

"While carrying responsibilities, never forget to smile."
– Mata Amritanandamayi Devi



VISION

Our vision is to be an exemplary institution that thrives on its commitment to the transformative power of value based education, providing the impetus to develop the expansiveness to harmonize both scientific knowledge and spiritual understanding, so as to utilize knowledge for societal benefit and contribute to a prosperous and sustainable future for all.



MISSION

Education for Life

There are two types of education: education for living and education for life. Studying to become a professional is education for a living, while, education for life requires an understanding of the essential human values. At Amrita, we believe that education should also impart a culture of the heart, based on enduring values and inner strength. Amrita's culture of education helps to inculcate in our students the right ethos to be rooted in the values of Dharma (righteousness), Karuna (compassion) and Shradha (devotion). Endowed with qualities of acceptance, patience, self-confidence, perseverance and enthusiasm, the benefit of humanity will become uppermost in the students' thoughts, words and actions. They will then pioneer innovative solutions for the benefit of all humankind, leading to sustainable health and prosperity for all. This resonates with the ancient Sanskrit prayer 'Loka Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu'. It is a reminder of our deeper connection to the entire world around us, "May our work contribute to the happiness of all beings."

Compassion Driven Research

Our motivation to pursue research is focused on alleviating major global problems related to poverty, starvation, sickness, environmental pollution and contamination. We believe that if we could transform compassion from a mere word into a path of action, we would be able to address most of the world's problems. If we take this step courageously, then our research and its outcome will have a special impact, spontaneity and power. This has translated into many latest advancements and innovations that have culminated in greater societal benefit.

Global Impact

At Amrita, we stand united in our mission towards solving globally recognized scientific and societal challenges, including environment, development, and health. Amrita stands at the strategic juncture of two streams of cultures: East and West. It is our vision to bring the two together to bridge the divide through meaningful collaborations with world class universities and innovative approaches that will benefit the entire planet.

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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

PAPER PRESENTATION BY Dr. S. KANAGARAJ AT 11TH INDIAN SOCIAL WORK CONGRESS, HYDERABAD

Dr. S. Kanagaraj presented a paper titled "Exploring Effective Social Work Interventions in Rural Communities: Insights from Open-Setting Fieldwork Experiences" in 11th Indian Social Work Congress 2023 organized by National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) & Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) & UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA) at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad on 4th November 2023. NAPSWI is one of the biggest social work organizations in India.



Dr S Kangaraj attending the paper presentation at Indian Social Work Congress



Dr S Kangaraj presenting the paper at conference



Dr S Kangaraj receiving certificate from Dr. M D Aftab Aslam



Dr. S KANAGARAJ
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PROBATION OFFICERS AND LEGAL CUM PROBATION OFFICERS TO STRENGTHEN CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES IN TAMIL NADU- NORTH ZONE

The Department of Social Work at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore in collaboration with Department of Social Defence organized a Two- day Training Programme for Probation Officers and Legal Cum Probation Officers to strengthen child protection services in Tamil Nadu- North Zone on 7th and 8th November 2023.

DAY 1 (07. 11. 2023)

Mr. M. Saravanakumar, Regional Probation officer, Department of Social defence presided over the first session. It was on the Mandates for Probation Officers and Legal cum Probation Officers under the Juvenile Justice system and the duties and responsibilities of the probation officers and legal cum probation officers.

Mr Saket Shegoonkar, Manager- State Training and quality Assurance, Miracle foundation, India handled the second session on Social Investigation Report, Alternative forms of care and gatekeeping. Mr Benin from Miracle foundation had an interactive session with the PO and LPO's about the child care institutions. He also discussed about the status of the children globally, post institutional syndrome, the status of the children in India and in Tamil Nadu. Concepts like family strengthening, Individual Care Plan, Social Investigation Report and Case Management process were also discussed in the session.

DAY 2 (08. 11. 2023)

The morning session was on demonstration of the intake process of the Social Investigation Report led by Mr. A. Alfred David- Chief Probation Officer and Mr. M. Saravanakumar- Regional Probation Officer. The officers engaged in a simulated intake process, obtaining insights and information from a social work student acting as children in conflict with the law. The demonstration aimed to illustrate the procedures involved in creating Social Investigation Reports, offering valuable practical experience for the participating officers in understanding the complexities of such investigations.

The subsequent session was a group activity with each group tasked to present their respective case studies. The Regional Probation Officer (RPO) and Chief Probation Officer (CPO) provided valuable insights and feedback on the presented case studies. This engagement allowed for an exchange of perspectives, where the RPO and CPO shared their expertise and offered guidance based on their experience and knowledge in the field. The collaborative approach enabled a comprehensive review and discussion of the case studies, fostering a rich learning environment for all participants

At the afternoon session, Dr B. Selvaraj- Head, Department of Psychology, Government Arts college, Coimbatore. He explained about the effects of positive reinforcement in enabling good behaviour in child and spoke about the two techniques to avoid Juvenile delinquency which are shaping and modelling.

The two-day event covered a wide range of topics related to child welfare, legal aspects, and social work practices, ensuring that the participants would be better prepared to safeguard the well-being of children in Tamil Nadu. It was a good learning for both the officers and the students participated in the programme.



