



## Revisiting global standards of social work education



### Riya Shaji Mathew

The department of social work, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bangalore, organized a session on “Revisiting global standards of social work education” on the 24th of July, 2024, wherein, 54 students from the 2nd Year MSW batch had attended the session. The resource person for this session was, Dr. Jonas Richard A., Head, Department of social work. The session was conducted with the

objectives of inculcating global thinking among budding social work professionals and orienting them on various opportunities for social work professionals across the globe.

Dr. Jonas sir, highlighted that this session was very crucial for preparing post-graduate students to meet the complex and evolving demands of the profession. He further emphasized that for post-graduate students, updated global standards provide a framework that

emphasizes the importance of cultural competency, environmental justice, and lifelong learning.

By aligning educational standards with these emerging trends, social work programs can ensure that students are not only adept at traditional practices and also capable of innovating and adapting to new social realities. This approach fosters a more holistic education, encouraging critical thinking, interdisciplinary

collaboration, and a deep commitment to social justice.

Ultimately, revisiting these standards is essential in producing leaders who can drive positive change in a rapidly changing world. As feedback, the students were able to process the challenges and opportunities that were awaiting them in the profession, and how important it is for them, to improve their cultural and technological competence, in order to fit in to the global standards.

# Disclosing the shadows of modern slavery

**Keren Mary Jose**

Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, involving the exploitation of people through force, fraud, or coercion for purposes such as forced labor, sexual exploitation, and slavery. It affects millions globally, targeting vulnerable individuals, and is driven by profit, making it a significant global issue.

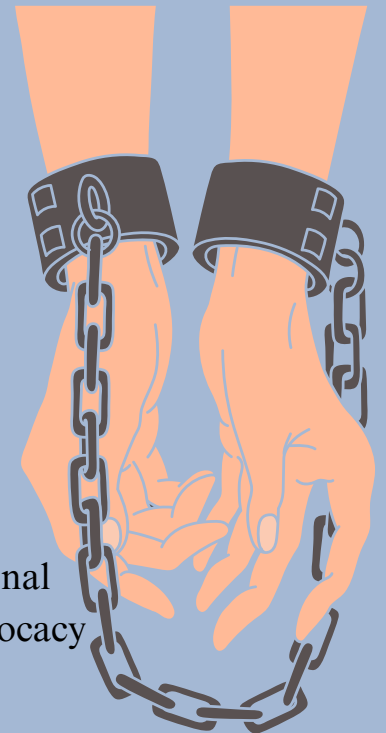
In 2024, significant strides were made in combating human trafficking globally, as highlighted in the U.S. Department of State's Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report. One key achievement was the increased identification of trafficking victims, rising from 115,324 in 2022 to 133,943 in 2023. Convictions also saw a notable increase, reflecting a more robust global response to this grave issue.

Heroes in this battle include individuals like Al-Amin Noyon, a survivor and advocate from Bangladesh, who has been instrumental in supporting other survivors through the BRAC Migration Welfare Centre. Another is Marcela Martinez, a Bolivian lawyer whose initiatives

have helped locate over 150 trafficking victims. These heroes exemplify the relentless global commitment to eradicating human trafficking.

While challenges remain, such as the gap between identified victims and convictions, these advancements underscore the importance of continued international collaboration and survivor-led advocacy in combating human trafficking.

To conclude, enhanced international cooperation, increased survivor support services, and a focus on prevention would address the root causes of trafficking, such as poverty and inequality, will be vital in reducing the prevalence of this crime globally. Continued efforts to involve survivors in policy-making and advocacy are also essential for informed and effective strategies.



# The bud - again; First day back in college

**Yugapriya C.**

Returning back through the sounds of friction between the wheels of the train and the track, while the strong breeze hit the face with thousands of nostalgia flashing across the mind and with the heart of hopes tilted to the future excitements. Stepping into the same place where new beginnings reoccur with a persistent will to find the way. Facing a huge crowd after a long while, constantly hearing the laughs and cheers from all four sides of the huge space, stated it was a "Shubh Aarambh" and yes that is how the new

season started. All the emptiness has been filled with new blossoms with new colours and new chapters. The classroom, though it has been familiar yet it gave the new outlook for the future imaginations. The tussles, failures, emotions are all forgiven for the new victories to arrive. Added to the intensity, there comes the dynamic leaders to guide through the major transition in every student's life. A warm and promising welcome was delivered by the department of social work, proudly to say I'm a social worker! Leaving behind all the



terrors of the past and moving forward with a question that opens up the treasures with millions of dreams and plans and commitment towards the journey of meaningful transformation as a "SOCIAL WORKER"

