



Subject Association



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

(UGC Centre of Advanced Study)

Faculty of Social Sciences

Acknowledgements

It gives us immense pleasure to publish this brochure of Subject Association of the Department of Social Work (UGC Centre of Advanced Study), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Over years, towards attaining its academic objectives the department has always upheld its values of appreciating the contribution of students in every programme. It is through their involvement, the programmes become entirely participatory in essence. The Subject Association provides a platform to students to present their talents and develop their potential while they pursue their courses in the department. This brochure highlights, all such initiatives and showcase them so that both the teachers and the students look back upon these, add their own creative ideas, come up with new initiatives, and cherish their achievements for years to come.

The success of any activity owes its acknowledgement to many people. For this brochure, thanks are due to all the students and teachers who have taken keen interest in making this publication a reality. At this stage it is important to appreciate the partnership which has made these student efforts meaningful. We are thankful to all the collaborating agencies and departments in the University for supporting the association in all its initiatives.

Prof. N. U. Khan
President
Subject Association
&
Head of the Department

About the Department

The Department of Social Work (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi) was established in the year 1967 to impart Social Work Education at undergraduate level. Subsequently, the Post Graduate programme in Social Work was introduced in the year 1976. The University Grants Commission (UGC), in the year 1991, accorded the department with status of Department of Special Assistance (DSA) that was followed by two more phases of DSA. The department was also sanctioned assistance from UGC under the ASIHSS Programme (2005-2010). The DSA and ASIHSS have strengthened the department both academically as well as in terms of infrastructure. Presently, the department offers an Under Graduate degree in Social Work (BSW), Masters in Social Work (MSW), Masters in Human Resource Management (HRM) and Ph. D. programme. The department takes several initiatives to consciously improve class-room teaching and fieldwork. The departmental library is upgraded. All classrooms have LCD projector facility, enabling teachers to use them for more effective teaching. Skill development laboratories, extension lectures, seminars and special lectures are organized to supplement the class room teaching. Ph. D. course work along with new optional papers has been introduced. Members of the faculty are actively involved in teaching, research and consultancy.

Keeping in view the significant achievements as well as potential for excellence, the department was upgraded as the UGC Centre for Advanced Study in April 2010. The UGC - CAS program has provided the required infrastructure and enabled the department to focus on the two units for achieving the goals outlined in the thrust area: Research and Resource Unit on Social Work with Minorities (RRUSWM) and Behaviour and Personality Enrichment Laboratory (BPEL).

The Subject Association

The Subject Association, Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, endeavors towards organising curricular and co-curricular activities. It undertakes steps towards developing academic atmosphere thereto promoting studentship and generating new avenues for learning and practice for excellence and advancement in their professional conduct and carrier building.

Aims and Objectives

- Organize academic activities such as students' seminars, extension lecture, debating competitions and various other co-curricular activities in the Department.
- Encourage all students to participate in academic and co-curricular activities as they shall be organized by the University from time to time.
- Endeavor towards associating themselves with the Community Development Works as it may be undertaken by a concerned Department or the University as such.
- Organize such activities which may be necessary and Incidental to achieving the aforesaid aims and objectives.

Membership

Each bonafide student of the department paying fees towards subject associations fund is the member of the Subject Association.

Composition

The executive committee of the Subject association consists of the elected and nominated class representatives from each class and following Office Bearers:

1. President (Ex-Officio Head of the Department)
2. Vice-President
3. General Secretary
4. Joint Secretary

Processes and Functioning

The Subject association functions in a democratic manner and maintains transparency. The term of the Subject Association is for one academic session. The Vice President, General Secretary and the Joint Secretary are elected by the Class representatives whereby the positions are allotted in order from the senior most class to classes in descending order in a customary norm. However, if needed the office bearers other than the president are elected through a free and fare democratic election method.

The Subject Association is guided by a Student Advisor appointed by the Staff Council of the department. The President (Ex-officio Head of the Department) approves and supervises the activities of the Subject Association.

Regular meetings of the executive body comprising of the office bearers and executive members (Class Representatives) are conducted for effective and efficient functioning of the association. The President of the association presides over the meetings and in absence of the president the Vice President presides over. While the General Secretary maintains the records of the minutes of meetings, budget and expenditure records under the supervision of the advisor, the Joint Secretary, assist the General Secretary.

Programmes and Activities

1. Fresher's Welcome

Fresher's Welcome is an annual feature of the department. The subject association welcomes the freshers by organising a get together of the students. The event is held in the department where the students of the newly admitted Batch introduces themselves and participate in games organized by the Senior Batch. 'Mr. Fresher' and 'Ms. Fresher' titles are given to the students who are chosen based on certain criteria.



