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Padura Programme

On February 29th, 2024, the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) 2021/22 cohort orchestrated the "Padura" cultural event, held at the esteemed premises of the National Institute of Social Development (NISD). This vibrant occasion served as a platform to unveil the diverse talents residing within the student body of NISD. The event boasted an array of captivating performances, encompassing singing, dancing, and dramatic showcases. Through these artistic expressions, attendees were treated to an immersive experience celebrating the rich cultural tapestry and creative prowess of the participants.



SOCIAL WORK DAY – 2024

On March 19th, 2024, the National Institute of Social Development (NISD) celebrated World Social Work Day with a significant event held on its premises. This year's theme, "Shared Future for Transformative Change" underscored the global importance of collective action in fostering the positive societal evolution.

The commemoration included an Open Day Programme, attended by esteemed organizations in the field. Notable participants included the Department of Social Services, the National Secretariat for Elders, the Counselling Division of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs, and Social Empowerment, the National Secretariat for Persons with Disability, the Social Security Board, the National Institute of Mental Health, SERVE, Family Planning Association, MAS Holdings, SAPSRI, Ceylon Medexplore Pvt. Ltd. and Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers.

During this event, representatives from these organizations shared valuable insights and professional experiences with the student population of NISD, enriching their understanding of Social Work practice and its transformative potential.



HIV AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Student awareness program for prevention and protection from sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS, organized by the Student Welfare Division of the National Institute of Social Development with the support of 2nd year BSW students was held on 4th of April 2024 at the institute premises.

Dr. Rasika Liyanage, Medical Officer of Health, Seeduwa was the main resource person of this programme. All 1st year and 2nd year students of BSW programme participated in this awareness programme.



Bachelor of Social Work Honours - 2022/2023 Field Study Programme

Field Study Programme, Bachelor of Social Work Honours - 2022/2023 was held on 6th to 11th of February 2024. The aim of the programme was to orient students on social welfare services and their delivery system in Sri Lanka. It was an opportunity to gain the required orientation to different field settings in Social Work Practice. Shanthi Elders Home, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, SOS Children's Village, Mental Health Ward in Mihinthale Hospital and Open Prison in Anuradhapura have been selected for the field study.

Cricket Tournament

The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) 2020/21 cohort successfully organized the annual cricket tournament on February 21st and 22nd of 2024, at the Katunayake Davindra Mendis playground. The event saw active participation from 10 teams in the Men's category, comprising students, academic and non-academic staff members. Additionally, four teams competed in the Women's category.

Remarkably, both the Men's and Women's championships were secured by the BSW 2022/23 cohort. The runners-up positions were clinched by the BSW 2021/22 batch and the Non-Academic Women's team. Elevating the occasion, former Sri Lankan Cricketers Anusha Samaranayake and Dhammika Prasad graced the event as chief guests, adding prestige to the tournament.



INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Inauguration ceremony of Diploma in counseling 2024/2025 batch was held on 30.03.2024 at NISD.



NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

New Year Ceremony was held on 25th April 2024 with the participation of all staff and 1st year and 3rd year BSW students of the National Institute of Social Development. It was a great occasion for everyone to exchange wishes for a successful year. Director General (Acting) and Directors of the respective divisions were present at this memorable event.



Workshop on Information Searching and Online Tools for Dissertation Writing

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A workshop on Information Searching and Online Tools for Dissertation Writing was held on 15th of March 2024 at the Conference Hall of NISD with participation of all academic staff members. The purpose of this workshop was to facilitate to publish research work in various journals, as well as to generate citations and engage in other scholarly activities. The resource person of the workshop was Mr.N.M. Karannagoda, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo. This workshop was organized by Research Division with the collaboration of Staff Development Centre of NISD.

With the main of improving mental health of BSW students, Student Welfare Centre of NISD organized awareness session on counseling and mental well-being on 28th of March 2024 at the main hall. The session was conducted by Mrs. Kumuduni Wedisinghe, Senior Lecturer/Senior Student Counsellor, National Institute of Social Development.

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Progressive upliftment of Social Work Interventions in Siriwardhanapura community...

Nayanathara Jayathilake, a final year BSW student at the National Institute of Social Development (NISD), has dedicated her community work project to transforming the lives of children in Siriwardhapura, a neighborhood in Munnakkaraya, Negombo. During her work, Nayanathara identified informal schooling among children as the primary issue in the community. Her project aimed to provide accessible education to children, focusing on basic literacy, numeracy, and life skills, while motivating them to attend school regularly.

The area is plagued by numerous social issues, including child marriage, drug addiction, teenage pregnancies, domestic violence, and family problems. These factors contributed to the children's reluctance to attend school, as they struggled with homework and feared reprimands from teachers.