JAI SWATHIKA S
(II MSW)

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT SHIVESH AUTISM CENTRE, COIMBATORE

As part of concurrent fieldwork, a team consisting of eight second-year MSW trainees - Gopika V S, Aishwarya Vinod, Megha B Nair, Devika G S, Harsha P, Sanam Shahul, Lakshmi T Saseendran, and Adithya Suresh organized a community event in celebration of Children's Day at the Shivesh Autism Centre in Coimbatore. Shivesh Autism Centre is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that holds official recognition as a specialized school for Autism by the State Commissioner of the Department of Rehabilitation in Tamil Nadu. The program took place on November 4, 2023, running from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The event was attended by ten students from Shivesh Autism Centre, who actively participated in the Children's Day celebration. The founder of Shivesh Autism Centre, Mrs. Geetha Raja, extended a warm welcome to the trainees, expressing her gratitude for their presence at the organization.

Throughout the event, the trainees facilitated a series of engaging games and activities, including ball pickup and drop race, Musical chair, Elephant walking race, Running Race, Drop the ball in the basket, and playing drums. To conclude the festivities on a high note, all the children at the centre received thoughtful gifts, including sketch pens and pencils, making the day even more memorable and joyful for everyone involved.

The program conducted by the trainees at the Shivesh Autism Centre resulted in several positive outcomes. The event proved effective in improving the children's social and communication skills, as they actively engaged in various activities. Moreover, the program played a vital role in boosting the self-esteem and self-confidence of the participants. The collaborative effort between the trainees and the centre's staff strengthened community bonds and fostered a sense of togetherness. The activities implemented during the program facilitated skill development, encompassing motor skills, creativity, and sensory perception. Ultimately, the Children's Day celebration left a memorable and joyful experience for all involved, underlining the positive impact of community engagement and inclusion.



Activities done by II MSW students at Shivesh Autism Centre, Coimbatore



LAKSHMI T S
(II MSW)

ONLINE LECTURE ON “PARTICIPATORY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

Participatory Sustainable Development which often serves as an inevitable part of Amrita's vision is a broad concept that requires much widened attention in many aspects. The idea was put forward by the beloved chancellor of the university, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi whose visionary was based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals of 2030.

An online and in person lecture on “Participatory Sustainable Development” was organized by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The lecture was delivered by the distinguished guest lecturer, Benjamin Murphy who is a researcher and educator at the Centre for sustainable solutions in the Department of Social Science from the University of Glasgow. The event was organized on November 08, 2023 from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. The lecture stands out as it was conducted in person at the Shraddha Hall for Amrita School of Engineering at Amritapuri campus and was live online at the same time where thousands of students could get the opportunity to make use of this fruitful session. The title of the session was “Participatory Sustainable Development – from a Scottish perspective”. Throughout the session, there were several thrust areas in which the speaker shed light on things like sustainable development, participatory research, land ownership and environmental justice. The rural sustainability in Scotland and the transition period along with the issues and opportunities it provides was one aspect. On the other hand, there was community based participatory research where the research participants' insights are presented along with the research methodologies. The effective decision making through incorporating community perspective with more focus into the sustainability of Scotland was discussed. The session also delved into the role of youth in sustainable development and the relation of the topic with students' research in Kerala. The lecture was both enriching and engaging that imparted insights into several concepts and it was interactive too where the speaker was keen to know more about Kerala as well. Many of the participants also asked questions at the end of the session to the speaker.



Mr. Benjamin Murphy delivering the lecture at Shraddha hall, Amritapuri



The speaker with students of Amritapuri campus



ANUPAMA
(I MSW)

AWARENESS ON SKIN BANK

On 15.11.2023, an Awareness program on Skin Bank was organised by Miss Anjali and Miss Pavya 2nd year MSW students as a part of their fieldwork activity and supervised by Dr V Priya, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work. The program was conducted in Sandeepani hall, in Academic Block II, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The resource person of the program was Mrs. Nalini Balaji, Skin Bank Coordinator, Ganga Medical centre and Hospital, Coimbatore. All the faculty members, students of I and II-year MSW and a few BTech students participated in the program. The program began at 11 am with the prayer song by Miss Athira, II MSW and welcome address was given by Miss Pavya, II MSW. Dr P Rangasami, Chairperson of Department of Social Work felicitated the program. He explained the importance of the skin donation, mentioned about the lack of awareness among people about skin bank as compared to other organ donations like eye donation.

Mrs.Nalini Balaji, Skin bank coordinator addressed the gathering. She explained in detail about skin bank, its importance, the procedures involved in skin donation, steps in skin harvesting, skin storage in skin bank, skin transplantation and mentioned about eligibility to donate and receive skin. She explained in precise about skin bank and skin donation using PowerPoint presentation. After that there was an interactive session with the students where she clarified the doubts put forwarded by the students .After that the students gave feedback about the program .The session was really informative and gave an insight about a concept that was not aware to many. The participation of students made the session impactful. Pamphlets about skin bank were distributed among students and interested students pledged for skin donation.

Dr. V Priya, Assistant Professor, honoured the guest with the memento and Miss.Anjali 2nd year MSW delivered the vote of thanks and the session ended up with a group photo.



