

# MARIS STELLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

## Department of Social Work

2019 - 2020

### INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY CELEBRATION

19.06.19

#### Objective:

- To celebrate the International Domestic Workers day
- To fight for the rights of the domestic workers
- To support the domestic workers and create awareness about their rights.

The department of Social Work in collaboration with Montfort Social Institute (MSI) organized “International Domestic Workers day” celebration on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Maris Stella College with nearly 250 domestic workers. Mr. Malladi Vishnu, MLA Vijayawada central was the guest of honor and his valuable presence made the day very special. The other guests include Br. Varghese, Director of Montfort Social Institute, Sr. JasinthaQuadres, Principal of Maris Stella College, Mrs. A. Seethamma, President of trade union, Sr. Lovely Jacob, former Head of the Department of Social Work and Mr. Ramesh, the city coordinator of Child line, Vijayawada .



The programme began with beautiful prayer dance by the students . After which Sr.Kumari the coordinator of the programme invited the guests. Sr. Jasintha addressed the gathering by inviting guests and domestic workers to Maris Stella College for this occasion. Br. Varghese after his speech submitted a Memorandum to Mr. Malladi Vishnu , the MLA in request of an act on demands and rights of the domestic workers. Mrs. A. Seetama. President of trade union gave a brief speech on the need for protecting the rights of the domestic works. The “E” T.V. channel interviewed the MLA.

Mr. Srinivas Rao and Mr.Govinthu the labour officers delivered a speech about the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan scheme. The students of Social Work entertained the audience with colourful dance, song and skit . Sr.Sahaya’s short message to the domestic was inspiring and thought provoking.

The program attained its end with a thanking note of Sr. Vyagula Mary and snacks and refreshment for all.

The day's program was flashed in nearly 6 news papers. The staff and the students of social work department is grateful to Sr.Jasinth for her support and encouragement.



### VISIT TO CHIGURU

CHIGURU, is the NavajeevanBalaBhavans' project for the children within the age groups of 5-12 years. CHIGURU is located on the Banks of River Krishna. This year due to the heavy rains and floods in River Krishna all the children's village was full of Water. Children were all taken to safety zone before the water coming onto the banks .Social work students visited the Chiguru , a Children's village in VenkataPalem. It is residential home for the children of divorced parents, broken families, orphans, street children, rescued children. The vision of the home is “ A child friendly society where all children enjoy their right. This is centre is the branch of NavajeevanBalBhavancentre. It is home for the street children run by Don Bosco fathers. It has a residential bridge school for children and here children prepared to join the regular classes. They live in a small cottage in different groups. Group care homes one of the alterative forms of care with the view to give more individual attention. It also accommodates short stay home for girl children above 15 years and young women victims of sexual, physical and other forms of violence..

They are given opportunity to have in-depth counseling, livelihood advancement skills training, life skills cum sexual health education etc.

It was very inspiring to see the valuable service done for these deserving children.

## **INTERFACE MEETING WITH YOUTH ADVOCATES AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**6.07.2019**

The workshop on Youth Voice was organized by Mahita Plan International in collaboration with Child Line on 6<sup>th</sup> July at Child line office at Hanumanpet. The resource persons – Mr.Vijayanandhu, CWC chair person, Mrs.Aushya woman police from Hanumanpet. All the social work students attended. The theme of the workshop is on “Child Marriages and Child Trafficking”

### **Objectives:**

- To create awareness about gender related issues and various legal provisions.
- To discuss about the various causes of gender discrimination
- To bring the issue into the notice of the government through social media

Mr.GodaePrasad , the state coordinator of Mahita Plan International conducted the programme. He invited the speakers to give their view on the two issues Child Marriages and Child Trafficking. Mr.Krishna Kumar the member of Child Welfare Commission said that their commission gives recommendations and monitors the functioning of the Child Welfare Committees. The other resource person – Mrs. PoornimaRamani , the sub – inspector of police

Spoke about the Shakthi team in Vijayawada. She also explained about Help line – 181, 100 and Child lineHelp line – 108.

Raman the President of NerhuruYuvaKendara spoke about the various youth clubs formed in villages of Rajasthan to create awareness on Child Marriages. Mr.Vijay Kumar, The district Child Protection Officer explained about the different types of Child rights. At the end there was open discussion in which the socialwork students actively participated.

