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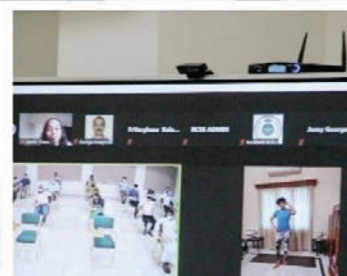
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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) has been ranked ***Eighth in the Country and First in the State in India's Top-Ranked Private Autonomous Colleges*** by the ***Education World India Higher Education Rankings 2021-22***.
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) has been ranked ***second best social work colleges*** in India according to the ***India Today-MDRA Survey of 2021***
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) has been Ranked ***second in Overall Ranking of Top BBA Colleges*** in India according to the ***GHRDC Survey 2021***

ANNUAL ACADEMIC STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT– BODHI 2021

The Annual Academic Retreat, Bodhi – 2021-22, for the faculty members of RCSS and RBS, was held from June 17 – 18, 24 – 25 and 28th, 2021 respectively. The curtain raiser of Bodhi-2021 was held on June 17th. Dr. Ranjan Banerjee, Dean, BITS School of Management led the session on 'Academic Leadership'. The valedictory session was held on June 28th, 2021 which was addressed by our Prior General Rev. Fr. Thomas Chathamparampil CMI at RBS auditorium.



VALLEY CAMPUS

International Conference

An International Conference was jointly organised by the Rajagiri Business School and Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, USA on the topic "Sustainable development: Challenges, Opportunities and the Future" from April 09 to 10, 2021. The Keynote Session was given by Prof. Vinod Mishra followed by Prof. Phil Harris and Prof. Timothy B Palmer.



International Webinar

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in association with Turnitin organised an International Webinar on "Improving Research Ethics and Academic Integrity using Turnitin Software" on April 09th, 2021. The Resource Persons of the webinar were Mr. Chaitali Moitra, Regional Director of Turnitin South Asia and Mr. Mohammed Shahrukh, Customer Growth Manager, South Asia. The session was moderated by Dr. James Dominic. There were total 874 participants from 22 foreign countries for the webinar.

Chaturanga – Chess Tournament

Chaturanga - the Online Open Blitz Chess Tournament was organized by MBA and MHRM students on June 19, 2021. The competition was open to participants of all categories outside Rajagiri Institutions. The proceeds from the registration fee were donated to Rajagiri Hospital for procuring oxygen cylinders and other COVID related expenses. The competition received 205 registrations, of which 192 participated. Cash prizes worth Rs. 15000 were awarded to the top 20 participants.



Rajagiri LaunchUp

Rajagiri LaunchUp is a unique ENTREPRENEURSHIP training and facilitation initiative for teenagers started by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School under the innovative leadership of Fr. Francis Manavalan CMI. This program focuses on SDG 8 i.e. "Decent Work and Economic Growth". It is a three-phase entrepreneurship training with the first phase as a 3-week awareness session followed by intensive entrepreneurship training in the second phase. In the third phase, the young entrepreneurs launch their startups with one to one mentoring with industry experts. The first Rajagiri LaunchUp was launched with RCJPS, Kochi on 19th June 2021. The guidance and support from Mrs. Saji Varghese, Principal RCJPS was instrumental for overwhelming registration by around 320 students from Classes IX to XII. Mr Krishna Vedati, CEO – Tynker.com from USA gave the keynote address. The first phase is currently ongoing on and sessions on entrepreneurship mindset, communication skills, leadership and teamwork, design thinking, creative problem solving, social entrepreneurship, funding sources, risk and reward, coping with failures have been undertaken by various area experts and experienced industrialists. The first phase is scheduled to be concluded on 17th July 2021.

Faculty Achievement

Prof. Himanshi Pandey has been awarded Ph.D on the topic "Echoes of Silence: Translating Kedarnath Singh's Poetry into English" from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur on April 26th, 2021.



