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"The world should know that a life inspired by love and service to humanity is possible."

– Mata Amritanandamayi Devi





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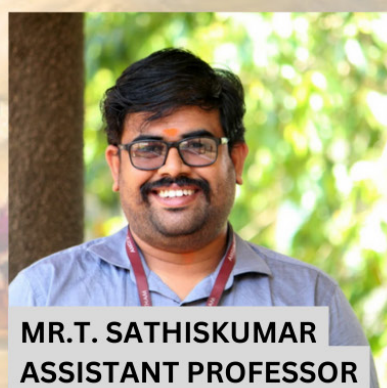
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## ABOUT AMRITA UDAAN

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

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# DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES





# THREE DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON FIELDWORK CONDUCTED FOR FIRST YEAR MSW

The concurrent fieldwork for the second semester for first year MSW students in block mode started with 3 days of training on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd organised by the faculty members of Amritapuri campus. The training basically was organised with the agenda of getting a basic understanding about the two fruitful projects by Mata Amritanandamayi Math namely Advancing women's empowerment through system oriented model expansion (AWESOME) and Skill acquisition and knowledge awareness for livelihood promotion. The sessions were conducted through both online and offline modes. The first day had an online orientation session about the projects- Sankalp, Awesome along with an introduction to the household surveys to be conducted by students at the villages. The second day of the training dealt with the training and hands on experience on data collection through the app named Survey CTO. The third day was an offline session at the Saraswathi hall of Ettimadai campus where faculties from Amritapuri gave an overview to the students about the survey and other activities to be conducted at the villages along with data collection and entering.



First-year MSW students with the faculties from Amritapuri



MEDHA S MENON  
(I MSW)



# FIRST YEAR MSW FIELDWORK CONDUCTED AT NAGERCOIL AND MADURAI DISTRICTS OF TAMIL NADU

The concurrent fieldwork in block mode as a part of the second semester curriculum for first year MSW students was organized from 4th to 20th of February. The students were placed in the community settings at the villages of both Nagercoil and Madurai districts of Tamil Nadu. The fieldwork began after the three day training program organized by the Amrita campus at Amritapuri. The students were divided into three teams out of which two were placed at the villages namely Swamithope and Chetivilaie in Nagercoil and the third team moved to the village named Manickampatty at Madurai. Several activities like household surveys, individual surveys, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, case studies etc were conducted by the students at the villages within these fifteen days. The impact of the "SANKALP" project (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) was also covered through the fieldwork through the post SANKALP surveys.



Students at Nagercoil meeting the panchayat president.

# PHOTO GALLERY



First year MSW students interacting with villagers



First year MSW students conducting an awareness session at Nagercoil.



Meeting the key person at Manickampatty village of Madurai



ANUPAMA RAJAN  
(1 MSW)



# PHOTO GALLERY



First year MSW students interacting with villagers



Visit to Upgraded primary health centre, Agastheeswaram, Nagercoil



Homeless survey being conducted by First year MSW students

## FIELDWORK FEEDBACKS

Being in Madurai as a part of our concurrent field work in block mode for the second semester was a great opportunity for all of us. We were allotted the village named Manickampatty in Madurai. The daily visits to the village and doing several activities there gave us an exposure to the life and culture of the rural community. Through the fieldwork, we learnt more about how to conduct surveys and other PRA activities in the villages. It enhanced our capability to be self-reliant. Since most of us are not from Tamil Nadu, this visit also gave us an opportunity to witness the culture of the state. Moreover, this concurrent field work helped us a lot to boost many of the skills that are essential for the profession of social work. This was also a chance for all of us to coordinate and work as a team. Overall, the 15 days in the field was a perfect blend of learning and fun for each and everyone of us.



ANUPAMA RAJAN  
(I MSW)

The 20-day fieldwork undertaken in Nagercoil proved to be instrumental in furnishing the trainee with invaluable insights regarding the practical application of theoretical knowledge. Active participation in diverse field activities facilitated the alignment of theoretical constructs with practical realities, thereby augmenting the trainee's comprehension of concepts within the contextual framework of the community. Noteworthy is the discernible enhancement in the trainee's communication proficiency, attributable to their extensive engagement with community members and stakeholders. Furthermore, firsthand observation of social dynamics and cultural intricacies served to deepen the trainee's insight into the multifaceted nature of community dynamics. In summation, this immersive learning experience has equipped the trainee with a repertoire of practical skills and a nuanced perspective, thereby positioning them to effectuate substantive contributions within both academic and professional domains.



