

# AMRITA UDAAN



A LEAP FORWARD

Monthly Newsletter

September 2023

Volume 05 Issue 09

**"While carrying responsibilities, never forget to smile."  
– Mata Amritanandamayi Devi**



# CONTENT

**DEPARTMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES**

**08**

**STUDENTS'  
CORNER**

**21**

**WELL KNOWN  
SOCIAL WORKER**

**23**

**GOVERNMENT  
SCHEMES**

**25**

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**30**

**INTERNSHIPS**

**32**

**MSW JOB  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**34**

**ALUMNI CORNER**

**36**

**UGC NET**

**37**



# Department of Social Work



**Dr.P.RANGASAMI**  
CHAIRPERSON



**Dr.V.PRIYA**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Dr.S.KANAGARAJ**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Mr.T.SATHISHKUMAR**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Mr.V.S.VARUNANVELU**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



**Ms. ROOPIKA SREEDHARAN**  
FACULTY ASSOCIATE



**Mrs.AMBIKA  
BALAKRISHNAN**  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

## THE TEAM

### EDITING DEPARTMENT



**FACULTY CHIEF EDITOR**  
Dr.S. KANAGARAJ  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



JAI SWATHIKA S  
( II MSW )



INNISAI ARASI. PON  
(II MSW)



MEGHA B NAIR  
(II MSW)



VINAYA V M  
(II MSW)

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



DEVIKA G S  
(II MSW)



AKHILA L PRASAD  
(II MSW)



PAVYA K  
( II MSW )



ANUPATMANJARI S  
(II MSW)

## STUDENTS CORNER



SREELAKSHMI MOHAN  
( II MSW )



SREELEKSHMI K  
(II MSW)



POOJA JAYARAM  
(II MSW)



MANISHA R PILLAI  
( II MSW )



APARNA T  
(II MSW)



ANJALI  
(II MSW)

## CONTENT CREATORS

## DESIGNING TEAM



JYOTHILAKSHMI S  
(II MSW)



ATHIRA T N  
( II MSW )



GOPIKA V S  
(II MSW)



KANYA T  
( II MSW )



SANDEEP P S  
(II MSW)



P KAVIPRIYA  
(II MSW)



# WELCOME JUNIOR TEAM

## Editing

1. Akshaya Prakash
2. Aiswarya C
3. Anagha T B
4. Roniya Deep

## Content creation

1. Lakshmi Priya
2. Navya E

## Students corner

1. Amala B
2. Parvati R R
3. Anjana Krishna
4. Parvathi V J

## Departmental activities

1. Anupama Rajan
2. Medha S Menon
3. Banupriya R
4. Rakhi R N

## Designing

1. Navaneeth R M
2. Malavika M S
3. Rubisri R
4. Remya Remesh
5. Sai Vilas Vinod

## ABOUT AMRITA UDAAN

Amrita Udaan is the monthly newsletter of the Dept. of Social Work. It is completely managed by the students under the guidance of the Faculty. It mainly covers the departmental activities, articles on various social issues, book review, movie review, drawings, posters, alumni interviews, guidance and solved previous year question papers of UGC-NET. The contents are contributed mainly by the students, alumni and faculty members. It is successfully publishing every month since October 2019.

## Department at a glance

• I MSW	- 49
• II MSW	- 49
• Faculty Members	- 07
• Executive Assistant	- 01
• Ph.D scholars	- 14
Full time	- 04
Part-time	- 10

An illustration on a light blue background shows three stylized human figures in teal shirts and dark pants working together to assemble large puzzle pieces. One figure at the top center is placing a light blue piece into a larger, darker blue piece. Two other figures at the bottom are pushing pieces into place. The puzzle pieces are large and interlocking, with some having circular cutouts. The overall theme is teamwork and collaboration.

# **DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

# REGIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION OF POCSO ACT 2012 FOR THE STAKEHOLDERS

The Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, and the Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment, Department of Social Defence, Government of Tamil Nadu, jointly hosted a regional level workshop on strengthening the implementation of the POCSO Act on September 12, 2023. Participants included the District Child Protection Officer, the District Social Welfare Officer, the Child Welfare Committee Member/Chairperson, the Police Inspector, the Executive Tahsildar, the District Education Officer, the Health & Family Welfare Department, the District Legal Services Authority, and an NGO expert from the western districts of Coimbatore. Dindigul, Theni, Coimbatore, Erode, Karur, Nilgiris, and Tirupur were among the districts represented.

District Child Protection Unit officer from Coimbatore district gave the welcome address. In the welcome address, it is also emphasised that this is the third regional workshop on POCSO. Mr. David Sundar Singh, Advocate, Madras High Court, presided over the first session. It was on the Salient features and challenges on POCSO Act. He emphasised the salient features of the POCSO Act. The session outlined the offences covered by the POCSO Act, the objective of the child-friendly police station, and the immediate Compensation. Ms. Jeba Jeeva Raja, Assistant Director of Prosecution, handled the second session. It was on a Case study sample for state interventions [Role of Stakeholders - Education Dept, Social Welfare, Revenue Dept, Police, DLSA and NGO services]. She discussed the practical obstacles she encountered in her experiences. She provided a summary of the POCSO cases. She also highlighted that in order to avoid acquisition, all departments need to work together effectively. Every child must be supervised, and she emphasised that POCSO situations require a specialised staff, officers, and a committee to function efficiently together at various levels.

