

Aditi Mahavidyalaya University of Delhi

Newsletter: Pravah Issue: SW/2023/01 May 2023 The Social work department had a packed session 2022-2023, with a variety of academic and community-related activities for the student's professional and overall personality development.

# **Cleanliness drive and say no to single-use plastic campaign**

Social Work is not just a job, it's a calling to serve humanity with compassion and empathy Department of Social Work conducted a cleanliness drive and say no to singleuse plastic campaign in association with Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Volunteers from the Department of Social Work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan under the supervision of Dr. Manju Goel conducted a cleanliness drive and say no to the single-use plastic campaign at Harewali Village. A rally was organized and the students performed street play.



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Social workers are the change agents who work towards creating a just and equitable society

#### The orientation programme

The orientation programme for the final year students of B.A. Social Work (H) was held on 20th July 2022 in the library reading hall. Dr. Aneesh T. V. and Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya coordinated the orientation programme announced the schedule for the programme and described the importance of each session in the final year of the BSW course. Dr. Seema Rani led the first session of the orientation programme on 'leadership skills' which helped the students to identify their leadership abilities. She also focused on how to shape leadership within the community, especially in fieldwork. Dr. Sunita Bahmani, the fieldwork coordinator, led the second session of the orientation programme, and introduced students to fieldwork guidelines and the importance of fieldwork practice in social work education.

The teacher in charge Prof. Beena Antony Reji (TIC) formally welcomed students and educated them on the significance of the final year in shaping a great career, as well as providing guidance and instructions on how to achieve the highest competencies and professional growth. Later, TIC introduced all the faculty members of the department which gave students an opportunity to interact with the faculties and they all emphasized on fieldwork supervision of final-year students. Teachers who were currently teaching in the fifth semester Dr. Rakesh, Dr. Gyanvati introduced their respective papers as well. The afternoon session was conducted by Mr. Baldev Gulati who spoke on 'Disability and Poverty.' In this presentation, Mr Gulati educated students on the interconnection and vicious circle of poverty and disability. Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya took the final session of the orientation programme. The topic was "Critical Reflections in Field Work Practice: Importance of Ambedkar's Thought," which aided students in critically reflecting on themselves in fieldwork practice and delivered an introduction to Ambedkar's thought.



Social work is not about fixing people, but about supporting them in finding their own solutions

#### **Silver Jubilee Celebration**

The Department of social work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya celebrated its silver jubilee on 4th August 2022. The event was celebrated in the presence of eminent Guests involving GB Members of the college, Prof. Mamta Sharma (Principal), Prof. Pamela Singhla, Prof. Sanjoy Roy and Prof. Neera Agnimitra from Department of social work, University of Delhi. Previous teachers who had taught in department Ms. Kakoli , Ms. Madhushmita also graced the event. Former students and current students and faculty members of the department were present in the event.



On August 26, 2022, an orientation program was organized for the second-year students of the B.A. Social Work (H) course in room No. 19. Prof. Beena Antony Reji, the teacher in charge (TIC), welcomed the students and persuaded them to maintain regular attendance in their class, as classroom teaching have its importance in opening up the minds of the students and helps in knowledge gain and personality development. The TIC further encouraged meaningful interaction between faculty members and students, so that the students can benefit to the maximum. Teachers who were teaching in the third semester introduced their papers.



Social work is not a one-size-fits-all approach, but a tailored intervention to meet the unique needs of each individual The orientation program for first-year B.A. Social Work (H) students began with a general college orientation on November 2, 2022. Dr. Manju Goel has provided an overview of the course. Dr. Beena Antony Reji, the teacher in charge, introduced the course and other faculty members to the first-year students on the second day( 3rd November 2022). Dr. Seema Rani conducted a session on various areas of social work, educating students on both traditional and emerging areas of social work. Fieldwork is a required component of the social work curriculum. Ms. Manisha Pal led a fieldwork practicum session in social work education.

Dr. Gyanwati conducted a fieldwork session on November 4, teaching students how to fill out log sheets and report their report writing skills. Dr. Mali Devi Sawaria took a second session on "Understanding Civil Societies and Social Work" to introduce the concept of civil societies and their role in the field of social work. The fourth day of the orientation program, November 5th (Saturday), 2022, started with the session to give brief guidelines for visiting NGO that included how to behave professionally in the community and agency. Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya and Dr. Aneesh T. V., the orientation program's convenors, accompanied students to SOS Children's Village, Bawana. Mr. Keshav, who works as a "brother" at SOS Children's Village, has described the organization's history and nature, its organizational structure, and his personal and professional experience as a social worker at SOS Village in the agency, and students have observed the agency's various facilities and functioning . Following the visit, first-year students interacted with members of the Ekta Society, the student council for social work students.



