

## **SESSION ON LEGAL AWARENESS**

The Social Work Forum of the Department of Social Work (Aided) organized and conducted a session on “Legal Awareness” for the first and second year MSW students of the department on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Tuesday) at the MSW – CD classroom between 2pm and 4pm. The guest speaker was Mr. Delhi Babu, a freelancing advocate and a professional Social Worker who has over 15 years of experience in the field. He was welcomed by the Head of the Department, Dr. Shakeela Basheer. Ms. Revika Stennett Paula, the Vice – President of the SWF delivered the welcome address. The Forum Coordinator, Dr. K. Sathyamurthi introduced the guest to the audience.

Mr. Delhi Babu started the session by differentiating knowledge and skill. Through the rope game, he stressed the importance of planning, coordination and leadership which are all important for the Social Workers. The speaker addressed the importance of project management, NGO management and MIS. He gave overview about the legal aspects pertaining to NGOs, about the Society act, Trust act and Companies act and also about Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The guest speaker explained the five types of writs and explained the prominence of Public Interest Litigation (PIL), RTI and urged that Social Workers must have vast knowledge about IPC, CrPC and CPC. The speaker also differentiated between cognizable and non – cognizable offences. He gave a bird’s eye view about all the important legislations. The guest speaker, Mr. Delhi Babu then answered the students’ questions and clarified their doubts. He also offered to provide legal advice and legal aid to the students free of cost if they needed. The guest speaker extended his support and willingness in helping the students open a “Legal cell” in the college.

The Joint Treasurer of the SWF, Ms. Srinithi delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. K. Sathyamurthi, Forum Coordinator – SWF presented the guest with a memento as a token of respect and love.

