

## **PG DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **CASCADE STUDENT'S FORUM - 2019 - 2020**

CASCADE - Collective Action for Students Concerns and Development is the student forum of M. A. Development Management, Madras School of Social Work. The forum is for the benefit of students; there are 5 student office bearers' positions such as president, secretary, treasurer, joint treasurer and joint secretary. Every year there will be elections conducted to elect the 5 office bearers. Every year the forum will be officially inaugurated and then forum activities will start to work in full swing and one annual conference will be conducted every academic year on a specific theme selected by the students in a democratic way.

The theme of CASCADE 2019-20 was water and water management. The investiture ceremony of CASCADE'19 was held on 23rd July 2019 in MSSW Auditorium. Mr. Nandhakumar IRS (joint Commissioner of income tax) was a chief guest. He gave introduction about his life story and motivated students to put effort in life. The special guest of the day was Mr. J Daniel Chellappa, senior scientist BARC. He spoke about innovations in India and how indigenous technology is important in the country. After that Mr. V Moses Selvakumar, Asst. Prof department of MADM gave the investiture ceremony, followed by administrating oath by Dr. Subashini, Dean, MSSW.

The second program by the CASCADE students' forum was held on 10th January, 2020. It was a documentary screening which was the prelude program for the annual conference. The documentary titled "Yen Peyar Palaru" was screened in the college auditorium after which we had a panel discussion with Mr. R.R Srinivasan, director of the documentary "Yen PeyarPalar"

and Mr. Kanji Amuthan from federation for Palar protection. They deliberated on the encroachment in the Palar river region and the poor water management strategies adopted in the Palar river banks. This program was well received by the audience and the interaction was meaningful.

The final program by the CASCADE forum was the annual conference on the theme "Neer Indri Amayadhu Ulagu", which was held on 27th January, 2020. There were several programs planned on the day of the conference. The chief guest of the conference was Dr. Thol. Thirumavalavan, MP of Chidambaram constituency and President of Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi and the keynote speaker was Prof. K. Sivasubramaniam from Madras Institute of Development Studies. Dr. Thol. Thirumavalavan spoke about how water has been commoditized and gone in the hands of corporate owners. He also reminded about the earlier days and how water was perceived that time. Prof. K. Sivasubramaniam spoke about well irrigation and ground water management. In the evening we had folk art performance by Dr. Kaleeswaran & Team performed importance of water through various folk arts.

