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To be a centre of excellence, nationally and globally in Social Work Education, Training and Research

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Prof. Sarath Chanderesekara, Professor of Social work, NISD

Recently Prof. Sarath Chanderesekara joined the National Institute of Social Development post of Professor in Social work. Prof. Sarath Chandrasekere is a graduate in sociology from the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. He also obtained his Doctorate in sociology/Social development from the University of Toronto. He was one time the Director of the School of Social Work in Colombo. There are several research articles to his credit and some of them are published by the NISD in their publications. Recently, New directions in International Social Work and Pandemics.



Social Work and Recognition of NISD



The role of the social worker has become more complex and challenging with the occurrence of natural and man-made hazards. The ultimate outcome of whatever the task done by us should be end with harmony and sensitivity to the environment. NISD has become leading partner among the higher institutions in Sri Lanka on Social work as NISD produce more productive graduates with knowledge, skills and attitudes, and also because of the ability in NISD to practice the administrative and field officers for a more developed country. NISD has become successful in improving courses with more broad and far-sighted vision from certificate, diploma, higher diploma, degree and post graduate programs.

Basically social workers advocate for poor, disadvantaged, disenfranchised and oppressed people (Barber, 1995). In that sense, the social worker is one of the most essential human resources in this COVID 19 pandemic situation. The mental disorders faced by the man due to loss of interpersonal relationships and economic crisis during hazardous periods are immeasurable. The social worker have to deeply pay his attention regarding the improvement of welfare, social security, economic, social and personality development of the employees who were jobless, children who missed their school life, parents who lost their children and children who lost their parents and relatives.

NISD has become very much successful in fulfilling their responsibility by conducting research and improving programs on social security and welfare during every social, economic, political and geographical crisis in Sri Lanka in near history. Knowledge based direct practices, values and ethics that were gained by working as a professional is the basis of this. NISD is continuously fulfilling its national responsibility in producing these skillful practitioners.

Prof. Wasantha Subasinghe, Department of Sociology, University of Kelaniya.

Special occasions of the NISD

Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2021

Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebration was held on 19th April 2021 with the participation of all staff of the National Institute of Social Development adhering. It was a great occasion everyone to exchange wishes for a successful year ahead. Director General (Acting), Additional Director General (Academic) Ms. Shamini Atthanayake and Directors of the respective divisions were present for this memorable event.



Annual Convocation - 2021

The annual convocation of NISD for Bachelor of Social Work 2015/2019 was conducted successfully on 12th January 2021 at Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) with the distinguished patronage of Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksha, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest and with the distinguished participation of Hon. Shehan Semasinghe, State Minister of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, Neal Bandara Hapuhinna, Secretary, State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment and Business Development, Chairman of the Governing Council NISD, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake Director General (Acting) NISD, Mr. K.M.Y Karunarathne, Director School of Social Work and other distinguished invitees. The convocation address was delivered by Senior Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake, former Vice-Chancellor, Senior Professor in Demography (Chair), and University of Colombo. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) graduates were conferred their degrees at this ceremony.



Rural Camp – Bachelor of Social Work - 2017/2018

Bachelor of Social Work 2017/2018 batch successfully completed their 10 day (from 20/03/2021 to 30/03/2021) Rural Camp at Chilav Divisional Secretariat. 30 students were assigned to 10 Grama Niladhari Divisions to conduct their needs assessment analysis and the final presentations of their findings were presented to the key authorities on 30th March 2021.





World Social Work Day Celebration

The 2021 World Social Work Day depicts the theme "Ubuntu: I Am Because We Are -Strengthening Social Solidarity & Global Connectedness." It is the foremost event of the year since social workers worldwide hold their hands together to celebrate the overall attainments of the social work profession and spread the theme message into the grass root levels, general public as well as their government bodies to raise awareness and need of the contribution of social work profession for the further action. As the pioneer Social Work education provider in Sri Lanka, School of Social Work, National Institute of Social Development has organized a community strengthening programme on 09th of March 2021 for the affected communities of COVID -19 pandemic in collaboration with the SERVE Organization at Moratuwa.

As part of the World Social Work Day 2021 celebration, a public lecture on Ubuntu: "I Am Because We are - Strengthening Social Solidarity & Global Connectedness" a webinar program was conducted by the School of Social Work, National Institute of Social Development (NISD) on March 16, 2021 at 9.30 a.m. via Zoom Technology & Facebook live. The key orator of the webinar was Prof. Sarath Chandrasekere, who is the current Academic Advisor and former Director of School of Social Work, NISD and also a Professor in Social Work, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Canada.

Socio-Political Discourse on Human-Elephant Issues: With Experiences of Villagers

The human-elephant conflict has been a serious social problem faced by farmers in Sri Lanka since last several decades. The seriousness of this problem is due to the fact that many victims, including elephants, are thus identified and the focus is not on finding a sustainable solution to the problem. Realizing this situation, in anticipation of a positive change in the society, "the socio-political discussion on the human- elephant conflict" was organized on February 13, 2021 with a real experience of the villagers. The discussion was organized by the Meraki Young Students' Association, under the guidance of Ms. Chandima Jayasena, Lecturer, School of Social Work. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Nayanathara Jayathilaka, an undergraduate student in Social Work from the National Institute of Social Development. Mrs. M.T.R. Shamini Attanayake, Acting Director General of the National Institute of Social Development provided guidance and support to make this event successful.

Dr. Mohamed Mahees spoke from an environmental sociological perspective and the Ecological and human-centered situations were discussed. Dr. Sarath Chandrasekara of Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Canada. The discussion focused on how to intervene to find a sustainable solution to the human-elephant conflict through an evidence-based approach.

