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ABOUT US

VISION OF THE NISD

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

MISSION OF THE NISD

“To enhance human resource for Social Development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development”.



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Cultural Events

SINHALA AND TAMIL NEW YEAR 2023

Sinhala and Tamil New year celebration was held on 19.04.2023 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 Atthanayake and Directors of the respective divisions were present for this memorable event.



THAIPONGAL AND VESAK FESTIVAL

National Institute of Social Development celebrated the Vesak Festival with the participation of all students and staff on 05.05.2023. The institute was decorated by Vesak Lanterns and a Beli Mal Dansal was given on Vesak Full Moon Poya Day by the staff and students



Annual Cricket Tournament

The NISD annual cricket tournament was held at the Katunayake Municipal Stadium on 09.03.2023. The members of the academic and non-academic staff and students participated in this Cricket Tournament. The staff team was managed to win the competition and the student's team got the 2nd place.



SIANE THURUNU SAVIYA

The one day programme "Siane Thurunu Saviya" was held on 15/03/2023. This programme was organized by the Department of Man Power and Employment. An awareness programme was conducted by the National Institute of Social Development on programmes conducted by the institute.



Blood Donation Camp

Every second chance is precious in life! If a second chance can save life, it's even more precious! To create this most precious moment, the Leo Club of Bachelor of Social Work has conducted a blood donation camp at the National Institute of Social Development on 1st June 2023. This has been organized with the support to the blood bank to reduce the demand of blood and provide blood for the needy. By organizing this blood donation campaign the NISD community was given a chance to donate blood and help the needy.



Convocation and Diploma Award Ceremony 2023

The convocation and Diploma Award Ceremony of 2023 was conducted on 26.04.2023 at the BMICH. 489 students who have successfully completed Master's and Bachelor's Degrees in Social Work and Diploma in Counselling were awarded certificates at this ceremony. The state Minister of Social Empowerment Hon. Anupa Pasqual participated as the chief guest of the event.



ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK NEW INTAKE OF 2023

Entrance examination of the Bachelor of Social work new intake of 2023 was conducted by the School of Social Work on 14/02/2023 at the National Institute of Social Development, Liyanagemulla, Seeduwa. 692 students appeared for this selection examination. .

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW INTAKE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELING 2023

The inauguration ceremony of the Diploma Course in Counseling conducted by the National Institute of Social Development was held on the 11th of February 2023. The Director General of the National Institute of Social Development, Mrs. Shamini Attanayake and the Director of the Training Division Mrs. Govry Vasudevan participated in this ceremony. This course will be held as a weekend course at the main center of the National Institute of Social Development in Seeduwa. The course will be conducted in all 03 mediums Sinhala, Tamil and English.

World Social Work Day Celebration - 2023

Respecting Diversity is one of the focal points of Social Work practice. The World Social Work Day is celebrated each year with different themes. The theme of this year is "Respecting Diversity Through Joint Social Action". Being the pioneer higher education institute which caters to Social Work education, National Institute of Social Development celebrated the World Social Work Day on various perspectives related with the yearly theme. This year's World Social work Day was celebrated on 29.03.2023 at the Disaster Management Centre. The programme was enriched with an informative panel discussion with diverse target groups in the society and their inputs on the vast area of the concept "Diversity". The BSW students, academic and non-academic staff of School of Social Work of NISD have put their utmost effort and hard work to make this programme successful.



Short term training programme on Mental Wellbeing

A short term training programme on Mental Wellbeing was conducted at Thalawa Training Centre for the 5th Grade students of Dunumadalawa Vidyalaya. This programme aimed to improve the mental wellbeing of the students and parents.



Study tour –Anuradapura

A study tour was conducted from 24th to 26th May 2023 by the School of Social Work for the students of BSW programme. The students visited various social service provision organizations in Anuradhapura District during this study tour.



New Appointments

Dr. Raveendra Kumara Withanachchi



Skill Development Programme for children with special needs

A programme on skill development was conducted on 27.01.2023 at Giribawa Skill Development Centre for the children with special needs. This programme was organized by the Provincial Social Services Department.



New Appointments- Governing Council

Director General – Dr. Raveendra K. Withanachchi

Dr. Raveendra Withanachchi was appointed as the Director General of the National Institute of Social Development with effect from 29.05.2023. He was a Senior Lecturer of the Department of Anthropology of the University of Sri Jayawardanapura.

New Governing Council Members

Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda

Dean,
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
University of Sri Jayawardenapura

Senior Professor Yasanjalee Devika Jayathilake

Department of Anthropology,
University of Sri Jayawardenapura

Dr. E.A.D. Anusha Edirisinghe

Senior Lecturer,
Department of Sociology,
Faculty of Social Sciences,
University of Kelaniya



Promotion Programme

A programme was conducted to promote the Diploma in Women Empowerment at Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar by the Research Division.



Calling for papers

The research division has called for papers for the following peer reviewed journals on social work, counselling, psycho social support, sociology, and clinical and medical research.

International Conference

Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work

Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development

E-journal of Social Work (EJSW)



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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)

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