

**Department of Social Work**  
**Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College**  
**Kottayam, Kerala**

**Human Rights-Anti Human Trafficking Club**  
**(HR-AHT Club)**  
**Affiliated to Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers**

**Activity Report (2021-22)**

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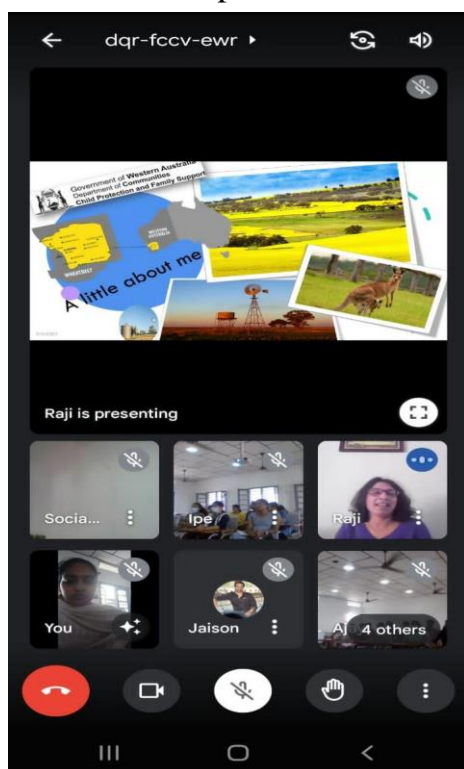
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## Webinar on "Justice for Women: Identifying Gaps." On International Women's day

HR-AHT Club, Social Work Department of BCM College, Kottayam in collaboration with KAPS hosted a webinar to commemorate International Women's Day on the Google Meet platform Thursday, March 9, 2022. The webinar's topic was "Justice for Women: Identifying Gaps."

Ms. Raji Biju (Child Protection Worker, Department of Communities -Child Protection and Family Support, Govt of Western Australia) served as the webinar's resource person.



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OBSERVATION OF  
WOMEN'S DAY 2022

" GENDER EQUALITY TODAY  
FOR A  
SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW "

seminar on-

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN ; IDENTIFYING GAPS

09 MARCH 2022  
9:30 AM

GOOGLE MEET LINK :  
<https://meet.google.com/dqr-fccv-ewr?pli=1&authuser=0>



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Dr.Ipe Varughese, Head -Department of Social Work, Dr. Stephy Thomas, Principal, Fr. Philmon Kalathra, Secretary, CEAC Archdiocese of Kottayam, and Ms. Ancy Francis Faculty Coordinator also spoke at the event.

Ms. Raji in her session covered significance, history, theme, and other aspects of this year's International Women's Day. Later on, she explained the major gender gap that exists in India and conducted a comparative study with Australians. The session also had a lengthy question and answer session.

### **Session on Amendments in Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act**

HR AHT Club, Department of Social Work, BCM college conducted a session on Amendments in Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act in association with KAPS, IJM, HR and AHT clubs on 17 May. The session was guided by Adv. Natarajan MSW, LLM, Madras High Court and coordinated by Adv. Reni K Jacob. Welcome speech was delivered by Juhi. Adv. Natarajan explained about the objectives of JJ Act and various chapters in it. He also explained about different district level structures, institutions and authorities that are relevant for implementation of JJ Act. He classifies the child into two: the child in need of care and Protection and child in conflict with law. The authorities under the JJ Act were also explained. The session has covered with most of the topics related to JJ Act. The session was very fruitful and helpful for the members in the meet to know more about the offenses under Juvenile Justice Act. There was also an interactive session where the doubts were clarified. Later the meeting concluded by a vote of thanks by Sreelakshmi Raju.

**KERALA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS**  
Human Rights & Anti Human Trafficking (HR & AHT) Wing

webinar on  
**Amendments in Juvenile Justice Care & Protection Act**

**17 May 2022, Tue @ 2 pm**  
Google meet ID: **tmp-zmrw-zau**

**HR -AHT Club**  
Dept. of Social Work  
BCM College Kottayam  
in association with IJM & HR -AHT Clubs

**Adv.Natarajan MSW, LLM**  
Madras High Court

Welcome all Social Workers & Social Work Trainees

Cordinator:  
Adv.Reni K Jacob, Coordinator  
HR AHT Wing, KAPS

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Dr.Joseph Sebastian - Working President  
Dr.Ipe Varughese - Gen. Secretary  
Mr.Dileep Kumar M B - Treasurer

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India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations

**EVERY 8 MINUTES A CHILD GOES MISSING IN INDIA**

## **‘Write for Rights’ – Human Rights Day Manuscript Vol. 12 released**

Department of Social Work is regularly Publishing manuscript ‘Write for Rights’ on



Dec-10, Human Rights Day. The manuscript covers articles, poems, interviews and other items related to Human Rights and Human Trafficking.