The afternoon session was handled by Dr. R. Manonmani MDGGO (HOD and Professor - Department of OG, Coimbatore Medical College Hospital). The session was on Strengthening coordination in implementing the POCSO Act - Working with the Medical Department and Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. She also discussed the children's and parents' permission in these POCSO situations. She also highlighted the Medical Legal Report for POCSO cases, Medical Termination of Pregnancy, and Government of India guidelines for POCSO cases. She also asked that the District Child Protection Unit and the Child Welfare Committee are ready to follow up on POCSO cases that come via the hospital.

Ms. M. Sathyavani MA, BL, D. LL Advocate (Udumalpet, Civil and Crime) led the fourth session, strengthening coordination in implementing the POCSO Act - Ensuring child-friendly services and accessing support in rehabilitation. She discussed the practical issues surrounding the POCSO cases. She also listed other instances in which the POCSO cases were misapplied.

Ms. Subhashini of the State Child Protection Society led the final session. She went into great depth regarding the "Pallikoodam" Project. The basis for this initiative is because when the POCSO cases were analysed, it was discovered that a higher percentage of the Age category

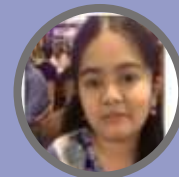


were determined to be youngsters. Among the 250 documented cases, 194 were school children, and there are cases in which 7 to 9 children are affected in the same school. This project's primary goal is to shorten the time between an incident occurring and a report being filed. In the past year, Coimbatore district has registered 225 cases, and 44 of those cases have resulted in convictions. In addition, she provided a brief overview of the Project "Day with Police," which was created especially for students in government schools. A feedback form was circulated among the participants after the workshop.

## PHOTO GALLERY



SREELEKSHMI K  
(II MSW)



INNISAI ARASI. PON  
(II MSW)

# GOKULASHTAMI 2023

Gokulashtami 2023 was a notable experience for MSW department as we bagged an opportunity to showcase the hidden talent in students from both first and second years. The theme, Rasaleela was decided by the faculty and student coordinators based on the freshness and novelty in the subject. The procession consisted of cultural events like Bhajan with 20 students on three rows to sing Swagatham Krishna and one shloka, Adharam Madhuram while the next two performances were Thappattam and Oyilattam which are branded as the traditional folk arts of Tamil Nadu. Their performances were highly lauded for their authenticity and ethnicity, harmonizing Oyilattam on beats of Thappattam and Dol. The highlighting performance of the day was Vrindavan leela as it depicted the essence of the birth of Rasaleela through the reincarnation of sages who were in austerity. The Gopis was said to be reincarnated to revoke spiritual enlightenment and attain self-knowledge by grooving to the melodies yet enticing rhythms of flute music played by Lord Krishna. The ultimate performance of the procession was the folk-art form of Rasaleela in the form of dance. It is otherwise called as Braj Rasaleela in the state of Uttar Pradesh as it brings out the true devotion portraying the quest for spiritual revocation through the celestial music played in the flute. The main Krishna and Radha will be surrounded by Gopis with their imaginary Krishnas dancing ostentatiously without adding a tinge of physical desire but not excluding the essence of platonic love. This dance form was performed with a fusion of Kolattam and Kathak, a compilation of two different traditional dance forms of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

Students of I and II MSW have contributed equally to deliver a power-packed performance as they were participative in all the cultural events as well as in Procession. This was altogether a beautiful and memorable experience to cherish and relish as the Procession team was applauded and awarded as the Excellence in Procession and best theme in Procession. The delight and bliss rejuvenated the department to work as an individual minor department as it imparted an everlasting confidence to flaunt it more in upcoming years. The float team with their avid dedication has built a nightscape exclusively for the procession which stood out equally during the performance. All the participants of Procession were incredibly dedicated and diligent to make this event fruitful and bagged the deserving trophy for Excellence in Procession.





## PHOTO GALLERY







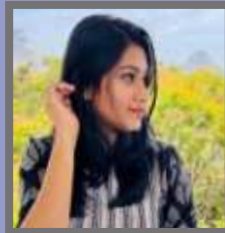
SHYAMA SURENDRAN  
(II MSW)

# GOKULASHTAMI 2023

## PRIZE WINNERS

C  
O  
N  
G  
R  
A  
T  
U  
L  
A  
T  
I  
O  
N  
S

PENCIL DRAWING - SECOND PRIZE



NAMITHA R

ANIME COMIC  
SECOND PRIZE



POOJA JAYARAM

CREATIVE WRITING  
THIRD PRIZE



RAKHI R N

RANGOLI - THIRD PRIZE



POOJA JAYARAM



SANDEEP P S



KRIPA RAJ



ANUGRAHALEKSHMI

## Invited talk by Dr.S.Kanagaraj

Dr.S.Kanagaraj was invited to deliver a talk on “Participatory Rural Appraisal” to the newly joined Pls (Participating Institutions) as part of UBA (Unnat Bharat Abhiyan) orientation programme on 21st September 2023 organised by the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0, Regional Coordinating Institute, Directorate of Agribusiness Development, TNAU, Coimbatore. More than 15 Pls participated in the event



Dr. S Kanagaraj delivering talk on Participatory Rural Appraisal



DR. S KANAGARAJ  
(ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)



# SEVANA VARAM

As part of Amritavarsham 70, second-year MSW students from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Ettimadai, Coimbatore) visited Annai Satya Arasu Kulandaigal Kaapagam, a government children's home in Peelamedu, on September 29. By 11:00 am, the group of 17 students along with the faculties Dr. V. Priya and Mr. T. Sathish Kumar arrived at the children's home. There are 3 boys and 26 girls, altogether 29 children live in this house.

