

Medical Social Work Division of SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram, Observed World Social Work Day on 19 March 2024

Theme: *“Buen Vivir: Shared Future for Transformative Change”*.
Report

The Medical Social Work Division of SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram, observed World Social Work Day on 19 March 2024 at the SCTIMST Campus and organized an outreach program at Sri Chitra Home Pazhavangadi, Thiruvananthapuram on 23 March 2024. The theme of this year is *“Buen Vivir: Shared Future for Transformative Change”*. It emphasises the need for social workers to adopt innovative, community-led approaches that are grounded in indigenous wisdom and harmonious coexistence with nature.

Program -1 Sensitization sessions at SCTIMST, Campus; Poster Display and Short Speeches

Date: 19 March 2024

The sensitization session aimed to share the message of World Social Work Day 2024 to patients, caregivers, and hospital staff. The sensitization program commenced with posters displayed at Information centres (Block 1 & 3) and a short speech by MSWs at each OPD and patients' waiting areas inside the hospital. The poster presentation and short speech helped needy patients and caregivers to update the changing landscape of health and well-being, welfare schemes and the role of social workers in helping clients meet their needs. The sensitization sessions were led by Mrs Rosamma Manuel, Dr Jiji T.S., Mr Kunhiraman A.B, Ms Rekha M, and Dr Remya M.

Program-2: Outreach Program at Sri Chitra Home Pazavanadi, Thiruvananthapuram

Date: 23 April 2024

The MSW team of SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram, organized interactive sessions at Sri Chitra Home Pazhavangadi. The Sri Chitra Home is managed by the Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala, for children in distress and offers long-term residential care for them. It is an organisation working for the holistic development of the needy and vulnerable children, which accommodates approximately 135 members. The resource person for the sessions was **Dr Bindu V. Associate Professor, Paediatrics & Medical**

Superintendent of SAT Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram.

The sessions were divided into two parts, the first session was for children in the pre-adolescent age and it focussed on personal health care practices and the second session was on age-appropriate behaviour and sensitizing them on being protected from abuse by letting them know about good and bad touches. The interactive sessions were much appreciated and it was evident in the response and participation. In the meantime, both groups were engaged with hands-on exercises on team building and interpersonal communication skills and this session was handled by the team members of the social work division of SCTIMST. The programme was enriched with the songs by MSWs and the children. Dr. Remya M. compered the session and Mr. George Paul proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was concluded at 4:30 pm. The social work team were actively involved in the programmes on the 19th at SCTIMST and the 23rd at Sri Chitra Home.

Team MSW division thank Director Dr Sanjay Behari for granting permission to observe the World Social Work Day at SCTIMST and the outreach programme, Medical Superintendent Dr Kavitha Raja and AMO Dr. Manju R. Nair for the guidance and support. We acknowledge and thank patients, bystanders and staff for their participation and support.



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