## **SENSITIZATION AND REFRESHER TRAINING ON PSYCHO – SOCIAL CARE IN DISASTERMANAGEMENT**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The training on Disaster Management was organized by NIMHANS- National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences from Bangalore in collaboration with Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority , UNDP – United Nation Development Programme and USAID . The theme of the seminar was “Psycho – Social support and Care in Disaster Management. The seminar took place in Diocesan Social Service Society at Gunadhala. The resource persons - Mr.Litin and Mr.Vijaya Kumar. The motto for organizing workshop to Sensitize the various stakeholders on integrating psycho social care in disaster management.



The resource persons: Madhu Sudan Rao , Medical Officer VMC, Mr.UdhyaKUMann Regional Fire Officer, Mr. Pabhucharan, AP State Disaster Management authority, Mr.Litin , the State Project Coordinoator.Mr.Basker , from NIMHANS, Mr.Shaik Abdul , City Project Coordinator UNDP and Mrs. Sarawathi lecturer B.B . Siddhardhacollege.

Students leant about the Psycho – Social support and Care in Disaster Management.

## **INAUGURATION OF THE CERTIFICATE COURSE COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY**

Department of Social Work is offering certificate course on Counseling and Psychotherapy which enables the students to understand themselves in a better way, to identify their optimum potential and to help others who are in need of emotional support. This course will provide students an introduction to abnormal psychology and diagnosing the mental disorders. This course also includes the theories in psychology and an introduction to psychotherapies. The certificate course on counseling and psychotherapy was started with an inauguration on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the A.V. room, by inviting a clinical psychologist as the guest speaker who works in district mental health program. He narrated the students with some mental disorders and some of the psychotherapist to treat it. The session was an eye opening session for the students as they are new to psychology.



## **CELEBRATION ON WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN PERSON- 30.7.2020**

The World Day Against Human Trafficking in Person was celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> July at Child Line office.

### **Objective:**

- To create awareness about Human Trafficking
  - To Sensitize the children regarding the dangers of Human Trafficking
- The organizers were Child Line, NGOs and personals working for this causes.  
The guests were Dr.K.Srinivas, Additional DCP task Force, DCPO, Ramesh Child Line ,  
Fr.Ratna the director of Navajeevan and the director of New Horizon.  
The resource persons spoke about human trafficking. Two women trafficked victims shared  
about their experience. At the end of the programme all were served lunch.

## **VISIT TO NGO – SAIPREMA- 8.8.2019**

The social worker students visited Saiprema , the NGO which is the centre for children with special needs, mentally challenged, downs syndrome and with autism and slow learners was started with the spirit to reach the maximum children in need of special care. The motto of the institute is to provide a model programme for children with special needs in participation of their parents and families with specially developed , innovative practices and multidisciplinary , therapeutic interventions. Mrs. Jansi along with staff explained about the vision and mission of the NGO. The Vision of the NGO - To empower and equip families of people with intellectual and development disabilities with information and knowledge to support their children in achieving their true potential. Students visited the NGO and interacted with the children.



## **SEMINAR ON “MARCH AHEAD “- 17.8.2019**

The social work students participated in the seminar organized by VasavyaMahilaMandali at their premises. In the beginning of the seminar Ms.Reshmi explained about the NGO stressing on their mission

– to ensure the rights of women, youth and to promote the physical to physical , psycho social helah of communities.

The speakers : Ms. Chandana Khan, IAS Retd, the former chief secretary tourism . A.P. Mrs. C.S. Rama Lakshmi IFS Retd, Mrs.SudhaMurali, Former Child protection Spcecialist , UNICEF. The participants were the members of NGOs students of social work from Maris Stella College. It was inspiring to listen about Mrs. Vidhya whose dedicated life for the deserving poor was inspiring.

## **VISIT TO AMODINI – NGO- 9.9.19**

Amodini is the NGO that works for street girls . It is situated in Guntur . It is accommodated 150 girls and they are divined into groups according to their age. They offer informal education, vocational training to the girls in order to help the girls to support themselves. The third year social work students visited the centre and interacted with the girls. The students appreciated the noble work done by the NGO.

## **STATE LEVEL ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION CUM SALE- 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September – 2019**

Department of Social work organized two days of State Level Art and Craft Exhibition cum Sale at Maris Stella College. The main purpose of the programme is to bring all the 20 NGOs under the one umbrella of networking and to provide opportunity to sell the products made by the vulnerable children and women. These NGOs work for vulnerable people - street children, trafficked children, orphans, children with special needs, youth at risk, women in distress, trafficked women etc., The main aim is to create awareness among the students of Maris Stella College and other colleges regarding the noble works done by the NGOs and topromote the production of the vulnerable people.