As master of ceremonies, Ms. Athira Nandhakumar presided. The program started with a prayer by Ms. Sanam Shahul. Ms. Shyama Surendran delivered the greeting speech. Smt. Malarvizhi Thangadurai- Superintendent addressed the meeting. The children introduced themselves to Dr. V. Priya. Mr. T. Sathish Kumar served as the game's host. A video was shown to the children about the value of education. The kids discussed what they had learned from the video. The kids talked about their goals with a clear vision and were well-informed on education, child labour, etc. They also discussed working for the country, aiding family, and other people. Ms. Shyama Surendran and Ms. Sanam Shahul gave the kids chocolates. After lunch, the volunteers hosted a variety of games for the children like Sparrow and the Nest, Chinese Action Communication, Balloon-Bursting, Musical Chairs. Gifts including stationery were distributed to all the children. The program was concluded with a vote of Thanks by Ms Athira.



II MSW students at Annai Satya Arasu Kulandaigal Kaapagam with Dr. V Priya and Mr. T Sathish Kumar



Dr. V Priya interacting with children



Mr. T Sathish Kumar engaging children



POOJA JAYARAM  
(II MSW)

# ORIENTATION VISITS OF I MSW

As part of MSW curriculum trainees visited various organisations for observation visits which include

- Coimbatore Cancer Foundation (CCF) on 05.09.2023.
- Westric Trust on 07.09.2023.
- Don Bosco Anbu Illam visited on 12.09.2023.
- Community Organisation for Oppressed & Depressed Upliftment (COODU) Coimbatore on 19.09.2023.



I MSW students attending orientation at CCF, WESTRIC, Don Bosco Anbu Illam and COODU



Medha S Menon  
(I MSW)

# STUDENTS' CORNER





## MOVIE REVIEW

# MASAAN

It's a sensitive movie released in 2015 where it talks about the social stigma attached to pre-marital sexual relations. The movie genre is an independent drama where the main lead is Vicky Kaushal where it is his first debut Hindi film, Richa Chadha, Shwetha Tripathi who did an absolutely great job in the movie. They did their characters in a very raw and subtle way. The word 'Masaan' means 'crematorium' and the film addresses the issues faced in our society while also illustrating the circle of life. This story happens around Varanasi, and it shows the difficulties and struggle of middle-class households in small towns. It revolves around the story of DEVI (Richa Chadha) and DEEPAK (Vicky Kaushal) showing their pain and in need of salvation. The movie explores sorrow, death and loss and it tells two distinct stories which are about Devi's struggle with mortality, and another is about Deepak and Shalu's romance in which they try to overcome their casteist society's limitations. The movie was not well noticed or appreciated at the time of release but later it really made people understand and acknowledge the story and the characterization in the movie. It's an interesting and watchable movie which is only about 90 minutes long. This kind of movie is to be appreciated and well acclaimed by the audience. The movie is simple and small but the story is so deep and meaningful in its own way.



MANISHA R PILLAI  
(II MSW)

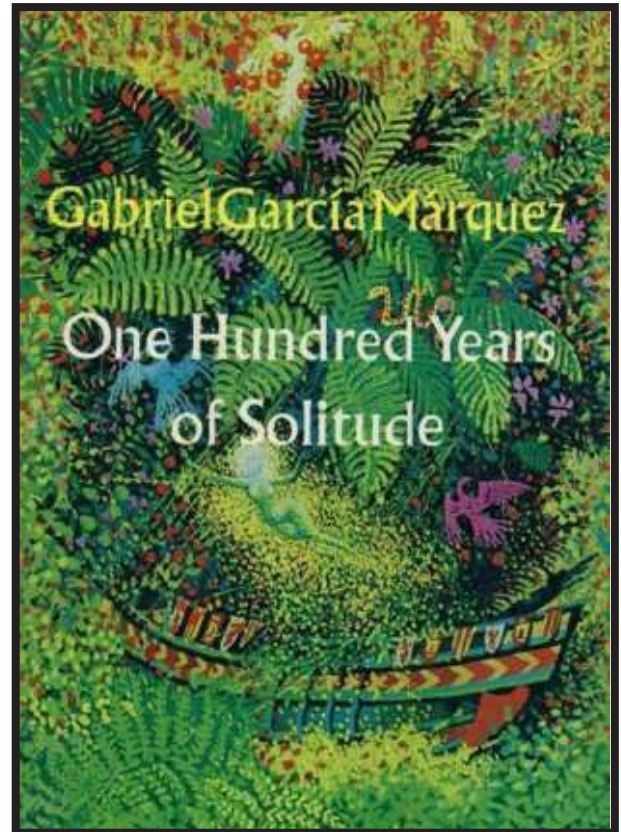
**BOOK REVIEW**

# ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE BY GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ

One Hundred Years of Solitude is a masterpiece in every sense of the word. It succeeds in capturing the various eras and triumphs of human history. The book has had a significant influence on young brains that are studying literature. The book is gripping and dramatic and reminds readers of how history repeats itself with the destruction of the first Macondo and the construction of a new one within a century. This book's central premise concerns two families who experience numerous life stages over the course of a century. The novel captures how the protagonist tries to reconcile their past and how this obsession leads to the family's demise.

