

“While carrying responsibilities, never forget to smile.”



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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

REPORT ON SHRAMDAAN FOR SWACHHATA: PARTICIPATION BY MSW STUDENTS

As a part of Gandhi Jayanti celebration, a successful cleaning initiative was carried out in Ettimadai Sanitary Complex and Ettimadai Village on 1st October, 2023. The efforts of 1st and 2nd MSW students and faculties contributed to the overall success of the event. The cleaning process started from Ettimadai temple by sweeping and cleaning the streets and public spaces focused on overall cleanliness of the area. Following that, students cleaned the spaces around Ettimadai Sanitary Complex. The Gandhi Jayanti cleaning initiative in Ettimadai Sanitary Complex and Ettimadai Village was a significant success, showcasing the community's commitment to cleanliness. By addressing challenges and implementing sustainable practices, we can build on this momentum for a cleaner and healthier environment in the future.

PHOTO GALLERY



RAKHI R N
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AMRITAVARSHAM 70

Amritavarsham 70 is the birthday celebration event of Sadguru Mata Amritanandamayi Devi popularly known as Amma. It was a two-day event held on 2nd & 3rd October 2023 at Amritapuri. During the past 70 years Amma has verily revitalized the spiritual ethos of modern India and strengthened the moral fabric of society through the power of her unconditional love, spiritual wisdom and transformational motherly embrace. Amma's charitable work providing food, clothes, medical care, education etc for the poor and downtrodden is an example of selfless service par excellence. Amma's birthday is a joyous celebration of all these glories and much more a confluence of devotees and well-wishers from and around the world celebrating on embodiment of unconditional love.

Students and the faculty members from various departments of Amrita Vishwa vidyapeetham Coimbatore participated as volunteers in Amritavarsham 70. Students of Department of Social Work along with Chairperson- Dr. P. Rangasami and other faculty members Dr. V. Priya, Dr. S. Kanagaraj, Mr. T. Sathishkumar, Mr. V. S. Varunanvelu, Ms. Roopika Sreedharan and Mrs. Ambika Balakrishnan – Executive Assistant got engaged in voluntary activities. The students were allotted with crowd control, serving food to the devotees, visiting Amma for dharshan. The students participated in the work enthusiastically and got Amma's Dharshan during the visit to Amritapuri.

PHOTO GALLERY



MEDHA S MENON
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DRAWING COMPETITION FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

As part of World Mental Health Day, the Department of Students Welfare Office organized a drawing competition for all the students of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore on 10th October 2023. The theme of the competition was "Mental Health is a Universal Human Rights". Ms. Pooja Jayaram from II MSW participated in the competition and secured second prize. The picture she drew gave a deep insight about mental health as well as its importance to each and every one.



Painting by Ms. Pooja Jayaram



Ms. Pooja Jayaram receiving the certificate



BHANUPRIYA
(I MSW)

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

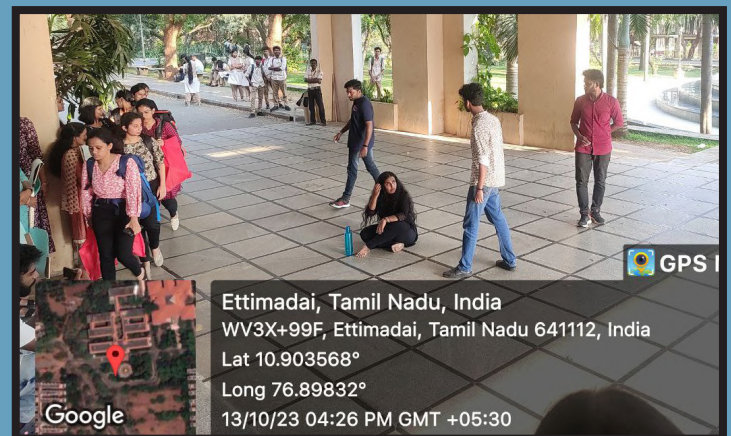
A person's complete health and well-being depend on their mental health. However, there are still mental health issues that affect people all over the world and can have an adverse effect on their physical health, general well-being, interpersonal relationships, and ability to earn a living.

People in our society are not comfortable sharing their problems. They are scared of being judged by others. World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10, 2023. "Mental health is a universal human right" is the theme for this year. Through individual education and outreach activities, this day's goals are to increase public understanding of the mental health continuum, lessen the stigma associated with mental illness, encourage help-seeking behaviours and practices, and prevent suicide.

On October 13, 2023, the Department of Social Work at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore conducted a programme in honor of World Mental Health Day. The programme was conducted in front of Academic Block II. A flash mob and skit were the show's opening acts. The theme of the day was "Mental health is a universal human right," which served as the inspiration for all the people. Through the skit, the students depicted how mentally ill people are being viciously treated and how they are seen in our society. They depicted that there is still much work to be done to ensure that those with mental illness receive the respect, dignity, and care they deserve. Also, the Department of Social Work organized a best quote competition.