LEKSHMIPRIYA  
(I MSW)



## PLACEMENTS

### ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON TEACH FOR INDIA

Orientation programme on Teach for India was organised by the placement cell of department of Social work. The initiative is run under the guidance of Dr. S. Kanagaraj, the Placement Coordinator of the department and Mr. T. Satishkumar, faculty at the department of social work.

On 7th February 2024, Teach for India (TFI) fellowship conducted a placement orientation at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore. The Teach for India fellowship was an empowering movement to revolutionize education in India. The resource person Mr. Cibin Kurien, Recruitment Manager at Teach for India (TFI) oriented and imparted valuable teaching and leadership skills to the students.



The poster is for an orientation program. At the top left is the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham logo and name. To the right, it says 'Dept. Of Social Work Coimbatore campus'. The main title is 'ORIENTATION PROGRAM ON TEACHFORINDIA FELLOWSHIP'. Below this is a circular photo of Mr. Cibin K Kurien, a man with glasses and a beard wearing an orange shirt. To the right of the photo, it says 'RESOURCE PERSON MR. CIBIN K KURIEN Recruitment Manager Teach for India (TFI)'. Below the photo, the date '1 March 2024' is written in large yellow font. Underneath the date, a yellow banner contains the text 'Time: 10. 00 AM to 11:30 AM'. Below the banner, it says 'VENUE : A 401, AB II'. At the bottom, it says 'Organized by Placement cell, Dept. of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore'.

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# PHOTO GALLERY



Mr. Cibin Kurien addressing the II year MSW



Dr. S. Kanagaraj, the placement coordinator addressing the gathering



Students hosting the event.



BANUPRIYA,  
(I MSW)



# WEBINAR ON OPPORTUNITIES AFTER MSW

A webinar titled "Exploring paths: Opportunities after MSW" was organized by the Department of Social Work at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham on 17 February from 5 pm onwards. The webinar aimed to explore the multiple opportunities awaiting the students after completion of their MSW course. The chief speaker for the event was Mr. Sabarinathan, program manager of Learning Links Foundation at Nilgiris.

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ANUPAMA RAJAN  
(I MSW)

## FOUR DAY WORKSHOP CONDUCTED ON “INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMS THINKING”

A four-day workshop on “Introduction to Systems Thinking” was organized online for the Master of Social Work students both at Amritapuri and Ettimadai campuses. The workshop was held on February 21, 22, 23 and 29 from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. The workshop was delivered by Kinamarc.Inc, a purpose led global consulting firm and was in partnership with the Center for Women Empowerment and Gender equality at Amrita. The workshop aimed to give an introduction to the concept of systems thinking which would be beneficial for MSW students to implement in their fieldwork as well as research.


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( I MSW )



## “CONSULTATION ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN” HELD AT AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM

The Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Coimbatore, in collaboration with the Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu, and UNICEF, hosted a two-day consultation on Ending Violence Against Children in Tamil Nadu on February 22nd and 23rd at Gokula Krishna Hall of CIR block.

Dr. P. Rangasami, Vice-Principal of Amrita School of Social and Behavioural Sciences explained the purpose and objectives of the consultation at the event. Mr. V. Badri Narayanan IPS, Superintendent of Police Coimbatore District, delivered the presidential address and spoke against violence against children. Mr. V.S. Varunanvelu, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, presented the vote of thanks for the inaugural function held on February 22nd.

There were 3 plenary sessions for the consultation. The primary session was to put an end to violence against children in families. Dr. Archana Kaushik, Professor of Social Work at the University of Delhi, was the Chairperson of the session.

The second plenary session addressed Ending Violence Against Children in Institutions. Mr. Premjith chaired the session and explained the role of the government in research and evidence gathering for policy making.

The final plenary session focused on ending violence against children in the community. Ms. Shoba Koshy, retired Chief Postmaster General of Kerala Postal Circle and former Chairperson of the Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, chaired the session.




**Hearty WELCOME**  
**To all the Delegates**

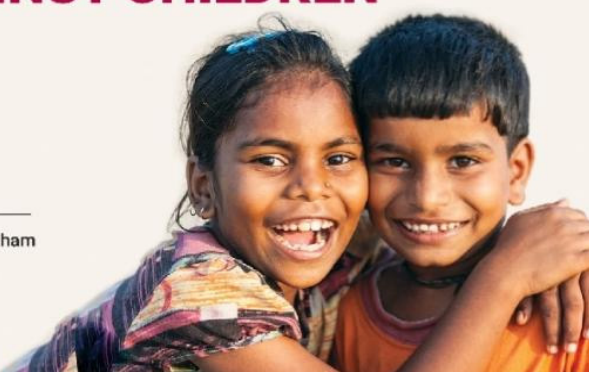
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IN TAMILNADU**

