

IFSW Vice President inaugurated Samanwaya - International Conference at BCM



Ms. Mariko Kimure, Vice President of International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) & President IFSW Asia Pacific has inaugurated the thirteenth edition of Samanwaya, Samanwaya 16 -International conference on 7 Nov at BCM college, Kottayam. In her inaugural address, Prof. Mariko covered the need to be vigilant against drug abuse among children and role to be played by Social Workers in this. She also emphasised the need for all social workers to come together for the growth of profession. H.G Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Arch Bishop, Arch Diocese of Kottayam presided over the meeting. Dr.Ipe Varghese, HOD, Dept.of Social Work &Gen.Secretary KAPS welcomed the gathering.
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First Kerala Social Work Congress Conducted at BCM College

Dept of Social Work, BCM college Kottayam has associated with Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS) for organizing first Kerala Social Work Congress. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Mariko Kimure, Vice President International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) along with the international conference series Samanwaya. Practitioners from different parts of Kerala has participated in the event. The practitioners have made presentations on their area of practice. Mr. Ghandidoss (President, India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations - INPSWA) and Mr. Sriganesh M V (Secretary General, India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations) have participated in the entire programme. and led different sessions.



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Dr.Ipe has also mentioned the recent initiatives KAPS has undertaken for strengthening the profession. Fr.Dr. PrasanthPalakkappillil (President, KAPS & Principal, S.H College, Thevara) delivered the key note address. Mr. Sriganesh M.V (Secretary General, India Network of

Professional Social Work Associations – INPSWA), Sr.Betsy (Principal in-charge, BCM College), Fr. PhilmonKallathra (Bursar, BCM College) and Prof. Gandhi Doss (President, India Network of Professional Social Work Associations – INPSWA) has delivered felicitation messages. Mr.Sriganesh MV has presented the achievements of profession in India and the initiatives for bringing all the organizations in India together with INPSWA and becoming a member of IFSW. Two professional Social Workers Mr.Subhash TV (SDM, Tirur) and Mr. Anu S Nair (ADM, Pathanamthitta) who could make good achievements in their career as civil servants were honoured in the function. Mr. Jomin John delivered vote of thanks.



Fr.Prasath Palakkappillil
President, KAPS

Training Programme for Family Counsellors supported by Dept. of Social Justice

The Department of Social work has organized a training program for family counselors on 29th and 30th June 2016 at Thanmaya Media Centre Kottayam. The training program had different sessions deal-



ing with the need of social awareness for councillors, Domestic violence and important legislation dealing with that, counseling process stages and skills and roles of counsellors etc. The sessions were handled by the Faculty and students of the Department of social work. The programme was a project supported by Dept. of Social Justice, Govt. of Kerala.

DARSHAN 2016- Personality Development and Career Orientation programme for School students at Mariagiri School Peermade

Department of social work associated with 'Visitation sisters' for organizing personality development and career orientation programme students of Mariagiri school Kuttikkanam, Idukki 23 Jul 2016. Dr. Ipe Varghese, Mr. Jyothish Luckose, Mr. Anandhu A, Ms. Bennee Wilson and Ms. Aksa Merlin Thomas prepared the modules on various topics based on the class and age of students and took class for three days.

Grow Healthy- Health Awareness session for children at Kaipuzha

The Department of social work has organized a program on health awareness at St. George's High school Kaipuzha 27 Jul 2016. The students of the school were given proper awareness regarding daily hygiene and community health. Mr. Jyothish Luckose and Ms. Bennee Wilson led the session on 'Grow Healthy' to the students.

Abdul Kalam In Mem- ories

Dept. of Social Work organized a programme to earmark the death anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the visionary President of India. The department organized an essay competition on 30 Jul 16 as part of the programme.