HILL CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

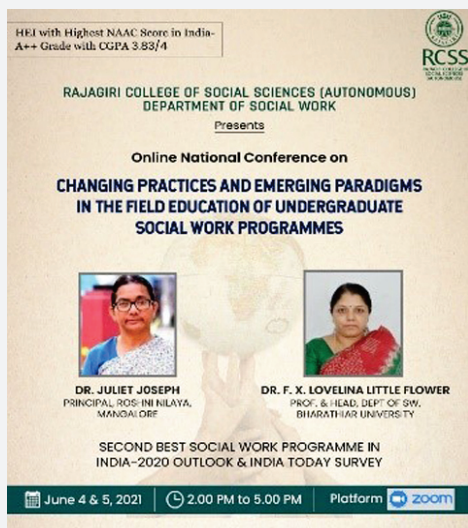
Webinar on COVID Vaccination and its significance; Myths and Facts about Black Fungus

The NSS and YRC Units have jointly organized a Webinar on COVID Vaccination and its significance, and Myths and Facts about Black Fungus on 28th May 2021. The Resource Person was Dr. Karthik Balachandran (Physician, PVS COVID Apex Centre, Kaloor and Taluk Hospital, North Paravur).

National Conference on Changing Practices and Emerging Paradigms in the Field Education of Undergraduate Social Work Programmes

Online National Conference on 'Changing Practices and Emerging Paradigms in the Field Education of Undergraduate Social Work Programmes' was held from 4th to 5th June 2021. Dr Nycil Romis Thomas was the faculty coordinator. The conference had 296 participants. Dr Juliet Joseph (Principal, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore) and Dr F. X. Lovelina Little Flower

(Professor & Head, Department of Social Work, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore) were the key speakers for the sessions.



Conference on Children, Human Rights and Social Work

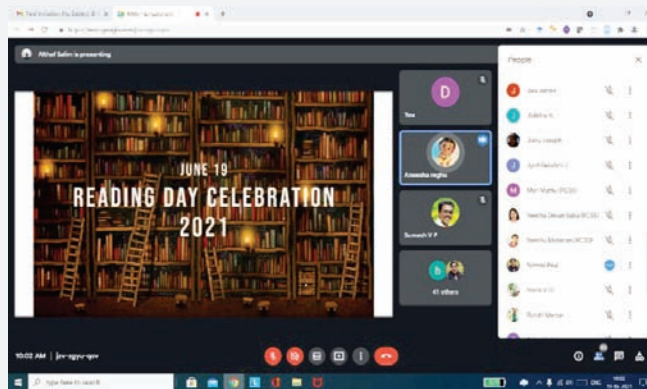
Conference on Children, Human Rights and Social Work was held from 25th to 26th June 2021. Dr. Rajeev S. P. was the faculty coordinator. The conference has two prominent resource persons Mrs. Priti Patkar (Social Worker and Founder and Executive Secretary of Prerana Foundation) and Mrs. Girija Kumarbabu, former Secretary of Indian Council for Child Welfare, Tamil Nadu).



DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

The Reading Day Celebrations

The Department of Library and Information Science along with Fr Moses Library conducted 'Reading Day Celebrations' on 19th June 2021. Various competitions like Poster making, Essay writing both in Malayalam and English were conducted for the students of RCSS. The chief guest of the event was Dr Vijaykumar, Librarian, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady.



Webinar on MOOC: Planning, Design and Execution

Department of Library and Information Science organized a webinar on **MOOC: Planning, Design and Execution** on 26th June 2021. The resource person was Dr. V.P Joshith, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Central University of Kerala, who is the UGC-SWAYAM-MOOCs Coordinator and Member, MOOC Advisory Board, CUSAT.

Achievement

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences received Scopus access through AICTE on May 04th, 2021 which is valid for 1 year. Scopus database has been activated on the both campuses that can be used by the IP addresses or can also assess it remotely through our rajagiri.edu email domain.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Session on Employability Skills for Future Finance Professionals

Department of Commerce and Professional Studies organised a session on 'Employability Skills for Future Finance Professionals' on June 15, 2021 for B.Com ACCA students. Mr. Rahul Puri (Head Employer Relations – ACCA India) and Mr. Nidhish Singh (ACCA, UK Member) were the resource persons for the session.