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Government of Tamilnadu  
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, UNICEF

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Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu



## PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. P. Rangasami welcoming Mr. V. Badri Narayanan, IPS.



Dr. P. Rangasami addressing the inaugural function



## PHOTO GALLERY



Mr. V. Badri Narayanan, IPS addressing the gathering for inaugural address



Interaction with Mr. G. Kumaresan, Social Policy - Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Chennai



RAKHI R N,  
(I MSW)

## JAI SWATHIKA.S OF SECOND YEAR MSW PLACED AT BHUMI NGO



Department of Social Work heartily congratulates Jai Swathika S of II year MSW, on securing her job placement at Bhumi Fellowship. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in Jai swathika's academic and professional journey, showcasing their dedication, hard work, and commitment to making a positive impact in the field of social work. Bhumi Fellowship's recognition of Jai Swathika's potential underscores their exceptional skills and potential to contribute meaningfully to the organization's mission of fostering societal change and empowerment. Jai Swathika's placement at Bhumi Fellowship not only highlights their individual success but also reflects positively on the academic program at II MSW, affirming its role in nurturing talented individuals and preparing them for real-world challenges.



MEDHA S MENON  
(I MSW)

## INTERACTION WITH DEAN, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

An interaction with Prof. Bhavani Rao R, Dean of School of Social and Behavioural Sciences was conducted for first year MSW students on February 28. The session was in online mode at Saraswathi hall of Academic Block II. The interactive session was to discuss about the Human Rights course offered by the University of Arizona for Master of Social Work students.



Prof. Bhavani Rao interacting with Students



ANUPAMA RAJAN  
(I MSW)



# STUDENTS' CORNER



## MOVIE REVIEW

# ABRAHAM OZLER

"Abraham Ozler" stands out as a captivating crime thriller released in 2024, skillfully directed and co-produced by Midhun Manuel Thomas. What sets this film apart is its ability to delve into the emotional depths of its narrative, offering viewers a multifaceted exploration of its events. With Jayaram and Mammooty in the lead roles, the movie delivers a compelling dynamic between hero and villain, adding layers of intrigue and tension to the storyline. Thomas's direction shines through in every aspect of the film, with exceptional storytelling that keeps audiences on the edge of their seats. The screenplay is masterfully crafted, providing a solid foundation for the gripping plot to unfold.

Additionally, the music serves as an emotional anchor, effectively enhancing the audience's connection to the characters and their journeys. Anaswara Rajan's portrayal of the female lead adds further depth to the narrative, contributing to the overall richness of the film's ensemble cast. Moreover, "Abraham Ozler" marks a significant comeback for actor Jayaram, showcasing his talent and versatility in a role that demands both strength and vulnerability. Overall it is a good and must-watch for fans of the crime thriller genre. With its exceptional direction, commendable screenplay, and memorable performances, it offers a captivating cinematic experience that will leave a lasting impression on audiences.



PARVATHY R R  
(I MSW)

## FAMOUS SOCIAL WORKER

# JEANNETTE RANKIN

Jeannette Rankin, primarily as the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress and a vocal advocate for peace, her journey began in the trenches of social work. Witnessing the harsh realities of poverty and social injustice at the turn of the 20th century, her brief career as a social worker laid the groundwork for her lifelong dedication to creating a more equitable society.

After graduating from Montana State University in 1902, Rankin's desire to help others led her to the New York School of Philanthropy (later known as Columbia University School of Social Work) in 1908. The school, at the forefront of the burgeoning social work profession, emphasized a scientific approach to addressing societal problems and improving the lives of the disadvantaged. This training instilled in Rankin a deep understanding of the complex issues facing marginalized communities and the importance of advocating for systemic change.

Following her studies, Rankin embarked on her short-lived social work career in the Pacific Northwest. In Seattle, Washington, she worked as a children's social worker for the Washington Children's Home Society, placing abandoned children in foster homes. This firsthand experience of the vulnerabilities and challenges faced by children, particularly those from impoverished backgrounds, undoubtedly left a lasting impact on her.

Rankin's social work experience played a crucial role in shaping her worldview and sparking her passion for social justice. Witnessing the devastating effects of poverty and the limited opportunities available to many families fueled her desire to fight for systemic change and advocate for vulnerable populations. This commitment extended beyond her immediate work with children and encompassed broader societal issues like gender inequality and labor exploitation.

Rankin's social work experience also resonated with her later advocacy efforts on various social welfare issues. She supported the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Act, the first federal legislation providing maternity and infant care services. Additionally, she lobbied against child labor and advocated for better working conditions for adults through her work with the National Consumers League.

