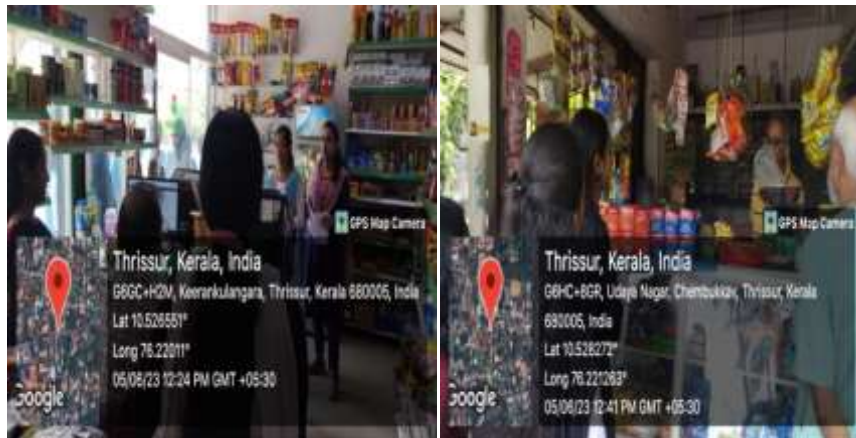


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Observation of World Environment Day

- Observed World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 by conducting mass awareness campaign on waste management by hoisting the theme of “Solutions to plastic pollution”
- Raised slogans and pamphlets and conducted public awareness campaign by visiting nearby shops, houses, institutions etc.



Observation of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15th in collaboration with District Social Justice Office, Thrissur
- The programme was started with a procession from District Social Justice Office to Jawahar Balabhavan, Thrissur by hoisting placards and slogans. The public meeting was started with a Flash mob and an awareness class was handled by Sri.V K Raju, DYSP, State Special Branch, Thrissur on the topic “Elder abuse and its Prevalence” .



Observation of international day against Drug abuse and Illicit trafficking

- Department of Social Work in collaboration with Carithas India and Santhwanam, NGO, Thrissur launched a programme against drug abuse called SAJEEVAM-2023 at St. Joseph's Model HSS, Kuriachira.
- The students volunteered the programme. Flashmob and streetplay performed.



Awareness Campaign on Cancer Care and Drug Abuse Prevention

- Department of Social Work in collaboration with Caritas India and Santhwanam, Thrissur organized College level launch – an awareness programme on Cancer Care (Ashakiranam) and Drug Abuse prevention (Sajeevam) on 19th July 2023. Public meeting, Action plan release, Flash mob, Hand print campaign, exhibition etc were held.
- Department of Social Work also conducted an extension activity at Echippara Tribal Colony, Peechi Forest Division, Varandarappilly Panchayath on 27th July 2023. Awareness campaign, Street play, Flash mob, Home visit etc. were conducted.



Observation of World Youth Skills Day

- A talk on ‘Financial literacy and the need for financial education: Evidence and implications’ on 20th July 2023 as part of World Youth Skills Day.



Observation of World Nature Conservation Day

World Nature Conservation Day (July 28) is a day created to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our planet for future generations. It also inspires people to take action towards sustainable living. The theme of World Nature Conservation Day 2023 is “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”. As part of World Nature Conservation Day, Department Social Work organized TREKKING at Chimminey Wild Life Sanctuary with the sanction of Department of Forest on 27th July 2023.



HIV/AIDS Prevention Campaign

- WON Third prize in Drama Competition on HIV/AIDS Prevention – KSACS Youth Fest in collaboration with Red Ribbon Club and Kerala State AIDS Control Society (KSACS), District Medical Office, Thrissur on 9th August 2023.



World Alzheimers Day Campaign

- As part of Alzheimers day campaign, Department of Social work in collaboration with Department of Social Justice, Thrissur and Maintenance Tribunal, Irinjalakuda organized many activities such as digital posters and survey on awareness of Alzheimers disease among college students in Thrissur district on 20th September 2023. The report was submitted to Smt. R Bindu, Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice, Government of Kerala.



Association Inauguration and Workshop on Research Methodology.

