



# MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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## ***7.1.9. Sensitization of students and employees of the Institution to the constitutional obligations: values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens***

***Describe the various activities in the Institution for inculcating values for being responsible citizens as reflected in the Constitution of India within 500 words.***

Madras School of social work has been a pioneer in upholding constitutional values, rights, duties, and responsibilities. Constitutional obligations are integral to the founding principles of MSSW. All the courses cover the constitutional rights and responsibilities in the curriculum. Apart from the curriculum, various practical methods are followed for sensitizing our students, faculty members and other employees on Constitutional values.

### • **Human Rights**

- MSSW and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), jointly organised a training programme on Human Rights for students on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- MSSW and International Justice Mission (IJM) have been partnering since February 2018 to abolish the bonded labour system. Several joint initiatives have been organized
- Anti-Human trafficking club at MSSW **and** Anti-bonded labour day observation. **The Anti-Human trafficking club of MSSW was presented with “Champion of Justice Award” in February 20121 by Tamilnadu Police**

### • **Deepening democracy**

- NSS wing of MSSW organises programmes on Independence Day and Republic Day every year.
- A training programme was organised on Youth participation for social harmony through social legislations, from 17-18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- The Student Consumer Club of MSSW organised competitions to commemorate the World Consumer Rights Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- A talk show was organised for students on ‘Vibrant Democracy is possible because of its Citizens or its Four Pillars’ on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- A dialogue session was organised on ‘Participation Youth in Deepening Democracy’ on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- The Equal Opportunity Centre of MSSW organized a talk on CAA and NRC that discussed various issues connected with citizenship rights from legal perspective and role of media on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### • **Education**

- MSSW Student’s Forum initiative Blackboard organised a seminar on ‘Education system in India’ focusing on topics like Responsive classroom approach, Stress free teaching, Value based education on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- As a collaborative initiative with Pratham, PraDiGi digital app was designed to make learning a fun process for the children on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017.

- **Social Justice**

- An awareness seminar on prevention of sexual harassment at workplace was organized on collaboration with Ooruni Foundations on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- Seminar on 'Dalit and Tribal Empowerment: The Reality Today' on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Collaborated with Sweden Alumni Network India to organize Stakeholders Consultation on Safe Cyberspace and Sustainable Development for Women on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

- **Legal Awareness**

- Social work students' forum organised a Legal advocacy session on Right to Information (RTI) and Public Interest Litigation (PIL) on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- Certificate Course on Social Status and Legal Rights of Women was organised for post graduate students on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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