While Jeannette Rankin's time as a social worker was relatively short, it marked a defining chapter in her life. Her story serves as a testament to the powerful connection between direct service and policy advocacy, highlighting the potential of individuals to effect significant change across various spheres of influence.



AMALA B,  
(I MSW)



# **SCHEMES AND ACTS**



**ACTS****PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM ACT, 2007**

The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act) is a key piece of legislation in India that governs the regulation and oversight of payment systems. Enacted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the act aims to ensure the smooth functioning and stability of payment systems in the country.

The PSS Act defines a payment system as any mechanism that facilitates the transfer of funds between a payer and a beneficiary. This includes various elements like clearing, payment, and settlement services. The act empowers the RBI to authorize and regulate payment system operators, set standards for their operations, and address risks associated with these systems.



One of the crucial aspects of the PSS Act is the concept of “settlement finality.” This principle ensures that once a payment transaction is settled, it becomes irreversible and cannot be challenged. This fosters trust and efficiency within the payment system by guaranteeing the finality of transactions.

The PSS Act has played a significant role in promoting the growth and development of the Indian financial sector by creating a robust and secure payment infrastructure. It has also helped to mitigate systemic risks and enhance consumer protection in the digital payments landscape.



AISWARYA C,  
(I MSW)

## CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME

# SWADESH DARSHAN

Swadesh Darshan, a Central Sector Scheme, was initiated by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India in the fiscal year 2014-15. The scheme aims to establish theme-based tourist circuits across the country, emphasizing high tourist value, competitiveness, and sustainability in an integrated approach. Fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan initiative. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development within these circuits. Swadesh Darshan seeks to align with other national schemes such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Skill India, and Make in India. Its overarching goal is to position the tourism sector as a key driver for job creation and economic growth, fostering collaboration with various sectors to unleash tourism's potential.

### Objective

1. The Swadesh Darshan Scheme aims to develop tourist circuits in a systematic and prioritized manner.
2. It focuses on developing theme-based circuits in an integrated way.
3. The scheme seeks to boost employment by involving local communities actively.
4. It aims to highlight the cultural and heritage richness of the country.
5. Sustainable infrastructure development is key to enhancing tourist appeal in the circuits or destinations.
6. The scheme aims to educate local communities about the benefits of tourism, such as increased income sources and improved living standards.
7. It aims to promote local art, handicrafts, cuisine, etc., to create livelihood opportunities.
8. Harnessing tourism potential is crucial for generating employment and fostering economic development.
9. Leveraging public capital and expertise is integral to the scheme's implementation.

# SWADESH DARSHAN



RONIYA DEEP J  
(I MSW)



## STATE GOVERNMENT SCHEME

# MANGALYA SCHEME FOR WIDOW REMARRIAGE – A KERALA GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

The “Mangalya Scheme” is an initiative by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Kerala, aimed at providing financial assistance to widows and divorced women for their remarriage. This scheme is particularly significant in Kerala, where women not only outnumber men but also tend to outlive them, making their marital status crucial for their social and economic well-being. In Kerala, the proportion of widowed women is significantly higher than that of widowed men. Statistics indicate that while only 3.5% of the male population in Kerala are widowers, as many as 11.56% of females are widowed. This gender gap has adverse effects on women’s lives, impacting various aspects such as social status, financial security, and access to support systems. Recognizing the challenges faced by widowed and divorced women, especially in the context of Kerala’s social fabric, the Government of Kerala introduced the “Mangalya Scheme” to encourage widow remarriage. Under this scheme, eligible women between the ages of 18 to 50 years receive financial assistance of ₹25,000 to support their remarriage.

To be eligible for the scheme, the applicant must be a resident of Kerala and either a widow or a legally divorced woman. Applicants are required to submit a completed application form along with various supporting documents, including proof of identity, proof of remarriage or a remarriage certificate, death certificate of the first husband, legal document of divorce (for divorced women), proof of belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) or priority category, proof of age, certificate from the Village Officer confirming abandonment by the husband for over 7 years (if applicable), and a copy of the bank passbook.

Applications for the “Mangalya Scheme” are to be submitted to District Women and Child Officers through Child Development Project Officers. The scheme aims to empower widowed and divorced women by providing them with the financial means to remarry, thereby enhancing their social and economic status and ensuring their overall well-being.