- Dr. Deepak Joseph, HOD, Department of Social Work, St. Berchmans College(Autonomous), Changanassery was the resource person who inaugurated the programme with a message on role of Social Work students in social service activities and conducted workshop on Research Methodology.



National Awareness and Advocacy Campaign with MIND Kerala and NIMHANS, Bangalore on Muscular Dystrophy

- In collaboration with Mobility in Dystrophy - MIND Kerala, a prominent organization committed to supporting individuals with Muscular Dystrophy, and Neuromuscular Subspecialty & Neuropalliative care, NIMHANS, renowned for their expertise in

neurological care, the "Stepping towards Equity" awareness walk was conducted in Thrissur district on 14th September 2023.



Collaboration with Wadakanchery Municipality for Indian Swachhata League 2.0

- Organized many events such as rally, fashion show, waste art, photography competition, reels making, digital poster making, flash mob, street play etc. from 16th September Saturday to 22nd September Friday 2023.



Observation Visits

- Department conducted visits to Echippara tribal colony, Khadi Bhavan, Pope Paul Mercy Home Special School, Peace Home, Atma My Mind My Care, KESS Bhavan, Thrissur etc.

International Webinar on International day against Breast Cancer

- Organized an International Webinar in collaboration with Social Doctors Foundation, Chennai on 7th October 2023. Dr. Sahithyaa Raghu, Psychotherapist, Social Doctors Foundation, Mrs. Rahab Yachat, Social Psychologist from Nigeria and Ms. Jophy Joseph, Psycho-Oncologist, Caritas Hospital, Kerala presented various topics.



Social Town Talk Series - International Carbon Conference

- As part of the sixth edition of the Social Town Talk Series, the Social Town Foundation organized an international carbon conference on 7th and 8th October, 2023.
- St.Mary's College, Thrissur and RCSS, Kochi were the institutional partners.

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Street Theatre Workshop

- Department of Social Work in collaboration with IQAC organized one day Street Theatre Workshop on 14th October 2023.
- The Resource person of the day was Mr.Saijith N S, Street Theatre Trainer and Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda.



Workshop on Counselling Skills

- Dr. Rushda T K, Executive Director, Social Doctors Foundation, Chennai inaugurated the programme with a session titled "Essential Interviewing and Counselling Skills; An Integrated Approach to Practice" on 3rd November 2023.



Observation of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

- Department of Social Work in collaboration with Center for Research on Environment, Education and Rural Development (CREERD), Palakkad organized a webinar on 'Violence against women: building resilience and support networks' on 29th November 2023 .
- The Resource person of the webinar was Smt. Krishna Jayanthi P M, Principal Counsellor, Family Court, Palakkad.



Observation of Vigilance Awareness Week

- As part of Vigilance Awareness Week, Department of Social Work in collaboration with Bank of Baroda, Thrissur region organized programmes such as Awareness session, Debate competition and Scholarship assistance for 10 selected students from college on 30th October 2023.



Observation of World AIDS Day

- Conducted an awareness campaign, Flash mob and screening test on 1st December 2023 at KSRTC Stand.



Sensitization Program on Neuropalliative Care

- In collaboration with the Neuropalliative and Supportive Care Clinic at NIMHANS, Bangalore, conducted a Sensitization Program on Neuropalliative care on January 20, 2024.
- Dr. Priya Treesa Thomas, Additional Professor in the Department of Psychiatric Social Work and project PI, facilitated the session.



RANG-2024: Kerala Palliative Care Day and Student Volunteers' Gathering

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with National Health Mission-Arogyakeralam, Thrissur, General Hospital, Thrissur and Pain and Palliative Care Society (PPCS), Thrissur organized Palliative care day observation and Student volunteers' gathering in Jubilee hall, St. Mary's College, Thrissur on 16th January 2024. a Hand print campaign is also held in the campus. Many students informed their support to palliative care through hand print campaign. Exhibition is arranged at Kalajyothi open stage by General Hospital, Thrissur including various handmade products.



Awareness session on RPWD Act 2016

- In collaboration with District Social Justice Office, Thrissur organized an awareness session on RPWD Act 2016 by Mr.Viswambaran C K, State Resource Person, Social Justice Department, Kerala Govt.
- Students performed musical drama on the theme ‘the rights and opportunities for differently abled’.



