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22ndSAMANWAYA
03rd,04th (offline) and 05th (online) February, 2025

International Conference on:

“RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND SOCIAL INCLUSION”

Organized by

**Department of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam
with**

**Kadambari Memorial College, Nepal
our associates**

**Johannesburg University, South Africa,
KAPS, INPSWA**

Concept Note

Introduction

Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial (BCM) College, established in 1955 and located in the heart of Kottayam, is a distinguished institution affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India. Since 2003, the Department of Social Work, BCM College has been hosting **Samanwaya**, an annual event signifying "**the blend of all.**" This platform brings together Social Work students, educators, scholars, and practitioners from across the nation and internationally, fostering meaningful discussions on contemporary perspectives. Samanwaya takes the form of a National/International Social Work students' meet and capacity building program, providing valuable insights for both students and practitioners in related fields. The Department of Social Work maintains robust affiliation with the Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS), which is affiliated with the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) through the India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations (INPSWA).

Samanwaya 2025; 22ndEdition

Since 2008, Samanwaya has concentrated on examining modern challenges affecting children and devising effective intervention strategies. This year, Samanwaya is being conducted in jointly with Kadambari Memorial College, Nepal, and in association with Johannesburg University, South Africa, KAPS, INPSWA and various other organizations dedicated to child welfare. The event centres on the theme "**Rights of Children and Social Inclusion**" reflecting a broader perspective on addressing the well-being of children.

Theme of Samanwaya 2025: 22nd Edition:

“RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND SOCIAL INCLUSION”

Children are the foundation of the society, and ensuring their well-being, growth, and inclusion is vital for a prosperous and equitable future. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) outlines children's rights across four main categories: survival, development, protection, and participation, emphasizing the importance of a safe environment for their physical, emotional, and mental growth.

Despite progress, global challenges such as child abuse, neglect, and exclusion remain significant. Social inclusion is crucial to ensure that all children, regardless of race, gender, disability, or socioeconomic status, can fully participate in society and access necessary services. Achieving universal respect for children's rights requires concerted efforts from governments, communities, and organizations through inclusive policies and programs.

A robust legal framework supports children's rights, with legislation such as the Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO Act, and the Right to Education Act, all aiming to protect children from harm and promote their development. These laws contribute to a fairer, more just society where every child can thrive.

Social workers play a vital role in child protection and need a deep understanding of current systems to propose improvements. The Samanwaya conference, focusing on "Rights of Children and Social Inclusion," offers a valuable platform for professionals to discuss all the issues related to child rights and child abuse with special focus on social inclusion and share insights, ultimately working towards a future where no child is left behind.

Objectives of Samanwaya (Expected outcome)

- a) To create a platform for professional social workers and students to meet and share their experience and views.
- b) To provide chances for sharing knowledge and thereby academic improvement.
- c) To learn innovative models and experiences in the field of child protection & child rights at regional/ national/international levels.
- d) To create forum to showcase creative talents and innovative strategies in working for a relevant social cause.

22nd Samanwaya is organized with a series of online and offline events. There are programmes for Social Work practitioners, Social Work students, school students and public. The events comprise of the following:-

A. International Conference on 03rd and 04th February, 2025

Join us for a session focusing on “**Rights of Children and Social Inclusion**” where we will have panel discussions and paper presentations on various sub-themes on **03rd and 04th February, 2025** (offline). The paper presentation opportunities are open to professionals in the field of Social Work (including educators, research scholars, and practitioners), students, as well as individuals from other disciplines. There will be provision for presenters from outside Kerala/India for online presentation on 05th Feb 2024.

Subthemes

- 1. Social inclusion and children in present society**
- 2. Social responsibility in Child Rights**
- 3. Rights of children in digital age**
- 4. Child abuse in different situations and Social Work interventions**
- 5. Inclusive education in promoting social inclusion for children with disabilities**
- 6. Social inclusion of children on the move: migration, identity, and integration**
- 7. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and child rights**
- 8. Social inclusion of homeless children: challenges and support systems**
- 9. Environmental justice and children's right to live in a safe environment**
- 10. Indigenous social work practices in working with children**
- 11. Disaster and child rights: resilience, recovery, and rebuilding**
- 12. Juvenile crimes and preventive measures**
- 13. Challenges for child rights in contemporary society**
- 14. Policies and programmes on child protection**
- 15. Promoting intersectionality and social inclusion**
- 16. Extension programmes/ field action projects/ field work initiatives of Social Work Departments/ Social Work practice on child related areas and other areas of social practice**

The abstracts of the papers (typed in Times New Roman font, in MS -Word format) not exceeding 250 words) can be submitted at bcmsamanwayaacademic@gmail.com from **10th December 2024 to 10th January 2025**. The selection of abstracts will be intimated within one week of submission. Submission of full paper (in APA 7 style) has to be done on or before **25th January 2025**. Papers can be presented during specific sessions allotted to each presenter using power point or through posters. Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings or in '**Educere-the BCM journal of Social Work**' (ISSN 2249-1090), a peer reviewed biannual journal published since 2005. After acceptance of abstract, confirmation of paper presentation will be given after participant register for the conference.

