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Inauguration of Collaborative Interdisciplinary Social Work Research Centre

The Collaborative Interdisciplinary Social Work Research Centre was inaugurated on 17th August 2022. This Research Centre will take social work/social issues with interdisciplinary



research approach across all disciplines. Priority being Humanity, Social Sciences, Agriculture science, Medicine & Applied science. The Centre has plan to publish working paper & monographs, first of its nature in Indi

The chief guests of the program were Most. Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bengaluru and the President of the Archdiocesan Board of Education and Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of Bengaluru and Founder of the College. The guests of honor were Dr. Ramachandrappa, Governance, Institutional Specialist, Government of Karnataka, Dr. Dominic D, Registrar (Evaluation), Bengaluru North University, Mrs. Sharmila M R, Senior Administrative Officer, Nodal In-charge CMTI, Ministry of Heavy Industry, Gol. We were also blessed to have few special guests Dr. Sr. Lalitha Thomas SJT Principal, Jyoti Nivas College, Autonomous, Rev. Fr. Arun Santhosh Secretary of ABE. The inaugural function had two parts: in this first part the Collaborative Interdisciplinary Social Work Research Centre was inaugurated by Most. Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bengaluru and the President of the Archdiocesan Board of Education by cutting the ribbon and offering a prayer.



The second part of the inauguration was the public program wherein the distinguished guests addressed the gathering. The principal Dr. Sr. Sagayamary, the Principal welcomed and



introduced the renowned guests and honored by Fr. Anthony Mahendran, the manager and Fr. Vinoo Fabian, the Vice-Principal. The chief guests in their address congratulated the college for the brave step to establish the research Centre and exhorted to work to lift the college to its

occasion.

The inaugural function was followed by a seminar on 'Introduction To Method And Application In Social Science Research'. There were around 70 participants from educational institutions including teachers, scholars and students. The objectives of the seminar was to:

- To understand the methodologies of Research
- To study about Ethical issues & Research interpretation
- To know about statistical package for social science (SPSS) special emphasis on exploration of large-scale data sets, NSSO using SPSS
- To learn about research findings and reporting.



Prof. Meenakshi Rajeev, Professor, CESP, Institute for Social and Economic Change spoke elaborately on the introduction to Research Methodology and its application with relevant examples. Post lunch sessions were handled by Prof. Indrajit Bairagya Assistant Professor, CHRD, Institute for Social and Economic Change, who is one of the best resource persons on SPSS handled two sessions which were informative



and practical. SPSS Statistics is a statistical software suite developed by IBM for data management, advanced analytics, multivariate analysis, business intelligence, and criminal investigation. Long produced by SPSS Inc., it was acquired by IBM in 2009. Current versions (post 2015) have the brand name: IBM SPSS Statistics. The software name originally stood for Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), reflecting the original market, then later changed to Statistical Product and Service Solutions. SPSS is a widely used program for statistical analysis in social science. It was very useful session for all the participants.

The final session was handled by Dr. Bindya Yohannan and Prof. M R Sharma. They spoke about Social work research as systematic investigation into the problems in the field of social work. The study of concepts, principles, theories underlying social work methods and skills are the major areas of social work research. It involves the study of the relationship of social workers



with their clients; individuals, groups or communities on various levels of interaction or therapy as well as their natural relationships and functioning within the organizational structure of social agencies. The seminar wound up with final words of Pro. MR Sharma, ensuring that the follow up of the seminar.

Certificates for all the participants were distributed by Rev. Fr. Anthony Mahendran, the manager of the St. Aloysius Institutions and he thanked everyone who had worked behind for the success of this event. Dr. Sr. Sagayamary, the Principal also used this occasion to walk down the memory lane to recall the genesis of the idea of the research center. The department of Social Work under the efficient guidance of the vibrant HoD Sr. Deepa, faculty members Mrs. Nirmala Gradies and Mrs. Sharanya contributed tremendously with their hard work and prepared for the event for many days along with students. The events of the day ended with a photo session with the participants of the seminar. Definite that, the inauguration of the research center is the first step taken towards a long journey, we strive towards the goal with determination coupled with hard work and passion.



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