Mrs. Nalini Balaji interacting with MSW students



MSW students and faculties with Mrs. Nalini Balaji



ANJALI S
(II MSW)

CHILD RIGHTS WEEK PROGRAM

Every year from November 14 to 20, India marks Child Rights week, a crucial period dedicated to highlighting the rights and well-being of children across the nation. As part of this, our II MSW Child Rights and Child Protection Specialization students were involved in various kinds of activities around the district Palakkad.

As part of Child rights week, the District Child Protection Unit in Palakkad organized various activities for the entire week. As part of the initiatives, our II MSW students collaborated with the Organization and started preparation for the "Rights Ride for the Child" and the program was scheduled and taken over by the students Innisai, Namitha.K, Tharshana, Madhiazhagan and Sandeep aiming to mobilize the community.

And the others from II MSW Madhavram, Parvathy, Sreelekshmi, Rithanya and Pooja along with the DCPU officials visited Malampuzha for an outreach activity. They distributed pamphlets and balloons to the children and parents who came to Malampuzha Garden. They gave an insight to the public about DCPU, child rights, Child Helpline and their activities.

On 19 November 2023, Rights Ride for the Child- a Bike Ride from Vadakkancheri to Walayar was conducted which aimed at raising awareness on child rights and substance abuse. This ride ended at Nadupathi, Walayar. Almost 35 Bullet riders participated in this rally. The II MSW students were involved in community mobilization. Later, RDO of Palakkad District, Excise inspector Mr.Rajesh N, ward member of Nadupathi and the Headmaster of GTWLP School were also part of the event along with the DCPU officials of Palakkad. During the event, the RDO of Palakkad distributed Child rights awareness kits to all riders and presented a memento to the rider's captain. DCPU officials appreciated the effort put forth by our students for the Successful completion of the week- long event.



An initiative to the Rights Ride For The Child, Palakkad.



Outreach activity at Malampuzha Garden,
Palakkad



BHANUPRIYA
(I MSW)

PUBLISHING OF THE SEVEN FEET TALL BOOK ON THIRUKKURAL

Thirukkural, the classic text of Tamil is often considered to be the pride of India that consists of 1330 short couplets on the art of living. On 20 November 2023, A seven feet tall book that consists of stories on each "kural" of Thirukkural was published by Thanjavur Tamil University to which there were contributions of Ms. Kavipriya of second year MSW. Ms. Kavipriya has made her contribution of stories to the seven feet book that secured a place in the Guinness book of records. The book was published by the Tamil Scholar and debate speaker Shri. Solomon Papaiah. The work contained a story on all the 1330 kural of Thirukkural and there were contributions from multiple writers to the same.



II MSW student being a part of publishing the seven feet tall book on Thirukkural



ANUPAMA
(I MSW)

INVITED TALK BY Dr. S. KANAGARAJ AT THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Dr. S. Kanagaraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work served as a resource person and delivered a talk on "Participatory Research for Societal Good " on November 23, 2023 in the Faculty development programme (FDP) titled "Research for Societal Good Through Social Responsibility" sponsored by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India organized by Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus, Tamil Nadu.



Dr S Kanagaraj delivering a talk on Participatory Research for Societal Good



Dr. S KANAGARAJ
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

PAPER PRESENTATION BY Dr. S. KANAGARAJ AT 6TH WORLD CONGRESS ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, DEHRADUN

Dr. S. Kanagaraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work presented a paper titled "Empowering Resilience: Case example of Civil Society-Led Community-Based Disaster Management in the Nilgiris Region" on 28th November 2023 at the 6th WCDM jointly organized by Government of Uttarakhand, Disaster Management Initiatives and Convergence Society (DMICS), Hyderabad, Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) and Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST), Dehradun from 28.11.2023 to 01.12.2023 at Graphic Era (Deemed to be University), Dehradun.



Dr S Kangaraj presenting the paper at conference



Dr S Kangaraj at 6th World Congress



Dr.S.Kanagaraj receiving the certificate from Ms.Nellie Mugure Oduor, Kenya, Session Chair



Dr. S KANAGARAJ
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STUDENTS' CORNER



MOVIE REVIEW

KANNUR SQUAD

Kannur Squad is an amazing craft done by director Roby Varghese Raj. It is a movie about a police officer and his team face a challenging journey across the country to catch a criminal gang. In the movie the main lead character is played by the actor Mammooty followed by Shabareesh Varma, Rony David and Azees Nedumangad. It is an action crime drama released in Malayalam language. The characters they play have life and the story has this urgency that makes you sit at the edge of your seat as the story unfolds slowly in front of you. The music was soothing, and the cinematography was really impressive. The movie was inspired by a real-life police unit, and it features only four cops and two specific cases they tackled during the period spanning from 2007 to 2017. Kannur Squad is influenced by the police squad that originated in Kannur and came to be known as the Kannur Squad formed by the Kerala Transport Commissioner, ADGP S. Sreejith, who hand-picked and groomed the officers while he was SP in the district in 2008. The squad was created as an investigation unit when the crime rate increased in Kannur. Kannur Squad was released on 28 September 2023, and it was a commercial success and earned Rs100 crore worldwide, emerging the third highest grossing Malayalam film of the year. It is a must watch movie and we are able to see high stake situations and how the four of them tackle those situations.