#### **Interaction session on available career opportunities**

Social workers are advocates for social justice, human rights, and equality for all



An interaction session on available career opportunities with Dr. Chandrashekhar Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth University, Varanasi was organized by Dr. Manju Goel in the college on 15th November 2022. Students discussed and clarified their doubts related to various options related to specializations in Social Work education.

#### Youth talk on Health and Wellness

The department of social work organized a youth talk on Health and Wellness in collaboration with Indo Global Social Service Society on 24th January 2023 for social work students. Ms. Jyoti (Project Coordinator, Indo Global Social Service Society). The resource person was Mr. Manoj from Hamsafar Trust. Fifty-four students and six faculty members attended this event. This was very informative and interactive for the students. Mr. Manoj highlighted various concepts of HIV/AIDS, Substance abuse, Mental Health, and T.B.



Social work is a profession that demands both heart and intellect to make a positive impact on people's lives

#### **Pearl Memorial Poster Making competition**

Pearl Memorial Poster Making competition was organized on 24th January 2023 in fond memory of our late student Pearl Gupta. The theme was "Save The Environment". The chief guest of the event was Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, Department of Social Work, University of Delhi. In this event, 10 students from various courses participated by submitting their thoughts in the form of a poster. Fifty-four students and eight faculty members attended this event. The winners of the competition were: First winner: Ms. Ispita, B.A. (H) Social Work, I year; Second winner: Ms. Poojita Katari, B.A. (H) Social Work IInd year; Third winner: Ms. Nancy, B.A. (H) Social Work, IInd year.



#### **Fieldwork webinar**

Fieldwork webinar was organized by Dr. Sunita Bahmani (Field Work Coordinator) and Ms. Manisha Pal (Field Work Co-Coordinator) on 1st, February 2023 on the theme "Importance and Relevance of Field Work in Social Work Practice" for the students of B.A. (H) Social Work. The session was conducted by Dr. Sonia H. Rodrigues, Nirmala Niketan, College of Social Work, Mumbai, and Dr. Deepali Mathur, Department of Social Work, BPS University, Haryana.



Social work is not just about charity, but about promoting social change and building stronger communities

18 Students and 2 faculty members participated in the celebration of International Women's Day organized by Vishwa Yuvak (VYK) on 3rd March 2023. The event was coordinated by the functionaries of VYK and 4 students of the Department of Social Work namely, Ms. Shruti, Ms. Arpita, Ms. Anjali Upadhyay (3rd year), and Ms. Maithili Jha (2nd Year). Dr. Manju Goel was invited as one of the panelists and Dr. Sunita Bahmani was the Guest of Honour. Students did street play and performed various cultural activities. Students got the opportunity to interact with the women representatives from various NGOs and Universities.



### Workshop on Conversations with Children -Gateway to their World and Creativity

The Department of Social Work in Collaboration with Ankur Society for Alternatives in Education organized one day Workshop on Conversations with Children – Gateway to their World and Creativity on 16/3/2023 in the reading hall. Prof. Beena Antony Reji (Teacher In-Charge), Welcomed Ms. Sharmila Bhagat (Director, Ankur Society for Alternatives in Education), Ms. Harpreet and Ms. Ishika. Prof. Beena Antony Reji highlighted the theme and purpose of this workshop for students. Prof. Mamta Sharma (Principal, Aditi Mahavidyalaya) inaugurated the workshop. The workshop was divided into three parts. Students introduced themselves and mentioned their current Social work is a profession that requires empathy, resilience, and a deep commitment to social justice fieldwork placement. In this session stories of childhood, in which each student had written their story about an incident/encounter from her childhood and shared it with other students. The World of Children in their Stories the students were divided into six groups and the resource persons provided a kit of three stories authored by children. The students had gone through stories and they had reflected on major aspects of each story and discussed with groups. Conversations with Children through open-Ended Questions in which students had given a topic and asked to prepare twenty open-ended questions while working with children and discussing with the group. Forty-Seven students and faculty members attended the workshop.