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

- ❖ Ansia Badar, Aimy Johny and Georgie Jacob Kaippallil from Social Work Department participated in ISWED (International Social Work Education and Development) online conference organised from 14th -17th April 2021.
- ❖ International Students from Nepal, Uganda, Afghanistan and Syria participated in the Covid-19 relief activities undertaken by the college.
- ❖ Office of International Relations organised a video conference for the international students in Kalamassery campus to discuss their concerns during this difficult times with the presence of Fr. Shinto Joseph and Sr. Bincy.
- ❖ Ministry of India and Study in India jointly organized a online study in India expo from 11th to 15th June, 2021. Rajagiri College participated in the expo and we got 63 Enquiries from different countries.
- ❖ MoU was signed between the University of Jyväskylä, Finland and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on 30th June, 2021.



COLLEGE- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH OUR “CAMPUS LIVE LABS”

RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

PRAGATI 2021 – Strategic Planning Meeting of Rajagiri outREACH

Mrs. Meena Kuruville, Project Director and the entire Staff of Rajagiri outREACH had attended the online **PRAGATI 2021** – Strategic Planning Meeting of Rajagiri outREACH on 20.05.2021. Mrs. Meena Kuruville, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH had presented the PRAGATI 2021-Strategic Planning Presentation of Rajagiri outREACH on 08.06.2021 and had discussions on the future activities of the department.



Social Impact Assessment Study for Land Acquisition

New SIA Study was sanctioned for the Construction of Various Exponents of Water Supply Scheme to Karumallur and Kunnukara Panchayats of Kunnukara and Karumallur Villages in Paravoor Taluk in Ernakulam District.

Jal Jeevan Project

Rajagiri outREACH was sanctioned Jal Jeevan Projects in 10 Panchayats including Ernakulam, Thrissur and Idukki District.

Samunnathi 2021 Online Summer Vacation Camp for the Sponsored Children

Rajagiri outREACH Staff and Internship Students of Sree Narayana Law College, Poothotta, Ernakulam and Cooperative School of Law, Thodupuzha had organised the **Samunnathi 2021 Online Summer Camp** for the sponsored children from April to May 2021. Various awareness and creative classes, competitions were conducted as part of the camp.

World Environment Day

Observation of “**Environment Day**” was commemorated online by Rajagiri outREACH with the support of Carborundum Universal Limited (CUMI) on 05.06.2021 and 06.06.2021 for the sponsored children. Sessions on Ecosystem Restoration was given by Sri. Saravanan Palakkad, Ventriloquist Magician and Sri. Ezhupunna Gopinath, Magician.

On June 05, 2021, as part of the World Environment Day, Rajagiri outREACH Kaval Project, had conducted a Tree Planting campaign.

Anti-tobacco day

Rajagiri ODIC team conducted national webinar and online quiz competition as part of observation of Anti-tobacco day, on 31st May 2021 in association with the association of ODIC Mother trust Puducherry. The resource person of the session was Mrs.V Chitralkha (Rtd, Social Service, Officer/ Psychiatric Social Worker, JIPMER Puducherry).

International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

As part of the observation of International day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, Rajagiri outREACH ODIC Team had conducted a live webinar on the topic “**Social impact on substance abuse and prevention**” in association with CHILDLINE Kochi for the students of CCPLMAIHSS Perumanoor on 26th June 2021.

Kaval Project

Kaval Team attended a state level meeting of ICPS with NGO directors, LCPOs, Kaval coordinators and case workers from every district on 6/5/2021. The meeting had mainly focused on the suicidal tendency among children.

Training Programmes, Workshops and Webinars

Rajagiri outREACH Kaval Project, Ernakulam had conducted life skill training on **Empathy** on 07.05.2021 for the children of Kaval. Mr. Sajo Joy had given the session. Ms. Jinsha Babu K.M., Case Worker, Kaval Project and the internship students of Social Work Department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery had attended the training. Conducted life skill training on **Creative Thinking** on 25.05.2021. Ms. Jinsha Babu K.M., Case Worker, led the life skill session.

Ernakulam District Level Parent Management Training on "Parenting"

Rajagiri outREACH Kaval Project, Ernakulam conducted a Parent Management Training Session on **Parenting (Family Structure)** on 12.05.2021. The training programme was jointly organized by the District Child Protection Unit, Ernakulam, Rajagiri outREACH Kaval Project and Blue Point Organization, Ernakulam. Ms. Lima Ramdas, Kaval Coordinator, Foundation for Social Health, Thrissur was the resource person.