ANAGHA T B,  
(I MSW)

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



# February 2024

## 1. INDIA LAUNCHES ALLIANCES FOR GLOBAL GOOD- GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY

On February 28th, 2024, Smriti Irani, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, unveiled the logo and website for the Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality, signaling India's commitment to leading global efforts in women's empowerment during its G20 presidency. Stemming from the G20 Leaders' Declaration, this initiative aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim to foster international cooperation and investments in gender equality, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Notable figures like Bill Gates and Chandrajit Banerjee were present at the launch event, emphasizing the alliance's significance. The initiative aims to unite governments, industries, philanthropic organizations, and multilateral bodies to accelerate advancements in women's health, education, and livelihoods. It focuses on collaborative knowledge-sharing and evidence-based interventions to enhance female workforce participation and entrepreneurship worldwide.

## 2. SWATI( SCIENCE FOR WOMEN- A TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION)

In February 2024, the government launched the SWATI (Science for Women - A Technology & Innovation) portal, designed by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), to spotlight the achievements of Indian women in STEM fields and address gender disparities in science. This interactive platform allows women students, faculty, and scientists to self-register their profiles, showcasing their expertise, qualifications, and publications. Through dynamic analytics, the portal offers insights into the distribution of women across STEMM roles in various states and institutions, fostering collaborations and providing forums for engagement in both English and Hindi. By analyzing portal data, tailored counseling programs and policies can be developed to promote inclusion, while domain-specific polls and scholarship alerts empower women scientists. The portal's visibility aims to attract more girls to science careers, with the goal of surpassing a 25% threshold of women in STEMM by 2030. Moreover, by facilitat-

ing connections with investors and corporates, SWATI seeks to enhance commercialization opportunities, ultimately driving a significant stride towards gender parity in Indian science by shedding light on women's contributions.

## 3. GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FUND( GBFF)

The Gupteswar Forest in Odisha's Koraput district has recently been designated as the state's fourth Biodiversity-Heritage Site (BHS), covering an area of 350 hectares. A survey conducted by the Odisha Biodiversity Board revealed a diverse range of flora and fauna within the forest, with 608 faunal species identified, including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and butterflies. Notable species such as mugger crocodiles, rock geckos, and various birds and bats inhabit the area, with some species classified as near-threatened. The forest boasts a rich variety of plant life, including trees, shrubs, herbs, climbers, orchids, and medicinal plants.

The declaration as a BHS aims to enhance biodiversity conservation efforts and strengthen the cultural ties of local communities. The government has allocated funds for the development of a conservation action plan and community awareness programs. Additionally, initiatives such as eco-tourism and the sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products are expected to provide economic opportunities for local residents while safeguarding the forest's ecological integrity.

## 4. IRAN LAUNCHES PARS-1 REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE

On March 1, 2024, Iran announced the successful launch of its domestically produced 'Pars-I' remote sensing satellite into orbit using a Russian Soyuz-2.1b rocket, highlighting increased strategic space cooperation between the two countries in the face of shared Western sanctions. The launch took place at the Vostochny spaceport in Russia's Far Eastern Amur region, with Iranian state media broadcasting the event live nationwide. The Pars-I satellite was deployed into Low Earth Orbit (LEO) by the Fregat booster module after a nine-minute ascent, and ground stations are expected to establish contact shortly for maneuvering procedures. Equipped with multispectral cameras, the 50-kg satellite, built by the Iranian Space Agency (ISA),



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#### **5. DUBAI ROLLS OUT 5-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA FOR INDIAN TOURISTS**

In February 2024, Dubai authorities introduced a new policy aimed at boosting tourism from India by offering a 5-year multiple-entry visa for Indian citizens. The initiative is intended to strengthen cultural and economic ties between the two countries. Under the new visa regime, Indian passport holders can enter Dubai multiple times and stay for up to 90 days on each visit, with the option to extend their stay for an-

This surge in visitors reflects a return to normal travel patterns, with India now contributing the highest number of international tourists from a single market. The streamlined visa process, which takes two to five working days, is expected to facilitate greater people-to-people exchanges and boost business travel between the two countries. This move aligns with Dubai's broader economic agenda, known as D33, aimed at enhancing the city's global competitiveness and attractiveness for both business and leisure travelers.

#### **6. PAYTM CUTS TIE WITH PAYMENTS BANK ARM**

On March 1, Paytm, a leading fintech company, disclosed plans to dissolve certain agreements between its parent company, One97 Communications, and its payments bank arm, Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL), to enhance their independence. The termination of agreements covers various aspects including technology services, software licensing, and brand sharing, aiming to address regulatory concerns about conflicts of interest within the group. PPBL shareholders, including One97, have also agreed to revise existing terms to grant the payments bank greater decision-making autonomy. This move aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) stricter regulations on ownership and governance for entities like payments banks. By proactively dismantling previous connections, Paytm aims to comply with evolving oversight expectations. Industry experts see this as a preemptive measure by Paytm to adhere to forthcoming RBI regulations, potentially setting a precedent for improved transparency and compliance standards across the fintech sector, particularly concerning data security and consumer protection.