MSW students performing flash mob



MSW students performing role play



AISHWARYA VINODH
(II MSW)

CONVOCATION 2023

The convocation ceremony for 2021-2023 batch was held on October 14, 2023. The fifteenth MSW batch was officially graduated on 14 of October which was the twentieth convocation day for Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore. The convocation was held for all the departments together at the main auditorium where the oath taking was conducted. There were also functions in the department where the degrees were awarded to all the graduates. There were thirty-two students from the department of social work who attended the convocation along with the faculties and chairperson.



Dr. P Rangasami addressing the graduates and parents on convocation



MSW students 2021-2023 attending convocation



ANUPAMA
(I MSW)

MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAM

As part of the Global Media Literacy week, the Department of Social work, in collaboration with Blooms Trust, FACTSHALA and Google News, organized a two-hour session on “Media Literacy” for I&II MSW students on October 16, 2023. The session was conducted by the trainer of FACTSHALA Ms. A. Lilly Margrate.

The motive of the session was to embrace the ethos of ‘Satyagraha’ and values of truth-seeking and critical thinking, celebrating the influential role of Media and information Literacy in shaping a progressive society. The session was quite engaging and it gave the students a deep insight on the topic.



Ms. Lilly Margrate conducting awareness session on ‘Media Literacy’



BHANUPRIYA
(I MSW)

ORIENTATION VISITS

As a part of MSW course curriculum I MSW students visited various organisations for observation visits which include:

1. National Child Labour Project on 10th October 2023
2. Attapadi Adivasi Development Initiatives- AADI on 12th October 2023
3. Jan Shikshan Sansthan Palakkad on 17th October 2023
4. Smile Foundation on 19th October 2023



I MSW students at NCLP for orientation visit



I MSW students at JSS for orientation visit



I MSW students at Smile Foundation for orientation visit



MEDHA S MENON
(I MSW)

ILAM MOTTUKAL

Three- day training programme- “Adolescent Champions” took place from October 27 to October 29 at the YMCA in Kanyakumari. The participant districts were Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Kanyakumari, and Tenkasi. Empowering the “Adolescent Champions” with information on child rights, child protection strategies, life skills, and expressive mediums is the program’s primary objective. To help them develop an awareness of gender and social norms and to provide the children with the knowledge necessary to draw links between these standards and the abuse of children. To support and encourage participation in the creation of child/adolescent collectives, as well as to develop the participants’ potential as peer leaders for child rights and change agents.

The first day’s focus was on the children’s self-awareness, body, mind, emotions, and ambitions. It also included children’s mental health, life skills, internet and child safety, social responsibility, and folk-art training. The first day came to a finish with the campfire, when the majority of the children successfully displayed their talents.

The second day is dedicated to the frameworks for child rights and child safety, covering topics such as gender perspectives, health and hygiene, prevention of substance abuse, child legislation, laws, acts, and welfare measurements, as well as the continuation of the folk-art session. The Cultural Night, which concluded the day, featured a performance called Bommalattam by the Folk Art trainees which delighted all the children.

Children were split up into five teams on the third day, and each team performed a single folk art programme at Kanyakumari Beach. The performances are Thappatam, Oyillatam, Kalliyatam, Karakattam, and Nadagam—mainly centred on gender equality in all its forms. Following this, the health and hygiene workshops continued, and the remaining sessions on VCLP and other child protection programmes were further explained. The Valedictory session concluded with the distribution of certificates and a photo.



Community outreach activity performance by the students of adolescent champion programme.



INNISAI ARASI. PON
(II MSW)

Report of Rural / Tribal Camp - DAKSHA – 2023

The rural camp for I MSW was conducted from October 26, 2023 to November 01, 2023 in association with Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission, a leading trust services in Attapady, Palakkad. The camp is part of the curriculum where the students get a wide and extensive knowledge about the lives of people in rural area or tribal area.

Day 1: 26.10.2023 – Inauguration of the camp

The seven day camp began with the inauguration ceremony that was conducted at the same place on October 26 evening. The chief guest of the event was Dr. V Narayanan, CMO and managing trustee of SVMM. There was also Nanjiyamma, the folk singer who received the National Best singer award as the guest of honor. The inaugural ceremony was blessed with the presence of them along with the faculties in charge of the camp and the chairperson of the department. The first day also had an orientation session about Swami Vivekananda Medical Mission by the representative of the organisation Mr. Anandhu.

Day 2: 27.10.2023 – Visit to Vellakulam tribal village

The second day of the camp had a visit to the village called Vellakulam at Attapady. The village is predominantly occupied by the tribes of the region, a comprehensive exploration of Vellakulam Village, offering students the opportunity to gain practical knowledge and understanding of water resource management and its implications for local agriculture. This multifaceted initiative not only fosters crop cultivation but also plays a pivotal role in managing and mitigating wildlife interference. Simultaneously, it provides the local farming community with a more sustainable and cost-effective avenue for income generation. This comprehensive approach reflects the project's commitment to promoting agricultural sustainability, economic prosperity, and harmonious coexistence between farming and local wildlife.

Day 3: 28.10.2023 - Sholayur Family Health center

The third day was the visit to Sholayur Family Health center and there the health sector of Attapady was understood in detail by all the students. The Junior Health Inspector, Mr. Ranjith, assumed the role of the primary facilitator, offering comprehensive knowledge pertaining to the lifestyle, health, and socioeconomic conditions prevalent among the tribal population in the region. In particular, he shed light on the lifestyle of the tribal communities, drawing insightful comparisons between their way of life and the urban livelihoods more familiar to the participants. This orientation class served as an essential educational component of the camp, enlightening the attendees about the unique challenges and circumstances faced by tribal communities, and promoting a deeper understanding of the sociocultural dynamics of the region.

