

In **2024-25**, the **Department of Social Work at Aditi Mahavidyalaya** actively organized and participated in a series of impactful events that enriched the academic and social understanding of students and faculty alike.

From 1st August to 4th August, 2024 Orientation Programme for Second and Third-Year Students. The Department of Social Work organized a three-day orientation programme for second- and third-year students, coordinated by Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya and Prof. Sunita Bhamani, Teacher-In-Charge (T.I.C) . The aim was to deepen conceptual understanding and build practical fieldwork skills. The first day began with a welcome by Prof. Sunita Bahmani, who emphasized the importance of community engagement in social work. Prof. Beena Antony Reji led a session on counselling, followed by interactive ice-breaking activities and student-faculty introductions. Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya concluded the day with a session on social innovation and participatory methods, encouraging students to develop creative approaches to social issues. The second day focused on practical skills and ethics. Mr. Baldev Gulati conducted a SWOT analysis session. Dr. Rakesh Choudhary spoke on cultural sensitivity, and Ms. Manisha Pal addressed core ethical principles in social work. On the final day, Mr. Baldev led a session on communication in fieldwork. Dr. Aneesh discussed post-development perspectives. The programme ended with feedback and a session by Dr. Gyanvati on social welfare administration. The orientation helped students understand both the theory and real-world practice of social work, preparing them for field engagement.





From 2nd to 4th September 2024, Orientation Programme for First-Year Students. The first-year orientation programme was also coordinated by Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya Prof. Sunita Bhamani, Teacher-In-Charge (T.I.C). It aimed to provide a foundational understanding of social work concepts and fieldwork expectations. On day one, faculty members introduced students to the scope and methods of social

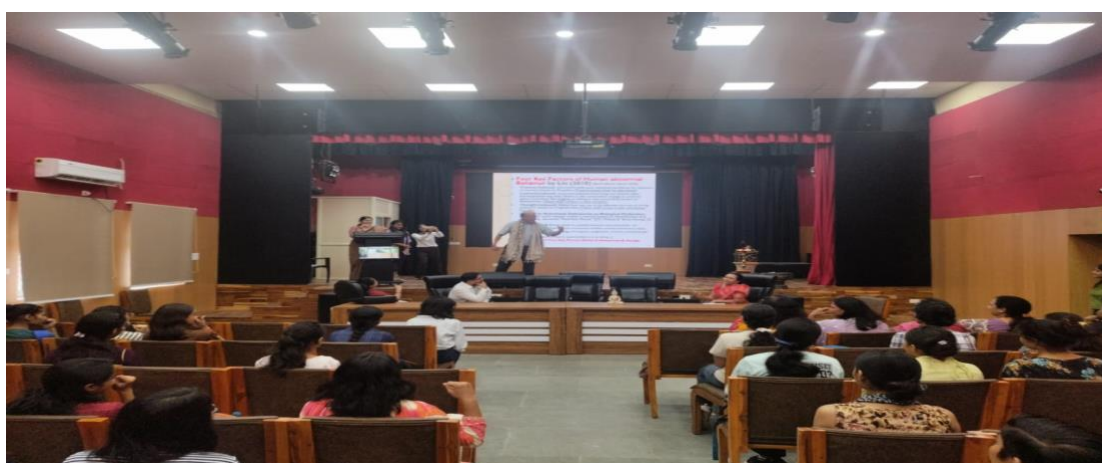
work. Sessions on leadership (Prof. Seema Rani), social justice (Dr. Mali), and report writing (Dr. Gyanvati) set the stage. An engaging ice-breaker led by Mr. Baldev concluded the day. Day two explored fieldwork in depth. Dr. Aneesh introduced its purpose, followed by Prof. Beena on the discipline and practice of social work. Dr. Rakesh addressed working with diverse populations, and Ms. Manisha Pal focused on ethics of social work. The final day included a field visit to Navjyoti India Foundation, Bawana. Students observed community practices and participated in reflection sessions guided by Dr. Mali and Dr. Rakesh. Throughout the programme, students were encouraged to keep journals to document their learnings. The orientation prepared them for academic and field responsibilities ahead.