State Level Legal Awareness Program

A State Legal Awareness Webinar on "**Balaneethiyum Niyama Samvidhanangalum**" was held on 29.05.2021. The Main session was taken by Adv. Viju Rajesh, OH Counsellor Ernakulam. 61 participants from the State and Internship students from the Social Work Department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences participated in the session.

Rajagiri outREACH Suraksha Migrant Project

Rajagiri outREACH Suraksha Migrant Project, Kalamassery, had registered 1623 migrants through counselling, DIC (Drop in Centre), STI Screening from April 2021 to June 2021. 50 Condom outlets were created and 1773 condoms were distributed to the migrants. Counselling sessions through telephone was given to 925 migrants.

Rajagiri outREACH Suraksha Migrant Project, in association with Ernakulam District Labour Department, is distributed 584 food kits to COVID affected and other migrants in Ernakulam District. The food kits were distributed at Cheranalloor, Koovappady, Vazhakkulam, Rayamangalam, Kuzhipilly Panchayats, Perumbavoor and Thrikakkara Municipality, Medicines were distributed to 23 COVID affected migrants residing near Cochin Shipyard, Ernakulam with the support of Labour, Health Departments and Corporation Councillor.

COVID-19 Second Wave Food kit distribution to Migrants at Cheranalloor Panchayat and Kakkanad

In association with Labor Office Department and Suraksha Migrant Project Kalamassery distributed 230 food kits and organized health camp to the migrants, who are residing at

Cheranalloor panchayat and 240 kits were distributed in CEZ, Kakkanad Suraksha Migrant Project, Kalamassery, in collaboration with Gandhi Vichara Vendi, Kuzhuppilly provided food kits to 42 scattered migrant families.



Training Programme for Counselling and Evaluation Service to COVID-19 affected families due to loss of family members

Rev. Fr. Dr. Saju MD CMI, Associate Director and Vice Principal of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery had briefed the Social Workers of Rajagiri outREACH about providing counselling and evaluation services to the COVID-19 affected families due to the loss of their family members in Kerala State.

COVID Relief Activities during the Period May & June 2021 with the Support of Sud-Chemie (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Rajagiri outREACH in association with Sud-Chemie India Pvt. Ltd., distributed 780 Food kits to COVID and Flood affected families in Ernakulam District on 24th and 25th May 2021.



The Food kits were distributed to the COVID and flood affected families of Chellanam Panchayat, Edavanakkad Panchayat, Njarackal Panchayat, HIV infected families, Ambulance drivers, Neighbourhood COVID affected families of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, needy COVID affected families identified by RCSS through telecounselling and needy staff of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. In addition to this provisions were also given to Community Kitchen run by Njarackal Panchayat Kudumbashree and Inter Agency Group of NGOs at Ernakulam.



THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Workshop on Road Safety and First Aid

As part of Road Safety Advocacy Programmes 2021, sponsored by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Govt. of India, a road safety awareness workshop was organized at Keezhmadu Grama Panchayat on 17th April 2021, for the different categories of road users including pedestrians, two-wheeler riders and light / heavy motor vehicle drivers. Smt. Sathi Lahu, President, Keezhmadu GP inaugurated the workshop. Shri. Joseph Cherian, Motor Vehicle Inspector (Enforcement), Ernakulam and Dr. K.G Radhakrishnan, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur handled the technical sessions on 'Road Safety & Road Rules and Regulations' and 'Basic Life Support & First Aid' respectively.



RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

Empanelment of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences as Key Resource Centre (KRC) under National Jal Jeevan Mission

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences is designated as the Key Resource Centre for conducting training programs for capacity building at two levels, namely Middle-Management Level(Level 2) and Community Level(Level 3) from April 2021 onwards. It is one among the three Key Resource Centres selected from Kerala. An orientation webinar was organized by Ministry of Jal Shakti for all the selected Key Resource Centres across India, RCSD on behalf of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences submitted the revised plan in the last week of June, 2021. Now the team at Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development is in the process of developing training modules.



