

BONDED LABOUR SYSTEM ABOLITION DAY

The Tamil Nadu government has announced that it will observe February 9 as Bonded Labor System Abolition Day. Tamil Nadu is the first state in the country to make such an announcement. Though the government has taken several measures like formulating and introducing a state action plan and standard operating procedures to abolish the bonded labor system, the lack of awareness among the stakeholders and law enforcing authorities has not yielded fruitful results. So the department of labor has proposed to observe February 9 as an anti-bonded laborer day to create awareness among the public, especially the vulnerable community about the laws and provisions available to combat it.

To commemorate this day, PG Department of Social Work Forum Aided in collaboration with International Justice Mission (IJM) and Anti-Human trafficking Club (AHTC) has conducted an event involving various departments in the college to create awareness among the students of MSSW. The event is organized with the help of the Forum coordinator Dr. P. Amuthalakshmi and the office bearers. The street play team performed a play stressing on the intensity of the issue and the role to be carried by each individual to abolish the Bonded Labor system.

The Agenda for the event are as follows

- Principal Address – Dr.S. Raja Samuel, Principal MSSW
- Guest Speakers - Dr.Injodey, Former Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Mr.Muthukumar Sanu, Secretary MSSW
- Key Note Address – Ms. Saral Shanthini, Lead of Law Enforcement Development from International Justice Mission
- Street Play
- Poem and Speech
- Pledge
- Vote of Thanks

The event began at 9 am, hosted by Ms. Arya V from II MSW (Aided). Dr. S. Raja Samuel, Principal MSSW addressed the gathering about the issue and how each individual can contribute to eradicate the Bonded Labour system by creating awareness. Followed by this, Dr. Injodey, Former Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences spoke on how the influence of man in this issue and the role of each individual in combatting Bonded Labour.



Ms. Saral Shanthini, Lead of Law Enforcement Development from International Justice Mission shared the Key note Address on how IJM worked towards eradicating the Bonded Labour system and their outcome with their success stories which will motivate the students on how to approach or seek proper help to address the injustice.



Following which the Street play team from II MSW Aided performed on how the System of Bonded labour is prevailing in the society and the need to address and create awareness.



Then the students from Jesril Bastina and Ms. Nandhitha from 3rd year B.sc Psychology recited a poem on “Bonded Labours” followed by Keerthana from BSW delivering a speech on the troubles faced by Bonded Labour in the society. Mr. Muthukumar Sanu, Secretary MSSW delivered his note on Bonded labours.

Following this Dr. P. Amuthalakshmi, Social Work Forum coordinator administered the pledge against Bonded Labour System. To conclude the session, Ms. Jeena Jones from II MSW Aided proposed the Vote of Thanks. The students dispersed to their classes as the event got over around 9.50 am.

ANNEXURE

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P.G.DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK (AIDED)

SOCIAL WORK FORUM



in collaboration with

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION



IJM

ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLUB



AHTC

Observe :

"Bonded Labour System Abolition Day"

Date: 09.02.2021

Venue : MSSW

Time: 09:00 am

Dr.S.Raja Samuel,
Principal,
MSSW

Dr.J.S.Gunavathy,
HOD, MSW(Aided)
MSSW

Dr.P.Amuthalakshmi,
Forum Co-ordinator,
MSSW