MANISHA R PILLAI
(II MSW)

BOOK REVIEW

SISTERS UNDER THE RISING SUN BY HEATHER MORRIS

Heather Morris' *Sisters Under the Rising Sun*. For Ms. Morris, this is her fourth book. She writes historical novels with amazing talent and excellence. The narrative is based on a real-life incident. The Vyner Brook Tragedy is the subject of this. Merchant vessel Vyner Brook. The Japanese Air Force struck the ship and sank it while it was transporting refugees from Singapore. Japanese soldiers eventually caught the sinking survivors after they swam to a distant island.

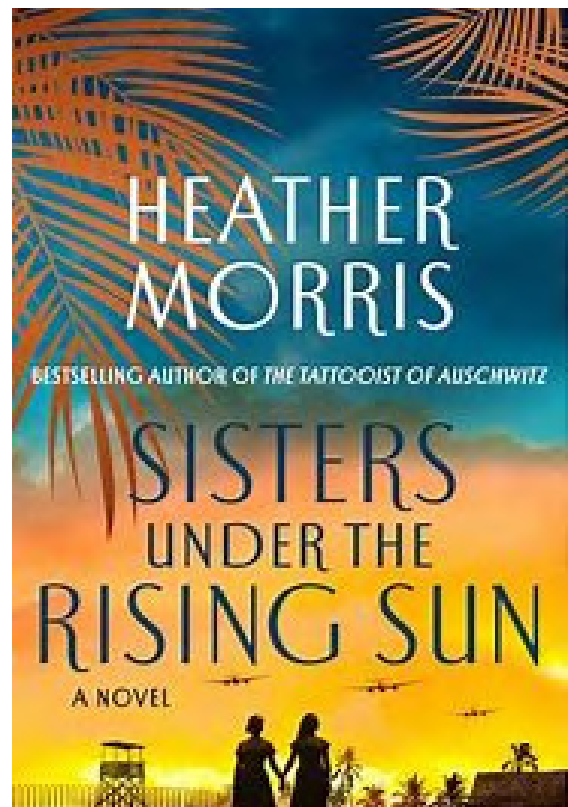
Desperate to keep her safe as the island falls to the Japanese Army, English pianist Norah Chambers, then eight years old, puts her daughter Sally aboard a ship departing Singapore during World War II.

Nesta James, an Australian nurse, has volunteered to care for Allied soldiers. However, she finds herself trapped in the Vyner Brooke trade ship with the terrified passengers, including the heart-broken Norah, as Japanese troops invade the island. Two days later, off the coast of Indonesia, they are attacked from the air, and the Vyner Brooke sinks in a couple of hours. Nesta and Norah make it to the shores of a distant island after surviving a full day at sea, only to be taken prisoner and interned in one of the infamous Japanese POW camps. The camps are locations of extreme cruelty, malnutrition, and widespread illness. However, happiness can still be found here thanks to music, as Norah's "voice orchestra" can carry the internees from the darkness into the light. Norah and Nesta, who are sisters in arms, dedicate their lives to ensuring the women's survival while also realizing their own remarkable capacities for bravery, love, and strength.

The writing is fluid and colorful. The characters are brave, tenacious, and trustworthy. Additionally, the plot tells a powerful story of love, friendship, sisterhood, survival, tragedy, self-discovery, heartache, determination, hope, and the brutalities of war.

Rich, complex, and enduring characters make up the cast. Even more tragic is the realization that these are based on actual people's lives as you read. It was amazing how dependent the "sisters" were on one another and the other inmates. Every event, disease, penalty, and movement convey to the reader the horror of how cruel people can be to one another.

I read *Sisters Under the Rising Sun* cover to cover because it is an engrossing, deep, and emotional story. I adore Heather Morris's writing, and this book lived up to my expectations. I heartily suggest it if you want well-researched WWII novels from a novel and distinctive viewpoint.



SREE LEKSHMI K
(II MSW)

SCHEMES AND ACTS



ACTS

THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008

In April 2021, the government introduced the Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, which was later replaced by the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021. This law eliminates some appellate tribunals and transfers their functions to existing judicial bodies like high courts. It also abolishes specific tribunals, such as the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal and Airports Appellate Tribunal, while altering the terms of service for tribunal officials. The Supreme Court questioned the government about quickly passing the bill and requested reasons for its introduction.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE ACT

- Committees, known as Search-cum-Selection Committees, will be formed to recommend individuals for the positions of chairpersons and members in tribunals. The Central Government will then appoint these individuals based on the committee's suggestions, aiming to act on the recommendations within three months.
- The committees' composition includes the Chief Justice of India or a Supreme Court judge nominated by the Chief Justice as the Chairperson, two government-nominated secretaries, a current or outgoing tribunal chairperson or a retired Supreme Court judge or Chief Justice of a High Court, and others. Similar committees will be established for State administrative tribunals, with members such as the Chief Justice of the state's High Court, Chief Secretary of the State Government, and others.
- The Act stipulates a four-year tenure for members, with a minimum age requirement of fifty for the Chairperson. The tenure for members is either four years or until they reach the age of 67, whichever comes earlier. In the case of chairpersons, the tenure is either four years or until they reach the age of 70, whichever comes earlier.
- In 2017, the Finance Act merged tribunals by their areas of expertise and granted the central government authority to establish rules for search-cum-selection committees, qualifications of tribunal members, and terms of service, including salary and removal. The recent tribunal reforms act eliminates these provisions from the Finance Act.