*There is freedom waiting  
for you,  
On the breezes of the sky,  
And you ask, "What if I  
fall?"  
Oh but my darling,  
What if you fly?  
-Erin Hanson*



# Importance of concurrent fieldwork in social work

## Yugapriya C.

As a meaningful part of the community it is everyone's duty to give back to the society where we grow up by taking the maximum of the resources for our own wellness and knowledge. As a part of MSW curriculum, it is wonderfully designed as a integration of theory and practice, where the students are aligned into a system of practicing the theory in the given particular field. The field work experience has brought a profound transition in the professional aspects of the students, as they reach out for new opportunities while meeting the requirements to cope with the challenges in their field. More specifically when speaking about the settings where a pair of students is being placed, plays a vital role in getting

exposed to the different fields of social work.

The setting can be a NGO, a hospital, a rehabilitation centre, a disability centre, a hospice care or a school setting (Skill development programs). Each one of the settings teaches the student about the dynamics of the organisational functions and patterns. When a student is sent to a specific place, the learnings from each place differs as the beneficiaries are diverse according to the setting. The students' learnings take place in every moment all through one's journey of their field work.

The essence of field work lies in the purpose it serves to the student of their ability to envision their future designation as they are being trained one among all the myriads of people and their situations

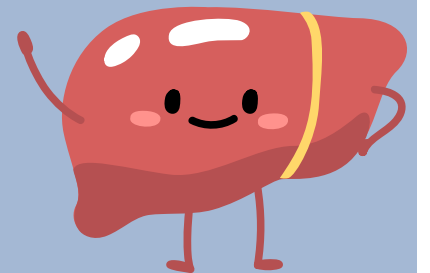
across the state. As a budding social work practitioner, we personally enjoy the

journey of a joyous, meaningful and a heart wrenching stories that have been through our ways daily.

## It's time for action

### Indira Renjini Roy.

World Hepatitis Day, observed annually on July 28, raises awareness about viral hepatitis, a group of infectious diseases known as hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E. The World Health Organization (WHO) spearheads this global health campaign to increase understanding of hepatitis, its prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Each year, the campaign highlights a specific theme to address different aspects of the disease, with a focus on the global burden of hepatitis and the need for enhanced prevention and control measures.



Hepatitis B and C, in particular, are major public health challenges, causing chronic infections and leading to liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. The WHO aims to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, advocating for better access to vaccines, testing, and treatment. World Hepatitis Day is a call to action for government, health organizations, and individuals to unite in the fight against this preventable and treatable disease.

# World Youth Skills Day: Nurturing tomorrow's leaders

**Reeya Devi**

In today's highly competitive world, World Youth Skills Day comes as a save seeking to prevent the occurrence of challenges concerning economic uncertainty and inequality among young people as they struggle to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market. Celebrated on July 15, World Youth Skills Day highlights the importance of equipping young people with the skills they need for employment, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance. Established by the United Nations in 2014, this day aims to shine light on the crucial role that technical and vocational education and training (TVET) plays in bridging the gap between youth and the job market.

With global youth unemployment rates persistently high, World Youth Skills Day serves as a call to action for governments, educational institutions, and



businesses to invest in youth skills development. It also raises awareness of the significant challenges young people face in accessing quality training and decent work opportunities. The day is marked by events, discussions, and initiatives that promote skill-building, innovation, and collaboration across different sectors. By focusing on the empowerment of youth through education and training, World Youth Skills Day contributes to the broader goals of sustainable development, economic growth, and social inclusion, ensuring that young people are prepared to navigate the rapidly changing world of work.

# Public Health Administration, as a value-added course

**Riya Shaji Mathew**

The Department of Social Work, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), organized a Value-Added Course (VAC) on public health administration, for 55 students, from the 3rd Semester MSW batch (2024-25). The course commenced from 25th of July, 2024, and continued till 29th July, 2024. The resource persons for the Value-Added Course were, Dr. Jonas Richard A. (Professor & Head, Department of Social Work), Dr. Winnie Joyce A. (Associate Professor, DSW), Dr. Sathish Kumar R. (Asst. Professor, DSW), Dr. Bijayalaxmi Sahoo (Asst. Professor, DSW) and Mr. Abin Mathew (Asst. Professor, DSW).

The objective of this course, is to explore, public health administration as an interdisciplinary course, which focuses on the dynamics and strategies to promote health in the society. The students looked into the basic introduction for public health. They discussed on the objectives, scope and functions of public health, public health services, public health nutrition.

The students gained a comprehensive understanding, of the fundamentals of public health administration. The course was educative, informative and effective, covering the essentials of public health, it's global and local perspectives, and the role of social workers in this comprehensive field.



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