This year's manuscript covers a personal interview Dr. PM Nair IPS (Retd.) known as the father of Anti Human Trafficking campaign.

## **Observation of International day against Human Trafficking**

As part of International Day Against Human Trafficking, a session and discussion was conducted on July 30 by the HR and AHT Club, Department of social work in association with HR & AHT Wing KAPS. The discussion topic was “Recognizing the voice of the voiceless victims”. The meeting began exactly by 10:00 AM. The session started with a prayer song by TSW Juhi Pradeep. The welcome speech was addressed by the HR&AHT Club



coordinator TSW Stephen Thomas. He welcomed all the dignitaries to the session and also talked about the Day Against Human Trafficking. After the welcome speech a message was delivered by our Department HOD Dr. Ipe Varghese. He talked about the importance of the day and also mentioned the

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**KAPS**

**International Day Against Human Trafficking**  
**Victims voices lead the way**

Session and Discussion on:  
"Recognising the voice of the voiceless victims"

**Chief Guest**

  
**Dr. Stephy Thomas**  
Principal, BCM College

  
**Dr. Vijo Vincent**  
Criminologist and Independent Researcher

**Fr. Philmon Kalathra**  
Bursar, BCM College

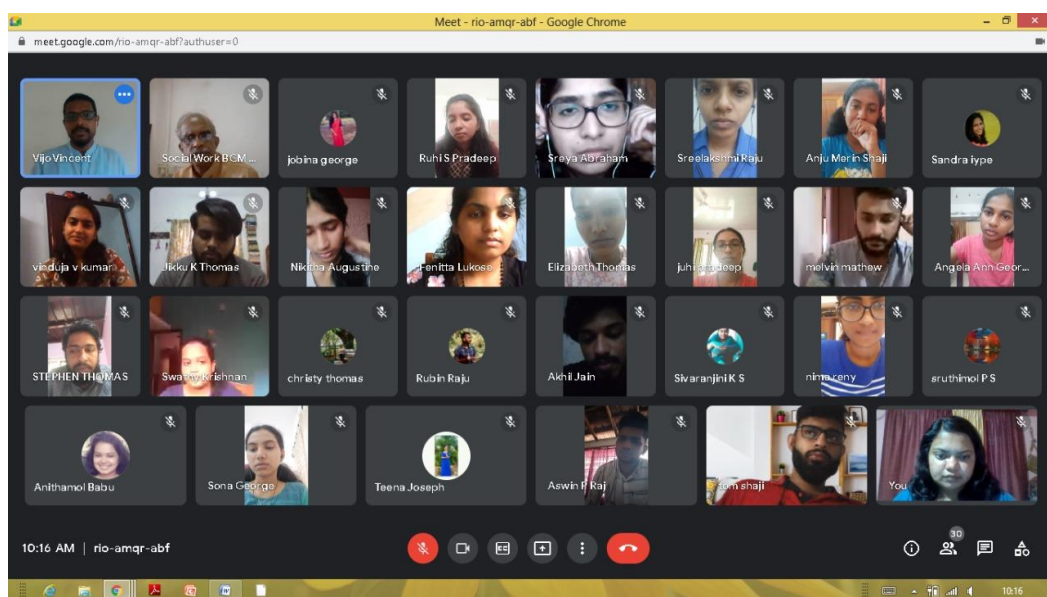
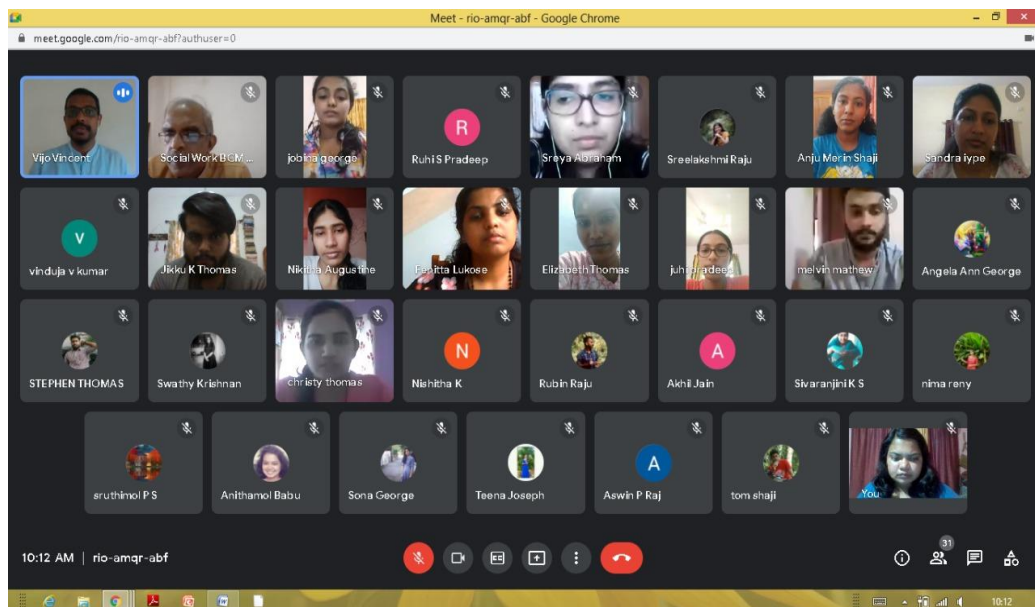
**Dr. Ipe Varghese**  
Head, Dept of Social Work  
BCM College