Writings from a travelling gypsy written in Sanskrit that have been lying around for decades collecting dust are one of the book's most intriguing supernatural components. When one of the Aurelianos finally gets around to translating them, he finds that they are prophecies that have told the entire story of Macondo, including what is to come, but by the time it is translated the future is already upon them. These writings aren't supposed to be translated for another 100 years. This book was enjoyable to me. Reading it is challenging. Reading requires a level of diligence that might be difficult to uphold. The fact that it provides more food for thought than the typical fiction makes it worthwhile. This book conveys a valuable lesson, which has helped it become regarded as one of the most significant works of writing in history. I fervently urge literary fiction readers to read it. In this book, Macondo describes the new world of the United States, which, to many people at one point, resembled the Promised Land more. But it became recognised as just another illusion over time.

The novel is a masterful piece of labour realism, according to one definition. Metaphors and ideas have become commonplace facts in his made-up world, and life is now quite precarious. In this book, Macondo describes the United States, a new world that, to many people, once seemed the Promised Land. But it became recognised as just another illusion over time.



SREE LEKSHMI K  
(II MSW)

# **SCHEMES AND ACTS**





**ACTS**

# THE REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE ACT, 1951

According to Article 327 of the Indian Constitution which provides the Parliament powers to make provisions related to elections, the Parliament passed the Representation of People Act in 1951 to regulate elections in the country.

**FEATURES OF THE ACT:**

- Only a qualified voter is eligible to contest for elections to both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- Only candidates from the Scheduled Caste and Tribe communities are eligible to run for the seats that are reserved for them.
- A person found guilty of any offences like promoting hatred, bribery, rape, practicing untouchability, promoting religious disharmony shall be disqualified for a period of 6 years to contest elections after release from jail.
- If the candidate has engaged in any corrupt activity, they may also be disqualified. Disqualification can also result if the candidate fails to disclose his/ her asset details. The candidate must disclose all of their assets and debts within 90 days of the day they took the oath of office.
- All political parties must register with the Election Commission in accordance with the act. Any donation over 20,000 from a person or organization must be disclosed by each political party.
- A party is considered a national party if it wins at least 2% of Lok Sabha seats from at least three states or at least 6% of the valid votes for assembly elections in at least four states.
- A party will qualify as a state political party if it receives at least 6% of the vote in the state assembly elections or wins at least 3% of the total seats in the state legislature.
- For the Lok Sabha elections, candidates must pay Rs. 25000 as security, and Rs. 12500 for all other elections. SC/ST candidates are eligible for a 50% reduction in the security deposit.

The act has been amended many times and the last amendment was done in the year 2017 which allow for proxy voting of NRIs and to make certain provisions of the Acts gender-neutral.



JAI SWATHIKA  
(II MSW)

## SCHEMES

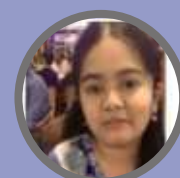
# CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SCHEME- GREEN CREDIT PROGRAMME

The Government of India's Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change has published the draft 'Green Credit Programme (GCP)' implementation guidelines for 2023. It was initially introduced in the Union Budget for 2023-24 with the goal of leveraging a competitive market-based approach and incentivizing voluntary environmental activities by various stakeholders. The term 'Green Credit' refers to a single unit of an incentive offered for a specific activity that has a positive influence on the environment. The Green Credit Programme is a system that supplements the domestic Carbon Market. While the domestic carbon market focuses primarily on CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions, the Green Credit System strives to meet other environmental commitments as well, promoting sustainable activities by businesses, individuals, and local governments. Green credits will be marketable, and those who earn them will be able to sell them on a proposed domestic market platform. The Green Credit Programme encompasses various initiatives aimed at fostering environmentally responsible practices:

**Green Credit Activities:**

- Tree Plantation-Based Green Credit: Encouraging tree planting and related activities to increase green coverage nationwide.
- Water-Based Green Credit: Promoting water conservation, harvesting, efficient usage, and wastewater treatment and reuse.
- Sustainable Agriculture-Based Green Credit: Supporting natural and regenerative farming practices, land restoration, and improving food production, soil health, and nutritional value.
- Waste Management-Based Green Credit: Advancing sustainable waste management practices, including collection, segregation, and treatment.
- Air Pollution Reduction-Based Green Credit: Promoting measures to reduce air pollution and other pollution control activities.
- Mangrove Conservation and Restoration-Based Green Credit: Encouraging actions for the preservation and restoration of mangroves.
- Eco mark-Based Green Credit: Incentivizing manufacturers to obtain the 'Eco mark' label for their products and services.
- Sustainable Building and Infrastructure-Based Green Credit: Supporting the construction of eco-friendly buildings and infrastructure using sustainable technologies and materials.

