

## **Department Activities**

### **Guest Lectures**

#### **Lectures on Social Research**

PG Department of Development Management organized lectures series on social research for the PG students of DM during 18-20 September 2018. Topics covered: Research from Theory to Practice, Focus Group Discussion, Participatory Rural Appraisal in Development Research. Mr. C. Daniel Praveen Raj was the resource person.

#### **Land Struggles in Odisha**

The department invited Mr. Prafulla Samantra, Lawyer & Activist to share his experiences about 'Land Struggles in Odisha' which had helped the students to understand the plights and struggles of people towards their customary forest and grazing lands, fisheries, water bodies, medicinal plants, traditional knowledge, and sites of their livelihoods from government and corporate.

#### **A Panel discussion on 'Unsafe Havens – Domestic Violence against Women**

A Panel discussion on 'Unsafe Havens – Domestic Violence against Women' was led by a group of experts such as

- Ms. Lalitha Natrajan, Advocate, Madras High Court,
- Ms. Swetha Sankar, Counselor, International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC),
- Mr. Rohit Nathan Rajagopal, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Adyar &
- Ms. Radhika Bhalero, Researcher'.

The students actively participated in the discussion and raised their concerns regarding the role of judiciary, legislature and executive authority towards protecting the rights of Women.

## **Role of World Vision in Disaster Preparedness and Management**

‘Mr. Kunal Kumar Shah, Director, Disaster Management, World Vision India’ was invited to elucidate the role of World Vision in Disaster Preparedness and Management thus propagating what could be done as development professionals in helping the vulnerable sections of the society.

## **Fallacy of Gender Binaries**

A session by Mr. Siva, founder of Community Based Organisation, Nirangal, an that promotes justice for gender and sexuality minorities and sex worker communities in Tamil Nadu . The session was to sensitize the students that justice and rights shouldn’t be ignored for the marginalized sections in the society. Especially with draconian laws such as sec377

## **Career Guidance – Role of Administrative Studies in Development Sector**

The Guest Speaker was Mr. S. Sivarajavel – Founder Director – Smart Leaders IAS – Institute for Administrative Studies. He educated the students on various exams and preparation techniques to join government services. He motivated the students to make an impact on development by equipping themselves with the necessary skills to take the nation to the next level.

## **The Student Forum – CASCADE- Pre-Conference Lecture**

### **Inclusive Bazaar**

The Inclusive Bazaar was organized by P.G.Department of Development Management's student forum 'CASCADE'. It is a pre-conference event organized to sensitize students the impact of Globalization upon consumers, small vendors, SHG and people working for cause. Mr.Asir Ebenezer, Director of CSI SEVA, Dr.Raja Samuel, Principal MSSW and Dr.Sarah Karunakaran, HOD M.A.DM,

inaugurated the Bazaar. The event had 14 stalls with varieties of eateries and other handmade materials; the end of day sales was recorded to be more than Rs 38,000. None of the stalls reported loss. The main aim of the event was to let the students in MSSW experience the goodness in purchasing from a small scale vendor rather than a large scale retailer

### **Pre Conference Lectures**

Two preconference lectures on '*Tackling Cyberspace Issues – India & its Youth*' by Dr. Harish Ramani, Director & CTO, Internet Techies Space Solutions and

*'Applications & Usages of Technology in the Development Sector'* by Mr. Vinod Ramanarayanan & Mr. Prasanna of Civic Fulcrum were the resource persons.

### **National Conference**

*'Accelerating Technology for Development- Enable..Educate..Empower'* was the theme of the one and half day national conference which had about 100 participants and speakers such as Mr. Arul Selvar Thomas, Mr. Amber Sinha, Ms. Nancy Anabel, Ms. Vasumathi, Mr. Simpson Cornelius, Mr. Alagu Nambi, Mr. Venkat and Mr. John Bosco Lourdusamy.

### **Empowering Youth for Sustainable Development**

The department collaborated with National College, Trichy for a National Workshop on 'Empowering Youth for Sustainable Development' and witnessed the presence of prominent speakers such as Mr. Balamurugan IFS West Bengal, Ms. Brindha, Industrialist & Educationalist and Mr. Virendar, Psychologist.

### **Workshops**

### **Quantitative & Qualitative Data**

Ms. Vijayalakshmi & Mr. Arul Selvan, PhD Research Scholars having more than 10 years of experience in doing research was invited for the workshop on ‘Data Analysis for Quantitative & Qualitative Data’. The workshop aimed to equip students

## **Waste Management**

Owing to the importance of effective Waste Management, Mr. Kannan, Mr. Indrakumar and Mr. Raman, Waste Management Specialists were invited to address on ‘Recycling Waste and Garbage Handling’ and to spell out tips and techniques to reduce and effectively manage waste in home and in office.

## **Certificate Courses**

The department offered two interdepartmental certificate courses across the year on ‘*Disaster Management*’ and ‘*Project Proposal writing*’ so as to equip the students with the niche skills required for Development Professionals.

## **Soft Skill Programmes**

Various soft skill themes were brainstormed with the students so as to identify their need and following were the soft skill themes which were covered for the two semesters.

- ‘*Microsoft Excel*’ by Mr. Nainaraj – Freelance Trainer
- ‘*Empathy & Team Work*’ by Ms. Shyleswari – Founder, Ved Vyas Inner Space, ‘*Personality Development*’ by Ms. Hilda Xavier, Freelance Trainer
- ‘*Self Actualization*’ by Ms. Simpson Cornelius – Social Development Specialist ‘*Interview Skills and Career Orientation*’ by Mr. Joseph Sebastian, Director, Aatral Management Consultants
- ‘*Campaign and Advocacy*’ by Mr. Asir, Director, CSI-SEVA.

- *Resume Building & Mock Interview* –
- *Personality Development and Time Management* -

## **Research / Extension / Consultancy**

### **Social Audit - CAMS**

CSR is a growing field promoting Public-Private partnership in the development space. The department has conducted a Social Audit on behalf of CAMS with two social organizations which are financially supported by the Corporate. A social audit is a way of measuring, understanding, reporting and ultimately improving an organization's social and ethical performance. A social audit helps to narrow gaps between vision/goal and reality, between efficiency and effectiveness. This is a precursor to an MOU between the department and the organization for future audits.

### **Newsletter**

The Department has created a Newsletter “Development Insight” by the students of Development Management to showcase student activities and improve opportunities to connect and collaborate among student community

### **Assessment of Cyclone Ockhi**

The staff and four student volunteers involved themselves in an ‘Impact Assessment of Cyclone Ockhi in Kanniyakumari District’ initiated & supported by World Vision India wherein the students visited the survivors of the cyclone at Kanniyakumari.

### **Need Assessment - CSR project of Kamarajar Port**

Also, a ‘Need Assessment Survey for Skill Development Center’, a CSR project of Kamarajar Port, Ennore was outsourced to the department wherein the students got hands-on-experience of how to identify the real need of the target population.

### **Waste Audit – CAG**

In collaboration with Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group (CAG), the department spearheaded the ‘Waste Audit’ event of the college and researched on the quantity of waste generated in a day by college so as to strategize ways to create mechanisms for the safe handling and disposal of waste.