2. DASTAK (Manuscript Wall Magazine)

The Subject Association publishes a monthly wall magazine titled 'DASTAK' (Manuscript). The magazine features the experiences of students from field, News of the department, glimpse of events and co-curricular activities and the views of the students on various social and economic issues prevalent in the society. This platform helps the students to exhibit their creativity and also share their unique field practices, experiences, feelings and newer strategies as per the changing needs of the time. The themes which have been frequently portrayed in DASTAK are Homelessness, Women Safety, Decriminalization of politics, Exemplary field interventions by Alumni, Environmental Issues, Reflections on Rural Camp and Self Management and Development Module (SMDM) of the department, etc.



3. Speaking Wall

The speaking wall provides space for free expressions and innovative idea and serves as an additional notice board for student's initiatives in the campus. It gives a voice to the thoughts of students who express their feelings in the form of poetry, articles, stories, caricatures and art pieces.

4. Seminars, Extension Lectures and Panel Discussions

The Subject Association organises various seminars and extension lectures in the department. Professionals from the field are invited for the seminars and extension lectures. The students of the department can share their thoughts and experiences with the field experts invited for the purpose.

Panelist are invited from within and outside the university. Their lectures/presentations are followed by the question answer session so that students could clarify their doubts and enhance their understanding.



Lectures on topics such as secularism, fasting in different religions, human rights, human trafficking, Poverty, Homelessness and Social Exclusion etc are regularly organised by the association.

The experts who have visited the department recently include Adv. Ravi Kant, President of Shakti Vahini, Prof. Vipin Tripathi, Founder of Sadbhav Mission, Mr. Faizal Khan, Founder of Khudai Khidmatgaar and Mr. Shivendra Pratap Singh Chairman of BMW Society.

5. Students Participation at University Level

The students are facilitated to participate in various activities such as essay writing competition, quiz competition, solo singing competition, self-defence workshops, and inter faculty Games & Sports Competitions at the university level.

6. Students' Visit to other Universities

The department facilitates students' participation both on the campus programmes as well as in other universities/collages too. On many occasions students have represented the university by doing so. One such representation consisting of 16 students, a Research Scholar and a Faculty member was made in the First National Convention of Departments of Social Work of Central Universities in India in 2014 at Central University of Kerala. In this convention the students participated in various events like discussions, cultural programs, poster making, paper presentation, elocution, etc. The faculty-in-charge made presentation about the department, its unique practices in field work and extension activities, etc.



7. Student Delegates from other Universities

Department of Social Work, JMI, New Delhi is an important destination for both national as well as international delegates visiting Delhi for exposure to Social Work Education. During the last few years delegates from different Schools of Social Work

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members from the Department of the Central University of Kerala, a delegation consisting of 41 students and 6 faculty members from the Department of Social Work, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, 2 faculty members and 35 students of M.A. Social Work (Final) of Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Chennai, Tamilnadu, 28 Students and 2 faculty members of the Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati visited the department. Students of Faculty of Social Work, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, M.S.W. students of Research and P.G. Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu, M.S.W. students of Shree Saraswati Gram Vidyapeeth, Samoda, Gandwada, Patan (Gujrat), and Shri Z. N. Patel, Master of Social Work College (M.S.W.) College, Bhuj, Gujrat also visited the department and interacted with the students & Faculty Member. The students of our department hosted them in the department. The students advisor briefed them about origin and growth of the department and the students facilitated the campus visit.

8. Sports Day

The Subject Association organizes an annual sports day where the students participate in different sports events. The sports day is held at the Jamia Sports Complex. Intra-department Cricket Tournament is organized between the teams comprising of students from different classes. Some other events include Badminton Tournament for girls, Tug of War, 3 Legged Race etc. The winners of each event are honoured with medals and trophies.



9. Department's Annual Fest - SEHER

The department's Annual Fest “SEHER” is organised in the month of February/ March for three days every year. A theme is decided upon by the students for the fest based on which the department is decorated during the festival. Various events and competitions are held in the department premises. Students from various departments of the university as well as from other universities and colleges participate in the festival.



Some of the themes of Annual Fest during the last few years were- Indian Diversity, Inclusive Development, Pan Indian Culture, Culture Unplugged and Eco-Friendly Youth. The events in the Annual Fest include Debate, Creative Writing, Pot Painting, Photo Exhibition, Quiz, Elocution, Poster Making, Ad Mad, Face Painting and Street Plays etc. The winners get prizes and certificates while others receive participation certificates. Various NGOs also put up their stalls in the department lawns that add flavour to the event.