#### **7. INDIA REPLACES MALDIVES TROOPS WITH TECHNICAL TEAMS**

On March 2nd, India's Ministry of External Affairs confirmed that the initial batch of Indian technical personnel had arrived in the Maldives to assume operational responsibilities previously handled by military staff. This decision stems from recent dialogues between the two governments aimed at replacing soldiers with technical teams. India has historically maintained a small military presence in the Maldives to conduct air and coastal surveillance using helicopters and maritime patrol aircraft, pursuant to cooperation agreements.

However, tensions arose when the opposition party, now part of the newly elected government led by President Ibrahim Muizzu, campaigned to remove Indian troops, citing sovereignty concerns. To resolve this issue, both nations have reached a compromise, with India agreeing to substitute fully trained military teams with civilian personnel possessing the technological expertise to manage aviation assets. The first contingent of technical personnel is replacing some of the 88 Indian soldiers previously stationed in the Maldives. These technical teams, comprising individuals skilled in light helicopter operations and maintenance procedures, are drawn from India's Coast Guard and civil aviation divisions. They not only operate the platforms but also have the capacity to train local crew members, facilitating the eventual transition to full Maldivian management, in line with strategic self-reliance objectives. Despite this specific dispute, analysts emphasize India's enduring commitment to enhancing comprehensive defense partnerships with the Maldives to ensure broader stability in the Indian Ocean region.

### **8.TELANGANA UNVEILS OF SCIENCES COLLABORATIVES**

The Telangana government has unveiled strategic initiatives to propel growth and innovation within the state's burgeoning life sciences sector, primarily centered in Hyderabad. Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu announced plans to establish a Life Sciences GCC (Genome Valley Cluster Companies) Consortium, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among the 800-plus life sciences firms in Hyderabad's Genome Valley cluster. Despite the presence of global giants like Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline alongside Indian pharma leaders and startups, partnerships have largely operated independently. The Consortium seeks to create a collaborative network to enhance efficiency, innovation, and global competitiveness across the biotech R&D, manufacturing, and pharma sectors. In alignment with Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's vision for industrial growth, a Center for Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) focused on healthcare and life sciences has been inaugurated in Hyderabad. This collaboration with the World Economic Forum marks Telangana's second C4IR center, following the one on Mobility and Smart Cities established in 2021.

The life sciences C4IR aims to leverage technologies such as AI, machine learning, and IoT to address key priorities including skilling programs, health profiling for preventive care, and clinical registries for therapeutic innovation. The government's initiatives have garnered praise from industry leaders for fostering integration and capacity building within Hyderabad's expansive life sciences ecosystem. Improved coordination is anticipated to drive greater intellectual property generation and startup activity in the state.

### **9.KERALA HUMAN- WILDLIFE CONFLICT CRISIS AND DEMANDS FOR LEGAL REFORMS**

In recent years, Kerala has experienced a surge in dangerous human-wildlife encounters, with elephants, tigers, leopards, bison, and wild boars posing significant threats. Government records for 2022-23 alone documented 8,873 wildlife attacks, resulting in 98 fatalities and extensive crop and livestock losses. Of particular concern are wild boars, notorious for ravaging farmlands and settlements, despite efforts to control their population through licensed shooters. Kerala seeks amendments to India's Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, advocating for decentralization of culling powers to regional forest officers and temporary classification of wild boars as "vermin" to streamline responses to such threats. While some conservationists raise ecological concerns and advocate non-lethal mitigation strategies, a balanced approach, incorporating community involvement and addressing habitat loss, is deemed essential for sustainable resolution. Urgent action, guided by ethical and scientific principles, is imperative to mitigate conflicts while safeguarding wildlife and human interests.



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# INTERNSHIP

## INAMIGOS FOUNDATION NGO

- <https://internshala.com>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 3 weeks
- Stipend: Unpaid
- Apply by: 16/03/2024

### About the Internship

- InAmigos Foundation is a non-profit organization registered under Section 8 and licensed by the central government. The purpose of the organization is to promote arts, commerce, sports, protection of the environment, and all. The only religion followed by the organization is 'humanity.' They will then engage in tracking potential donors, employing persuasive communication to convince them of the campaign's importance and encourage their contributions.

### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Letter Of Recommendation
- 5 days a week
- Only those who can apply who:
  1. are available for the work from home job/internship
  2. can start the work from home job/internship between 2nd Mar'24 and 6th Apr'24
  3. are available for duration of 3 weeks
  4. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more & apply

- [https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-fundraising-internship-at-inamigos-foundation1709387848?utm\\_source=cp\\_link&referral=web\\_share](https://internshala.com/internship/detail/work-from-home-fundraising-internship-at-inamigos-foundation1709387848?utm_source=cp_link&referral=web_share)

## KSHITIKSHA FOUNDATION NGO

- <https://internshala.com>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 1 month
- Stipend: Unpaid
- Apply by: 16/03/2024

### About the Internship

Kshitiksha Foundation is a Section 8 non-profit organization, registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government 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.

### Benefits

- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendation
- 5 days a week

### Only those who can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. can start the work from home job/internship between 2nd Mar'24 and 6th Apr'24
3. are available for duration of 1 month
4. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more & Apply:

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## JANKALYAN MULTIPURPOSE EDUCATION SOCIETY NGO

- <https://internshala.com>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 1 week
- Stipend: Unpaid

### Apply by: 16/03/2024

- Established in 2001, Jankalyan Multipurpose Education Society is a non-profit organization with a commitment to providing high-quality educational resources to under-served tribal communities in Chandrapur district, Maharashtra. They prioritize activities and strategies covering the entire educational cycle, ensuring a structured approach to

### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendation
- Flexible working hours

### Only those who can apply who:

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2. can start the work from home job/internship between 2nd Mar'24 and 6th Apr'24
3. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more & Apply:

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## NAYE PANKH FOUNDATION NGO.

<https://internshala.com>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 4 weeks
- Stipend: 20% of total amount raised

**Apply by: 16/03/2024**

- NayePankh Foundation was established with the aim of making a difference and assisting people during the challenging times of the Covid pandemic. Over time, the organization expanded its efforts to serve a broader segment of society, leading to a rebranding as NayePankh - dedicated to uplifting the underprivileged. NayePankh has emerged as a prominent NGO committed to providing essential resources such as food, sanitary napkins, and clothing, while also focusing on education for the better-

ment of underprivileged communities.

### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Letter of Recommendation
- Flexible working hours

Only those who can apply who:

1. are available for the work from home job/internship
2. can start the work from home job/internship between 25th Jan'24 and 29th Feb'24
3. are available for duration of 1 week
4. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more & Apply:

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## PAWZZ NGO

<https://internshala.com>

- Work from home
- Start date: Immediately
- Duration: 2 weeks
- Stipend: 1500-10,000 lump sum
- Apply by : 16/03/2024

### About the Internship

Pawzz, an animal welfare organization in Gurgaon, is dedicated to elevating awareness about vital animal issues. Their dynamic online platform empowers animal enthusiasts to actively engage in volunteering, adoption, campaign funding, and sharing rescue narratives. Committed to eradicating societal stigmas against animals.

The selected intern will be actively involved in supporting of medical cases, and sterilization campaigns. Their responsibilities also include developing creative strategies to attract new donors and contributors.

### Benefits:

- Certificate
- Flexible working 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 26th Dec'23 and 30th Jan'24
3. are available for 2 weeks
4. have relevant skills and interests

### To know more & Apply

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# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

# MSW

## 1. Project Coordinator

Charvi Empowerment Society  
Location: Tirupur, Tamil Nadu  
Experience :2-5 yrs  
Salary : Rs.25000-30000  
Apply by : 15 March 2024  
Job Email ID : info.cesdel(at)gmail.com

## 2. Community Development Officer

Dalmia Bharat Foundation  
Location: Rohtas, Bihar  
Experience : 5 yrs  
Salary: 30-40K  
Apply by : 20 March 2024  
Email ID: Shukla.Naveen(at)dalmiafoundation.org

## 3. Project Manager Seeds Trust

Location: Dindigul, Tamil Nadu  
Salary : 40,000  
Apply by : 23 March 2024  
Email ID : jobs(at)seedstrust.org

## 4. District Programme Head Institute of Social Pragmatics (INSPIRA)

Location: Patan, Gujarat  
Salary : 5 yrs  
Experience :Rs. 35000 to 45000  
Apply by : 12 March 2024  
Email ID : Hr.inspra@gmail.com

## 5. Water Coordinator

Karjat-Jamkhed Integrated Development Foundation  
Location: Jamkhed, Maharashtra  
Experience : 5yrs  
25 March 2024  
Email ID : Swati.joshi(at)baramati-agro.com

## 6. Project Manager and Community Mobilizers

Sushila Foundation For Agricultural & Rural Development  
Location: Chhattarpur, Madhya Pradesh  
Experience : 1 yrs  
Salary : Rs 12,000- Rs 15,000  
Apply by : 21 March 2024  
Email ID : sfard.hr(at)yahoo.com