ANAGHAT B
(I MSW)

SCHEMES

CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION INTERNSHIP SCHEME 2016

The Internship Scheme initiated by the Central Vigilance Commission in 2016 is a strategic endeavour to involve Indian nationals, encompassing graduates awaiting final year results, postgraduates, and research students enrolled in prestigious universities or institutions, both within India and abroad. This program, with a focus on disciplines such as law, IT, MBA, social sciences, and related subjects, seeks to provide interns with a comprehensive understanding of the Commission's operations and vigilance-related issues. The interns play a crucial role in supplementing the Commission's analytical processes by actively engaging in the empirical collection and collation of in-house and external information. Through their contributions, interns are pivotal in shaping policy formulation and generating empirical analysis, briefing reports, and policy papers. This symbiotic relationship benefits both parties - interns gain valuable exposure to the Commission's functioning, enhancing their career goals in diverse sectors or international organizations, while the Commission gains access to additional resources and young talent, enriching its policy formulation capabilities.

The internship duration spans a minimum of one month, extendable to two months, typically occurring between May and August. Before commencing their assignments, interns are required to submit a Declaration of Secrecy, emphasizing the confidential nature of their work. In acknowledgment of their efforts, interns may receive a stipend of 10,000 per month, aimed at covering conveyance and daily expenses. This financial support ensures that interns can actively participate in the Commission's initiatives, fostering a dynamic learning environment. Ultimately, the Internship Scheme emerges as a dynamic platform fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of a future cadre well-versed in vigilance issues, policy formulation, and the intricacies of administrative functioning within the Central Vigilance Commission.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant should be a citizen of India.

The applicant should be a Graduate (awaiting final year results) /Post Graduate or Research Student enrolled in reputed Universities/Institutions within India or abroad and preferably studying Law, IT, MBA, Social Sciences, and associated subjects.



AKSHAYA PRAKASH
(I MSW)

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME

The Government of Tamil Nadu has a program called “Unemployed Youth Employment Generation Programme (UYEGP)” through its Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department. This program helps unemployed young people, especially those from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to start their own businesses. They can get loans of up to 15 Lakhs for manufacturing, 5 Lakhs for services, and 5 Lakhs for businesses. The government provides a subsidy of up to 25% of the project cost, with a maximum limit of 2.50 Lakhs. The goal is to support marginalized youths in becoming entrepreneurs.

Benefits

The State Government will give financial help, called subsidy assistance, for up to 25% of the project cost (with a maximum limit of 2.50 Lakhs) to help people start manufacturing, service, or business enterprises under this scheme.

Eligibility

- To be eligible for the scheme, the applicant must be a permanent resident of Tamil Nadu, at least 18 years old, and no older than 35 (for the General category) or 45 (for Special categories).
- They should have passed 8th standard, with a family income not exceeding 5 lakhs per year.
- General category applicants contribute 10% of the project cost, while Special category contributes 5%.
- Entrepreneurship Development Program {EDP} training is required.
- Project costs should be within 15 lakhs for manufacturing and 5 lakhs for Trading/Service projects.

AIWARYA C
(I MSW)

CURRENT AFFAIRS



NOVEMBER 2023

1. WHITE LUNG SYNDROME OUTBREAK

On December 2, 2023, a concerning global outbreak of 'White Lung Syndrome,' a new strain of bacterial pneumonia, emerged, primarily affecting children aged three to eight and manifesting as visible lung damage with white patches on X-rays. The syndrome encompasses various respiratory conditions, including Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), Pulmonary Alveolar Microlithiasis (PAM), and Silicosis, presenting common symptoms such as shortness of breath, coughing, chest pain, fever, and fatigue. Investigations into potential causes suggest a combination of bacterial, viral, and environmental factors, including influenza, COVID-19, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, and exposure to silica dust. Treatment options, tailored to the specific cause, range from antibiotics, antivirals, and oxygen therapy to mechanical ventilation and corticosteroids. The severity of the disease dictates the chosen approach, with outcomes varying from full recovery to potential long-term lung damage.

2. FIRST WOMAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ICFRE

In a significant milestone, Kanchan Devi, a 1991-batch Indian Forest Service Officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has made history by becoming the first woman to be appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Forestry Research Education (ICFRE), a prestigious position under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Headquartered in Dehradun, ICFRE plays a crucial role in advising the Government of India, state governments, and various stakeholders on forestry research and technologies, addressing emerging challenges in forest conservation. With over 30 years of diverse experience in forestry, Kanchan has excelled in forest management, administration, education, human resource development, research, and extension. As a faculty member at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun, she contributed significantly to forestry education. During her tenure as Deputy Director at ICFRE, Kanchan played a pivotal role in promoting forestry education, accrediting courses, conducting research studies on forest policies, and advancing human resource development. Her notable contributions include establishing the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) and implementing the World Bank-funded

Ecosystem Services Improvement Project (ESIP) at ICFRE. Additionally, she has been instrumental in recruiting and promoting scientists and technical officers within the council, further solidifying her impactful career in forestry.