**Date: 30/07/2021**  
**Time: 10.00am**      [meet.google.com/rio-amqr-abf](https://meet.google.com/rio-amqr-abf)

various activities of HR & AHT Club in our Department.

TSW Angela Ann George delivered a felicitation. The inauguration was done by the chief guest Dr. Vijo Vincent, Criminologist and Independent Researcher. He talked about the current statistical data related to human trafficking and also mentioned the increase in human trafficking rate due to

COVID-19. He also shared his personal experiences with the TSW. In the discussion session TSWs raised their concerns regarding human trafficking and the resource person Mr. Vijo clarified doubts of the TSWs. Mr. Vijo shared a video which has the true statements of forced labor survivors and this video was really thought provoking. Majority TSW's shared their view point regarding this social issue. Once the session was over vote of thanks was delivered by TSW Jikku K Thomas.



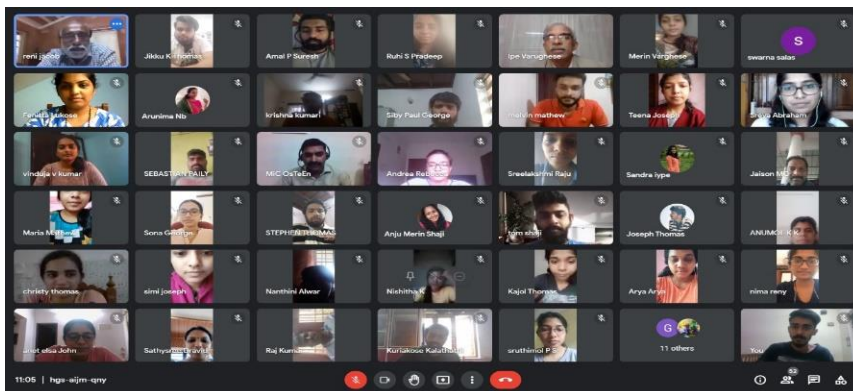
## Observed JUNE 12- Anti Child Labour Day

HR AHT club & Child Rights centre of BCM College, Kottayam and CHILDLINE Kottayam observed Anti child labour day on 12 Jun 2021 in association with District Legal Service Authority, District Labour Office Kottayam, District Child Protection unit Kottayam & Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers. The programme was a webinar on “Child & Adolescent labour (Prohibition & regulation) Act 1986 “. The programme started in online platform google meet. Mr. Justin Michael, District Coordinator of CHILDLINE Kottayam shared welcome note. Dr. Ipe Varughese, Nodal Director/HOD, Dept. of Social Work BCM College Kottayam/ General Secretary KAPS (Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers)