Cleaning City - in association with Suchitwa Mission

The Department of Social work, in association with BCM OJASS, took part in the suchitwa mission program 22 Aug 2016 by associating with programme organized by the Kottayam Suchitwa mission in solidarity with the call to make Kottayam the first Open Defecation Free District of Kerala. The students of the MSW Department actively participated in the meetings and the activities after that, which included cleaning, proper waste disposal etc

Workshop on Practice Skills in Counselling and Psychotherapy



Department of Social Work organized a workshop on 'Practice Skills and Psychotherapy' on 2-3 June 2016. Dr. Sr. Eesa Director, Jeeva Counselling Centre was the resource person. The Workshop aimed to impart practical skills which will be highly useful while practicing counseling and psychotherapy. Participants came from different institutions across Kerala.

Personality Development Program for Children at Thiru Bala Bhavan

The Department of Social Work has organized a personality development program on 6 Sep 2016 for the children of Thirubhala Bhavan at Uzhavoor. A group of students of the Department were assigned to prepare and organize activities for each session. Following students led different sessions for the children:

- Abraham Vijay John
- Aksa Merling Thomas
- Anandu A
- Ancy Thomas
- Aneesh Thomas
- Angeleena Elizabeth
- Arun P Kurian
- Asha Thomas
- Bincy George
- Devootty
- Emil George
- Gayathridas

BSWAS -Alumni Meeting Held

The social work department conducted the meeting of BISWAS (BCM Social Work Association of Seniors) on 02 Sep 2016 in the department. The seniors from different places came together and shared their experiences. Few people came with families.

Social Awareness for Youth Against Drug Abuse

The Department of Social Work, in association with the Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS), Rotary Club, PROSA and organized a social awareness program against drug abuse on 15th October 2016. Student representatives from different higher secondary schools and their teachers participated in the program. Students of the department organized a very interactive group discussion session, presentations and street play at Kottayam bus stand on the topic.

Career Guidance Programme conducted at Pala

The Department of Social work, in collaboration with the Pala Social Service society has organized a career Guidance program on 7 June 2016. The beneficiaries were the students of different schools and their parents in the locality. Prof. Tomy Cherian was the resource person for the Program. The students of social work department made the Program fruitful by sharing their experiences and the difficulties that they have faced while choosing a career-based course for them. Also, they have explained the available



opportunities in different fields especially in the field of social work. Various skill enhancing sessions like group discussion, Memorization games etc were conducted to make the event interesting. 26 students along with their parents participated in the Program.

Awareness programme against Child Labour in collaboration with OJASS at MD School Kottayam



The Department of social work in collaboration with BCM OJASS, Child line, Labour department and MD School organized different programs at M D Seminary High school,

Kottayam in order to make the students aware about Child labour. The programmes were conducted on 13 June 2016 in connection with Anti child labour day (ie. June 12 2016). The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Swagat Bhandari Honourable District Collector of Kottayam and presided over by Dr. Ipe Varughese (Head, Dept. of Social Work and Director Child line Nodal). The officials of Labour department and education department shared felicitation messages. The Pledge about Anti Child Labour Day was taken In All the Schools of Kottayam District on that day itself

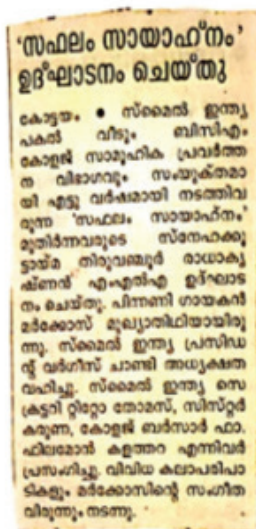


and conducted a Quiz competition for the School Students of Kottayam District. 40 students from Different Schools of Kottayam District Participated in the Quiz Competition.

Safalam Sayahnam- Programme for the elderly 8th edition held



In collaboration with SMILE INDIA, the Department of Social Work organizes 'Saphalam Sayahnam' annually 01 Oct 2016, teaching moral values and disseminating cultural knowledge. The old-age population is the target group of this programme.