3. HISTORIC MILESTONE: NEPAL OFFICIALLY REGISTERS FIRST SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Five months after Nepal's Supreme Court groundbreaking decision legalizing same-sex marriage, the country has officially registered its inaugural case, solidifying its position as the first South Asian nation to recognize and formalize such unions. The historic event unfolded in the Dordi Rural Municipality of Lamjung district, Western Nepal, adding a local touch to the broader narrative of progress. This legal triumph not only reflects a shift in Nepal's legal landscape towards inclusivity but also symbolizes a cultural and societal embrace of diverse relationships. Against the backdrop of Western Nepal's rich heritage, the formal registration of the first same-sex marriage in Lamjung becomes a significant milestone, resonating as a beacon of hope and inspiration for LGBTQ+ communities across the region. Nepal's pioneering stance sets a precedent for its neighbours, urging them to reconsider and advance towards more inclusive legal frameworks, making this achievement a multifaceted testament to progress that transcends both legal and cultural dimensions.

4. ILO REPORT HIGHLIGHTS DEADLY CONSEQUENCES OF OVERWORKING WORLDWIDE

A sobering revelation emerges from a recent report by the International Labor Organization (ILO), shedding light on the dire consequences of overworking that claim the lives of nearly three million individuals each year across the globe. This alarming statistic underscores a shifting paradigm where employment, once a source of livelihood, now emerges as a major contributor to mortality. The study particularly emphasizes the disproportionate impact on men, signalling a critical need for revaluation of work-related practices and policies to mitigate the tragic toll of excessive labour on human lives. As we grapple with these findings, it becomes imperative for societies and policymakers to prioritize the well-being of workers and foster a balanced approach to employment that safeguards both livelihoods and lives.

5. WORLD'S 1ST TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT USING 100% GREEN FUELS TAKES OFF

Virgin Atlantic's Flight100, a historic transatlantic journey powered by 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), demonstrates SAF's viability for long-haul flights, with a unique blend of 88% HEFA and 12% SAK. Notable passengers include Richard Branson and CEO Shai Weiss. The Boeing 787, fuelled with 50 tonnes of SAF, aims to reduce aviation's carbon footprint. Collaborative efforts involve Rolls-Royce, Boeing, BP, and academic institutions. Imperial and Sheffield researchers will assess environmental impacts. While hailed as progress, some caution against "greenwashing," emphasizing the need to reduce flights and fossil fuel reliance. Flight100 precedes COP28 climate talks, sparking discussions on aviation's sustainable transition and challenges in scaling up SAF production.

6. UNVEILING THE MYSTERY OF STEVE: NOT YOUR AVERAGE AURORA

The recent mesmerizing displays of green and purple lights in the northern skies have unveiled an intriguing atmospheric phenomenon known as STEVE, or Strong Thermal Emission Velocity Enhancement. Initially, these vibrant ribbons of light were commonly mistaken for traditional auroras, but their distinctive nature sets them apart. STEVE is characterized by its unique features, including its narrow structure and location further south than typical auroras. Scientists are actively studying this phenomenon to better understand its origin and the underlying atmospheric processes that contribute to its striking visual effects. As nature once again surprises us with this ethereal spectacle, researchers and enthusiasts alike are delving deeper into the mysteries of STEVE, adding a new layer of fascination to our understanding of Earth's atmospheric phenomena.

7. CONTINUATION OF FAST TRACK SPECIAL COURTS

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, leading the Union Cabinet, has given the nod for extending the Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026. This move, backed by a financial commitment of Rs. 1952.23 crore, underscores the government's steadfast dedication to accelerating trials concerning sexual offenses, a crucial step in safeguarding the well-being of women and children and ensuring their safety and security.

8. CABINET APPROVAL FOR PRADHAN MANTRI JANJATI ADIVASI NYAYA MAHA ABHIYAN (PM JANMAN)

The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN), allocating Rs.24,104 crore for tribal welfare. PM JANMAN aims to enhance the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with a Rs.15,000 crore budget for the next three years. The initiative focuses on 11 critical interventions across nine Ministries, addressing basic needs like housing, water, sanitation, education, health, and livelihood opportunities. The Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will contribute by establishing wellness centres, extending medical facilities, and providing skill training in PVTG habitations. The mission recognizes the vulnerability of PVTGs despite their cultural richness, with the 2011 census recording a Scheduled Tribe population of 10.45 crore in India.

