

DEPARTMENT OF BSW

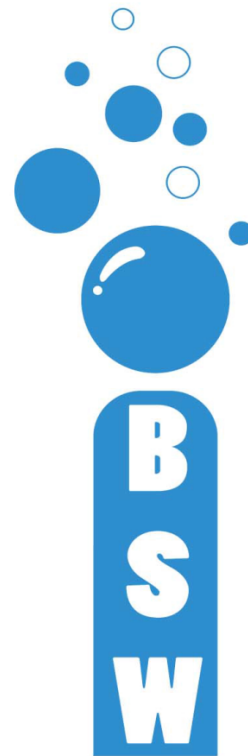
MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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NURTURING “WE” IN “YOU”

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From the Editors' Desk

Dear Readers,

I am happy to meet you all through this letter. This is an excellent platform to know the departmental activities, to learn the skills of writing articles, to exhibit the potential, imaginations, experiences, achievements, internships and other matters related to Social Work. Of course I see some progress and I expect all students to contribute and prove yourselves as growing agents of "Social Change".

Wishes,

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Head of the Department

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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The months between November and March was dominated by academic activities. The students of the first, second and the third years indulged in field lab sessions, project field work and concurrent field work, respectively, on all Thursdays. Soft skills, internal continuous assessments, and end semester exams were held as per schedule.

LAB SESSION

As a part of the curriculum, the First-Years are taught the skills required for a professional social worker in theory and in practice. The topics for the second semester include :-

1. Networking
2. Fund Raising
3. Need Analysis
4. Visual Aids Presentation
5. Public Speaking
6. Public Relations
7. Tools for effective communication

PROJECT FIELD WORK

The Second-Years, commenced their Project Field Work on the first Thursday of November. The coastal slums of Ennore were targeted.

Objectives Of the Project Field Work

- ▶ To study the various problems of the community
- ▶ To plan and execute appropriate, programmes
- ▶ To develop documentation and presentation skills.

Focus Area:

- ▶ Children
- ▶ Women
- ▶ Elderly
- ▶ Environment
- ▶ Any current/ contemporary social issues during the current year

The emerging issue in the community was identified to be ‘women employment’ after conducting a mass survey in the major slums of Ennore – **Ennorekuppam, Nettukuppam, Tazhankuppam, Chinnakuppam, Sivan Padai Veedi, Ulaganadhapuram, Kattukuppam, Mugathuvar Kuppam, Periyakuppam and Kattupalli Kamara Kuppam.**

The students also simultaneously conducted awareness programmes to address emerging issues in the community, such as personal hygiene for children, finance management, environmental cleanliness etc.

Nearing the end of the work, a skill development programme on ‘Paper Bag – Making’ was organized for the women. Second Year students Mariaa Evangeline, Ranjana Ambrose, Sushumitha T, Monikavarthini K and Annanya P under the guidance of resource persons Mrs. Saritha, Mrs. Sowndari, a self –help group leader, helmed the training. A total of 112 women were benefitted from the programmes.



Following which, a summer programme on **life saving skills**, **‘wealth out of waste’** and **first aid** and was organized for the children of SSM Matriculation Higher Secondary School at Ennore, at the request of the principal. Ten second-year students – Iswarya S, Jaishree S, Abhinaya Raju, Aishwarya S, Prem Charles G, Mugilan R, Rakesh RK, Madhuran H and David Asir K lead the programme. Twenty-two students attended the programme on the first day and twenty-four on the second day.

Post the intervention, in the follow-up phase, a few motivated and driven women were found to be making a living out of selling the paper bags and ergo, the Project Field Work proved to be successful.



CONCURRENT FIELD WORK

The Third-Years engage in concurrent field work to fulfill their curriculum requirements. It is mandatory for every student to take up an internship with an agency or organization in their last semester.

The objectives are

- To provide an opportunity to learn the skills of primary methods of social work. (Case Work, Group Work, Community Organization)
- To inculcate professional growth and development.

Their tasks are

- To study the profile of the agency
- To involve in the activities of the agency
- Case Work - 1
- Group Work - 1
- Community Organization Programme – 1

S. No	Name of the Agency
1	ICCW
2	World Vision
3	ARUWE
4	Aide Et Action International South Asia
5	Balavihar
6	Myrtle social welfare network
7	Alternate Media Centre
8	MSSI
9	Women Voluntary Service of Tamil Nadu
10	MCCSS
11	The Candles
12	Indian Community Welfare Organization
13	SOS Children's Village Chennai
14	Tanker Foundation
15	Help Age India
16	DORAI Foundation
17	The Ma Foi Foundation (DISHA Sports Academy)
18	Madhuram Narayanancentre For Exceptional Children
19	Montford Community Development Society
20	Indian Development Foundation
21	Indian Red Cross Society

SOFT SKILLS

Soft Skills help the students to develop their skills and strengthen their skills by overcoming their own personal problems and pushing out of their comfort zone. Soft Skills are held for four consecutive days for all the Three Years, once in every six semesters.