Day 4: 29.10.2023 – PRA at Vellakkulam tribal village

The Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was successfully conducted in the village of Vellakkulam. It's noteworthy that the Vellakkulam tribal community belongs to the Irula Community, and this understanding helped establish a positive rapport with the residents. To ensure the active participation of the tribal people, the students adopted a proactive approach by personally inviting each household in the village to attend the program. This community-centered outreach strategy proved effective, as a majority of the villagers responded to the invitation and gathered at the designated location where the PRA activities were to take place. 11 PRA tools employed for the practice

- Social Mapping
- Wealth Ranking
- Venn Diagram
- Resource Mapping
- Mobility Map
- Transect Walk
- Problem Tree
- Timeline
- Our Future Village
- Seasonal Map
- Daily Schedule

Day 5: 30.10.2023 - Visit to Government Upper Primary School located in Mully

Visit to Government Upper Primary School located in Mully. The school, comprising a total of 50 students, primarily serves the Irula tribe. Within this student population, there are 33 boys, with the remaining students being girls. The Irula tribe possesses a distinct linguistic heritage, employing a language that amalgamates elements of both Malayalam and Tamil. As a result, these students often encounter challenges in comprehending the Kerala state syllabus and the instructions provided by Malayalee teachers. To ameliorate this language barrier, the school thoughtfully appointed Mr. Thangaraj to serve as a mentor. His role encompasses providing guidance and support to ensure that students can effectively navigate their studies and educational journey. The school is dedicated to promoting an inclusive and equitable educational environment. To this end, students receive unstitched uniforms and textbooks free of charge, ensuring accessibility to educational resources. Moreover, the school organizes an Annual Arts and Sports Day, fostering an atmosphere of celebration and camaraderie among the students.

Day 6: 31.10.2023 – Visit to KILA

Visit to KILA, which stands for Kerala Institute of Local Administration. KILA is an essential training institute dedicated to rural development. It originally began its operations in the 1990s but expanded its work to Attappady in 2003. The event at KILA featured Mr. Radhakrishnan as the chief speaker, who provided valuable insights into the institution's functioning and shared in-depth knowledge about Attappady. KILA primarily concentrates on empowering the Panchayathi Raj programs, which are instrumental in local governance. Attappady, the region of focus, holds particular significance due to its sensitive nature as it encompasses the lower part of the Western Ghats. Within Attappady, the Kurumbas are recognized as the primitive tribe.

Day 7: 01.11.2023 - Valedictory programme

Valedictory programme of the camp. The highlight of the ceremony was the presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Rajagopal, who serves as the Director of Nature NGO. A distinguished figure in the field of environmental and social activism, he brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the gathering. Mr. Rajagopal's presence was acknowledged with great respect, and Ms. Roopika Sreedharan presented a heartfelt gesture by honoring him. The ceremony concluded by presenting a montage of glimpses from the camp, providing a visual tribute to the memorable journey undertaken by all.

Overall, the camp gave the first year students a better understanding about Attappady, its culture, tribal livelihood and above all the geographical specialties of the region which is often described as the glass bowl of Kerala. The camp was a great opportunity to know the social work practice than the theoretical aspects.

PHOTO GALLERY





ANUPAMA
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STUDENTS' CORNER



MOVIE REVIEW

JAANE JAAN

Jaane Jaan is a perfect crime thriller movie which was released in September 2023 directly on Netflix and the lead actors are Kareena Kapoor, Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat who did well in the movie. The film is the adaptation of the Japanese novel "The Devotion of Suspect X", written by Keigo Higashino. The movie is about a single mother, and she works in a café to take care of her daughter. She separates from her husband even before her daughter is born, and she gets caught in a crime investigation and her neighbour offers to help and a determined cop digs into the case. The character name played by Kareena Kapoor is Maya D'Souza and the way she portrayed her character was interesting to watch. And the movie goes through a murder mystery and Vijay Varma plays the role of Inspector who comes for investigation. Jaideep Ahlawat plays the role of a schoolteacher who is a neighbour of Maya. He gave a brilliant performance in the film and gave justice to his character. The movie is directed by Sujoy Ghosh, and he extracted a good performance from the lead cast. Jaane Jaan is set in Kalimpong, and the cinematographer captured the fog-laden locations brilliantly. There are twists and turns to keep us hooked and worth watching.