9. INDIA REQUIRES \$101 BILLION INVESTMENT TO ACHIEVE TRIPLED RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS: REPORT

India needs \$101 billion more in investment to triple its renewable energy capacity and meet the International Energy Agency's Net Zero target by 2030, according to a report by the energy think tank Ember. The report outlines that between 2023 and 2030, India requires a total investment of \$293 billion to achieve its solar and wind capacity targets, including storage and transmission. To align with the IEA's Net Zero goal, India must increase annual additions to 41 GW of solar and 11.8 GW of wind by 2027, requiring an additional 115 GW of solar and 9 GW of wind by 2030. The report estimates that meeting these targets will result in a total renewable capacity of 448 GW of solar and 122 GW of wind by 2030. Crucial to this effort is the establishment of a grid that integrates renewables, requiring increased storage and transmission capacity, including 48 GW of interstate transmission systems (ISTS) and at least 14 GW (six hours) of battery storage. Despite increased investment, challenges such as payment delays, Power Purchase Agreement renegotiations, and land acquisition complexities pose risks. With India securing a G20 commitment in

September 2023 to triple global renewable energy capacity, there is anticipation to secure a global commitment at the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Attracting foreign investment is crucial for successful implementation, and addressing risk factors is pivotal in securing financing for India's renewable energy projects.

10. ASSAM GOVERNMENT, NDDDB SIGN MOU FOR THE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF DAIRY SECTOR

The Assam government has partnered with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) to enhance dairy farming in rural areas. They aim to increase daily milk production in the state from the current 29 lakh litres to a target of 39 lakh litres. The plan includes setting up six mega milk processing plants to make Assam self-sufficient in both milk and egg production. The government has identified land for these plants and aims to organize the unorganized 95 percent of the state's milk production. This collaboration builds on a historic agreement signed in January last year, envisioning Rs 2,000-crore joint venture for comprehensive dairy sector development over seven years.



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INTERNSHIP

Kshitiksha Foundation NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: immediately

DURATION: 1 month

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 12/12/2023

About the internship: Kshitiksha Foundation is a non-profit organization, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt of India. It is an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization. It is also registered with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) program UDYAM. Kshitiksha Foundation as a Fundraising Intern and play a vital role in the mission to empower underprivileged communities. The intern will assist in developing and implementing fundraising campaigns, conduct research on potential donors, create compelling fundraising materials, collaborate with the marketing team for donor engagement,

organize events, manage donor databases, and analyse fundraising data to evaluate campaign effectiveness.

Benefits:

Certificate

Flexible working hours

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 28th Nov'23 and 2nd Jan'24
3. Are available for duration of 1 month
4. Have relevant skills and interests

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Jankalyan Multipurpose Education Society

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: immediately

DURATION: one week

STIPEND: unpaid

APPLY BY: 12/12/2023

About the internship: JMES started in 2001, is a non-profit organization committed to bringing the best educational resources to under-served tribal communities of Chandra-pur district (Maharashtra). Mission is to build a platform for vulnerable and oppressed children, in poverty. The selected intern will play a vital role in our team by implementing effective fundraising campaigns to support our initiatives. Their responsibilities extend to formalizing strategy, ensuring the execution of diverse strategies to meet organizational goals,

and maintaining efficient communication with the team.

Benefits

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

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INAMIGOS FOUNDATION NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 3 Weeks

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 11/12/2023

About the Internship: InAmigos Foundation is a non-profit organization registered under Section 8 and licensed by the central government. It has 200+ volunteers from different parts of India. The purpose of organization is to promote arts, commerce, sports, protection of the environment, and all. The only religion followed by the organization is 'humanity'. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of raising awareness through posters for a given cause, recycling materials to use, raising offline and online donations. Stipend is 20% total donation raised, distributing old clothes to poor people and feeding

the beggars or poor people with homemade food.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible Work hours, 5 days a week

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 1st Nov'23 and 6th Dec'23
3. are available for duration of 3 weeks
4. have relevant skills and interests

To know more & apply:

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Rural Development society NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: immediately

DURATION: 2 weeks

STIPEND: 1000-6000 Per month

APPLY BY:11/12/2023

About the internship : Rural Development Society (RDS) is a dedicated non-profit organization passionately committed to the holistic development of rural communities. It is Specializing in children's welfare and social empowerment, they collaborate seamlessly with numerous NGOs, fostering a united front for positive change. Together, they strive to create a brighter future, one where every child has the opportunity to thrive and every community can flourish. The intern will assist in developing and implementing fundraising strategies, collaborate on donor research, submit grant proposals, conduct outreach, organize events, maintain donor records, and support marketing with compelling content creation.

Benefits

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible work hours

5 days a week

Only those candidates can apply who:

are available for the work from home job/internship

Can start the work from home job/internship between 27th Nov'23 and 1st Jan'24

Are available for duration of 2 weeks

Have relevant skills and interests

To know more and apply

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Nishant charitable Trust NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: immediately

DURATION: 3 months

STIPEND: unpaid

APPLY BY:12/12/2023

About the internship: Nishant Charitable Trust exists to rescue children from all forms of exploitation by engaging and sustaining them in education NCT aim to work effectively for children from slums and to provide them with all the possible support for betterment of their bright future. The selected intern will engage in diverse day-to-day responsibilities, starting with the identification and cultivation of relationships with prospective individual donors. They will actively participate in donor research, contributing valuable insights to our fundraising strategies. Additionally, the intern will be involved in creating impactful fundraising campaigns, managing donor databases, drafting grant pro-

posals, and providing essential support in event planning.

