and Working towards the betterment of the society

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. Can start the work from home job/internship between 24th April '23 and 29 th May'23
3. Are available for duration of 1 month
4. Have relevant skills and interests

To know more & apply:

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Support And Care Humanity Foundation

<https://internshala.com>

Work from Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Week

STIPEND: 500-2,000 /week

APPLY BY: 8/5/2023

About the Internship: Support and Care Humanity Foundation is a trusted NGO for underprivileged people. It is working for many causes like the upliftment of children, women, and the divya-gyan. It has been reaching out to the unprivileged and underprivileged children by providing them with the means of education and has shown the women folk the way to empowerment through employment. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of Work on campaign promotion, Promote the organization

Benefits: -

Certificate

Flexible work hours

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3. are available for duration of 1 week
4. have relevant skills and interests

* Women wanting to start/restart their career can also apply.

To know more & apply:

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Maskurahat Foundation

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Month

STIPEND: 5,000 – 10,000

APPLY BY: 8/5/2023

About the Internship: Muskurahat Foundation is a non-profit organization consisting of devoted individuals who strive to spread smiles and aim to bring about the change. Muskurahat is an initiative to touch every sphere of society, including underprivileged children, looked down upon due to poverty, women, and their environment. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of running a fundraising campaign, raising funds for the causes of the NGO and Spreading awareness towards the Muskurahat.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible work hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

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3. Are available for duration of 1 month
4. Have relevant skills and interests

To know more & apply:

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Youth Empowerment Foundation

<https://internshala.com>

LOCATION: Pitampura

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 2 Months

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 7/5/2023

About the Internship: Youth Empowerment Foundation (YEF) is an NGO that is working for the education of underprivileged children and providing skill training and livelihood programs for the deprived communities. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of conducting promotional activities, assist team in fundraising, help in raising the funds, working for the promotion of NGO and Handling all sorts of

volunteering activities.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Only those candidates can apply who:

1. are available for full time (in-office) internship
2. can start the internship between 23rd Apr'23 and 28th May'23
3. are available for duration of 2 months
4. have relevant skills and interests

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/social-work-in-internship-in-pitampura-at-youth-empowerment-foundation1682225301>

Hamari Pahchan NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Week

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 8/5/2023

About the Internship: Hamari Pahchan is an NGO that gives a platform to deserving people from across the society. The team is filled with a will to contribute towards the society at large, focusing on making people happier and filling them with chances of success. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of working on Creating a fundraising campaign - you will be given the list of causes on which we are working currently, you need to select one of the causes and create a supporting campaign, Promoting it on social media and on WhatsApp - you will broadcast the campaign and ask them to contribute (there is no target for the same) and

Calling for volunteers - you need to circulate the messages regarding the volunteering opportunity and forward the details of the interested candidates .

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. Can start the work from home job/internship between 24th April '23 and 29th May '23
3. Are available for duration of 1 week
4. Have relevant skills and interests

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/7-day-virtual-charity-drive-work-from-home-job-internship-at-hamari-pahchan-ngo1682313630>



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MSW

1. Case Worker

A not-for-profit organization
Location: Mumbai, Bangalore, Karnataka, Maharashtra
Work experience: 1 to 3 years of experience working closely with women and children
Job Email id: jobs(at)aarushimpact.com
Apply by: 21 May 2023

2. Social Worker-

Eye Health
Nayonika Eye Care Charitable Trust
Location: Bangalore, Karnataka
Work experience: 2 years plus experience
Job Email id: Nayonika_eye-care(at)yahoo.com
Apply by: 17 May 2023

3. Program Officer After Care Catalysts For Social Action

Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Work Experience: 2-3 years of experience in the Social Sector, preferably in the Child Protection
Job Email id: hr(at)csa.org.in
Apply by: 14 May 2023

4. Program Manager Cankids

Location: Bangalore, Delhi
Job Email id: recruitments(at)cankidsindia.org
Apply by: 12 May 2024

5. Social Worker Cum Early Childhood Educator GPVS

Location: Dhanbad, Jharkhand
Work Experience: one-year experiences working on children
Salary 14000/- PM
Job Email id: saadhanbad.gpvs(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 13 May 2023

6. Program Officer After Care Catalysts for Social Action (CSA)

Location: Belgaum, Karnataka
Work Experience: 2-3 years of experience in the Social Sector, preferably in the Child Protection
Job Email id: hr(at)csa.org.in
Apply by: 11 May 2023

7. Program Coordinator (Only for Female Applicants) Milaan Foundation

Location: Bhopal, Lucknow, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
Work Experience: 1-2 years of experience in the social sector, preferably working on coordinating and implementing programs focused on adolescent girls.
Job Email id: careers(at)milaanfoundation.org
Apply by: 24 May 2023

8. Program Coordinator Women Serve India Foundation (WSIF)

Location: Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Work Experience: 8-12 years of experience of managing integrated rural development projects
Job Email id: women-serveindia(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 20 May 2023

9. Program Coordinator SNEHA (Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action)

Location: Bhiwandi, Maharashtra
Work Experience: At least 5 years' work experience in operational planning and implementation of project plans.
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Apply by: 10 May 2023