This program will establish specific criteria and benchmarks for each of these green credit activities.



INNISAI ARASI. PON  
(II MSW)

# RAJASTHAN INDIRA GANDHI SMARTPHONE SCHEME

The Government of Rajasthan introduced numerous welfare initiatives in 2023, all aimed at assisting the most vulnerable segments of society. On August 10, 2023, the Government of Rajasthan launched a significant social reform program called the "Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme" with the primary goal of using technology to inform women and girls about Rajasthan Government Schemes. The Department of Information and Technology is responsible for Technology and is responsible for overseeing this scheme. In Rajasthan, it is also known by various names, such as the "Rajasthan Mukhyamantri Digital Seva Yojana," "Indira Gandhi Smartphone Yojana," or "Rajasthan Indira Gandhi Free Smartphone Scheme for Women." This initiative offers free smartphones to all women and girls from needy families, and it is expected that approximately 1 crore 35 lakh women and girls will receive these smartphones. Additionally, recipients will receive a SIM card with internet connectivity for three years. The distribution of smartphones under the Indira Gandhi Smartphone Yojana will occur in two phases.

## Scheme Benefits:

- Free smartphones will be provided to women and girls at no cost under the Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme.
- A free SIM card with three years of internet connectivity will also be provided with the smartphone.

## Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, beneficiaries must meet the following conditions:

- Beneficiary women/girls should be residents of Rajasthan.
- The beneficiary's family should be registered in the Chiranjeevi Scheme.
- In the first phase, smartphones under the Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme will be provided to the following beneficiaries:
  - Widows or destitute pension recipients.
  - Girls studying in Class 9th to Class 12th in government schools.
  - Girls pursuing higher education in colleges, universities, polytechnics, or ITIs.
- Women who have completed 50 days of work under the Indira Gandhi Shehri Rojgar Guarantee Scheme.
- Women who have completed 100 days of work under the MGNREGA Scheme.



MEGHA B NAIR  
( II MSW )



# CURRENT AFFAIRS



# SEPTEMBER 2023

## 1. STATUS QUO ON ARCHAKA APPOINTMENTS IN TN TEMPLES

The appointment of archakas (priests) at Tamil Nadu temples run by the Agamic tradition must continue according to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court of India. 'Srirangam Koil Miras Kainkaryaparagal Matrum Athanai Sarntha Koilgalin Miraskain-karyaparargalin Nalasangam', an association of archakas, filed a writ petition that resulted to this verdict. The notice on the writ petition was given by the bench of Justices AS Bopanna, who added that "until further orders, the status quo relating to archakaship in Agamic temples in question shall be continued in the same manner."

The lawsuit asked the court to step in and overturn instructions made by the Tamil Nadu government on July 27, 2023, and a letter it sent on August 28, 2023. These orders made an effort to change the Agama temples' hereditary system of selecting archakas from a particular denomination. The government sought to make these positions available to people from other denominations who had successfully completed a one-year diploma programme for archakas in government-run institutions of higher learning.

## 2. TRAI CONSULTATION PAPER ON "DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH 5G ECOSYSTEM"

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recently published a consultation document with the provocative title "Digital Transformation through 5G Ecosystem." In order to support holistic and sustainable development in India powered by the 5G ecosystem, this paper intends to address policy challenges and provide an appropriate policy framework for the accelerated adoption and efficient utilisation of new technologies. India is experiencing a rapid digital transition that is transforming both its economy and society, according to the Ministry of Communications. Technologies for quick and dependable mobile communication are essential for accomplishing the objectives set forth by the Digital India programme. Through services like the unified payment interface (UPI) and different cutting-edge government-to-business (G2B) and government-to-citizen (G2C) apps, these technologies

not only improve the economy but also empower citizens.

## 3. INDIAN STARTUPS UNITE TO CHALLENGE GOOGLE PLAY BILLING SYSTEM

Forty Indian startups and businesses have banded together to form a task force with the intention of opposing Google and its Google Play Billing System (GPBS), which is a big move. The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) is the organisation in charge of organising this effort. All in-app purchases must now pass via Google's GPBS payment gateway, and a 30 percent commission fee is levied on all transactions. Google, however, decided to switch out GPBS in India for a user-choice billing system as a result of a Competition Commission of India (CCI) decision.

While considering several possibilities, the task group has not ruled out the prospect of filing a lawsuit against Google if it is determined that it is required. The task force will hear a presentation from Google, which will offer information that could affect the task force's activities in the future. It's important to note that Google has a representative on the task committee as well.

## 4. UTTAR PRADESH ACHIEVES 100% ODF PLUS COVERAGE

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, has achieved a remarkable feat by attaining 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status across its 95,767 villages. This significant accomplishment was officially announced on September 28, highlighting the state's commitment to sanitation and cleanliness. In the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), the Uttar Pradesh Government reports that among these ODF Plus villages, 81,744 are classified as aspirational villages. These villages demonstrate the successful implementation of effective solid waste management and liquid waste management systems, contributing to their ODF Plus status.