MANISHA R PILLAI
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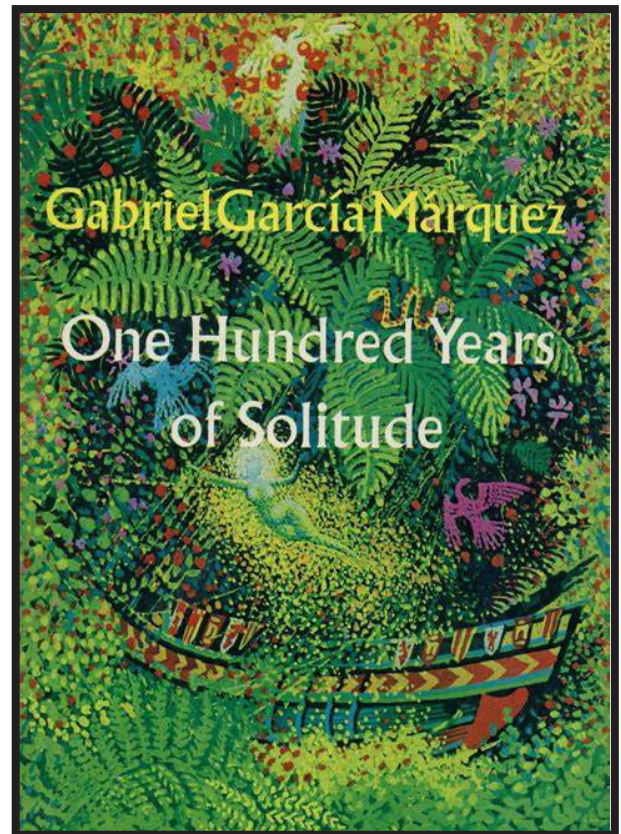
BOOK REVIEW

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE BY GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ

One Hundred Years of Solitude is a masterpiece in every sense of the word. It succeeds in capturing the various eras and triumphs of human history. The book has had a significant influence on young brains that are studying literature. The book is gripping and dramatic and reminds readers of how history repeats itself with the destruction of the first Macondo and the construction of a new one within a century. This book's central premise concerns two families who experience numerous life stages over the course of a century. The novel captures how the protagonist tries to reconcile their past and how this obsession leads to the family's demise.

Writings from a travelling gypsy written in Sanskrit that have been lying around for decades collecting dust are one of the book's most intriguing supernatural components. When one of the Aurelianos finally gets around to translating them, he finds that they are prophecies that have told the entire story of Macondo, including what is to come, but by the time it is translated the future is already upon them. These writings aren't supposed to be translated for another 100 years. This book was enjoyable to me. Reading it is challenging. Reading requires a level of diligence that might be difficult to uphold. The fact that it provides more food for thought than the typical fiction makes it worthwhile. This book conveys a valuable lesson, which has helped it become regarded as one of the most significant works of writing in history. I fervently urge literary fiction readers to read it. In this book, Macondo describes the new world of the United States, which, to many people at one point, resembled the Promised Land more. But it became recognised as just another illusion over time.

The novel is a masterful piece of labour realism, according to one definition. Metaphors and ideas have become commonplace facts in his made-up world, and life is now quite precarious. In this book, Macondo describes the United States, a new world that, to many people, once seemed the Promised Land. But it became recognised as just another illusion over time.



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SCHEMES AND ACTS



ACTS

THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008

The Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 was passed by the Indian Parliament, introducing and legitimising the idea of limited liability partnerships in India. In contrast to general partnerships in India, limited liability partnerships (LLPs) are corporate and legal entities that are independent of their partners. They also have perpetual succession, meaning that an LLP's rights and obligations remain unaffected by changes in its partners.

Even if only a portion of the control and management is located in India, an LLP that is registered there will be a resident. In the hands of the partners, profits distributed by the LLP are exempt. The Income of an LLP is taxed only on the hands of the LLP and not on the Partners, according to the Finance Bill, 2009. The current taxation pattern that applies to partnerships registered and created under The Indian Partnership Act, 1932, is identical to that of limited liability partnerships (LLPs). In the case of LLPs, dividend distribution tax is not applicable; in the case of businesses, it is 15.00% (plus surcharge at 5% + education cess at 2% plus SHEC at 1% of amount thus declared, distributed, or paid).

SALIENT FEATURES:**LLP AGREEMENT**

Any formal agreement that specifies the partners' respective rights and obligations as well as their obligations with regard to the limited liability partnership (LLP) or between the LLP and its partners. According to the LLP Act of 2008, it is not required to enter into an LLP agreement. At least two people who are partners in the limited liability partnership or nominees of such bodies corporate shall operate as designated partners in the absence of an LLP agreement, the mutual rights of corporates.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

LLP must keep annual books of accounts on either an accrual or cash basis. LLP-appointed auditors will audit the accounts. If partners' contributions exceed Rs. 25 lakhs or the turnover surpasses Rs. 40 lakhs in any given fiscal year, an audit of the accounts is required. Each year, by October 30th, the Statement of Accounts and Solvency for the fiscal year that concluded on March 31st must be submitted to the Registrar.

PENALTY

If someone violates this Act and there is no specific punishment outlined, they may be fined up to five lakh rupees, but the minimum amount is only five thousand rupees. The fine may also be increased to fifty thousand rupees for each day that the default continues after the first day.



INNISAI ARASI. PON
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SCHEMES

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME- AGNIPATH SCHEME

The Government of India authorized the Agnipath Scheme, also known as the Agneepath Scheme, on June 14, 2022, for the recruitment of soldiers into the three military services who are below the rank of commissioned officers. Every recruit will only be employed for a duration of four years. Candidates hired under this method will be given the new military rank of Agniveers- "Fire-Warriors." The lack of public discussion and consultation during the scheme's launch has drawn criticism. Numerous provisions of the previous system, such as pensions and lengthy tenure, will be disregarded by this plan. Indian opposition parties have condemned the new system and voiced concerns about its potential effects. They have requested that the plan be delayed and that the Parliament discuss it.