10. Field Manager Rashtriya Gramin Vikash Nidhi

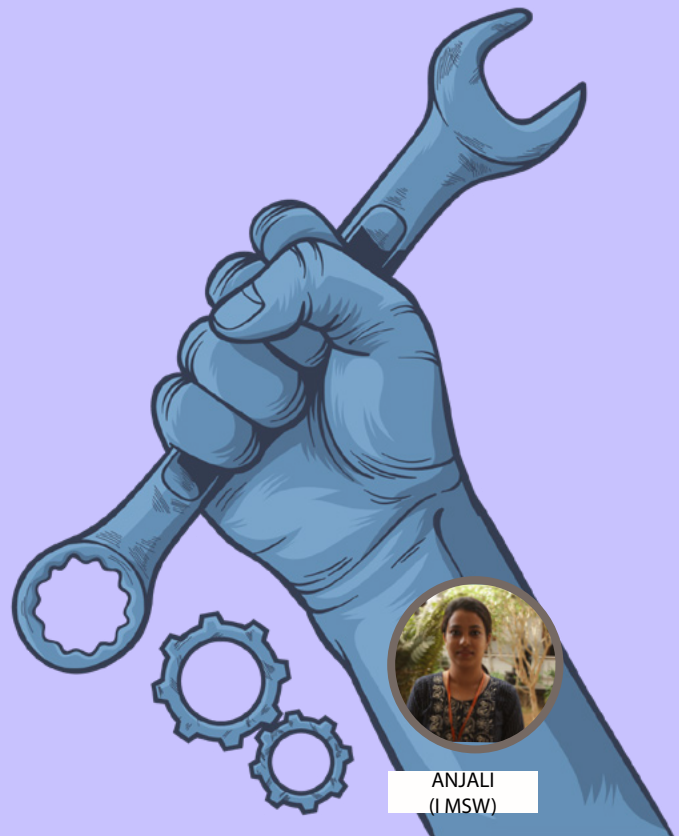
Location: Hojai, Dibrugarh, Golaghat, Jorhat, Assam
Job Email id: Nayan.rgvncrisil(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 17 May 2023



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IMPORTANT DATES

1 May -	International Labour Day
3 May-	World Asthma Day
6 May-	International No Diet Day
7 May-	World Athletics Day
8 May-	World Red Cross Day,
9 May-	Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti
11 May-	National Technology Day
12 May-	International Nurses Day
15 May-	International Day of Families
16 May-	Buddha Jayanti
17 May-	World Telecommunication Day
18 May-	World AIDS Vaccine Day,
20 May-	National Endangered Species Day
21 May-	National Anti-Terrorism Day, Armed Forces Day
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity
31 May-	National Memorial Day, Anti-Tobacco Day



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How was your life at Amrita?

Amrita has always been a home to me. As everyone says about their college life - friendships, romance, hostel life and all, what makes Amrita different from other institutions. Life at Amrita helps you grow personally, professionally and most importantly spiritually. That is the only reason I came back here to pursue PhD.

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

Interpersonal communication, teamwork, empathy and respecting diversities.

How is the current scope of Social Work?

Social work has always been in trend, because people's well-being always comes first, no matter how much we progress in technology.

What message would you like to give for the current MSW students?

There is nothing called success or failure. Always give your best in whatever you do. That only matters!

What are your key responsibilities in the present job?

Nil

Who is/are your inspiration?

Whoever I encounter in life, inspires me some way or the other. Difficult to pick one, as no one is perfect.

Anything else you would like to share?

Wishing all my brothers and sisters the best in life.

UGC NET (JULY 2018) SOLVED QUESTION PAPER (PAPER – 2)

1. The concept of 'felt needs' is related to:
 - a. Social group work
 - b. Social case work
 - c. Social action
 - d. Community organisation
2. 'Evaluation of self-based on reflection or social comparison' is known as:
 - a. Self-esteem
 - b. Self-awareness
 - c. Self-security
 - d. Self-confidence
3. The process of mutual influence between worker and client is called:
 - a. Relationship
 - b. Understanding
 - c. Reflexiveness
 - d. Rapport
4. Which one of the following is a part of Human Development Index?
 - a. More gross national product
 - b. More industrialization
 - c. Life expectancy
 - d. Fighting against social exclusion
5. Which one of the following is the type of dream mechanism?
 - a. Sublimation
 - b. Symbolization
 - c. Rationalisation
 - d. Repression
6. A positive correlation is present when
 - a. Two variables move in opposite direction
 - b. Two variables move in the same direction
 - c. One variable goes up and one goes down
 - d. several variables move in multiple pattern
7. What rights are Human Rights?
 - a. Rights which are provided by the constitution of India
 - b. Rights which are fundamental
 - c. Right provided to all human beings by nature
 - d. Rights desired by human beings
8. Schedules V and VI of the Indian constitution are related to:
 - a. Decide state boundaries between the states
 - b. Decide the powers and responsibilities of Panchayat Raj
 - c. Protection of rights of tribals
 - d. Protection of minorities in the country
9. The principle of specific objective is a principle of?
 - a. Social case work
 - b. Social group work
 - c. Community organization
 - d. Social Welfare Administration
10. Which among the following is not a model in Urban Structure?
 - a. Sector model
 - b. Concentric Zone Model
 - c. Social inclusive exclusive model
 - d. Multiple nuclei model

Answer:

1. (D), 2. (A), 3. (C), 4. (C), 5. (A), 6. (B), 7. (C), 8 (C), 9. (B), 10. (C)



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