The resource persons for this discussion were Mr. Chandana Sooriyabandara, Director General, Department of Wildlife. Dr. Mohamed Mahees, Environmental Sociologist, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo. Ms. Nishani Sadarenu, a 4th year student at Department of Sociology, University of Colombo, a Government teacher at Dehiathakandiya and post graduate students of the Department of Sociology, University of Colombo and Ms. Sumithra Rajapaksa.

Rural Camp – Higher Diploma in Social Work 2019/2020

Higher Diploma in Social Work - 2019/2020 batch successfully completed their 10 day (from 21/04/2021 to 31/04/2021) Rural Camp programme conducted in Galenbindunu Wewa Divisional Secretariat. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergencies, students were only able to gather and analyze the data and present the findings through a group report.



Master of Social Work Inauguration Programme - 2021

The inauguration programme of Mater of Social Work 2020/2021 was conducted on 01st of April 2021 with the participation of Mrs Shamini Attanayake, Director General –Acting, NISD, Mr.K.M.Y Karunarathne, Director , School of Social Work, NISD, The Registrar-NISD, faculty members and the novice students for the course.



Bachelor of Social Work Inauguration Programme

The inauguration programme of Bachelor of Social Work 2020/2021 batches in three media (English,Sinhala and Tamil) has been successfully conducted on 05th of April 2021 with the participation of Mrs Shamini Attanayake, Director General (Acting), Mr.K.M.Y Karunarathne, Director , School of Social Work, The Registrar-NISD, faculty members and the new students of the course.



Training Division

Field Supervision of the Certificate Course in Special Education



Field Supervision of the Certificate Course in Special Education Teaching Methodology was conducted at Madampe and Thelambuyaya Vocational Training Center with the participation of Mrs. Govry Vasudevan, Director Training and other training officers on 22nd and 23rd of February 2021. Eleven Vocational Instructors from the Department of Social Services participated in this certificate course. This course was conducted on weekdays by the Training Division.

One-day Training program on Developing public relations and self-motivation

One-day Training Programme on "Developing public relations and self-motivation" for 30 Grama Niladhari officers of the Negambo Divisional Secretariat office was conducted Negambo Divisional Secretariat on 31st March 2021. Mr. Ironne Jayasekara conducted this programme as a resource person.



Field visit to National Institute of Mental Health- Angoda

Field visit to National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) organized by the training division for the students of diploma in counselling was conducted on 08.04.2021. The objective of this field visit was to observe the setting of a Mental Health Care Centre and gain knowledge on treatment and care planning system. This exposure visit provide an ideal opportunity for the students of diploma in counselling. Doctors, nurses and members of the academic and non-academic staff participated in this field visit.



Socio Economic Information Survey -2021

Evaluating the socioeconomic impact and future development of opportunities associated with Samurdhi Production Villages and Prosperity Production Cluster Villages.

The Department of Samurdhi Development and the Ministry of Agriculture have implemented the Samurdhi Production Villages and Prosperity Product Information Villages program for the past 03 years. This study aims to find out the social and economic changes taken place in the communities of relevant production villages and to identify the overall development opportunities in the villages. Accordingly, this survey was conducted in Paraduwa, Parawahera, Kotawila South, Walakanda, Baragama North, Mawarala, Rabathalakatiya, Hirewattha, Yakdehimulla, Ranapanadeniya, Maleyyalapuram, Puneiravi villages in Matara, Galle and Killinochchi districts on 16th of March 2021 and 23rd of April 2021 by the National Institute of Social Development.



Study on Human Elephant Conflict

A discussion on Human Elephant Conflict was conducted on 19th of April 2021 with the participation of M.T.R.Shamini Attanayake, Director General, NISD, Mr. Asmiyas, Director, Research Division, NISD, Mr. Keerthi Jayawardane, Senior Research officer, Mr. Hariharathamotharan, Senior Research officer and Ms. Chandima Jayasena, Lecturer, School of Social Work. The resource persons for this discussion were Officers of Department of Wildlife and Dr. Mohamed Mahees. At the end of the discussion, the participants unanimously requested to do a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) in a village affected by the human-elephant conflict using the tools of social work to build a model for inter-sectoral intervention for the problem.

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Student Journal of Social Work

The Student Journal 2021 is to be published under the theme of "Role and Value of Social Work in Community Empowerment" and the articles will be published under the tri-language policy. Social work research addresses psycho-social problems, preventive interventions, treatment of acute and chronic conditions, and community, organizational, policy and administrative issues.

Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development

The Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development is published with the objective of building research literature to fill the research gaps. Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development for the year 2021 was published under the theme "Psychosocial intervention for social issues".

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/ MEDIUM
DEGREE PROGRAMMES		
Master of Social Work	Bachelors Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two year/ Part-time (English Medium)
Bachelor's of Social Work	Minimum requirements for university admissions passing the G.C.E.(A/L)	Four year/ Fulltime (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Higher Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 Subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination in any stream & Diploma in Social Work	Two year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Higher Diploma in Counseling	Completing a Diploma in Counseling	21 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination and 3 years working experience in social services & welfare sector	One year/ Fulltime & Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Diploma in Women Empowerment	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Counseling	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Correction	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala)
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES		
Certificate course in Social Work	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Month/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)

Covid - 19 Telephone Online Counseling Service

With the spread of the Covid-19 epidemic in Sri Lanka, the Training Division of the National Institute of Social Development has launched a free telephone counseling service. The objective of this initiative is to improve the mental health of patients and their families affected by the epidemic. The counseling service was delivered in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages covering all nine provinces of Sri Lanka. The training officers of the NISD provide their professional service through this telephone counseling program for the needy individuals and families during the COVID 19 pandemic situation.

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