Through the social work interventions, Nayanathara successfully engaged over 150 children, significantly improving their academic performance and school attendance. Parents and community members noted a visible improvement in the children's enthusiasm for learning and overall academic performance.

Nayanathara conducted the regular educational sessions, helping children with their homework and addressing their academic challenges. She also provided lessons on sexual and reproductive health, hygiene, and balanced nutrition to improve their overall well-being. These strategies contributed progressively to uplift this community life becoming better.



Transforming Little Weli: A Bridge to a Better Tomorrow

Hiruni Saumya Basnayake, a final-year BSW student at the National Institute of Social Development (NISD), has dedicated her community work project to transforming the lives of the residents of Little Weli in Delthota. Recognizing the severe challenges the community faced in their daily activities due to the absence of a bridge, Hiruni took on a project that would address this urgent need.

Tragically, a school child lost their life while crossing the stream five months ago, underscoring the critical necessity for a safe crossing. Hiruni's project focused on constructing a bridge across the stream, a vital infrastructure improvement that would ensure the safety and well-being of the community members.

The project, with an estimated cost of LKR 12 lakhs, saw the enthusiastic involvement of the community, who provided the necessary labor. Hiruni successfully secured sponsorships from various organizations, and Universal Building extended all the technical support required for the construction.

Through her dedication and tireless efforts, Hiruni Saumya Basnayake has not only made a significant impact on the safety and quality of life in Little Weli but also set an inspiring example of community collaboration and social responsibility.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Department of Samurdhi Development and National Institute of Social Development

With support of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau, a MoU has been signed in between Department of Samurdhi Development and National Institute of Social Development to provide Japanese language proficiency for disadvantages and low-income families. The aim of this programme was to provide language proficiency and professional training proficiency certificate from the Foreign Employment Bureau aiming to target jobs in the professional training field. This MoU was signed on 29th of February 2024 to conduct Japanese language proficiency classes from 2024.03.01 to 2025.02.08.





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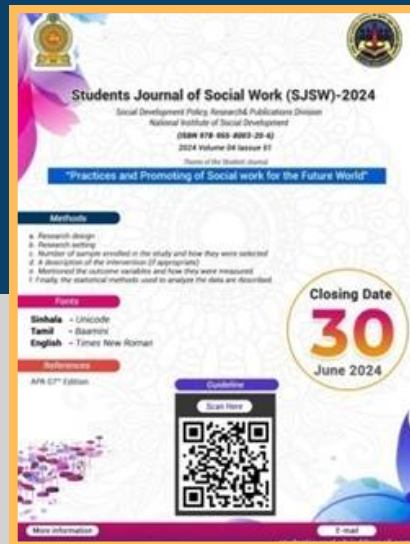


STUDENTS JOURNAL OF SOCIAL WORK (REFERRED JOURNAL)

The Students Journal (Annual) 2024 to be published under the theme of "Practices and promoting of social work for the future world" 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. National Institute of Social Development is publishing Students Journals embark on a mission to provide information on field based Psychosocial issues and thereby disseminate the advanced knowledge of the Social Work Education.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for papers in our peer reviewed journals. We welcome high quality work that focuses on research, development, and publications in the aforesaid areas social work, counseling, psycho-social, sociology, nature science, technology, and clinical and medical research on regular basis.



SRI LANKA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL WORK



JOURNAL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES – NISD (BIANNUAL)



The Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development publish the Journal of Social Work in Sri Lanka annually to develop Social Work subject knowledge among scholars. The main theme of this magazine, published in 2024, is "Shared Future for Transmarine Change". This journal publishes academic and research articles of the academic staff of the National Institute of Social Development and it is a guide for students and newcomers to the field of social work.

Journal of Social Sciences is published with the objective of building research literature to fill the research gaps. Journal of Social Sciences for the year 2024 was published under the theme "Social Sciences". Under this, it is a timely need to build an academic discourse on a number of topics. By creating an academic awareness and sharing the knowledge in the fields in which they are specialized in it is expected to build a multi-disciplinary academic discourse in the Sri Lankan social context. This scholarly publication, which was produced with the aim of raising awareness of the community as a whole, has led to the development of knowledge in related fields



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PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/ MEDIUM
DEGREE PROGRAMMES		
Master of Social Work	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Master of Social Work	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	one year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Bachelor's of Social Work (Honors)	Passing the G.C.E.(A/L) examination with the minimum requirements for university admissions	Four year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Bachelor's of Social Work (External)	Passing the G.C.E.(A/L) examination with the minimum requirements for university admissions	Four year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination in any stream & Diploma in Social Work	One 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 at 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 at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Counseling	Passing 3 subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Corrections	Passing 3 subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects at 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	04 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/English)
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)
Certificate course in Gender Studies	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/English)
Research Methodology and Academic Writing	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/English)

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