AWARDS

- Wadakanchery Municipality Honoured St. Mary's College, Thrissur as Best College and Department of Social Work as best department for conducting extension activities in connection with 'Indian Swachhata League' 2.0 (ISL2.0-YUGA Award 2023). Sri. P N Surendran, Chairman, Wadakanchery Municipality presented the award to Sr. Dr. Beena T L, Principal, St. Mary's College, Thrissur on 5th October 2023.



- Excise Vimukthi Mission, Thrissur awarded Best College – St. Mary's College, Thrissur and Best Department – Department of Social Work for conducting extension activities related to Drug abuse prevention such as Awareness Campaigns, Flash mobs, Workshops, Quiz, Music Drama – 'Sakshalkaram', school based Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign, Nervazhi Toll Free Number Campaign, TOT programme on Drug Laws – Civil Procedures and punishment etc. in the academic year 2023-24 on 17th January 2024. The award was presented by Sri. Shanavas, Deputy Excise Commissioner, Sri. Satheesh, Vimukthi Manager, Thrissur and Assistant Excise Commissioner, Thrissur and Sri. Shafeeq, Excise Vimukthi Mission Coordinator, Thrissur.



Faculty Award

- Mrs. Stephy Francis HoD, Department of Social Work has been honoured with “Best Social Worker Award” For her outstanding performance in academics as well as social work activities in public welfare having adjudged during the Academic year 2023 -2024 by Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.

ACTIVITIES OF CLUBS, CELLS AND FORUMS

1. Inauguration of Forum for Democracy and Social Justice

- Forum for Democracy and Social Justice inaugurated on 21st November .The Forum was inaugurated by Sri. Pradeepan K R, District Social Justice Officer, Social justice Department, Thrissur.
- A session on “Elderly Friendly Kerala: Role of Youth” was handled by Sri. Marshal C Radhakrishnan, Technical Assistant, Social Justice Department, Maintenance Tribunal, Irinjalakuda.



2. Inauguration of Palliative Club

- The Inauguration and official action plan of the Palliative Club was unveiled by Hon’ Mayor Sri. M K Varghese during the ceremony, symbolizing the various activities on monthly basis on 16th January 2024.



3. Assistance for Differently Abled (ADA) Cell

- In collaboration with Mobility in Dystrophy - MIND Kerala, a prominent organization committed to supporting individuals with Muscular Dystrophy, and Neuromuscular Subspecialty & Neuropalliative care, NIMHANS, renowned for their expertise in neurological care, the "Stepping towards Equity" awareness walk was conducted in Thrissur district on 14th September 2023.
- As part of World Disabled Day (December 3), BSW students of Department of Social Work and ADA Cell members volunteered the programme called Snehasangamam organized by Devamatha CMI International School, Thangalur, Thrissur. The students volunteered the programme.
- In collaboration with Pain and Palliative Care Society (PPCS), Thrissur organized an interaction session with Differently Abled Children, Pope Paul Mercy Home Special School, Athani, Thrissur on 16th January 2024. Differently abled students from ADA Cell, St. Mary's College were also participated in the programme. After the interaction session, a group of Differently Abled Children, Pope Paul Mercy Home Special School, Athani, Thrissur, performed Shinkarimelam, first ever differently abled Shinkarimelam group in Kerala.
- In collaboration with St. Aloysius Institute of Education, Mangalore jointly organized a talk on 'Inclusive Horizons: Nurturing Diversity in Education' for ADA Cell members and B.Ed teacher trainees on 17th April 2024.
- In collaboration with District Social Justice Office, Thrissur organized an awareness session on RPWD Act 2016 by Mr.Viswambaran C K, State Resource Person, Social

Justice Department, Kerala Govt.ADA cell memers performed musical drama on the theme ‘the rights and opportunities for differently abled’.



4. Marian Happiness Center (MHC)

- The Marian Happiness Centre was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Dev Augustine Akkara, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry at Thrissur Jubilee Mission Medical College on January 22, 2024. The centre aims to improve the mental, social, and health well-being of children, parents, and the general public. It provides a range of services, including family counseling, career counseling, screening tests, awareness classes, referral services, legal aid, palliative care, and a wellness hub.