Online Training Program in Retail Sales

Understanding the relevance of associating with more partners for conducting Skill Training programs, Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development entered into an agreement with TRRAIN, Bangalore, by signing an MoU on 9th June 2021 for conducting one month online training program for females in Retail Sales. An online face to face interaction was organized with the selected students as well as their parents to give a detailed description about the whole training program. Followed by an online orientation program, 25 female candidates were shortlisted from the applicants. The training commenced on 15th July, 2021.

Batch completion of Candidates under Yuvakeralam Project

Accounts Executive, Retail Store Manager and Housekeeping Supervisor programmes were offered to the second batch of Yuvakeralam. Training for Accounts Executive students commenced on February 2, 2021. After starting OJT on April 20, 2021, their training concluded on May 13, 2021. Course completion certificates were distributed.

Placement for DDU & Yuvakeralam Trained Candidates

Within several limitations, 12 candidates were trained in Front Office Executive course and 16 candidates under Retail Store Manager course. 9 candidates from Front Office and 11 candidates from Retail Store Manager secured placements after completing their training.

In the first batch of Yuvakeralam Project, out of the 20 candidates trained in Accounts Executive course, 17 were appointed. Similarly out of 19 trained in Housekeeping Supervisor course, all of them were appointed. In case of second batch of Yuvakeralam Project, out of the 20 trained in Accounts Executive course, 12 are appointed whereas, 14 out of 19 trained in Retail Store Manager course are appointed so far.

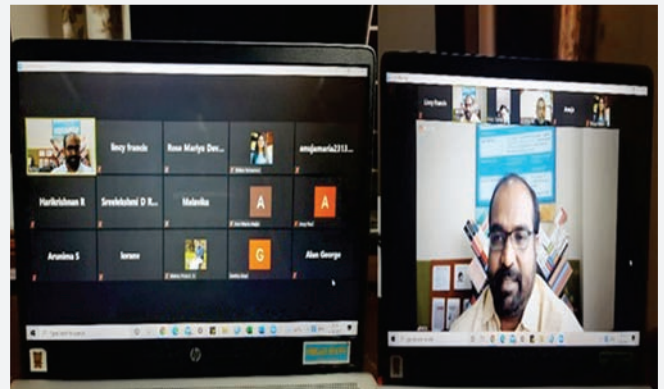
Completion of training in Tailoring & Fashion Designing – Basic

A 32 days training program in Tailoring and Fashion Designing was commenced by Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development in partnership with Kerala Kudumbashree Mission on 5th March, 2021 at Kanjoor. The training was conducted with a mission to train 27 women in tailoring job and promote them as entrepreneurs. Materials required for training like sewing machines, cloth, scissors etc were provided to the participant trainees free of cost. An expert trainer was hired to conduct classes for the participants. The training came to an end on April 27th, 2021. Participation certificates were awarded to the successful participants.

**FAMILY COUNSELING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE****Tele-counselling services for COVID 19 patients**

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in response to COVID 19 initiated a Tele-counselling program “Sandwanam” with the help of a multi-disciplinary team. Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in collaboration with the college trained a team of

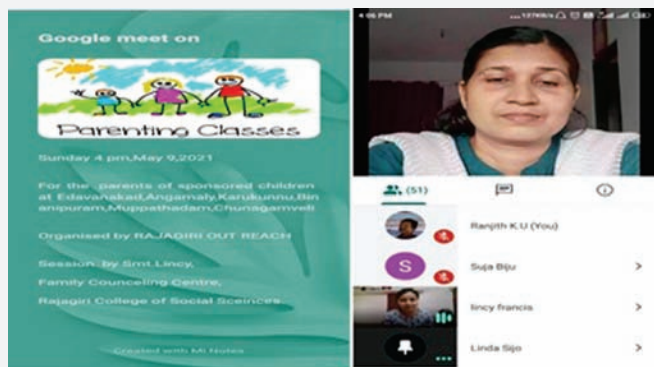
MSW students to provide psycho-social support to the COVID patients in various panchayats. Family Counselling Centre was a 24*7 helpline number for the patients and for those who were in quarantine. Also the team focused on meeting the basic needs of the patients such as food, health care, medicine, ambulance and so on. We have contacted 318 patients from Udayamperoor, Chottanikara, Keezhmadu, Kanjoor and Kalamssery and were given psycho-social support. Dr Fr Saju M D, Director of Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre coordinated the program. The program was designed to provide support through the distress. Also post COVID effects are also being taken care by the team.