The most populous state in India, Uttar Pradesh, has accomplished an amazing accomplishment by achieving 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus certification across all 95,767 villages. On September 28, this great accomplishment was formally revealed, demonstrating the state's dedication to hygienic conditions. According to the Uttar Pradesh government, among these ODF Plus

villages, 81,744 are categorised as aspirational villages in the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). In order to achieve ODF Plus certification, these villages have successfully implemented solid waste management and liquid waste management systems.

### 5. SANKALP SAPTAAH

On September 30, 2023, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is slated to launch 'Sankalp Saptaah,' a novel week-long programme. The initiative is closely related to the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP), a national initiative that aims to improve governance and quality of life in 500 Aspirational Blocks spread over 329 districts in India.

The ABP, which was launched on January 7, 2023, is a comprehensive initiative created to improve block-level government for the benefit of inhabitants. Through chintan shivirs held at the village and block levels across the country, it aimed to build effective block development strategies. "Sankalp Saptaah" is the result of these careful considerations.

### 6. GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST EXOTIC INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Conocarpus, a swiftly proliferating invasive mangrove species, has recently been extensively used to increase Gujarat's green cover. However, worries about this non-native plant's effects on the environment and public health have surfaced, prompting authorities to take action.

Conocarpus has been found to have harmful effects on the environment and people's health, according to research findings. Conocarpus trees produce flowers in the winter, and the pollen they release causes allergies, asthma, and respiratory illnesses like the common cold. Additionally, their deep-rooted development harms freshwater networks, drainage systems, and telephone lines. Conocarpus leaves are also unappealing to animals that consume plants.

### 7. GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2023

In the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) newly released Global Innovation Index (GII) 2023, India has retained its position of 40th place out of 132 economies. India has steadily advanced in the GI rankings over the previous few years, moving up

from 81st place in 2015 to its present position. India's transition to an innovation-driven economy has been significantly aided by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The India Launch of GI 2023 will be held on September 29, 2023, virtually hosted by NITI Aayog in association with CII and WIPO.

Switzerland maintains its top spot as the most innovative economy in 2023 for the 13th consecutive year, followed by Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Singapore.

### 8. TRIPURA LAUNCHES E- CABINET SYSTEM

The E-Cabinet System was unveiled in Agartala by Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, representing a significant step towards the digital transformation of governmental functions and services. With the implementation of this technology, Tripura joins Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh as the fourth state in India and the second in the Northeast to adopt electronic cabinet sessions. With the introduction of the E-Cabinet System, the state's government is moving towards a paperless future. Ministers and bureaucrats will use tablets to conduct all next cabinet discussions electronically. This supports sustainability objectives for the environment by encouraging efficiency and lowering carbon emissions.

### 9. GOVERNMENT STATISTICS ON TRIBAL LAND CLAIM

Concerns have been expressed about the Forest Rights Act's implementation in India due to the fact that about 40% of the land claims submitted by tribal people have been denied by various states. States like Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and West Bengal are particularly affected by this problem; Uttarakhand has the highest rejection rates with 97%. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, commonly known as the Forest Rights Act of 2006, was passed in order to formalise the land rights of tribal members living in forested areas using papers called "pattas." Tribal members have the right to make land claims through their local



gram sabha (village council) under this statute. Then, at the district level, a divisional committee and a sub-divisional committee both assess and approve these claims.

#### **10. SMART CITIES MISSION, INDIA: LOCALISING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Over 70% of projects carried out in India as part of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to recent research titled “Smart Cities Mission, India: Localising Sustainable Development Goals” (SCM, India: Localising Sustainable Development Goals). The report is the first thorough attempt to map national mission projects against global sustainability objectives, and it was created jointly by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry and UN-Habitat. About 8,000 projects under the SCM are intended to change metropolitan areas across the nation.

Although SCM projects have significantly aided 15 of the 17 SDGs, just 44% of them are in line with SDG 11’s goals, the report claims. The creation of inclusive, secure, resilient, and sustainable cities and human settlements is the main focus of this objective. Additionally, SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Eco-



VINAYA V M  
( II MSW)

# INTERNSHIP

## MUSKURAHAT FOUNDATION

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 month

STIPEND: 5,000-10,000

APPLY BY: 18/10/2023

About the internship: Muskurahat Foundation is a non-profit organisation consisting of devoted individuals who strive to spread smiles and aim to bring about change. It is an initiative to touch every sphere of society, including underprivileged children, who are looked down upon due to poverty, women, and their environment. Selected interns take up the responsibility of Running a fundraising campaign, raising funds for the causes of the GO and spreading awareness towards the Muskurahat.

Benefits:

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible work hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

Are available for the work-from-home job/internship.

Can start the work-from-home job /internship between 4th October 2023 and 8th November 2023.

Are available for one month.

Have relevant skills and interest.

To know more & apply:

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/volunteering-work-from-home-job-internship-at-muskurahat-foundation1696409628>

## JANKALYAN MULTIPURPOSE EDUCATION

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: one week

STIPEND: Unpaid

APPLY BY: 18/10/2023

About the internship: Jankalyan Multipurpose Education Society started in 2001, is a non-profit organization committed to bringing the best educational resources to under-served tribal communities of Chandrapur district (Maharashtra). Their mission is to build a platform for vulnerable and oppressed children, living in poverty. Empowering them with a well-equipped education system and gaining knowledge to alleviate poverty.