There were 15 NGOs put up their stall . On 12<sup>th</sup>we had very grand inaugural ceremony and the guests were Dr. Sr.JasinthQuadras , our principal, Sr. SleevaThumma, the correspondent, Mr.Mohan Kumar, the joint collector, Fr.N. Ratna Kumar, SDB, director of Navajeevan, Mrs.SaraswathiRajuIyer , the professor from the Nagarjuna University, Br.Varghees, Director of Montfort Social Institution and Mr. Arava. Ramesh , District coordinator Child Line – 1098, Forum for Child Rights. Mr.Mohan Kumar declared that exhibitionopened.

At the end of the second day the validity function was organized. Children from various NGOs entrained the gathering with theirwonderful cultural programs followed by distribution of the certificate to the NGOs and students from other colleges. The guests were , Mr.Kumar, the Chair Person for Women and Child Welfare , Krishna District , two vice principals of Maris Stella, Fr. Sagaya Raj , the correspondent of Andhra Loyola College and Mr. Prasad, Coordinator from Mahita. The social work department provided the lunch ,snacks and refreshment for the participants from NGOs.



These two days event created awareness among the students regarding the noble works done by the NGOs and to promoted the production of the poor people. We have created marketing for the NGOs as a sign of our gratitude to them for giving chances for our social work students to have their field work. These days have been day of blessings. The NGOs are grateful to the Social work for providing opportunity to market the products made by the vulnerable people.



### **CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION**

The department of social work in collaboration with the NGO – Saiprema Celebrated Children's day with Mentally challenged children on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The special invitees from Ankita Charitable Trust.Sri.B.V.S. Kumar, Chairman District Child Welfare Committee, Sr.A.V.D. Narayana Rao, Assistance director Welfare of the Differently abled and Senior citizen. Mr. Satish Kumar , Lions Club Vice District Governor, Devineni Joni Kumari, Sr.Inaaciamma, the Vice Principal of Maris Stella College.

The programme began with the prayer dance followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries . The differently abled students and Inter student performed cultural programs. The audience appreciated the talents and the beautiful performance of the mentally disabled children. After which the guests were invited on to the dias . All the dignitaries gave their valuable message. They appreciated the work of Saiprema and thanked the department of social work for providing opportunity to celebrate together in the college auditorium. The parents appreciated the dedicated service of Mrs. Jansi for the informal school for Saiprema.

After the valuable message of the guests , the staff of Child Line Mr.Ramesh briefed the audience about the weeklong celebration on Child Rights which is from 14<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> November. So as a sign they released a poster on Child Rights. Mr.B.V.R. Kumar pronounced the oath on Child Protection.

The programme ended with National Anthem.

### **DOSTHI WEEK CELEBRATION- 19.11.2019**

The sensitization programme for railway employees

The child line of Vijayawada organized a week long Doshti week celebration at Vijayawada railway station to create awareness on “ Child Safety “ in the city. The participants were social work students from Maris Stella, students from Andhra Loyola College, railway employees and NGOs. The celebration began with dance by SKCV children. The speakers stressed on importance of childhood, education , Health and child rights. The master expressed that nearly 640 children were sved and among them 540 were sent back to their homes and 100 of them were paced in various institutions. The social work students sang the awareness songs on children’s right. They actively participated in distributing palm let t the people at the railway station.

### **VISIT TO NGO- MONT FORT- 21.11.19**

The third year social work students visited the Montfort Social Institute (MSI) which addresses three important issues of our times – protection of human rights, sustainable development, and governance.The purpose about the visit is to know about the NGO and the various initiatives taken to address the people’s problems. The coordinator explained that the institution works for domestic workers, human rights and provided supplementary education to the poor students in the slum. They work nearly in 20 slums. They do offer training for the domestic workers in preparation of skin care items, cleaning solutions for income generation.







## COMMEMORATION OF THE 71<sup>st</sup> WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY Launch of Anti- Human Trafficking Club

10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on 10th December. This day is celebrated internationally to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations on 10th Dec 1948

Human rights can best be explained by the fact that all human beings are born free and equal in rights and that they are endowed with a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood but while we are advancing in technology, human beings are bought and sold as commodities which is human trafficking. Human trafficking is the world's 2nd largest organized crime where children and women are enslaved daily.