B. Social Work Students' Meet

Theme based competitive events of Social Work students on themes related to the main theme “**Rights of Children and Social Inclusion**” on 03rd and 04th February, 2025. In an effort to work towards the cause, 22nd *Samanwaya* welcomes entries for participation in the following events that contribute substantially towards addressing the issue. The details for the events are attached.

- 1 Academic Poster Presentation Competition**
- 2 Debate Competition**
- 3 Street Play Competition**
- 4 Short video making Competition**
- 5 Best Student Social Worker Competition**
- 6 Community Based Competition**
- 7 Extempore Competition**

There will be extempore events mingling students of Social Work from various colleges (**Rules and regulations of the competition events will be intimated shortly**).

Registration Fee details:

	Students	Practitioners (including educators)	KAPS Members (including educators)	
			Students	Practitioners
Participation Only	Rs.550	Rs.700	Rs.500	Rs.650
Participation with paper presentations	Rs.650	Rs.800	Rs.600	Rs.700

Registration fee does not include accommodation. Low budget accommodation (Dormitory) is available for Rs.160 per day. Those who require low budget accommodation may please add accommodation details and fees along with registration form. Nominal accommodation only will be provided. Participants who need better accommodation may contact the organizers. For overseas participants: Registration fee for SAARC countries Rs.2000 INR (\$ 23 appx) (Rs. 1500 INR for students) and for other countries Rs. 3000 INR (\$ 35 appx) (Rs. 2500 INR for students) with moderate food, without accommodation. Registration for the event can be done by filling the Google form (attached). <https://forms.gle/Pu7AdL6K1aV1BDrg7>

Registration fees can be paid to A/c No. 67122168742, **State Bank of India, Kottayam Town Branch (IFS Code: SBIN0070102), Thirunakkara South, Kottayam (Name of account holder: Dept. of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam)**. Registration can be done by using the given online Google form link <https://forms.gle/Pu7AdL6K1aV1BDrg7> along with the payment reference number.

Distribution of Certificates

All the registered participants will get the certificates. For those participating online and presenting papers, certificates will be send through registered post (within India only). Winners of competitions will get certificates, trophy and cash awards. For group events certificates of all the members in the team will be distributed. Overseas online participants will get soft copy of the certificate or e-certificate by email.

Associates of 22nd Samanwaya

Kadambari Memorial College of Science and Management

Kadambari Memorial College of Science and Management was established in the year 2005 with a vision ‘Appa Dippo Bhawa’ meaning “Be your Own Light”. Kadambari Memorial College is the second college of Social Work in Nepal and first college of Purbanchal University to offer bachelor of Social Work program. It is in process of beginning Master in Social Work in near future. The course followed the generic framework to develop entry level. Kadambari Memorial College has built its linkages with national and international schools of Social Work and organizations of Social Work. It is a member of United Academic Impact (UAI), International Association of School of Social Work (IASSW) and Asia Pacific University Community Engagement Network (APUCEN). The college has partnerships with many different universities and colleges around the globe.

Department of Social Work & Social Development, Johannesburg University, South Africa

The department of Social Work and Social Development is housed in the faculty of Humanities at the Auckland Park Campus of the University of Johannesburg. It offers a comprehensive range of academic programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. UJ consistently climbs QS university ranking for its consummate global academic and research performance.

KAPS (Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers)

KAPS is the registered association of professional social workers in Kerala. KAPS is affiliated to IFSW (International Federation of Social Workers) through INPSWA (India Network of Professional Social Workers Associations). KAPS has chapters in all districts of Kerala. Details of KAPS are available at www.kaps.org.in.

INPSWA

INPSWA is a network of seven professional social workers associations that are functioning in India, namely ISPSW, NAPSWI, KAPSW, KAPS, PSWA, BASW, PSWAJK and OPSWA. Various services to members include professional knowledge and practice sharing sessions, developing conceptual framework in Social Work education and practice, creating a distinct identity for professional social workers, promoting standards and status of professional social workers, support to research, regular lecture meetings, debates and discussions, conducting

seminars and conferences to encourage members to write and present papers based on their work and good practices in Social Work.

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