Benefits:

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible working hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

Are available for the work from home job/internship

can start the work from home job/internship between 4th Oct'23 and 8th Nov'23

are available for duration of 1 week

have relevant skills and interests

Women wanting to start/restart their career can also apply.

To know more & apply

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/fundraising-work-from-home-job-internship-at-jankalyan-multi-purpose-education-society1696398457>

## FIRST HOPE FOUNDATION

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 3 months

STIPEND: 5000+ incentives

APPLY BY: 23/10/2023

About the internship: First Hope Foundation, their mission is simple yet profound to create positive change in the world. They are working to address global issues, such as women's empowerment, children's education, animal welfare, and medical support to the needy through collaboration, innovation, and tireless effort.

Benefits:

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible working hours

Only those candidates can apply who:

Are available for the work from home job/internship

Can start the work from home job/internship between 18th Sep'23 and 23rd Oct'23

Are available for duration of 3 months

Have relevant skills and interests

Women wanting to start/restart their career can also apply.

To know more & apply

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/fundraising-work-from-home-job-internship-at-first-hope-foundation1695015611>

# ODISHA DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (ODMP)

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 Week

STIPEND: 225-5000

APPLY BY: 19/10/2023

About the Internship: Odisha Development Management Programme (ODMP) is a registered network of grass-root NGOs, environmentalists, and academicians who got birth out of the emotion of civic movement during and after the post-super-cyclone in 1999 at Odisha. 51 NGOs from 11 blocks joined with ODMP as the partners of the UNICEF and RD department, Government of Odisha supported the water and sanitation program of Puri District. It successfully implemented the program from the financial year 2001-02 to 2003-04 as the district nodal agency and received state & national

level appreciations.

Benefits

Certificate

Flexible working hours

5 days a week

Only those candidates who can apply who:

are available for the work from home job/internship

can start the work from home job/internship between 5th Oct'23 and 9th Nov'23

are available for duration of 1 week

have relevant skills and interests

Women wanting to start/restart their career can also apply.

To know more & apply

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/fundraising-work-from-home-job-internship-at-odisha-development-management-programmeodmp1696472935>

## SHRESHTAM EDUCATION TRUST

<https://internshala.com>

Work from home

START DATE: Immediately

DURATION: 1 week

STIPEND: 1000

APPLY BY: 18/10/2023

About the internship: Srestham Education Trust is a dedicated institution committed to advancing education and knowledge. Their mission is to provide high-quality educational opportunities to individuals, empowering them to excel academically and succeed in their chosen endeavours. With a focus on excellence and inclusivity, they strive to create a brighter future through education.

Benefits

Certificate

Letter of recommendation

Flexible working hours

5 days a week

Only those candidates can apply who:

Are available for the work from home job/internship

Can start the work from home job/internship between 4th Oct'23 and 8th Nov'23

Are available for duration of 1 week

Have relevant skills and interests.

To know more & apply

<https://internshala.com/internship/detail/fundraising-work-from-home-job-internship-at-srestham-education-trust1696412565>



NAVYA E  
(I MSW)



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

# MSW

## 1. Counsellor Cum Centre Coordinator- Bharosa Society

Location: Telangana

Work experience: 2 years relevant experience in psycho-social counselling of Women/Children.

Job link : <https://womensafety-wing.telangana.gov.in/careers/>  
Apply by: 30 Oct 2023

## 2. Project Manager- Swayam Siddha

Location: Madhya Pradesh

Work experience: Minimum 7 years' experience in social development sector.

Job email Id: -swayamsiddha24@yahoo.in  
Apply by : 29 Oct. 2023

## 3. Project Coordinator- Swayam Siddha

Location: Madhya Pradesh

Work Experience: 5 years experience in social development sector  
Job email Id: -swayamsiddha24@yahoo.in

Apply by: 29 Oct 2023

## 4. Project Manager – Women Entrepreneurship Project Switch ON Foundation

Location: Kolkata, West Bengal

Work experience: Minimum 7 years

Job email ID: [apply@switchon.org.in](mailto:apply@switchon.org.in)

Apply by : 29 Oct 2023

## 5. Data Analyst- Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc. (CHAI)

Location: India

Work experience: At least 18

months of relevant work experience

Job link : <https://bitly.ws/WrUi>  
Apply by : 03 Nov 2023

## 6. Sr. Manager/Manager- Smile Foundation

Location: Delhi

Work experience: 8-10 years of work experience

Job e-mail ID: [jobs@smilefoundationindia.org](mailto:jobs@smilefoundationindia.org)  
Apply by: 02 Nov 2023

## 7. Project Coordinator – Scholarship Program Smile Foundation

Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Work experience: 1 – 3 years of experience

Job email ID: [jobs@smilefoundationindia.org](mailto:jobs@smilefoundationindia.org)  
Apply by: 02 Nov 2023

## 8. Convergence Officer- Citizens Foundation

Location: Shahpur, Bhojpur, Arrah, Bihar

Job Email id: [jobs@citizensfoundation.org](mailto:jobs@citizensfoundation.org)

Apply by: 02 Nov 2023

## 9. Field Social Worker- Vichakshan Foundation

Location: Aurangabad Division, Maharashtra

Job email ID: [vmpl.dept@gmail.com](mailto:vmpl.dept@gmail.com)

Apply by: 02 Nov 2023

## 10. Village Coordinator- Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra

Location: Jharkhand

Work experience: Experience of social work desirable.