The famous singer Sri. K G Markose inaugurated the programme in the meeting presided over by Mr. Varghese Chandy (President, Smile India and Marketing Manager Malayala Manorama). Dr. Ipe Varghese, Fr. Philmon Kalathra and Mr. Tito Thomas spoke during the occasion. The programme also witnessed different cultural programmes by elderly and social work students.



AksharaNagari Sauhrudakkoottayma formed

Department of Social Work of Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College, Kottayam initiated the formation of Akshara Nagari Souhruda Koottayma. This community organization brought together people from different walks of life. Members of different NGOs, other social service organizations, educational institutions, doctors, advocates etc were part of the programme. In the meeting, Fr. Michael Vettikkattu was selected as the president and Dr. Ipe Varghese was selected as the secretary of the group.

The 'Koottayma' was Inaugural function conducted on 8th October 2016, Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan officially inaugurated the functioning of the organization. Through this organization, Social Work Department could reach out to the community and conduct different programmes for the development of the society.



Workshop on Research Methodology



Department of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam organized a workshop on 'Preparing Research Methodology' on 24th June, 2016. Dr. Ipe Varughese was the resource person. The sessions of the seminar were on Re – cap of Research designs used for Social Workers, Research Methodology for Social Workers, Steps in research proposal, Group activity for research proposal and corrections. The concluding session was taken by Sr. Sheena Muttathil, Faculty, Department of Social Work, BCM College. 36 students participated in the seminar. The session was informative and interactive.

Blind Walk- Expression of Solidarity with Blind people

Department of Social Work in association with Darsana Cultural Academy organized a program called “Blind Walk” as a part of World Blind Day observation on 13th October 2016. Major event of this program was a street procession which started from Darsana centre at Sastri Road, Kottayam to Thirunakkara maidan. All the participants walked in the procession with their eyes blind folded. National Service Scheme volunteers from BCM college also participated in the “Blind Walk”. The walk started from Darsana Cultural Center, Sastri Road to Tirunakkara Maidan. This was organized to proclaim solidarity with the blind people. The programme was organized to mark World sight day on 13th October 2016.

The entire program was led by blind people walking in front



of the procession. At Thirunakkara maidan, important personalities spoke about the need to provide adequate care, service and facilities for the blind people. Towards the end of the program, all the participants took an oath declaring that everyone will do their level best in making the life of blind people easier and better in this world.

Samanwaya Social Work Students Meet

BCM Social Work department conducted 14th edition of Samanwaya Social Work students meet on 6-7 Nov Nov 2016. 540 Social Work students participated from different institutions across the country. The students participated in the seminar and also different competition items in the meet, Academic Poster Presentation, Debate, Theme How and Virtual Competition were the competition items. Community outreach programmes were organized by the department as part the programme. The events were based on the main theme of Samanwaya ‘Lahariyil Balyam’.

Loyola College of Social Scienses, Trivandrum became the Samanwaya Champions, Rajagiri college Ernakulam got the second position and Holy Cross college, Devagiri got the third position.

International Day against Drug abuse observed

Social Work department observed International day against drug abuse was observed by the department on 26 June 2016 on the theme “Listen First!” Target Groups: The family, especially parents.’ Awareness campaigns were conducted through street play at different parts of Kottayam.



Organization Familiarisation Visits

Following organizations were visited by the department from June -Nov 2016.

OJASS- Tribal Education programme
Swanthanam - Gandhinagar Kottayam
Little servants of Divine Providence,
Kunnathanam
SOS Children's village, Aluva
Kripa Providence home, Aluva
TRADA Manganam Kottayam

Ushus -Induction Ceremony conducted

The induction programme for 2016-18 batch was inaugurated in a grand function at Sr.Savio memorial Hall. Dr. Suseel Samuel was the chief guests. Mr. Binoy Kattayil (Governing Body Member, KAPS) shared key note message. The programme was followed one week sessions given for the students on different topics. Mrs. Sheela Cherian Presided over the function. She handed over the 'diyas' to all the studetns indicating enoightening their minds.

