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Department of Social Work



SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY OF SANSKRIT, KALADY

The University, named after the illustrious sage and philosopher Sree Sankaracharya, was established by enactment (Act 5 of 1994) of Kerala State Legislative Assembly in the year 1993 and is situated on the banks of river Poorna (Periyar) in Kalady, which is known as the birth place of Adisankara. The ever first university in Kerala which was re accredited by NAAC with A+ Grade, is currently functioning through its eight Regional Centres at various historically important locations in Kerala i.e., Thiruvananthapuram, Panmana, Ettumanoor, Tirur, Koyilandi and Payyanur.

As a non-affiliating University having jurisdiction all over the state of Kerala holds the vision of 'ज्ञानादेव तु केवल्यम्' (Liberation through knowledge). The alumni of the university are well-placed over the globe. They include the national and international level award winners & leaders in their reputed areas of expertise including fine-arts, performing arts, literature, film industry, knowledge proficiency... etc. Being an abode of educational excellence, university is contributing in liberating knowledge through last 30 years by generation and its productive dissemination for self actualization and social transformation by moulding creative young researchers and critical thinkers for the practical world with right attitude, adequate knowledge and scientific temperament.



SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

Programmes offered by the Social Work department exposes the students to the complex dynamics of the social world and provides them with a theoretical edge in analyzing these dynamics. We are committed to enable interdisciplinary academic and practical training possibilities that critically opens up local and global debates on health, development, marginalization, identity, gender, rights and justice. The field practicum component, which is an integral part of the social work programme (in the undergraduate, graduate and research levels) offers opportunities for the students to work closely with communities, NGOs, government projects, and social movements. We aim at training professionals who are sensitive and adept at planning and implementation of social policies, services and programmes needed to support the development of skills and abilities and bring about a just society. We are committed to nurturing this ever-evolving discipline, being sensitive to the indigenous knowledge production, and at the same time keeping ourselves open to the global initiatives. Our attempt is to make the professional concepts and practices of social work to be conversant with the diverse socio-cultural and political realities of South Asia.

VISION

"To be an abode of excellence for nurturing and burgeoning young professional visionary social workers, who contribute to the augmentation of human and social capital for the nation through Participation, strategic change and empowerment. Social transformation by moulding creative young researchers and critical thinkers for the practical world with the right attitude, adequate knowledge and scientific temperament."

MISSION

"To make a distinction all the way through positive action and live out for establishing the utmost standards of performance in Social Work education and practice with an Indian perspective, through research, knowledge generation, facilitation, Training, consulting and extension works."

"To mould young challenging professionals with right attitude, adequate knowledge, and proficient skill to work with individuals, groups, communities for effecting desired social changes at Local National and International realms".

"To craft a constructive and transformative brunt on the existential conditions of people, academic life of the students within the University, and the communities and society at large."

PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

- Four Year Undergraduate Programme (Honours with Research) in Social Work.
- Post-Graduate programme (MSW) with concentration in Development, Health, Family, Social work practices.
- PhD programme in Social Work.
- Post Graduate Programme in Disaster Management and Social Work (MSW - DM).

PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- ◆ Engage with a diverse population abiding with social work values, principles and ethics.
- ◆ Critically and creatively engage with social work theory to develop reflexive and informed social work interventions while engaging with social situations.
- ◆ Practice social work methods with individuals, groups, community and organizations
- ◆ Engage in research informed practice and practice informed research
- ◆ Analyze, formulate and advocate for social policies to advance social justice and equality
- ◆ Apply the knowledge of human behaviour and social environment
- ◆ Develop competencies and leadership qualities to manage Development Projects and Organizations
- ◆ Develop communication skills required for the effective social work practice with inter and intra personal client system and with society at large

PROGRAMME FEATURES

- Theory- Practice- Theory discourses and learners through participatory and experiential pedagogy.
- Various Out-Reach Programmes and field practicum- in collaboration with Governmental and Non- governmental Agencies.
- Partnership Research programmes and Consultancy practices.
- Professional Counseling, Guidance & Consultation.
- Community Analysis through PRA, PFM and RRAs.
- Community living camps and skills development trainings.
- National exploratory cum experiential study tours.
- National integration camps.
- Regular national seminars and workshops.
- Active involvement in cultural action.

PROJECTS COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT

- ❖ Social Auditing of the Govt. Lower Primary School, Valayanchirangara, 2024.
- ❖ Queer migrations from Kerala to Karnataka, funded by India Foundations for Arts (IFA, Bengaluru) and QAMARA archives in National Law school of India University, (Bengaluru) in 2023, jointly with other researchers
- ❖ State level evaluation study on the implementation of Probation of Offenders Act in Kerala., titled "Correctional Pluralism: An enquiry into the Non-custodial measures adopted for the adult Offenders in Kerala", funded by the Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala, 2022.
- ❖ Was part of the fact finding team on the suicide of the transperson Ananya and Gender affirmative surgical procedures, 2021, conducted by State level Justice for Ananya Action Committee.
- ❖ A study on the role transitions of Psychosocial Counsellors during Covid-19, titled " Redefining roles of Social Workers to address Covid 19 Pandemic: Experiences from Kerala, India". Conducted by a team of researchers , 2020-21.
- ❖ Flood Relief housing project funded by NEMA Canada and SAFP Parappuram 2020
- ❖ Statewide research on the Psycho Social Problems of children in Schools of Kerala funded by SCERT of State of Kerala. 2019
- ❖ Socio-Economic Survey at the Endosulfan affected areas of Kasaragod, as part of the proposed care and rehabilitation project of endosulfan victims by Sri Sathya Sai Orphanage Trust in collaboration with Government of Kerala, 2017.
- ❖ Research on the Situational Analysis of the CBOs emerged out of PSH projects in Kerala funded by the NACO and KSACS, Kerala, 2012.



Admission Procedures

UG & PG Admission notification is published through university web-site (www.ssus.ac.in) and other media, in the month of March- April. Admission to the course is purely on merit. All governmental reservations and benefits including fees concession and scholarships are available to all eligible students. Students from social work background are eligible for 10% weightage on their scores in admission.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Established in 1995.
- ❖ BSW honours with research, MSW, MSW-DM, PhD. offered at Kalady, Tirur, Payyanur campuses.
- ❖ Accredited by Social Work Councils of UK, USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.
- ❖ State-defined fee structure with scholarships, fellowships and grants to all eligible candidates.
- ❖ Field work training in various State and National level institutions with updated curriculum.
- ❖ Regular Mentoring and grooming.
- ❖ International knowledge exchange programmes and collaborations.
- ❖ Job placements in State, National and International Governmental, non Governmental and corporate organizations.
- ❖ Experienced and Competent faculty team.
- ❖ Network of well placed alumni across the globe.