delivered the introductory speech. Smt. Mallika K S District child protection officer delivered the felicitation to the programme. Adv, Raji P Joy taken the session on “Child & Adolescent labour (Prohibition & regulation) Act 1986 “. 100 participants attended in the todays programme (maximum limit in google meet) para legal volunteers, social work students of BCM College Kottayam, DLSA staffs, Labour department staffs, DCPU staffs and CHILDLINE Staffs participated in the programme. After this session there was a question answer session some of the persons like Amal, Shakha and Sanal clarified their doubts and finally the session was concluded by Mr. Mathew Joseph (Collab Coordinator of Childline, Kottayam). Also the programme wonderfully carried without any delay by MC Sreelakshmi Raju and Vinduja V Kumar.

### **Discussion on ‘The trafficking in person (Prevention, Care and Rehabilitation ) Bill, 2021**

The discussion on 'The trafficking in person (Prevention, care and Rehabilitation ) Bill, 2021' was held on July 10,2021 through Google meet by 9:30am. Dr.Ipe



Varughese welcomed the gathering, and welcome note was given by the program coordinator Mariya Mathew. Adv. Reni Jacob (former

Consultant and Director, International Justice Mission also former director advocacy world vision India) give an introduction about the bill. The students were divided into 7 different groups including first years and second years.

Mr. Mic Austin (Research scholar from Chennai) concluded the session. Vote of thanks was given by Dr.Ipe Varughese on behalf of KAPS (Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers), and vote of thanks was given by Anju Meri.



**Jail Visit – ‘Thiricharivu’- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to 31<sup>st</sup> oct**  
**(Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav)**

As a part of government initiative “Thiricharivu” by Govt. of Kerala The department of Social Work associated with District Probation office for conducting the programme “Thiricharivu” at Kottayam and Ponkunnam sub-jails on 29-31 Oct 2021. Dr. Ipe Varughese, Miss Gayathri Das, Sr. Sheena were in the team. The TSW

got permission to enter the jail, the court officials guided the TSW, five groups were formed which consists of TSW, one counsellor



and one lawyer. The prisoners were called out by their names and was assigned for each group.

The session for each inmate was about 30 to 45 minutes, in the session the lawyers cleared their legal doubts and provided legal help for the prisoners, the social workers gave a counselling session for the prisoners. The session ended by 3 pm in the afternoon.



## **Campaign for Child Rights**

Child Right Centre and HR AHT Centre, Department of social Work, BCM College Kottayam gathered together for the event of Child Rights Campaign on 15th October 2021. The programme started by 10.15 am. Mr. Jaison MC (Faculty, Department of social Work, BCM College Kottayam) welcomed the gathering. Dr. Ipe Varughese (HOD, Department of social Work, BCM College Kottayam) talked about child rights and role of social workers in protecting child rights. The meeting has decided to conduct campaign for child rights in all the colleges. Participants from MA College, Ramapuram,, JPM College, Kattappana, Assumption College Changanassery attended the event.

## **Observation of Constitution Day**



The department has observed National constitution day on 26 Nov 2021 under leadership of HR AHT club. Ms Vinduja shared a welcome note. Ms. Sreya Abraham shared thoughts on the day. Dr. Ipe Varughese talked on the importance of constitution for the common people. Later there was a discussion on the importance of constitution by the students. All the constitution took an oath on the occasion.

## **Campaign for Leadership and Participation of Disabled People**

Dept of social work in association with BRC (Block Resource Centre) Kottayam west has organized a disability awareness campaign on 4 Dec 21. The programme started with a rally from BCM college Kottayam to Mall of Joy. The rally was flagged off by Principal Dr. Stephy Thomas. The rally was one sharing awareness messages with many informative placards. After reaching Mall of Joy, the trainees first performed a flash mob for bring the crowd together and later performed a street play spreading the message on disability. The flash mob conveyed the message of inclusion of disabled in the main stream of the society. Ms. Bincy Sebastian,



Chairman Kottayam Municipality inaugurated the programme. Smt. Sheelamma Joseph, special educator shared their opinion about inclusion of disabled in the society. The programme concluded with vote of

thanks by Smt. Jisha Murali.

## **Webinar on: Role of Probation in Correctional Setting**

HR AHT club department of social work has organized webinar 'Role of Probation in correctional setting' on 10 Feb 2022 in association with Social Justice department.