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Samanwaya -Special Cultural events with children from special schools

As part of samanwaya, the department organized the annual 'Samanwaya Special Cultural events' with children from special schools in and around Kottayam. The social work trainees has trained the special children at their organization and performance was done in the college. The entire event was brought in one story thread.



The children from Childrens home Kottayam, Children's Village, Pampady, St.John of God Kottayam, Santwanam - Gandhinagar. Thirubhalabhavan Uzhavoor have participated in this year's Samanwaya Special Cultural events.

Seminar on Dissertation Report Writing

Department of Social Work organized a seminar on 'Dissertation report writing' on 25 June 2016. Dr. Cherian P. Kurien, Professor, Marian College Kuttikanam was the resource person. The seminar started at 9.30 a.m. at the Sr. Savio Hall. The participants were very much enlightened by the seminar.

Seminar on Corruption and Social Work Intervention

Social Work department in association with Vigilance and Anticorruption department has organized a seminar on 'Corruption and Social Work Intervention'. Dr. Ipe Varughese shared welcome address. Mrs. Sheela Cherian (Principal) presided over the function. Sri. Au Sunil Kumar, Dy Suptt of Police, VACB Eastern Range Kottayam and Sri. Babu Sebastian, VACB, Eastern Range Kottayam

Students in Seminars

Jobi John and Anandu : 17 Jul 16 at Harisree hospital, Chadayamangalam. Topic: New trends in treatment and management of addiction organized by KAPS Kollam chapter.

Aksa Merlin, Shibil and Chandana: 20 Jul 2016. Seminar on 'counselling skills' at MES college Erumeli by MES college Erumeli and KAPS

Bene Wilson and Juliet: 22-23 Sep 2016. Workshop on 'Recovery Theory' at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery

Angelina, Shible and Nishitha Cyriac: 7 Oct 2016 National seminar on asset based community development at Christujayanthi college, Bangalore.

Sethulakshmi and Chandana: 8 Oct 2016. Child Abuse Prevention, HIV AIDS Youth Problems and management at TRADA Kottayam.

Geethu, Ananthu, Blessan Jobin. 8 Oct 2016. Seminar on 'Mental Health' at Medical College, Kottayam.

Sr.Litty, Jeril, Finu: 15 Oct 2016. Seminar on 'Counter human trafficking in Person' at Assumption college, Changanassery.

Angalina and Ancy: 14 Nov 2016. Seminar on current trend in dementia care at MG University.

Workshop on: Women Empowerment through entrepreneurship'

The Department of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam conducted a two day workshop on 27th & 28th June 2016 on the topic 'Women Empowerment through entrepreneurship'. The session was lead by Sr. Thressia (Archana Women's Center, Kottayam). The resource person explained that "In today's world women entrepreneurs play a significant role and have made vital contributions to economic growth and poverty reduction. In the traditional Indian culture, women were restricted to four walls. Notwithstanding, in modern India, they come out and take an interest in a wide range of activities including Entrepreneurship."

Programme for Higher secondary Social Work students at BCM

Organized a meeting of Higher secondary Social Work students at BCM College, Kottayam on 15 Oct 2016. The students from different higher secondary institutions assembled in the college. The programme was in association with PROSA, the association of higher secondary social work teachers. The department has arranged exhibition on various practice areas of social work

Dr.Ipe Varughese elected as the General Secretary of KAPS



Dr.Ipe Varughese, Head, Dept. of Social Work BCM College Kottayam has been elected as the General Secretary of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS) for the period 2016-19 in the annual General Body of KAPS. Fr. Prasanth Palakkappillil (Principal, SH College, Thevara) is the elected President and Dr.Anish K R - (RCSS, Ekm) Treasurer.

Ushus - Induction Ceremony Conducted for 2016-18 Batch



Student Achievements

Ms.Benee Wilson got 'Best Social Work Trainee Award by KADABAMS' Bangalore

Ms.Annie Xavier and Ms.Bincy George got first prize in Project Proposal writing competition and Mr. Vijay John second prize in photography competition at 'Denovo' International social work students meet .

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