

ASSOCIATION MEETING - 2017-18

Inaugural Report

The inauguration of the SWAN Association for the year 2017-2018 was held on 24th July 2017 in Sophy's Hall, Holy Cross College, Trichy.

Mr. John Prince, secretary of SWAN association welcomed the chief guest Mr. A.Gregory , Project Director of VOICE trust, Trichy to be the chair of the day and the gathering for their participation to make meaningful of the event.

Rev.Sr. Niranjana, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work appreciated the good works of the chief guest and honored him with a memento for making his presence. She followed with warm and encouraging words for the successful functioning of the SWAN.

Then the report of the previous year activities of SWAN 2016-2017 was read out by Mr.Lenin Ignatius, Treasurer of SWAN association. Followed by Mr. John Prince, secretary of SWAN presented the action plan of the association for the 2017-2018 year. Some of the key areas covered in action plan are viz; GST, Sanitation Water,Environment,Role of Social Workers towards education,Law,Human Rights,Child Abuse and etc.

Followed by short films on Corruption and Suicidal issues of agriculture workers were screened to provoke the thoughts of the members of the association.

Then we stepped into the key event of the day with the swearing ceremony. During the investiture ceremony the newly elected members of SWAN association were honored by chief guest and by the head of the department.

Followed by the newly elected representatives of the SWAN association viz; Mr.John Prince-Secretary, Mr.Backiaman- Joint Secretary, Mr. Lenin Ignatitus – Treasurer, Ms.Christy- Executive member (from 2nd year) , Ms.Gomathy- Executive member (from 1st year) had taken Oath and promised to work for the oppressed , deprived persons irrespective of the caste, creed and race.

Then Prof. J.JosephineJeba ,Assistant professor of the Department of Social work and in charge of SWAN association had introduced in the chief guest in detail with his skills and expertise in the field of development and welcomed him to address the gathering. Accepting the words of appreciation Dr. A.Gegory addressed the forum on various social issues and discussed viz on environmental challenges and the alternative initiatives to be marched forward. He also shared on the wholistic way of environmental protection with his experience of having worked along with “Nammalvar” under the green movement through the school children.

Finally with the vote of thanks by Mr..Backiaman, the event was concluded with the national anthem.



IMPACT OF GST

Second SWAN association meeting was held on 30th August 2017, the programme was on “Impact of GST”.

The resource person of the day was Mr.Kennedy MA,ML,High Court Lawyer.

He educated the trainees on “what is GST,Why of GST,long history behind the implementation of GST, and how GST is calculated”.He critically analyzed how the GAT in INDIA had an impact on peoples from every walk of life.

Finally the gathering was ended with vote of thanks and the trainees learnt about the various social ,economical and political impact of GST on common people.



Situation of Manual Scavengers

Third SWAN association meeting was held on 25th September 2017, the forum discussed on Manual Scavengers.

This discussion was planned by SWAN member Mr. John Prince. On the day a documentary film on Manual Scavengers was published.

This documentary film was taken by Ms. Divya Bharathi [Kakoos]. The film had shaken the minds of the social workers. From this documentary the participants experienced the struggles and depression of the Manual Scavengers. The condition, the actual situation and the political issues behind the Manual Scavengers were well displayed in the film.

Ms. Christy, II MSW, SWAN member shared her experiences with Manual Scavengers and the reality behind the Manual Scavengers Act.



Sensitisation on Environmental Issues

The SWAN association meeting was held on 20th October 2017, on the topic “Environmental Issues”. The chief guests of the day were Mr. Senthil, Co-ordinator, Ilanthamizhagam Iyakkam

and Mr.Jasem Fathi,Trichy district Organiser from Ilanthamizhagam Iyakkam .The chief guests were welcomed and introduced by our student Ms. Christy.

The resource persons Mr.Senthil and Mr. Jasem had explained about the ill effects of Hydro carbon and Methane extraction. Mr.Senthil gave an introduction on Hydro Carbon issues and how many states had been affected and lost their agricultural land and given some statistics about the Hydro carbon extraction .Assam, Gujarat are the two states affected so badly by hydro carbon extraction . So from this trainees learned on how to protect our country from these harmful things. If this extraction taken place means our water resource will be drained and the entire river would go as desert. So to protect our natural resources we need to plan preventive measures and stop implementing these schemes into our land. This was effectively discussed in the meeting.The resource persons also answered the questions of the trainees.

The trainees had learned on some preventive measures and the event was concluded with the vote of thanks by swan member Ms. Bakiyama,I MSW.



Knowledge on Alternative Medicines

The SWAN association meeting was held on 4th December 2017, on the topic “knowledge on Alternative Medicines” .The chief guests of the day were Dr. Wilson ,Manager,Medical

Committee for Tamil Traditional Medicines and Dr.Nigamathullah, Naturopathy Doctor from Trichy.After the welcome address the guests were introduced by our student Mr. John Prince.

The resource persons Dr.Wilson and Dr.Nigamathullah, Naturopathy Doctors had explained about our food pattern,how the food is contaminated ,how much chemicals have added in our food without our knowlegde. Dr.Wilson gave an insight on our body functioning ,the myths behind the propaganda of disease and he gave some practical tips to keep oneself healthy. They have clarified the doubts of the trainees and the faculty members.

The trainees had learned on how naturopathy can help people to maintain their health in good condition. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks.



Creating Political Consciousness on the minds of **Budding Social Workers**

The SWAN association meeting was held on 24th January 2018.It was an unique programme. Political consciousness was created through Group Discussion mode. All the trainees and faculty members had discussed on various topics. The topics of discussions were as follows., Introduction on Political Consciousness, Voting Behaviour ,Disparities in India, Political influence on Environment, Politisizing welfare and Humanizing politics and Politisizing Education in Current Scenario.It was really an effective discussion.More ideologies on different

political concepts on par with the current scenario were shared during that day. In between the sharing and discussions how social work trainees could intervene and made an impact in their professional life were articulated. With this the long hours of discussions came to an end.



Validiction

The valediction of SWAN association was held on 6th March 2018. Dr. M. Suresh Kumar, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, UDC was the guest of the programme. He educated and discussed some of the major issues of the contemporary time. The over all report of the activities of SWAN for the year 2017-18. Then the meeting ended with vote of thanks.