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Annual Convocation 2019

The annual convocation of the National Institute of Social Development was held on 22nd March 2019 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), with the distinguished patronage of Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe Prime Minister of Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest, Guest of honor, with the distinguished participation of Hon. Daya Gamage Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, Hon. Ali Zaheer Moulana Seyed State Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, Mr. H.M. Gamini Seneviratne Secretary, Ministry of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, Chairperson Governing Council NISD, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake Director General (Acting) NISD and other distinguished invitees. The Convocation address was delivered by Prof. Donald Chandraratne, Professor of Social Work, University of Curtin, Australia. Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) graduands were conferred their degrees at this ceremony. At the Diploma Award Ceremony 337 students received their Diploma certificates.



National Institute of Social Development is recognized by the University Grants Commission as a Degree Awarding Institute under Section 25 A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978



NISD Annual Get-Together

Annual get-together organized by the Welfare Society of the National Institute of Social Development was held at Bird Park, Rajagiriya on 12th February 2019. Get-together party comprised of many staff motivational activities and learning games along with singing and dancing events. All academic and non-academic staff members were present at this memorable occasion. A Raffle Draw was conducted at the end of the Get-Together Party.

Bakmaha Diwuruma: The April Pledge

The "Bakmaha Diwuruma" is a pledge to create a drug free country launched under the directive of his Excellency the president. According to the programme all staff of the National Institute of Social Development took a vow to promise to eradicate drugs on 03rd April 2019. A productive speech with a presentation was given by the Director General (Acting) Mrs. Shamini Attanayake regarding the importance of eradicating drugs and its negative effects.

Official Beginning of 2019 with Oaths Giving

National Institute of Social Development celebrated the dawn of the New Year on 01st January 2019. The staff members gave the Public Servants' Oath promising to perform the duties to the public efficiently. The Director General, Heads of the Divisions and other staff members participated in this



New Year Ceremony 2019

New Year Ceremony was held on 02nd January 2019 with the participation of all staff of the National Institute of Social Development. It was a great occasion for everyone to exchange wishes for a successful year ahead. Director General (Acting), Additional Director General (academic) Ms. Shamini Attanayake and Directors of the respective divisions were present for this memorable event.



Seeduwa New building Complex

Construction of the new building complex at Seeduwa for the National Institute of Social Development is in progress. By now half of the work has been completed and the building is due to complete by the end of year 2019. The Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment Hon. Daya Gamage made an inspection visit to the building site on 04th January 2019. The Hon. Minister instructed to expedite the constructions process and make it ready for occupation as soon as possible.





World Social Work Day 2019 “Celebration Walk”

The 2019 World Social Work Day highlights ‘Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships’. It is the key day in the year that social workers worldwide stand together to celebrate the achievements of the profession and take the theme message into their communities, workplaces and to their governments to raise awareness of the social work contributions and need for further action.

As the pioneer education provider in Social Work in Sri Lanka, the National Institute of Social development has organized a “walk” to commemorate the World Social Work Day on 18th of March 2019. This “Celebration Walk” commenced at 9.00 a.m. from the Viharamahadevi Park Colombo with the distinguished participation of Hon. Daya Gamage the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment and Hon. Seyed Ali Zaheer Moulana the State Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake Director General (Acting) of the National Institute of Social Development, Mr. A. Ranaweera president of Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social workers. Social Work students, Directors and Staff of NISD, Social Work Practitioners and Professional Social Workers engaged in various fields also participated in this memorable event. The walk ended at Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) around 11.00 p.m. A media conference and a presentation of success stories were held at the SLF after the Celebration Walk



Rural Camp

Bachelor of Social Work 2016/2020 batch successfully completed their 10 days rural camp which was held in Dehiowita Divisional Secretariat. 32 undergraduates were assigned in 18 Grama Niladhari divisions to conduct their need assessment analysis. Presentations of their findings were delivered to the key authorities on 03rd April 2019.



RAIL & GREEN

Students of BSW 2018/2019 successfully completed their project Rail and Green on 23rd February 2019 from 9 a.m. to midday. Objective of this project was to achieve a clean public service through green social work. Flash mob, drama and poster presentation successfully held at Fort Railway Station creating awareness about green Social Work. In addition to that a facebook page is also maintained on "Rail and Green".



Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas Celebration of the National Institute of Social Development organized by the 2018/2019 batch was held on 07th January 2019 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at NISD Auditorium. Students performed carols and different entertainment items to share the joy of Christmas.

Helping Hands

This Project was launched by the students of School of Social Work in a selected school in Polonnaruwa District. This two day project was conducted in Aluthwewa Central College with the aim of developing leadership skills of the Prefects. Books were donated to the School library and School items were donated to selected students from low income families. A tree planting campaign was also launched in the School premises. The school community liaison approach was used in implementing this project to strengthen the relationship among the students, teachers and the community.



Field Study Tour

The Field Study Tour of the Master of Social Work 2018/2019 was conducted on 08th and 09th February 2019 with the participation of 27 students and 03 faculty members. It was an academic requirement of the Masters Degree Programme. The group visited the open Prison Pallekale, "Prabodha" Drug Rehabilitation Centre – Ambepussa and Deaf School at Ampitiya.



Social work is

Not a charity work
Not a volunteer service
Not a social service

Social work is

Empowering human
Assisting to solve human
problems
Directing human to standup
himself

Social work is

Helping people to help
themselves

Inauguration of Diploma in Counselling

Diploma in Counselling 2019/2021 was inaugurated in all three mediums at Colombo Centre on 17th February 2019. Invitees of this occasion were Ms. Shamini Attanayake - Director General (Covering) / ADG (academic), Ms. Gowry Vasudevan, Director - Training, M.S.M. Asmyas - Director Research. 120 students participated in this programme.



Career Guidance Programme

A career guidance awareness programme was conducted at the Southland College, Galle, on 25th January 2019 to create awareness in students on career opportunities in Sri Lanka as well as to promote the courses conducted by the National Institute of Social Development. 300 school students and 50 teachers participated in this programme.

Capacity Building Training Programme

Capacity Building Training Programme for CBO officers was held on 29th and 30th March 2019 in Ranna regional Centre. 41 officers participated in this Programme.



Survey of the Ministry of Megapolis

On the request of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development the Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development is conducting a Socio economic survey on Socio Economic impact of Multi model Transport Centre on Passengers and Trade Community. The objective of this study is to find out the Socio economic problems faced by the passengers and Trade Community in the area. The Observation Visit was conducted on 25th February 2019 at Makumbura Multimodal Transport Centre Premises by the officers of the Research Division, NISD with the project officers of the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development.



Publicity and Marketing – School visits

An awareness programme for students who sit the Advanced Level examination in 2019 & 2020 was conducted at Piliyandala Central College on 12th February 2019 on “Vocational Training and Educational Opportunities after A/L”. This programme was organized by the divisional secretariat Maharagama. Several Government and non-government Vocational Training Institutes participated in this programme. The students were made aware of various education and training opportunities available for them after completing their A/L examination.



YOWUN PURAYA (City of Youth, Youth Camp)

Yowun Puraya is a National Programme which is offered to the Youth as a leadership development programme bringing together young people. This programme was conducted from 25th March to 30th March 2019 in Weerawila. National Institute of Social Development put up a stall at this programme to give publicity and awareness for the programmes conducted by the NISD for youth.



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 medium)
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 (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
Higher Diploma in Counselling	Completing a Diploma in Counseling	21 Months/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 service & welfare sector	One year/Fulltime & Part-time (English/Sinhala/Tamil)
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 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Corrections	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/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 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/Part-time (Sinhala/Tamil)



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