10. Campus Birds Campaign

With the support of Subject Association BSW students in 2011 initiated a unique environment sensitization campaign to provide a safe home to the birds on the university campus particularly to the birds around the department. The campaign is titled as “Campus Birds Campaign (CBC)” which has become a permanent feature of the Subject Association's activities in the department.



11. ABC Campaign

ABC Campaign is an endeavor of the Subject Association in providing remedial coaching for the children of the labourers staying in transitory labour camps in and around the campus at the new construction sites of the university.



12. Field Activism

Under the aegis of Subject Association the students are involved in the field activism every now and then like activities of Ms. Medha Patkar in Narmada Bachao Aandolan, Mr. Anna Hajare's movement of India Against Corruption and the Dharna of field activist Ms. Jazeera (the Crusader against Sand Mafia in Kerala) etc.



13. Street Plays

The Street Plays are generally organized in the departments lawn and at various other places in the campus to sensitize the student community about various social issues. The students also occasionally organise street plays as part of their program media training for attitude change interventions on certain emergent issues particularly in the campus and society at large.



14. Swacch Bharat Abhiyan

Under the flagship of Subject Association the department carried out 10 days “Swacch Bharat Abhiyan” during the “Clean India Drive” in the year 2014. A variety of programs were organised in which students as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff participated. The programme included a brainstorming about ways of developing 'Sustainable Plans for Cleanliness'. The students cleaned their respective classrooms, Faculty Cubicles and the surroundings of the department. The students performed different street plays, parodies, group songs and poems related to the theme “cleanliness” at various places in the university. Drive involved the students in making puppets, posters and grassroots comics on the theme. A debate Competition was held on the topic “Sustainable Cleanliness An occupational Responsibility of the Service Staff”.



It also included an Extension Lecture and screening of a Documentary Film "Whose Waste is it Anyway?" by Ms. Sharmila Sinha, Deputy Programme Manager, Education and Training, Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi.



15. Farewell

Biding adieu to the students of final year batch is planned as an event in the department. With the guidance of the Subject Association, the junior batch organises a farewell party for the senior batch. Various games and cultural performances are organized to make the event more happening. Farewell titles are also given to the students along with choosing Mr. Farewell and Ms. Farewell from the group.



16. Connect: Annual Alumni Meet

The Subject Association engages with its alumni in many ways. On an annual basis the Field Work Unit of the department in collaboration with the Subject Association organises the Annual Alumni Meet- '**Connect**'. It invariably invites the alumni for experiential sharing and delivering field based inputs to enhance students learning at the department. It also helps the department in finding better placements for the students.



Subject Association: Executive Bodies of Last Five Years

Year: 2010-2011

President: Prof. Zubair Meenai (HOD)
Vice President: Mr. Rahul Parasar (M.A.HRM-Final)
General Secretary: Ms. Niha Khan (M.A. SW-First Year)
Joint Secretary: Mr. Ali Azam (B.S.W. Final)
Student Advisor: Dr. Sigamani P. (Assistant Professor)

Year: 2011-2012

President: Prof. Zubair Meenai (HOD)
Vice President: Mr. Hammad Ahmad (M.A. SW -Final)
General Secretary: Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharya (M.A.HRM-Final)
Joint Secretary: Mr. Salman Khan (B.S.W. Final)
Student Advisor: Dr. Ashvini Kumar Singh (Assistant Professor)

Year: 2012-2013

President: Prof. Zubair Meenai (HOD)
Vice President: Ms. Munira Khan (M.A. SW -Final)
General Secretary: Mr. Naseem Choudhary (M.A.HRM-Final)
Joint Secretary: Mr. Md. Tanzeem Pasha (B.S.W. Final)
Student Advisor: Dr. Virendra B. Shahare (Assistant Professor)

Year: 2012-2013

President: Prof. N.U. Khan (HOD)
Vice President: Ms. Irfana Bakht (M.A. SW -Final)
General Secretary: Mr.Kamran Yahiya (M.A.HRM-Previous)
Joint Secretary: Mr. Tabish Jang (B.S.W. Final)
Student Advisor: Dr. Habeebul Rahiman V.M. (Assistant Professor)

Year: 2014-2015

President: Prof. N.U. Khan (HOD)
Vice President: Ms. Eisha Choudhary (M.A. SW -Final)
General Secretary: Ms. Gaganjot Kaur (M.A.HRM-Previous)
Joint Secretary: Ms. Sanchita Chanana (B.S.W. Final)
Student Advisor: Mr. Sanjay Ingole (Assistant Professor)



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