On June 16, 2022, a number of Indian states saw violent riots where prospective army members demanded the withdrawal of the new programme and damage to public property. By June 17th, there had been 12 train fires and 300 train movements had been disrupted. Twelve trains were rerouted, 214 trains were canceled, and 90 trains were stopped before reaching their intended destination. During the protests, at least one person died.

Before the programme was implemented, soldiers may enlist in the military for a term of more than 15 years and get a pension for the rest of their lives. In the armed forces, there was no recruiting for three years starting in 2019. For this, the Indian government pointed to the COVID-19 outbreak there. In the meantime, an annual retirement rate of 50,000 to 60,000 soldiers per year resulted in a personnel deficit that started to impair the armed forces' ability to conduct operations.

A 'Tour of Duty' programme was planned in 2020 to allow citizens to voluntarily enlist in the military for a three-year period of short service. In the suggested plan was to be implemented on a trial basis, with a test group consisting of 1000 soldiers and 100 officers.

The Agniveers' Army recruitment process is about to alter. The Army has chosen to conduct the Common Entrance Exam (CEE) online prior to the in-person recruitment process. For the first online CEE, about 200 locations have been selected across the nation. For the exam planned in April 2023, online registration will be open for one month starting in mid-February 2023. The goal of the revised recruiting process is to improve cognitive aspects and reduce the size of crowds during recruitment rallies, which will lead to simpler conduct and better management.



VINAYA V M
(II MSW)

STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEME- SNEHASANTHWANAM SCHEME

Snehasanthwanam is a financial assistance scheme for Endosulfan victims of the Kasargod district in Kerala. It was launched by the Social Justice Department of the Kerala government as a relief measure for severely affected, disabled, and bedridden victims of Endosulfan, a chemical used as a pesticide for Cashew plantations. The financial assistance has been granted from December 2010 onwards by the Kerala government. It also provides educational assistance to children of affected families.

BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME:

- Bedridden Endosulfan victims are provided Rs. 2200 as financial assistance
- Rs. 1700 is provided to bedridden Endosulfan victims who already receive Rs. 300 as a disability pension
- All the other victims are provided Rs. 1200 as assistance based on the list provided by the District Collector

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Children studying in Buds school receive an amount of Rs. 2000
- Children of classes 1- 7 are provided Rs. 2000
- Children of classes 8- 10 are provided Rs. 3000
- Children studying in 11th and 12th receive Rs. 4000
- In addition to this, the Kerala Social Security Mission started providing financial assistance of Rs. 700 per month to the caregivers of Endosulfan victims who have been bedridden or mentally retarded under the special Aswasakiranam scheme. Also, the government has directed the mission to provide ambulance facilities to the eleven Endosulfan-affected Panchayats of Kasargod and to increase the wages of Buds school employees in the affected Panchayats to Rs. 1500 per month.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- The applicant must be a resident of the affected area
- The applicants must be affected by Endosulfan



JAI SWATHIKA
(II MSW)

CURRENT AFFAIRS



SEPTEMBER 2023

1. Prime Minister Modi Launches 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' Platform

On October 31st, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi officially launched the 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' platform, dedicated to the youth of India. This momentous initiative was introduced on National Unity Day and aims to empower and uplift the country's youth. 'Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)' envisions itself as a pivotal, technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led progress. Its overarching goal is to provide equitable opportunities for young individuals to realize their aspirations and contribute to the creation of a "Viksit Bharat" (developed India) across various aspects of government initiatives. The objective of MY Bharat is to enhance leadership skills through experiential learning and fostering social innovators and community leaders. Ensuring alignment between the aspirations of youth and the needs of communities. Promoting efficiency by converging existing programs and serving as a centralized youth database. Facilitating improved communication between youth, government initiatives, and other stakeholders and to create a blend of physical and digital experiences to enhance accessibility and engagement.

2. Study Reveals Strong Link between Air Pollution and Parkinson's disease Risk

A new study set to be published in the medical journal *Neurology* of the American Academy of Neurology has unearthed a concerning connection between air pollution and Parkinson's disease. The research reveals that individuals residing in areas with median levels of air pollution have a staggering 56 percent higher risk of developing Parkinson's disease compared to those living in areas with the lowest air pollution levels. The study used a population-based geographic approach, identifying nearly 90,000 people with Parkinson's disease from a Medicare dataset of nearly 22 million. Researchers were able to calculate Parkinson's disease rates within each region and determine associations between fine particulate matter exposure and disease risk after adjusting for various factors.