On 5th September 2024, Ekta Society of the Department of Social Work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, organized a warm and meaningful celebration to mark Teachers' Day. The event featured cultural performances, student speeches, and heartfelt messages expressing gratitude to the faculty for their guidance and support. Handmade tokens of appreciation were presented as a gesture of thanks. The celebration fostered a sense of respect and strengthened the student-teacher bond. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving behind a joyful and memorable experience for all involved.

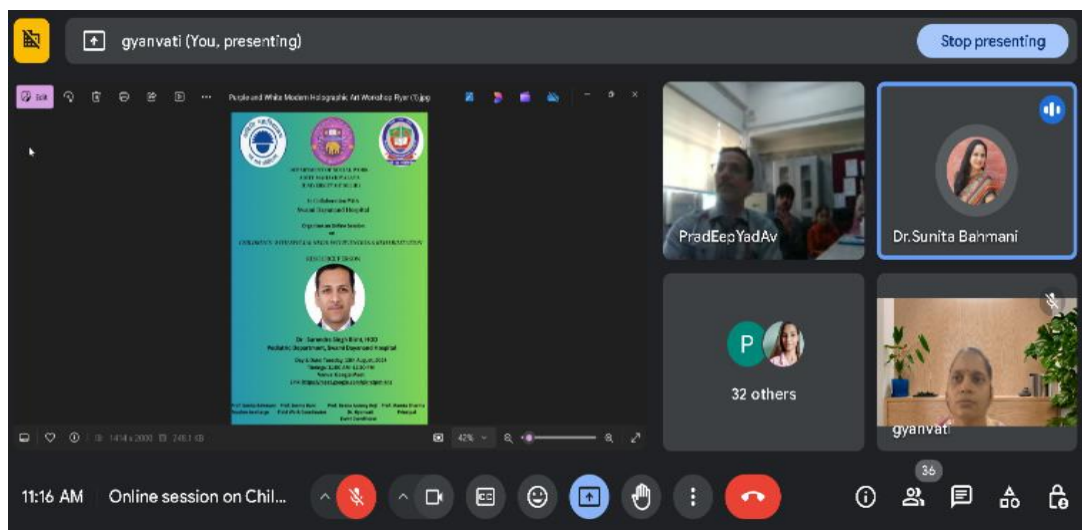


On September 5, 2024, the Department of Social Work and Legal Aid Clinic at Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, organized an international talk on *“Risk Assessment and Correctional Counseling: India-Taiwan Experience Sharing.”* The keynote speaker, Prof. Min-chieh Jay Linn from National Chungcheng University, Taiwan, shared his expertise in counseling psychology and criminology, focusing on comparative practices in India and Taiwan. Coordinated by Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya, Prof. Sunita Bahmani (Teacher In-Charge) and TEEP Indian Expert and Coordinator of the Legal Aid Clinic, the event aimed to promote cross-cultural exchange and collaboration in correctional counseling. Advocate Parvinder Sehrawat from DLSA also contributed insights on India’s legal and correctional framework. The session was inaugurated by Prof. Mamta Sharma, Principal, followed by remarks from Prof. Sunita Bahmani and a keynote address by Prof. Beena Antony Reji. Prof. Linn discussed the use of risk assessment tools, the integration of technology in Taiwan, and the importance of community-based rehabilitation practices in India. The interactive session allowed students and faculty to explore topics like juvenile justice, family therapy, and culturally sensitive rehabilitation approaches. The event concluded with closing remarks by Prof. Seema Rani, highlighting future collaboration prospects between Aditi Mahavidyalaya and National Chungcheng University. The talk successfully fostered global academic engagement and deeper understanding in the field of social work and correctional counseling.