S.No	Year	Topics
1.	I	Computer Skills
2.	II	MS Excel, MS Word, MS Powerpoint, Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), Prezi
3.	III	Preparation for Interview/ Group discussions, Resume preparation, Career Guidance and Work Environment

Other Activities

Programmes

Date	Event	Participants
29.09.18	'Self-determination' by Dr.Elayaraja, Associate Professor, School of Excellence of Law, through the Vidiyal Forum.	125 students from I, II and III Years
13.03.18	'Legislation related to Women' by Mrs. Lalitha, Advocate, High Court	42 students from the III Year

Workshops, Seminars and Training Programmes

Date	Event	Participants
14.12.18	'Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality' – a seminar held in association with GLRA, lead by Mrs. Neeradha Chandramohan, Former Director of NIEPMD and Mr. Shibbu George, Project Head, GLRA.	125 students from I, II, III-Years and 150 external participants.
	'One day Capacity Building Programme for students on Drug abuse and prevention' by Mrs. Sheeba Williams, and Dr. Sudhamani, Counsellors, TTK Hospital, Chennai	40 students from II Year
	'Two-Day training programme on HIV/ AIDS awareness' by Mr. Louis and his team, Project Director , International Alliance for Prevention of AIDS	44 students from I-Year
	A workshop on 'Puppetry – A tool for communication' by Mr. Williams, Founder, Myrtle Social Welfare Society, Chennai.	44 students from I-Year
	A workshop on 'Tools for effective communication' by Dr. Kaleeswaran	44 students from I-Year

Student Achievements

Sports Day

The UG Department of Social Work proved their mettle consecutively, for the third time at this year's Sports' Day, on 16th and 17th January. There was enthusiastic participation from all the three years and the spirit of unity and exuberance was on ultimate display.

NSS Activities

The months between November 2018 and March 2019 saw a surge in the vibrant participative spirit from students of first and second years. The following are activities

1. Christmas Programme - The students of 1st and 2nd bsw visited special homes and orphanage. It was organized by Chennai volunteers and Arun rainbow home on the 19th, 22nd and 28th of December 2018.



2. Veedhi Vidhi Vizha – it was a award program for all the folk artiste which took place in Loyola college on 19th and 20th of January 2019.
3. Koovam Awareness –Was conducted by the Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust (CRRT) on the 2nd of February 2019.



4. Cancer Awareness – A rally was conducted at Edward Elliot's beach on 3rd February 2019 by Datri foundation.
5. Cyclothon – A awareness program was conducted by the rotary club Chennai on 23-02-2019.
6. Voting Awareness – A human chain formation was organized by the voting commission of Tamil Nadu on 27-03-2019 to create awareness on how the voting should be done by the common men.



The camp was organized at Karalapakkam, a village in the Thiruvallur District, by Mr. T. Rufus Singh, NSS Programme Officer, NSS unit, MSSW. A total of 50 volunteers enthusiastically participated in the camp. The camp was conducted with the view to identify the needs and problems and, on this basis, empower and educate the people therein to overcome the identified issues thereby uplifting them. The main objectives of the camp are listed below:

- Research on local social problems specific to Karalapakkam.
- Hold awareness programmes to mitigate against existing social stigma and capacity building.
- Coordinate efforts for the provision of health services to the needy.
- To develop adaptability among the NSS volunteers in their social environment.

The NSS volunteers collaborated with several agencies and organizations to carry out various activities for the community.

ACTIVITY OUTLINE FOR THE CAMP:

SNo.	Day	Date	Activities
1	Day – 1	10.02.2019	1. Inauguration 2. Clean up – Village Development Centre
2	Day – 2	11.02.2019	1. Plantation Drive 2. Street Play on “Child Marriage” 3. Awareness Programme on “Menstrual Hygiene” 4. Awareness Programme on “HIV/AIDS”
3	Day – 3	12.02.2019	1. Plantation Drive 2. ‘Veterinary Camp’ in partnership with Dr. Shivapriya and Sandhya from Govt. Veterinary Dispensary 3. Street Play on “Dengue” 4. Awareness Programme on “Addiction and Alcoholism”
4	Day – 4	13.02.2019	1. Plantation Drive 2. ‘Eye Camp’ in association with Lions Club District 324 – A6, Avadi. 3. Street Theatre on “Plastics” 4. Oyillattam

5	Day – 5	14.02.2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plantation Drive 2. ‘Medical Camp’ in association with Tanker Foundation 3. Interaction with School Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mime and Awareness Programme on “Personal Hygiene” • Puppetry and Awareness Programme on “Good Touch/ Bad Touch”
6	Day – 6	15.02.2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plantation Drive 2. Workshop on “Finance Management” for SHG members with the help of Mrs. Saritha and Mrs. Karthiyayini, SHG and Women’s Skill Development Trainers
7	Day - 7	16.02.2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helping in Farming Activities 2. Valediction

DAY 1



VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN CLEAN UP ACTIVITY

DAY 2



Street Play on ‘Child Marriage’



Demonstration on the use of Sanitary Napkins

DAY 3



Volunteers explaining the implications of addiction



Doctors at Veterinary Camp

DAY 4



A school student at the Eye Camp



Street Play on 'Plastics'

DAY 5



Villagers getting tested at the Medical Camp



Mime on 'Personal Hygiene'



Puppetry on 'Good Touch, Bad Touch'



Volunteers planting saplings

DAY 6



Workshop on 'Finance Management'



Valedictory Ceremony



Children of the village exhibiting their talents

Student Internships

The students of the undergraduate department of Social Work, out of their own volition partake in internships with various NGOs, agencies and other organizations during the summer.