**A session on Positive Parenting for the parents of sponsored children from Rajagiri Outreach CSR project**

Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in association with Rajagiri Outreach organised a virtual awareness program for the parents of sponsorship children of Kalamassery on 23.03.2021. The session was planned especially for mothers. There were 25 participants and the session was lead by Ms Jeno Shruthi Martin, Counsellor, Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre. Counsellor provided them with few tips that help them in efficient parenting. Also taught them how to manage gaming and online classes without hatred from children.

Awareness for the parenting of sponsored children at Edavanakad, Angamaly, Kunnukara, Binanipuram, Muppathadam, Chunamgamveli

Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in collaboration with Rajagiri Outreach organised a session for parents of sponsored children at Edavanakad, Angamaly, Kunnukara, Binanipuram, Muppathadam, Chunamgamveli on 09.05.2021 through Google meet. The session was taken by Ms Lincy Francis, Counsellor, Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre. There were 55 participants in the session. The focus of the session was on the eight aspects of parenting. The session also focused on few tips that promotes positive parenting styles especially during the pandemic crisis.



DHWANI : An awareness session for Women of Self-help group on the topic- “Domestic Violence”

Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in collaboration with Rajagiri Outreach organised a session on “Domestic Violence” for the women of self-help groups 'Creating Entrepreneurs' of K P Paul Foundation. The session was organised by MSW trainees of Rajagiri outreach on 19.05.2021 through Google meet. 41 members participated in the session. The session was led by Adv.



Rushdha, Legal Counsellor and Ms Lincy Francis, Counsellor, Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre. The session focused on educating women about the legal frame work of Domestic Violence Act 2005 and its implications in the current scenario.

A session on 'Managing stress, Domestic Violence and other issues in COVID-19 pandemic period'

Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in collaboration with Rajagiri Outreach organised a session on 'Managing stress, Domestic Violence and other issues in COVID-19 pandemic period' for women of SHG on 08.06.2021. The session was led by Adv Rushdha, Legal Counsellor, Ms Lincy Francis and Ms Jeny Shruthi Martin, Counsellors. The session was organised by MSW trainees, Rajagiri Outreach. Women were given enough information about legal support systems for Domestic Violence.

CHILDLINE, Kochi –Nodal Agency

My Childhood - A campaign to eradicate child beggary and child labour from the society

The campaign inaugurated by Mr. Sathish Kumar V (special Judge, Fast Track Special Court, Perumbavoor) and guests were Mr. Andhkrishnan (RTO), Dr. Akhil (NHM), Mr. Suresh K K (Section Officer, DLSA), Mr. Ashraf(SJPU Rural), Fr. Jenson (Director of Collab), Mr. Sijo John (District Coordinator, NSS), Mr. Arun Thankachan (Nodal Coordinator, Kochi), Mr. Rajendran (Secretary, TLSC) & Team of Childline (Ms.Lathika, Kumari. Ayona, Mr. Donal, Mr. Vijay). The participants were formed into 5 groups and sensitized vendors, pilgrims, placed indicators on 'No to Child Labour & Beggary' in different shops and visibilities. Along with these, the team sensitized about the helpline numbers available for the protection of children from these public nuisances and pasted stickers and given basic awareness about the childline and its activities to the public.



Capacity Building Training for Childline staff

Childline Ernakulam has conducted a training program for Childline staff on the topic of “Mental health concerns and intervention for children during Covid – 19 .The session was handled by Dr. Anish KR (Ass.Professor, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences).It enriched the participants with useful online case related counseling methods and techniques. And the interaction session paved the way to understand different types of online programmes and its effective way of practice among children.

Margadarshan – Campaign to Eliminate Child Labour

As a part of World Day Against Child labour, CHILDLINE Ernakulam in collaboraton with District Labour Department Ernakulam, Child Welfare Committee Ernakulam has organized a training for state level officials of labour department, Child Welfare Committee Members and Social Work volunteers. Adv Teena Cheiran (Founder and President of Jenika Fountadation) took a session of “An introduction to child labour laws in India and Relevant facts”. 14 district level labour officials, including 100 other participants attended the program.