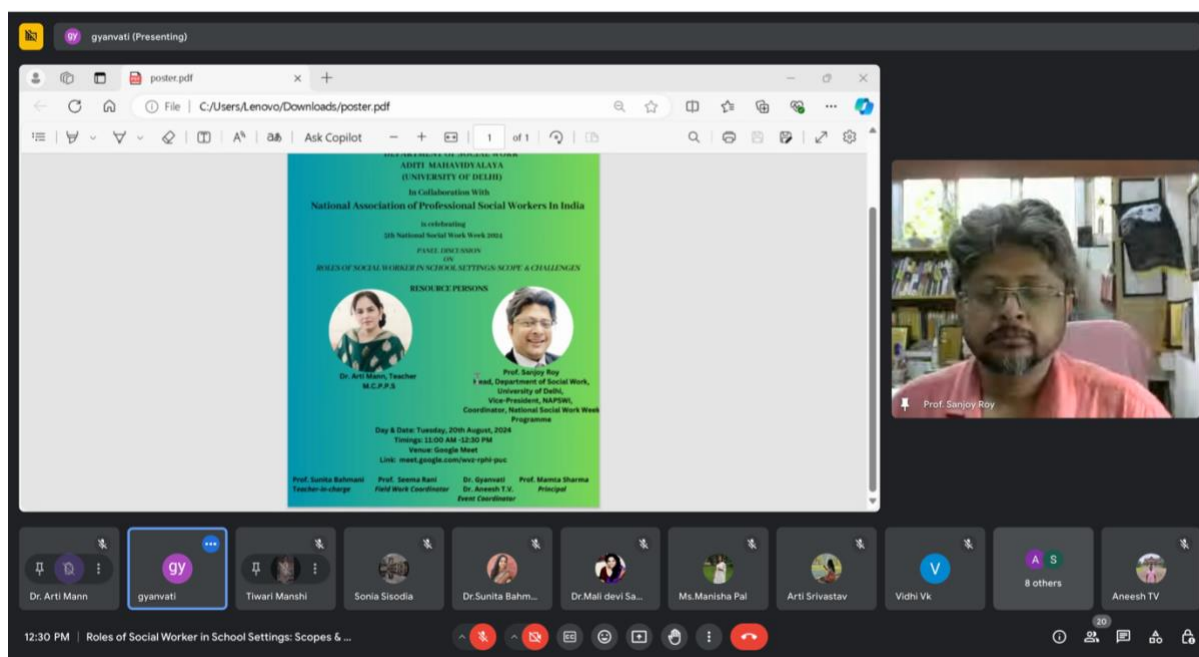
On **August 13, 2024**, an online session titled *“Children with Special Needs: Intervention & Rehabilitation”* organized by the Department of Social Work in Collaboration with Swami Dayanand Hospital The session was inaugurated by Prof. Mamta Sharma (Principal, Aditi Mahavidyalaya), and Dr. Surendra Singh Bisht (HOD, Pediatric Department, Swami Dayanand Hospital) was welcomed along with his multidisciplinary team by Prof. Sunita Bahmani (Teacher In-Charge), Department of Social Work). Team members included professionals from various domains such as optometry, clinical psychology, occupational and physiotherapy, audiology and speech therapy, dentistry, and social work. Dr. Seema Rani presented the concept note, and the experts discussed the challenges faced by children with special needs and the range of services offered by the hospital. The session concluded with an

interactive Q&A and a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Beena Antony Reji. A total of 29 students and 9 faculty members attended the session.



On August 20, 2024, the Department of Social Work at Aditi Mahavidyalaya, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI), organized an online panel discussion on *“Roles of Social Worker in School Settings: Scope and Challenges”* as part of the 5th National Social Work Week. The event saw participation from 22 students and 8 faculty members. Prof. Sunita Bahmani, TIC, welcomed the attendees and introduced the panelists. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Beena Antony Reji. The panel featured Prof.