1. Name : Mokshavathi A, Year -II

Name of the organization : Involve

Duration of the internship : 45 days

Nature of work : Teaching

Experience : The journey has given many insights to understand who I am as a person. I have learnt about the functions of government schools. And many of the rumor of the teaching quality being low was not true. I had the opportunity to visit them and create an impact and relationship with them.

2. Name and Year : Annanya P, Year-II

Name of the organization : Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA), Kotagiri

Duration of the internship : 30 days

Title : Summer Intern

Experience : Having had previous working experience only in urban and rural communities, working in a tribal community had been the one field I wanted to try my mettle in, for quite a while. While looking up NGOs which offered internship opportunities, The Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA) turned to be the most apt and reputed organization that catered to my professional requirements. In my first exposure to the tribal community I discerned immediately that the beliefs and notions that the modern world has about the quintessential Tribals are pre-conceived and often misconstrued. The importance of their recognition and robust representation was also well iterated throughout my on-field working experience.

3. Name and Year : Dhiya Chandra Kanth, Year-II

Name of the organization : Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA), Kotagiri

Duration of the internship : 30 days

Title : Summer Intern

Experience : Through my myraid field visits I have understood that the tribes in and around Kotagiri are relatively isolated from larger cultural influences, have a relative cultural homogeneity and, simple technology. There are innumerable constraints responsible for lower pace of tribal development process than desired. NAWA strives to develop and emancipate the tribal communities through a multidimensional and holistic approach.

4. Name and Year : Raksana Senthil, Year-II

Name of the organization : Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA), Kotagiri

Duration of the internship : 30 days

Title : Summer Intern

Experience : These field visits have been a great experience to learn more about tribal people, and their culture, lifestyles, in practice. NAWA has given me a platform to interact with different types tribes in and around Kotagiri.

5. Name and Year : Dharsikaa T, Year-II
Name of the organization : Nilgiris Adivasi Welfare Association (NAWA), Kotagiri
Duration of the internship : 30 days
Title : Summer Intern

Experience : These field visits have helped me gain a rich and new experience about tribal community. Also this field visit helped me to identify and analyze the problems faced by the tribal people and also taught me their cultural practices and way of living, their traditions, infrastructure, food, way of dressing and their traditional dress and their art. I gained knowledge about different types of tribes and their linguistic nature.

6. Name and Year : Chandru D, Year-II
Name of the organization : Puzhal Jail, Prism Trust
Duration of the internship : 30 days
Title : Intern

Experience : I interned with Prism Trust who directed me to the Central jail 'Puzhal' and the sub jail at Saidapet. The learning I received from my internship was inordinate. I took part in both administrative and on field activities. Initially I was given the task of carrying out individual assessments and collecting case studies of the prisoners. I gave the inmates life skills training on topics such as stress management and coping with problems. We also assisted with the bail process and informed family members of incarceration. We coordinated with other organizations who sought to organize activities for the inmates at the jail.

7. Name and Year : Prem Jonathan E M, Year-II
Name of the organization : Social Action for Value Education (SAVE) Trust
Duration of the internship : 30 days
Title : Summer Intern

Experience : The experience was vast and rich, considering all the experiences gathered in this short timeframe. Working on the field, documenting and traveling across various slums and handling the children were indeed challenging, but also inspiring. One of the notable learnings was the skill to address the children or the gathering at the time of insistence. Making up the right information and presenting the thoughts in an understandable way was a key aspect.

8. Name : Nirmal Sherin, Year -II
Name of the organization : Involve
Duration of the internship : 45 days
Nature of work : Teaching

Experience : Throughout the internship I learned how to communicate to the other fellow mates and to handle the children during the peer teaching class, I developed the ability to identify problems and bring our solutions spontaneously. Values such as collaboration, trust, planning, organising, etc was well seeded in me. I could reflect upon the values goals, philosophy, beliefs and practices and also effectively manage crisis. I inculcated work values and realized that the understanding of oneself is essential so as to choose the kind of job that suits us.

9. Name : Titus Lyonel Jacob, Year -II
Name of the organization : AIESEC Colombo North - Sri Lanka Centre for Environmental Justice
Duration of the internship : 50 days

Nature of work : Environment conservation, legal services and public relations.
Experience : Exposure to different culture and lifestyle, being independent, learning legal procedures and process, establishing networks between organizations and the community, promotion of a campaign.