# TB Free Campus- Health Awareness Camp in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Science, SAKSHAM, Chest Clinic, Narela and G-20 Presidency summit

TB Free Campus- Health Awareness Camp in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Science, SAKSHAM, Chest Clinic, Narela and G-20 Presidency summit was organized at the Aditi Mahavidyalaya on 21st March 2023. The event was graced by the prestigious guests Dr. M.K. Singla (Chief Administrative Medical Officer, Narela Zone), Dr. P.K. Rath (District Health Officer, Narela Zone), Dr. S. Chandra Mouli (District T.B. Officer, Chest Clinic Narela Zone) and Dr. Manoj Kumar (Medical Officer, Chest Clinic Narela

Social work is about promoting social inclusion, diversity, and cultural competence Zone). The Deep group performed a magic show and street play on TB. TB Testing Van was available for the students for the test. The quiz competition related to TB was also conducted with students. The principal Prof. Mamta Sharma and Prof. Beena Antony Reji (TIC, Department of Social Work) welcomed our special guests and resource persons by presenting the sapling. Dr. S. Chandra Mouli talked about signs, symptoms and treatment process of TB in detail and current situations in India. He also mentioned about nutrition and financial support schemes for TB Patients. Dr. Manoj Kumar shared about various kinds of services provided for TB patients under the chest clinic.



#### Visit to GMR Varalakshmi Foundation

Third-year students of B. A. Social Work (H) visited GMR Varalakshmi Foundation as part of their fieldwork curriculum on 24th March 2023. During the visit, 20 students were accompanied by two professors, Dr. Aneesh T. V. and Mr. Baldev Gulati. Students attended a session on Corporative Social Responsibility (CSR), during which Mr. Nitin Gupta, Program Manager of GMRV Center For Empowerment & Livelihoods – VTI explained the meaning and nature of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in India. He also described various CSR activities initiated by the GMR Varalakshmi foundation and explained the importance of the company's passion, attitude, and ethics for Social worker are the catalysts for positive social change, and the drivers of innovation and progress successful and very effective CSR activities rather than simply a process of building goodwill. He also discussed the history of CSR in India, emphasizing the role of ethics and philosophy based on philanthropy and empathy in Indian society in cultivating CSR activity in India. He pointed out various charitable and socially responsible initiatives undertaken by TATA and Birla before the implementation of mandatory legal provisions for CSR in India. Following the session, students visited residential vocational and skills training facilities for youths aged 18 to 35, such as basic electrical, refrigeration and air conditioning, basic computer, air cargo handling, cleaning maintenance and facility support, health therapy, and apparel design.



## Webinar Series on "Social Work Career Opportunities: Exposure to various Universities"

Online Career Guidance Webinar Series on "Social Work Career Opportunities: Exposure to various Universities" was organized on 18/12/

Social work is about empowering individuals and communities to overcome their challenges and achieve their goals

2022, 6/3/2023, 11/3/2023 and 26/3/2023 by the department of social work. The objective was to explore and familiarize the students to various academic aspects of different universities. On 18/12/2022 Ms. Srishti Sharma (Master of Social Work, Rajagiri College of social science, Karela), Ms. Varsha Shukla (Master in Women Centered Practice, TISS, Mumbai) Ms. Aakanksha Negi (Programme Associate in Piramal Swasthya, TISS, Mumbai) and Ms. Pavitra Kaushik (Project Coordinator in NIMHAS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Bengaluru University) were the resource persons. On 6/3/2023 Dr. Manju Panwar, Associate Professor, Bhagat Phool Singh Women University, Sonipat and Ms. Reena Verma (Adolescent Health Facilitator in Children International, Master of Social Work, Kurukshetra University) were the resource persons. On 11/3/2023 Ms. Priyanka Lamba (Consultant, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Master of Social Work, Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi), Ms. Palak Bhardwaj (Master of Social Work, Central University of Gujrat) and Ms. Soumya (Officer Trainee in Vedanta Limited, Jharsuguda, MSW in Jamia Millia Islamia) were the resource persons. On 26/3/2023 Dr. Rutwik Gandhe (Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Social Work, The Bhopal School of Social Sciences) and Dr. Pramila Satpathy (Academic Coordinator, Jesuit Worldwide Learning, XIM University) were the resource persons. All the resource persons highlighted the entrance patterns, facilities, fieldwork, research and campus placement. The students asked many questions from the respective speakers.