Sanjoy Roy, Head of the Department of Social Work, University of Delhi, and Dr. Arti Mann, teacher at MCD School, Nawada, with moderation by Dr. Aneesh T. V. Prof. Roy discussed the growing importance of social work in schools and its alignment with the New Education Policy, while Dr. Mann emphasized the challenges of social exclusion and the vital role of school social workers in promoting inclusivity. Dr. Gyanvati concluded the event with closing remarks and a vote of thanks.



On **October 22, 2024**, the Department hosted the much-awaited *Diwali Mela*, organized by the Ekta Society. Ms. Manisha Pal, Prof. Sunita Bhamani, (T.I.C) and Ekta society, Governing Body coordinated the event. Prof. Mamta Sharma, Principal of Aditi Mahavidyalaya, inaugurated the event along with faculty members Prof. Sunita Bahmani (T.I.C), Prof. Beena Antony Reji, Prof. Seema Rani, Dr. Gyanvati, Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Dr. Aneesh T.V., and Mr. Baldev Gulati. Held at the Social Work Department, the event celebrated Diwali through traditional diyas stall, mehndi stalls, diya decoration, and rangoli competitions. Students, faculty, and staff participated enthusiastically, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with cultural expression and festive spirit. The entire space was adorned with flowers, and colorful decorations, symbolizing unity and prosperity. The event showcased creativity, strengthened community bonds, and successfully blended celebration with social interaction.

On **February 4, 2025**, the Department commemorated *Pearl Memorial Day* in honor of a late student, Ms. Pearl. The event featured a poster competition on the theme "*Viksit Bharat @2047*", encouraging participants to envision a developed India on the centenary of independence. With 28 students and 13 faculty members

participating, the event successfully showcased student creativity across topics like technology, sustainability, and social justice. Mr. Baldev, Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya and Prof. Sunita Bhamani, (T.I.C) coordinated the event. The event encouraged students to envision a developed and progressive India by the centenary of its independence. Held under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Mamta Sharma and faculty members Prof. Sunita Bahmani, Prof. Seema Rani, and others, the competition saw enthusiastic participation across disciplines. Students presented creative posters reflecting themes such as technology, education, sustainability, and social equity. The entries were evaluated by a panel comprising Prof. Sunita Pareek, Dr. Sheetal Sharma, and Dr. Indu, and the winners-Ms. Varnika (BSW), Ms. Ruby (BSW), and Ms. Hadia (B.A. Prog), were announced during a ceremony on February 4, 2025, at the College Auditorium. Cash prizes were awarded in recognition of their talent. The event served as both a celebration of creative expression and a tribute to a cherished member of the college community.



The department continued its intellectual pursuits with the *TATTVA Educational Conclave* on **February 15, 2025**, held at the Institute of Lifelong Learning Auditorium, North Campus, Delhi University. Jointly organized by Vivekananda Darshanika Samajam and the Delhi School of Social Work, the event featured Admiral R. Hari Kumar, former Chief of Naval Staff, as the chief guest. Distinguished speakers included Prof. Sushma Yadav, Prof. Ranjan Tripathi, and

Prof. Sanjoy Roy. Faculty members Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya and Dr. Aneesh T. V., along with thirty students from Aditi Mahavidyalaya's B.A. Social Work programme, actively participated. Admiral Kumar emphasized the role of values in education, encouraging students to read and uphold India's traditional value system. A lively Q&A session followed, along with a panel discussion on value-based education led by esteemed academicians and experts. The event concluded with a valedictory address by Sri Uday Shankar Singh and a vote of thanks by Smt. Gayathri Menon.



On **February 20, 2025**, the Department of Social Work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, in collaboration with the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) under the *Viksit Bharat @2047* initiative, organized a virtual event to mark World Social Justice Day. The program aimed to promote awareness around equality, human rights, and social justice. Prof. Sunita Bahmani welcomed the participants and distinguished guests, highlighting the significant role of social work in advancing justice for marginalized communities. The keynote speaker, Ms. Manjula Pradeep, a renowned social worker and human rights activist, emphasized the importance of constitutional values, inclusivity, and

structural transformation in the field of social work. Her address highlighted the need for recognizing social work as a profession and the role of civil society in advocating for marginalized communities. The event featured insightful discussions moderated by Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya and saw active participation from over 55 students and faculty members. Prof. Neena Pandey contributed to the dialogue by reinforcing the relevance of applying social justice principles in practice. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Aneesh, acknowledging all contributors. Overall, the session served as a powerful platform for dialogue and reflection on the evolving role of social work in building a more equitable society.