3. India Likely to Miss WHO and UN Health Targets for Reducing Premature Deaths from NCDs

India is expected to fall short of meeting the targets set by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs) in reducing premature deaths caused by four major Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). This conclusion stems from an analysis conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The WHO introduced the "25 by 25 target" in 2013 as part of its global NCD monitoring framework. It aimed to reduce premature mortality from these NCDs by 25% by 2025. The SDG target, which aims to reduce premature deaths from the four major NCDs by a third from 2015 to 2030, is also projected to be missed by India. The researchers estimate a decline of 15.6% from 2015 to 2030, falling short of the SDG goal. The SDG target, which aims to reduce premature deaths from the four major NCDs by a third from 2015 to 2030, is also projected to be missed by India. The researchers estimate a decline of 15.6% from 2015 to 2030, falling short of the SDG goal. Based on the analysis, India may potentially reach the WHO target of 25% reduction by 2039 and the SDG target of 33% reduction by 2053. India has implemented several surveillance programs to address NCDs, including the National Program for Non-communicable Diseases, the National Tobacco Control Program, the Eat Right India movement, the National Health Policy of 2017, and the National multi-sectoral action plan for prevention and control of Common NCDs 2017-2022. Monitoring the implementation and evaluating the impact of these programs on premature mortality is essential, according to the researchers.

4. "Calixcoca" Vaccine

Scientists in Brazil have developed a ground breaking treatment for cocaine and crack addiction in the form of a vaccine named "Calixcoca." This innovative vaccine aims to disrupt the effects of cocaine by triggering an immune response in the body, preventing the drug from reaching the brain and providing the pleasurable "high" associated with its use. Calixcoca functions by inducing an immune response that generates antibodies capable of binding to cocaine molecules in the bloodstream. This binding process results in the enlargement of cocaine molecules, rendering them too large to pass into the brain's "reward center" or mesolimbic system. This area of the brain is typically stimulated by cocaine to release dopamine, the pleasure-inducing neurotransmitter. Consequently, individuals who receive the vaccine will not experience the desired euphoric ef-

fects of cocaine, potentially assisting them in breaking the cycle of addiction. The vaccine is not intended as a standalone solution. Instead, it is envisioned as a supplementary treatment alongside existing approaches such as psychological counseling, social assistance, and rehabilitation. Calixcoca is designed for recovering addicts who have already discontinued cocaine use and seek assistance in maintaining their sobriety.

5. Study: Accelerated Ice Melt in West Antarctica Unstoppable

A new study suggests that regardless of efforts to reduce carbon emissions, the accelerated melting of ice in west Antarctica is set to continue throughout this century. This alarming revelation carries dire implications for rising sea levels, potentially forcing the abandonment of coastal cities. The west Antarctic ice sheet, if completely lost, could contribute to a significant sea level rise of up to 5 meters. Previous research hinted at its eventual collapse over centuries, but this recent study indicates that even with substantial emissions reductions in the coming decades, the ice melt will persist. As the floating ice shelves disintegrate, glacial ice sheets on land are freed to slide rapidly into the ocean. This phenomenon poses a severe threat to coastal cities, including metropolises like New York, Mumbai, and Shanghai. Over a third of the global population resides within 100 kilometres of the coast, making them vulnerable to sea level rise. As sea levels rise, the world faces the challenge of dealing with displacement and a potential refugee crisis affecting millions, or even billions, of people. Finding solutions to address this looming crisis is crucial for the well-being of future generations.

6. 'Kasturi Cotton Bharat' Initiative

India has taken a significant step to enhance the quality and traceability of its cotton by launching the official website of 'Kasturi Cotton Bharat.' The initiative, unveiled by Union Minister Piyush Goyal, aims to strengthen India's competitiveness in the global cotton market and create a sustainable ecosystem for all stakeholders involved. The birth of 'Kasturi Cotton Bharat' can be traced back to World Cotton Day, celebrated on October 7th. The Ministry of Textiles introduced the brand with a logo symbolizing quality such as whiteness, softness, purity, lustre, and Indianness. One of the key features of this initiative is its inclusivity. Cotton ginners across India are empowered to produce the Kasturi Cotton Bharat brand by adhering

to specified protocols. Advanced technology is employed to ensure complete traceability. QR-based certification technology is used at every processing stage, and a block chain-based software platform provides end-to-end traceability and transaction certificates.

7. Project Udbhav Launched

India has initiated a unique endeavour called 'Project Udbhav,' aimed at blending ancient strategic wisdom with contemporary military practices. The project, launched by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, seeks to create an indigenous strategic vocabulary rooted in India's philosophy and culture to address modern security challenges effectively. Project Udbhav is a collaborative effort between the Indian Army and the United Service Institution of India (USI), a defense services think tank. The project aims to educate junior military leaders, senior military commanders, and academia about the theories, concepts, and teachings available in classical texts, such as Chanakya's Arthashastra, Nitisara by Kamandaki, and the Mahabharata. It seeks to delve into India's 5,000-year-old civilizational legacy and its vast collection of intellectual texts, thinkers, and schools of thought. The project highlights examples from ancient Indian history, emphasizing the wisdom of leaders like Chanakya, Thiruvalluvar, Chhatrapati Shivaji, and Maharaja Ranjit Singh. It underscores the importance of strategic alliances, diplomacy, and ethical conduct in warfare, guerrilla tactics, and foresightedness in defence strategies.