So Maris Stella College in collaboration with International Justice Mission has chosen this day to launch the First ever Anti Human Trafficking Club in Andhra Pradesh, to prepare young minds to end human slavery in our society.



The department of social work with the support of the Principal Dr. Sr. JasinthaQuadras launched the Anti

– Human Trafficking Club. This day was marked special in the calendar of Maris Stella .

Sri.HarshavardhanRaju ,Deputy Commissioner of Police , Sri. A. MD Imtiaz, IAS District Collector, Krishna District,Smt. R. Suez, Director, Andhra Pradesh Mahila Commission, Smt. Alice Suganya, Head Zonal Interventions from Chennai , International Justice Mission, Smt. Drakshayani, Executive Member, JeevanaJwala, Released Bonded Labour Association-AP, Mr. Balakrishnan - AHTC Convenor, Ms. Sneha

– AHTC Member, Madras Christian College, Mr. Akhil – AHTC Member, Madras School of Social Work, Sri. Rajkumar, Advocate, Madras High Court, Government officials from various departments, police officials, NGOs personnel, representative from Brahma Kumaris and Ramakrishna Mutt, students from colleges and Universities and more than 600 students of Maris Stella college along with lectures , and ourfriends from Media .

# Anti-human trafficking club opens at Maris Stella

HANS NEWS SERVICE

**Vijayawada:** District Collector Mohammad Imtiaz has stressed on the importance of having knowledge on human trafficking which is a serious problem worldwide.

He participated as the chief guest in the 71st World Human Rights Day celebrations at Maris Stella College here on Tuesday.

Social Work and History & Tourism departments of the college along with International Justice Mission established a club on anti-human trafficking on the college premises. The club was inaugurated by the Collector and Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson, AP Mahila Commission. A logo was also released on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Imtiaz suggested the students to enjoy human rights. All must know their rights and should not dominate the people basing on race, caste, religion. Girls should be courageous and should not



Collector Mohammad Imtiaz addressing the gathering at a programme organised at Maris Stella College in Vijayawada on Tuesday

lose confidence and should come forward to bring peace and joy in the world.

Vasireddy Padma, in her speech, appreciated the steps taken by the college authorities to discuss about human rights, poverty. Unemployment and illiteracy are the main causes for human trafficking, she opined. Human trafficking can be resolved only when all the people in so-

ciety are involved, she added.

Dr Sr Jasinthra Quadras, Principal, Harshavaradhan Deputy Commissioner of Police, Raj Kumar, advocate, Madras High Court, Gladis, Alice Sukanya, International Justice Mission, R Suez, director, AP Mahila Commission, Balakrishna, Saeba, Akhil - Chennai, Fr Thomas Social Service centre, Correspondent and others were present.

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Smt. Vasireddy Padma, Chairperson – Mahila Commission, Andhra Pradesh, delivered the inaugural address. After which the SOP- Standard Operating Procedure Book and Logo was released. After the addressing of the guests, students from Madras Christian College and Madras School of Social Work shared and inspired the students about the club and its function in Chennai. The guests appreciated the initiative taken by the department of Social Work..

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING :8.2.2019

8<sup>th</sup> February is celebrated as World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking in Catholic Church. The department of social work organizing the short celebration and guest lecture on Anti – Human Trafficking club for all the first year degree students, social work students and history and tourism students. Guest lecturer Ms. Crysolite from the NGO – Red Rope, Hyderabad and Chennai



### **RURAL CAMP- 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February – 2020**

The students of social worker had their rural camp at FMM Social Service Society, Warangal.

On 24<sup>th</sup> morning FMMSSS staff shared about their work . In the evening students visited LingyaThanda a small tribal village. They attended the awareness programme at night on Basic Rights and Girl rights organized by FMMSSS. In the evening they visited the tribal families in the village and interacted with the people. On 25<sup>th</sup> students had a session with HIV infected staff and children who shared with them their problems and struggle being a person infected with HIV/AIDS. In the afternoon visited the NGO – Mallikamba Mano VikasKerndram , working for the welfare of mentally challenged children and adults. 26<sup>th</sup> visited the T.S. Model school, Government school at Maripada and gave awareness on Child Line to the students. IN the evening student shad short outing and at night recreation with the HIV infected children.