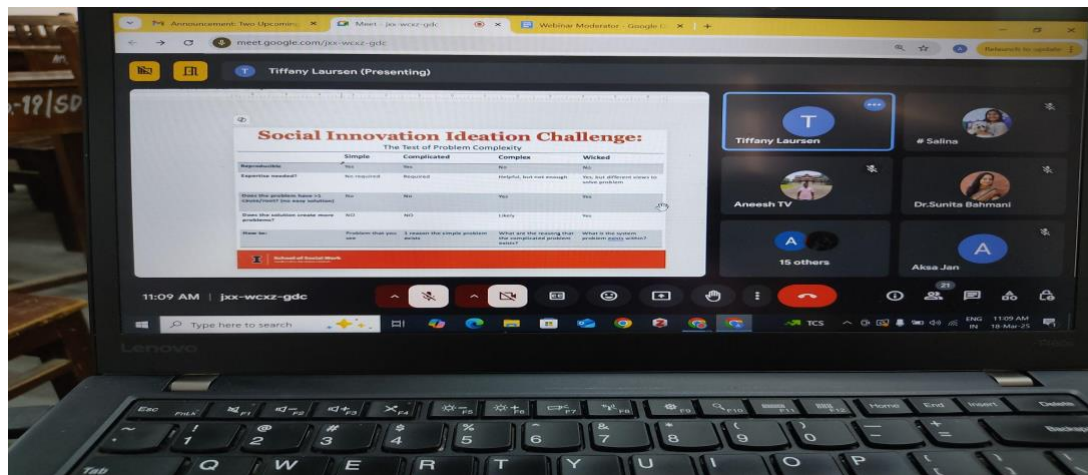


On **March 6, 2025**, Students and faculty members from the Department of Social Work, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, participated in a seminar on 'Networking and Community Building' at Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi. The event was organised by the Department of Social Work, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College. The seminar featured technical sessions that explored the realities, challenges, and expectations of fieldwork, including a panel discussion with representatives from various NGOs. The second session focused specifically on networking and community building within the Indian context. This seminar provided students with valuable academic insights into fieldwork practices, while the experiences shared by NGO professionals offered a practical understanding of the challenges and approaches involved in community-based work.