8. ISRO Begins Testing for Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Program

Less than two months after the successful Chandrayaan-3 Moon landing, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is embarking on a crucial series of tests as part of the preparations for launching Indian astronauts into space, possibly in 2025. These tests will evaluate systems and procedures vital for the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission. The TV-D1 flight aims to demonstrate the functionality of the new Test Vehicle and a basic version of the crew module. Specifically, the test will assess the systems for separating the crew module from the rocket during a mid-flight emergency (abort mission)

and the safe escape of astronauts. The timeline for the Gaganyaan mission is now set for 2024 or later, depending on the development stages and potential challenges. ISRO has completed the human rating of the LVM 3 rocket, which will be used for the Gaganyaan mission. Training for four astronauts from the Indian Air Force has commenced in Russia. Several critical tests and milestones remain before the final mission, including unmanned missions and qualification tests.

9. Supreme Court Identifies Gap in Implementation of Sexual Harassment Laws at Small Workplaces

The Supreme Court of India has identified a significant gap in the implementation of laws against sexual harassment in workplaces, particularly at small establishments and domestic work settings. The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act of 2013, commonly known as the POSH Act, requires States to appoint a district officer in every district to play a crucial role in implementing the Act. The Supreme Court found that many States had not notified District Officers, rendering the law ineffective in those areas. The court emphasized that the District Officer plays a pivotal role in coordinating and ensuring accountability under the POSH Act. Several States only appointed District Officers after being alerted by the Supreme Court's examination of the issue. The court expressed concern that even in States where action had been taken, District Officers were merely notified without providing specific details about their roles and contact information. The Supreme Court declared that it is insufficient to have the POSH Act on the books; an effective framework for redressal must exist. The court stressed that a functional mechanism for addressing workplace sexual harassment is essential, and the failure to appoint or notify District Officers severely undermines the Act's enforcement. The court ordered the Principal Secretaries of the Ministry of Women and Child in States to personally ensure the appointment of a District Officer in each district within their territorial jurisdiction within four weeks from the date of the judgment.

10. "Heartland Tripura" Skill Development Project

In an effort to bolster the employability and skill sets of Tripura's youth, a project named "Heartland Tripura" was officially launched today. This initiative is a collaborative effort involving Deloitte India and the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) in Agartala. The "Heartland Tripura" project is set to provide a broad array of modern technical and professional development skills, ensuring comprehensive youth development. These skills include: Cyber security: Equipping students with knowledge and expertise in protecting digital systems and data. Internal Audit: Training in auditing processes and financial analysis. Analytics: Building skills in data analysis and interpretation. Soft Skills: Enhancing communication, executive presence, grooming, and other interpersonal abilities. The project also aims to identify target organizations that can offer job placements to graduates. Additionally, it seeks to build an advocacy network to encourage private companies to hire graduates from select colleges in Tripura. This initiative strives to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing students with the skills and opportunities they need to succeed in the workforce.



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INTERNSHIP

JANKALYAN MULTIPURPOSE EDUCATION SOCIETY

<https://internshala.com>

Work from Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Week

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 15/11/2023

About the Internship: Jankalyan Multipurpose Education Society started in 2001, is a non-profit organization committed to bringing the best educational resources to under-served tribal communities of Chandrapur district (Maharashtra). The mission is to build a platform for vulnerable and oppressed children, living in poverty. Thus, empowering them with a well-equipped education system and gaining knowledge to alleviate poverty. Selected intern's day-to-day responsibilities include Creating fundraising campaigns, formalizing growth strategy and Working on the execution of various strategies.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible work hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

are available for the work from home job/internship

can start the work from home job/internship between 1st Nov'23 and 6th Dec'23

are available for duration of 1 week

have relevant skills and interests

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

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/fundraising-work-from-home-job-internship-at-jankalyan-multi-purpose-education-society1698815914>

SHE CAN FOUNDATION SOCIETY

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 4 Weeks

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 14/11/2023

About the Internship: She Can Foundation is an NGO, registered under the Indian Society Registration Act of 1860, dedicated to uplifting and empowering underprivileged women. The mission is to provide education, training, and resources to help women from marginalized communities overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential. Selected intern's day-to-day responsibilities include Gain insights into the fundraising department; contribute to fundraising campaigns, assist in donor engagement, and develop strategies to raise funds

for social causes and promote your social work on social media platforms, learn marketing and strategies to effectively spread awareness and inspire others to take action.

Benefits: -

Certificate, Letter of recommendation

Only those candidates can apply who are available for the

work from home job/internship can start the work from home job/internship between 31st Oct'23 and 5th Dec'23

are available for duration of 4 weeks have relevant skills and interests

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

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/versatile-social-impact-work-from-home-job-internship-at-she-can-foundation1698763030>

INAMIGOS FOUNDATION NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 3 Weeks

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 15/11/2023

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:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/social-work-work-from-home-job-internship-at-inamigos-foundation1698853868>

TARE ZAMEEN FOUNDATION

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Month

STIPEND: 1,000 /month + Incentives

APPLY BY: 9/ 11/2023

About the Internship: Tare Zameen Foundation is a non-profit organization registered in the year 2018 in Delhi. Since its inception, the organization has been working for many causes like the upliftment of children, women, and the divyangjan. It has been reaching out to the unprivileged and underprivileged children by providing them with the means of education. Selected intern's take up the responsibility of Research prospective donors, create a strong fundraising message that appeals to potential donors, Identify and contact potential donors, Use online platforms to raise donations, Organize campaigns or events to solicit donations, Maintain records

of donor information and evaluate the success of previous fundraising events.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible work hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

are available for the work from home job/internship

can start the work from home job/internship between 26th Oct'23 and 30th Nov'23

are available for duration of 1 month

have relevant skills and interests

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

To know more & apply:

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HAMARI PAHCHAN NGO

<https://internshala.com>

Work From Home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Month

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 21/11/2023

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 social media campaigning, Help us in creating a bigger impact by coordinating awareness activities for our projects and ongoing initiative, Take an active part in the weekly task of writing our suggestions and strategies which will help us in organizational growth and at the same time help the candidate in building strategies and Working on content writing which should be original

and will be published on our website as well as other social media handles.

