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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

- On 25.07.2023, the association of social work was formally inagurated by the chief guest, Mr. S. Murugan, the Head CSR Manager of the Suzlon Foundation, Tirunelveli. The Association's Patron and Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, SJ, gave the presidential address.

- For the first-year students, the department arranged ten prominent organizations and an Industrial Visit in and around Tirunelveli. The goal of organizing these visits was to provide students exposure to fieldwork. The following is the schedule:

S. No.	Date	Organizations
1	05.07.2023	Arumbugal Trust
2	06.07.2023	Vaanmuhil Trust
3	12.07.2023	St. Anne's Special Home
4	13.07.2023	Tirunelveli Social Service Society
5	19.07.2023	Saranalayam
6	20.07.2023	One Stop Centre - Sakhi
7	26.07.2023	Grama Udhayam
8	27.07.2023	Pache Trust
9	02.08.2023	Asima Consults (Online)
10	03.08.2023	TNUHDB – Department
11	04.08.2023	Nova Carbon India – Industrial Visit

- A One Day Training Programme on "Finding a Career Path in Social Work" was organised on 29.08.2023. Mr. Ram Kumar, Ph.D. Scholar from Pondicherry University addressed the students.

- On commemoration of World First Aid Day, an Awareness Programme on "First Aid in Digital World" was conducted on 11.09.2023 in collaboration with All the Children Trust, Tirunelveli and Nellai Cancer Care Centre, Tirunelveli. Dr. Sinthiya from Nellai Cancer Care Centre delivered the address.

- On 22.09.2023, a one-day visit to **Milk Cooperative Society, Malayankulam** was arranged. It helped the students to observe the functioning of Milk Cooperatives.

- On 29.09.2023, the P.G Department of Social Work organised a National Level Seminar on the theme "Logical Thinking for Qualitative Research" and "Truth and Falsity in Post-Truth Era". Rev Fr. Dr. V. Henry Jerome, the Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions, Palayamkottai, delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. S. Lourdhu Nathan, Former Head and Associate Professor (Rtd) of Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur steered a session on "Logical Thinking for Qualitative Research".

- On 01.10.2024, the department organised a Cleaning Campaign "SWACHHATA HI SEVA" in collaboration with One Stop Centre, All the Children and Annai Charitable Trust at the Tirunelveli Medical College Campus.

- On the purview of Rural Camp,a one day Training Programme on Social Analysis Tool – "Participatory Rural Appraisal" was organised on 23.11.2023 for the first-year students at Arumbugal Trust. Dr. Raja Mathivanan, Founder of the Trust engaged the students.

- As part of academic requirement, the department organised Rural Camp for the first-year students and an Educational Visit for the second-year students from 25.11.2023 to 02.12.2023.

- The first-year students were taken to Puluvapady, a tribal village in Vellimalai, Kalvarayan Hills in Kallakurchi District. The department associated with Community Seva Centre, National NGO.

- The first-year students took part in a transact walk and organized multiple awareness campaigns about the value of education and the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. They also led group work sessions, gave prizes to the students, visited villages to interact with

tribal villagers, relished the locally produced food, and experienced group living during their stay.

- The second-year students visited Chennai as a part of their Educational Visit and visited different places in the following schedule:

S.No.	Date	Visits Organized
1	26.11.2023	DON Guanella Special School
2	27.11.2023	Saathi
3	28.11.2023	Indian Council for Child Welfare
4	28.11.2023	United Way of Chennai
5	29.11.2023	SOS Children's Village of India
6	01.12.2023	R. Stahll Private Limited

- Mullai Fest 2023 in collaboration with A Tree Foundation was organized on 04.12.2023. The fest included a workshop on the theme "Equitable Solution for Sustainable Pastures", a movie screening and a photo exhibition on Mullai Thinai and Bellpins A Tree Conservation Leadership Award. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss, S.J. delivered the Presidential Address and District Collector Mr. Karthikeyan, IAS graced the occasion. Mr. M. Mathivannan from A Tree Foundation was instrumental in collaborating with the department.

- On Human Rights Day 2023, AICUF, St. Xavier's College organised a bike rally regarding Road Safety on 18.12.2023. Twenty student volunteers from the department participated in the campaign.

- The Head of the Department, Mr. P. Paulraj in collaboration with R-Soya Trust and Banayan Trust organised Flood Relief Volunteering - 2023 for the victims affected by floods in Tirunelveli on 18.12.2023. The relief work was carried out for a week's time. The department received appreciation from the District Administration in this regard.

- In collaboration with Tirunelveli Differently Abled Welfare Office, on 05.01.2024, a skit was performed on "Building Awareness on the Documents Required for Registering Unique Disability Identity Card" at Mangal Mahal, Palayamkottai. The Legislative Assembly Speaker Thiru M. Appavu graced the occasion.

- On 09.01.2024, a one-day lecture on "Statistics for Social Work –SPSS" was conducted at the premises of the department. Dr S. Benjamin Franklin, former head of the department, who is presently working as a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at DMI-St. Eugene University, Lusaka, Zambia addressed the students.

- An input session on "Cancer Awareness and Prevention Strategies for Social Workers" was arranged on 22.01.2024 in association with Nellai Cancer Care Centre, Tirunelveli at our department.

- A half day input session was organised on the theme "Building Awareness in Rural Areas on Mental and Musculo-Skeletal Impairments" on 09.02.2024 by Amar Seva Sangam project funded by Azim Premji Foundation, Aayakudi, Tenkasi District.

The following is the list of Community Organization Programmes Conducted:

S. No	Community Organization Programmes	Date
1	Legal Aid Camp for Adachani Panchayat	10.08.2023
2	Constitutional Rights Education @ Christhu Raja School, Palayamkottai	19.08.2023
3	Healthy Diet Gawing Affordable For All @ St. Joseph Matriculation School, Palayamkottai	31.08.2023
4	Awareness Street Play on Personal Health and Hygiene @ TNUHDB, Nehru Nagar, Rediarpatti	20.09.2023
5	Free Medical Camp for SHGs @ Grama Uthayam, Gopalasamuthram	20.09.2023
6	Health Camp for Transgender @ Pache Trust, Palayamkottai	23.09.2023
7	Fun Games and Engaging Activities for the Mentally Retarded Children @ St. Anne's Home for Children, Maharaja Nagar	27.09.2023
8	Community Event and Health Camp @ Peace Trust, Kulavanigarpuram, Palayamkottai	27.09.2023
9	Pink October – 2023 @ Krimson ITI, Murugankurichi, Palayamkottai	06.10.2023

10	International Day of Girl Child – Ending Child Marriage @ Government High School, Tharuvai	10.10.2023
11	Awareness Campaign on World Mental Health Day – 2023 @ St. Xavier's College Campus, Palayamkottai	10.10.2023
12	Awareness Rally on "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right"@ NehrujiAuditrium, V.O.C Ground, Palayamkottai	10.10.2023
13	An Action Oriented Discussion on Nanguneri School Caste Issue @ Vaan Muhil Trust, V.M Chatram	10.10.2023

- The department organized an alumni on 10.02.2024. On this day the department organised a sharing session with the alumni students of our department.
- The Valedictory function of the association of Social Workers 2023-24 was held on 28.02.2024. Dr. S. P. Victor, Vice Principal (Shift I), St. Xavier's College felicitated the function and delivered the Valedictory Address.