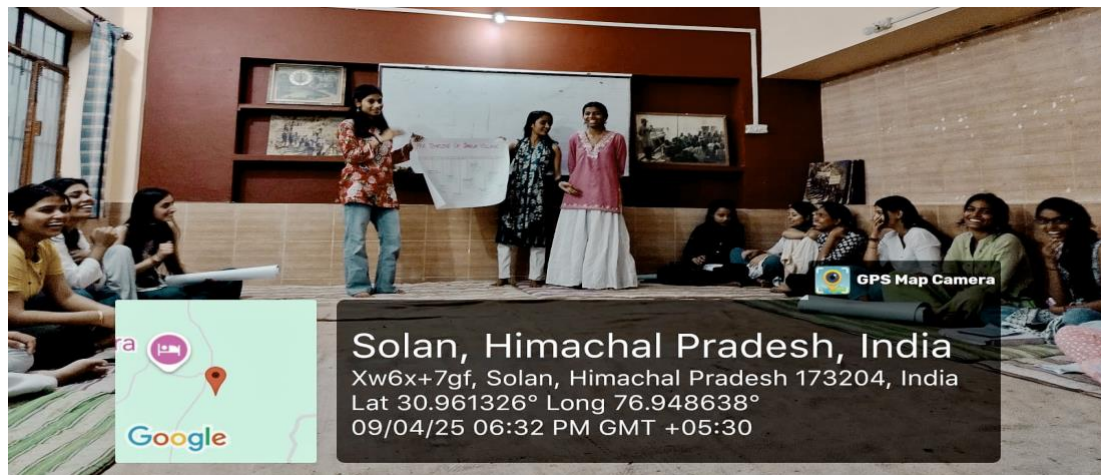


On **March 18, 2025**, the Department of Social Work at Aditi Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi, organized an international webinar on “*Social Innovation and Social Work*.” The session focused on how innovative approaches can be used to intentionally address social challenges and how social innovation can serve as a valuable tool for social workers. The resource person for the webinar, Dr. Tiffany Laursen, adjunct professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, is a practitioner dedicated to helping ordinary people make extraordinary changes. With experience in both scientific research and practical application, Dr. Laursen strives to bridge the gap between theory and practice by applying scientific insights to real-world social impact work. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a Master’s from Harvard, and a B.A. from SUNY Empire State College. The event was moderated and coordinated by Ms. Aksha Jan, Guest Faculty. The program featured a welcome note by Prof. Seema Rani, a keynote address by Prof. Sunita Bahmani, an interactive session and Q&A with Dr. Laursen, and concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Aksha Jan. The webinar provided a meaningful platform for academic exchange and highlighted the evolving role of innovation in social work practice.



From **April 8 to 11, 2025**, the Department of Social Work organized a rural camp for third-year B.A. Social Work students at SUTRA in Jagjit Nagar, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The camp was attended by 23 students and guided by faculty members Dr. Rakesh Choudhary, Dr. Aneesh T.V., and Ms. Manisha Pal. Students engaged in a session led by Mr. Gange Pandit, who shared the history and work of SUTRA, an organization known for its contributions to rural development and women's empowerment. The students visited the villages of Kuthar and Dadwa, where they interacted with Panchayat and Mahila Mandal members, school children, and conducted participatory rural appraisals (PRA). They later presented their findings through posters to faculty and SUTRA staff. The camp enriched students' understanding of grassroots development, rural community structures, and the practical application of participatory approaches in community development.





On **April 22, 2025**, the Department of Social Work at Aditi Mahavidyalaya organized an impactful awareness program on drug abuse prevention in collaboration with the Imperial Service Development Society (ISDS), the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Coordinated by Ms. Aksa Jan, the event featured engaging sessions led by Mr. Vasu Dev and Mrs. Seema Sharma from ISDS. They shared real-life experiences and strategies for resisting peer pressure and substance abuse. The program included case studies, group discussions, myths vs. facts activity, an awareness quiz, and a collective pledge to "Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life." Prof. Sunita Bahmani delivered the welcome address, and Dr. Aneesh T.V. and Dr. Rakesh Chaudhry played key roles in organizing the event. With active participation from 42 students and support from volunteers Varnika, Farheen, Tanisha, and Sadhna (Semester IV BSW), the event successfully fostered awareness and encouraged students to become peer educators in promoting a drug-free campus.



On 25 April, 2025, Additionally, students attended a seminar on “*Hard to Reach Population- SMILE (Beggary)*” at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar International Centre. Organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in collaboration with The World Bank. The session focused on the SMILE scheme-*Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise*-and addressed the complexities of beggary as a social issue. The discussions emphasized the need for a strategic and collaborative approach involving multiple stakeholders. Students Sonia, Jyoti, Farheen, Neha, and Shivani, accompanied by faculty member Ms. Aksa Jan, attended the seminar. The event provided valuable insights into global perspectives,

including practices from countries like Brazil and Ethiopia, enhancing students' understanding of inclusive social policies and intervention models.

These diverse initiatives organized and attended by the Department of Social Work throughout the year collectively promoted awareness, dialogue, and innovation in addressing social challenges. They reflected the department's unwavering commitment to fostering a socially conscious, inclusive, and practically grounded learning environment for its students and academic community.