Salary: 15000

Job email ID: [Pm.hrdp@nbjk.org](mailto:Pm.hrdp@nbjk.org)

Apply by : 02 Nov 2023



LEKSHMIPRIYA  
(I MSW)

# IMPORTANT DATES

1 October	International Day of the Older Persons
2 October	Gandhi Jayanti, International Day of Non-Violence
4 October	World Animal Welfare Day
5 October	World Teachers' Day
8 October	Indian Air Force Day

9 October	World Postal Day
10 October	World Mental Health Day
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
14 October	World Standards Day
15 October	Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day
16 October	World Food Day
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 October	United Nations Day
30 October	World Thrift Day

## October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



ANJALI  
(II MSW)

# ALUMNI CORNER

**Name**

**Anuja V**

**Roll number**

**CB.SW. P2MSW17011**

**Batch**

**2017-2019**

**Mobile number**

**9947413105**

**Email address**

**anujaviswanathan@gmail.com**

**Present organisation details**

**Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Chennai**

**campus**

**Job title**

**Faculty**



## **How was your life at Amrita?**

It was really enriching and made opportunities for me to be outgoing

## **What are the key skills that you learned at Amrita that helped your career?**

Solution focused leadership and adaptability

## **How is the current scope of Social Work?**

It is less, but I guess it is increasing day by day

## **What message would you like to give for the current MSW students?**

Try to explore all the unconventional ways and branch out as much as possible

## **What are your key responsibilities in the present job?**

Mentoring, process improvement, interview preparation and life skills development

## **Who is/are your inspiration?**

Myself, as I didn't get much support from many plac-

es I had to find ways to become a better version of myself and it was with my own efforts. This inspires me every day

## **Anything else you would like to share?**

A proper career counselling or mentoring could be added to the existing students of MSW so that they would have an idea of what to do and where to go after finishing their Masters in Social Work



# UGC NET (JULY 2018)

## SOLVED QUESTION PAPER (PAPER – 2)

1. Organised descriptions of an activity in a structured form is known as:

- a. Model
- b. Perspective
- c. Skill
- d. Method

2. Which one of the following is not the function of community council in community organisation?

- a. Fact finding
- b. Fund raising
- c. Promoting public undertaking
- d. Coordination of activities

3. Client-worker relationship is essentially:

- a. Personal
- b. Purposive
- c. Social
- d. Sympathetic

4. Protection against social contingencies is:

- a. Social Welfare
- b. Social Service
- c. Social Welfare Service
- d. Social Security

5. "Cultural Differences" are emphasised in which year's Human Development Report?

- a. Human Development Report - 2002
- b. Human Development Report - 2003
- c. Human Development Report - 2004
- d. Human Development Report - 2006

6. Which of the following approach makes a shift towards channelizing social services to needy people?

- a. Basic needs approach
- b. Unified approach

c. Equalitarian approach

d. Holistic approach

7. The calculated value of Chi-Square is:

- a. Always Positive
- b. Always negative
- c. Both positive and negative
- d. Neither positive nor negative

8. Aaron Beck is related to:

- a. Gestalt Therapy
- b. Cognitive Therapy
- c. Client-centred Therapy
- d. Task-Centred Therapy

9. Which one of the following is not the basis of community?

- a. Common locality
- b. Community sentiment
- c. Common political ideology
- d. Common way of life

10. A man refused to marry within his own village, this reflects as:

- a. Endogamy
- b. Exogamy
- c. Varna
- d. Gotra

Answer 1. (A), 2. (B), 3. (B), 4. (D), 5. (C), 6. (A),  
7. (A), 8 (B), 9. (C), 10. (B)



NAVYA E  
(I MSW)



Contact:

Dept. of Social Work  
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  
Amrita Nagar (P.O)  
Coimbatore - 641 112. Tamil Nadu-INDIA



Email: [msw@amrita.edu](mailto:msw@amrita.edu), [mswudaan@gmail.com](mailto:mswudaan@gmail.com),



Website: <https://www.amrita.edu/school/socialwork>



Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mswamrita>



Instagram : [https://instagram.com/amrita\\_msw\\_coimbatore?igshid=MDM4ZDc5MmU=](https://instagram.com/amrita_msw_coimbatore?igshid=MDM4ZDc5MmU=)



Subscribe at : [www.youtube.com/mswamrita](http://www.youtube.com/mswamrita)



Linkdin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/department-of-social-work-amrita-vishwa-vidyapeetham-coimbatore/>

### Disclaimer

This newsletter is intended only for informational purposes. It does not constitute legal advice, and should not be construed as such. It is intended only for spreading information about the departmental activities. It is only meant for internal circulation. The views and facts expressed are not necessarily in the view of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.