Benefits: -

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Only those candidates can apply who:

1. Are available for the work from home job/internship

2. Can start the work from home job/internship between 17th Oct'23 and 21st Nov'23

3. Are available for duration of 1 month

4. Have relevant skills and interests

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

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/social-entrepreneurship-work-from-home-job-internship-at-hamari-pahchan-ngo1697527853>



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MSW

1.Senior Social Worker

National Level NGO
Location: Karnataka, Maharashtra
Years of experience: 3 to 5 years of practical experience
Job Email id: Nidhi(at) aarushimpact.com
Apply by: 29 Nov 2023

2.Social Worker Vihaan

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal
Job Email id: suryaa.adhikary(at)vihaan-wms.org
Apply by: 30 Nov 2023

3.District Social Worker Non-Violence Foundation

Location: Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh
Job Email id: nvpfndia(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 28 Nov 2023

4.Social Worker Swap Trust

Location: Sankarankovil, Tenkasi Dist, Tamil Nadu
Salary: Rs 12000-15000/- p.m
Job Email id: swaptrust2001@gmail.com
Apply by: 14 Nov 2023

5. Social Worker Hijli Inspiration

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal
Job Email id: banerjee.sarmila(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 26 Nov 2023

6.Residential Male Social Worker Jeevodaya

Location: Itarsi, Madhya Pradesh
Years of experience: At least 3 years' experience
Job Email id: jobs.jeevodaya(at)gmail.com
Apply by: 20 Nov 2023

7. Program Manager Cankids

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

Program Officer Aftercare Catalysts For Social Action

Location: Kohlapur, India
Years of experience: Minimum of 2-3 yrs. of experience working in the development sector.
Job Email id: hr(at)csa.org.in
Apply by: 17 Nov 2023

9.Community Social Worker Kosi Lok Manch

Location: Assam
Job Email id: hr(at)kosilokmanch.org
Apply by: 24 Nov 2023

10.District Coordinator Kosi Lok Manch

Location: Assam
Years of experience: Two years' experience in working in Child Protection.
Job Email id: hr(at)kosi-lokmanch.org
Apply by: 24 Nov 2023



LEKSHMIPRIYA
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IMPORTANT DATES

2023

1 November-	World Vegan Day
5 November-	World Tsunami Awareness Day
6 November-	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflicts
7 November-	Infant Protection Day, National Cancer Awareness Day
9 November-	Legal Services Day
10 November-	World Science Day for Peace and Development
11 November-	National Education Day
12 November-	World Pneumonia Day
13 November-	World Kindness Day
14 November-	World Diabetes Day, Children's Day
16 November-	International Day for Tolerance
17 November-	National Epilepsy Day
19 November-	International Men's Day
20 November-	Universal Children's Day
26 November-	Constitution Day of India

November

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How was your life at Amrita?

It was a perfect platform for me to know more about myself better as a student as well as a human being. Being close with the nature was another wonderful experience that I have always enjoyed there.

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

Being confident, leadership skills, presentation skill, research, documentation, coordination skill etc.

How is the current scope of Social Work?

Well, in India the scope is now gradually increasing. But when compared to other countries like UK, the scope is comparatively very less. Also, a career platform to implement and update our knowledge is rare to find.

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

Enjoy each field work and thereby enhance your practical experience. Definitely it will help you in the future, if you really want to flourish your career

as a Social Worker. Moreover, give more focus to research. Current society needs more social work researchers and social entrepreneurs. Good luck everyone!!

What are your key responsibilities in the present job?

As I am pursuing MSc in Public Health, the exposure of research is very high. Also, PowerPoint presentation, critical analysis, public health project management and documentation.

Who is/are your inspiration?

Myself and obviously that credit will go to Amrita.

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'?

- 2030
- 2060
- 2040
- 2050

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

- The Specific Content Approach
- The General Content Approach
- The Process Approach
- The Social Planning Approach

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

- The industrial achievement of social policy
- The residual welfare model of social policy
- Performance model of social policy
- Redistributive model of social policy

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

- Child mortality
- Post-natal mortality
- Infant mortality
- Neo-natal mortality

5. Perception is always ____ and therefore selective.

- Objective
- Subjective
- Negative
- Positive

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

- Child
- Parents
- Adults
- Sibling

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

- Ministry of Social Welfare
- Ministry of Law and Justice
- Ministry of Parliamentary
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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

- UNDP
- UNO
- FAO
- WHO

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

- Level of education
- House
- Employment status
- Self-esteem

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

- Lord William Bentick
- Lord Robert Clive
- Lord Ripon
- Lord Curson

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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