## 7. Multiple Vacancies for Patient Provider Support Agency- NTEP

Deepak Foundation  
Location: Madhya Pradesh  
Apply by : 16 March 2024  
Job link :<https://forms.gle/JzCL-7WUYZB5sczrb6>

## 8. Field Facilitators (Hindi Speaking)

Sakshi  
Location: Delhi  
Salary : Rs 15,000  
Apply by : 15 March 2024  
Email ID :hr@sakshi.org.in



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# IMPORTANT DATES

**1 March 2024 - World Civil Defence Day**

**3 March 2024 - World Wildlife Day**

**4 March 2024 - National Safety Day**

**8 March 2024- International Women's Day**

**14 March 2024- World Kidney Day**

**15 March 2024- World Consumer Rights Day**

**16 March 2024- National Vaccination Day**

**20 March 2024- International Day of Happiness**

**21 March 2024- World Down Syndrome Day**

**21 March 2024- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

**22 March 2024 - World Water Day**

**24 March 2024- World Tuberculosis Day**

**25 March 2024- Holi**

**30 March 2024 - International Day of Zero Waste**

## March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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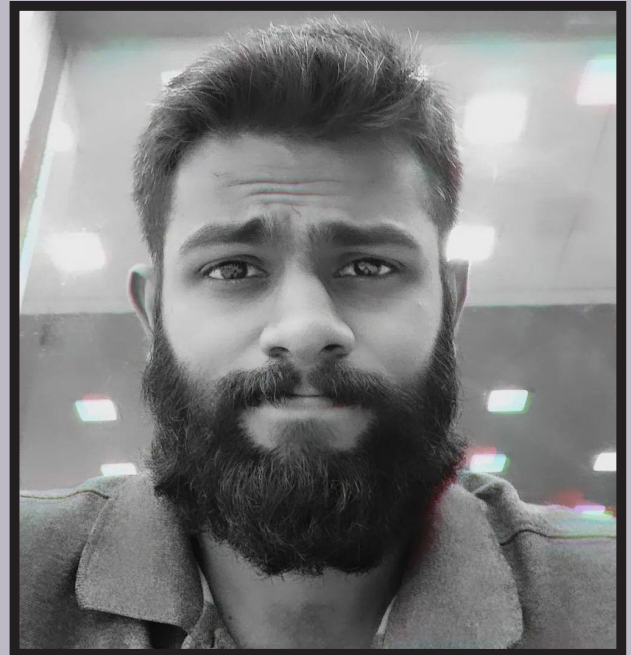
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## Present Organisation details

Child Help Line, District Child  
Protection Unit -Palakkad

## Job title

Project Coordinator



### 1.How was your life at Amrita?

Unmatchable Academic and professional exposure

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

The programs and events that were organized at Amrita and my participation in it as a social work trainee helped me develop my skills in coordinating and leading a team.

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

The scope of social work as a profession in India ensures Providing support and assistance to disadvantaged communities. Working with individuals, families, and groups to address social and psychological problems. Promoting social change, justice, and human rights.

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

Adapt, improvise, overcome.

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

Coordinate and extend emergency response and support to children in need of care protection.

### 6.Who is your inspiration?

Karl Marx, M N Roy, Periyar E V Ramasamy, Dr.B R Ambedkar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr.Ernesto Guevara

### 7.Any other think you would like to share?

Nothing more.

# UGC NET (JUNE 2020)

## SOLVED QUESTION PAPER (PAPER 2)

**1. Which of the following models was developed in response to the prevailing limitations in conceptualizing social work method i.e.; Integrated Social Work Practice'**

- A) Pincus and Minahan Model
- B) Task Centred Model
- C) Cognitive Behaviour Model
- D) Schulze Delitzsch Model

**2. Which Article of Indian Constitution makes provision for maternity relief?**

- A) Article 47
- B) Article 42
- C) Article 43
- D) Article 41

**3. The concept of 'Group Dynamics' is attributed to**

- A) Kurt Lewin
- B) Gustave Le Bon
- C) Willhelm Wundt
- D) William McDongall

**4. Functional approach in social case work was developed by**

- A) Jessie Taft
- B) Otto Rank
- C) Garden Hamilton
- D) Talcott Parsons

**5. Means Test' is done in:**

- A) Availability of social services
- B) Availability of social welfare services.
- C) Availability of services to economically weaker sections
- D) Availability of services to tribals

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

- A) 2030
- B) 2060
- C) 2040
- D) 2050

**7. 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

**8. The oldest trade union in India is**

- A) AITUC
- B) INTUC
- C) BMS
- D) CITU

**9." 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 Affairs
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**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 Curson

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



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