Benefits

Certificate

Flexible working hours

Letter of recommendation

Only those can apply who:

Are available for the work from home job/internship

Can start the work from home job/internship between 27th Nov'23 and 1st Jan'24

Are available for duration of 3 months

Have relevant skills and interests

To know more and apply

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NAVYA E
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MSW

1.Consultant- Sa-Dhan

Location: New Delhi

Work experience: Minimum 3 – 5 years of experience in Microfinance, Livelihoods, MSME and Development Sector both in the Field and Office.

Job Email id: hrc@Sa-dhan.org

Apply by: 28 Dec 2023

2.Office Coordinator Cum Counsellor- Angaja Foundation

Location: Defence Colony, Delhi

Job Email id: admin@orchidoverseas.com

Apply by: 27 Dec 2023

3.Programme Manager (for Gadchiroli District)- Nageshwara Charitable Trust (NCT)

Location: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

Work experience: Minimum 5-8 years of relevant work experience.

Job email id: ho@nageshwara.org

Apply by: 27 Dec 2023

4. Project Coordinator- Rosa Sansthan

Location: Chakia Block, Uttar Pradesh

Job Email id: meetkashi21@gmail.com

Apply by: 25 Dec 2023

5.Family Counsellor- Sankalp Rehabilitation Trust

Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Job email ID: sankalp.trust@gmail.com

Apply by: 22 Dec 2023

6. Project Coordinator- Railway Children India (RCI)

Location: Delhi

Job Email id: careers.india@railwaychildren.org.in

Apply by: 15 Dec 2023

7. State Lead- IPE Global Centre for Knowledge and Development (CKD)

Location: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Job Email id: hr@ipeckd.org

Apply by: 10 Dec 2023

8. Women Project Coordinators- Centre for Women's Development and Research

Location: Tamil Nadu

Job email ID: cwdrindia@yahoo.com

Apply by: 14 Dec 2023

9. Social Worker- The Hans Foundation

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal

Work experience: Minimum 3 to 5 years

Job link: <https://thf.keka.com/careers/jobdetails/20054>

Apply by: 20 Dec 2023

10.Field Facilitator- Sakshi

Location: Karur, Tirupur, And Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

Work experience: Experience in textile sector 1-2 years

Job email ID: hr@sakshi.org.in

Apply by: 20 Dec 2023

11.Project Manager- Natural's Care

Location: Noida NCR, Delhi

Work experience: minimum 3 years working experience

Job email ID: naturalscareindia@gmail.com.

Apply by: 17 Dec 2023



LEKSHMIPRIYA
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IMPORTANT DATES

1 December	World AIDS Day
2 December	National Pollution Control Day, International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 December	World Day of the Handicapped
4 December	Indian Navy Day
5 December	International Volunteer Day
7 December	Armed Forces Flag Day
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day
10 December	Human Rights Day
11 December	International Mountain Day
14 December	National Energy Conservation Day
16 December	Vijay Diwas
18 December	Minorities Rights Day in India,
20 December	International Human Solidarity Day
23 December	Kisan Diwas
24 December	National Consumer Rights Day
25 December	Christmas Day
25 December	Good Governance Day (India)
31 December	New Year's Eve

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How was your life at Amrita?

It was interesting.

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

Networking, Documentation, Field work experience

How is the current scope of Social Work?

Very demanding

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

Be motivated and hardworking, life will lead to progress

What are your key responsibilities in the present job?

Safeguarding Children at Home and Community

Who is/are your inspiration?

My colleagues

Anything else you would like to share?

Enjoy and explore your life as much as you can. Only students those who are studying MSW can both explore their lives and the lives around them. Always remember to be kind, patient and EMPATHETIC.

UGC NET (JUNE 2020)

SOLVED QUESTION PAPER (PAPER – 2)

1. What is the time limit fixed in the Development Agenda cited 'Transforming our world'?

- a. 2030
- b. 2060
- c. 2040
- d. 2050

2. Which one of the following community approaches was not given by M.G. Ross?

- a. The Specific Content Approach
- b. The General Content Approach
- c. The Process Approach
- d. The Social Planning Approach

3. The two natural channels for meeting individual's needs are explained in ____

- a. The industrial achievement of social policy
- b. The residual welfare model of social policy
- c. Performance model of social policy
- d. Redistributive model of social policy

4. The death of children below one year of life is known as

- a. Child mortality
- b. Post-natal mortality
- c. Infant mortality
- d. Neo-natal mortality

5. Perception is always ____ and therefore selective.

- a. Objective
- b. Subjective
- c. Negative
- d. Positive

6. Ego states referred to in Transactional Analysis Theory does not include

- a. Child
- b. Parents
- c. Adults
- d. Sibling

7. "Maintenance and welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007" is an initiative of

- a. Ministry of Social Welfare
- b. Ministry of Law and Justice
- c. Ministry of Parliamentary
- d. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

8. '2030' Agenda for Sustainable Development is attributed to

- a. UNDP
- b. UNO
- c. FAO
- d. WHO

9. Which of the following is not included in standard of living

- a. Level of education
- b. House
- c. Employment status
- d. Self-esteem

10. Who among the following introduced urban local self-government in India?

- a. Lord William Bentick
- b. Lord Robert Clive
- c. Lord Ripon
- d. Lord Curzon

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



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