

Activities of Research Centre

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1. Causes and consequences of beggary: A Study in Madurai City' for which Dr. M.Kannan, Principal of the College is the Principal investigator and Dr.P.Ramasamy is the co-investigator.
2. An Action Research towards Creating a Tobacco Free Zone' for which Dr.P. Ramasamy is the Chief Investigator and Dr. Janet Vasanthakumari is the Co-investigator.

Apart from that 15 minor Research projects sanctioned by SERO-UGC, Hyderabad were undertaken by the research department. Research meetings and guidance sessions were conducted by the centre for research for the principal investigators of the minor research projects sanctioned by SERO-UGC; the principal investigators are continuously facilitated to carry out the projects.

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1. A Study On Depression And Anxiety Among People in Selected Villages Surrounding Madurai by the chief investigator Mr.Dharmasingh .D
2. A Study On Stress And Life Satisfaction Elderly In rural areas in Madurai district by the chief investigator Dr.Janet vasantha kumari.D
3. Apart from that 9 more Minor Research Projects sanctioned by SERO-UGC, Hyderabad were also undertaken by the research department. Research meetings and guidance sessions were conducted by the centre for research for the principal investigators of the minor research projects sanctioned by SERO-UGC; the principal investigators are continuously facilitated to carry out the projects.

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For the academic year of 2018-19, the following research works were undertaken:

1. An evaluation study on effectiveness of in service training on content enrichment among science teachers. Sponsored by MISS College
2. An evaluation study on effectiveness of in service training on content enrichment among Commerce teachers. Sponsored by MISS College

2019-20

With reference to the advertisement by National Commission for Women dated 01-08-2019 seeking proposals for research and organizing seminars and workshops, the faculty members in Department of Social Work applied for the same to get the grants and to carry out the activities.

Dr. P. Jayakumar, Assistant Professor in Social Work and Dr. Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professor in Social Work submitted research proposal under the broad theme 'Women and Employment' and Dr. Jobi Babu, Assistant Professor in Social Work submitted a research proposal under the broad theme 'Women and Health'.

Dr. A. Arun RajKumar, Mrs. R. Rajalakshmi, Mr. S. Charles and Mrs. P. Meenaloshini, Assistant Professors in Social Work submitted proposals to organize the seminar.

As a result, the proposal submitted by Dr. Jobi Babu, Assistant Professor in Social Work was approved by National Commission for Women and the partial fund was sanctioned to carry out the research work. One Research Assistant was employed to carry out the research work under the guidance of Principal investigator.

Dr. P. Murugesan, Part-Time Research Scholar in the Department of Social Work has successfully defended his PhD Thesis on 03-09-2019 and was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work.

Orientation on SPSS was provided to II year MSW students on 10-02-2020 to make them to understand about Data Analysis and Interpretation. Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Assistant Professor in Social Work was the trainer.

In response to the advertisement by Indian Council of Social Science Research seeking Application for Special Call for Studies Focusing on Social Science Dimensions of Covid-19 Corona Virus Pandemic, the faculty members in Department of Social Work submitted research proposals. Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Mrs. R. Rajalakshmi, Dr. Gurumoorthi V, Mr. S. Charles and Mrs. P. Meenaloshini submitted research proposals in different themes as required by ICSSR.

With respect to the advertisement by National Commission for Women seeking proposals to organize webinar, Mr. M. Nisanth, Principal (i/c) submitted a proposal under the broad theme 'Domestic Violence'.

Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Assistant Professor in Social Work submitted an application to Madurai Kamaraj University for getting guideship.

2020-21

The Research Centre of Madurai Institute of Social Sciences has completed a research project in collaboration with Madurai Corporation. This research project was done to understand the behavioral practices of People in 100 wards of Madurai Corporation in the context of COVID - 19. Dr. Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professor of Social Work served as the Principal Investigator of the Project. Mr. M. Nisanth, Dr. P Jaya Kumar, Mrs. R. Rajalakshmi, Mr. S. Charles, Mrs.P.Meenaloshini, Dr.Jobi Babu and Mr. D. Chinnadurai served as Co-Investigators of the project. This work was widely disseminated by various daily newspapers.

Mr. M. Nisanth, Part-Time PhD Research Scholar in the PG and Research Department of Social Work has defended his PhD thesis on 05-10-2020 and awarded with Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work.

Mr.D.Bojarai, Part-Time PhD Research Scholar in the PG and Research Department of Social Work and Ms.R.Rajalakshmi, Assistant Professor, and Part-Time PhD Research Scholar in the PG and Research Department of Social Work of MISS College Presented Research Methodology of their Ph.D on 06.09.2020 through online mode.

Mr. D. Bojaraj, Part-Time PhD Research Scholar in the PG and Research Department of Social Work submitted the PhD Thesis.

With reference to the advertisement by National Commission for Women dated 01-08-2019, Dr. Jobi Babu, Assistant Professor in Social Work has successfully completed a research project on 'Menstrual Health Awareness and Practices of Women: A Comparative, Intervention Study with Reference to the Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu'.

Dr.Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professor of Social Work is serving as Principal Investigator of the Research Project titled ‘A Fact Finding Study on Child Marriage in Rural and Urban Areas of Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu’ since December 2020. Dr. M. Nisanth is the Co-Investigator of the Project. The project is funded by Government of Tamil Nadu. Two research assistants have been serving since the commencement of the project. One Field Investigator was recruited for a period of one month for the purpose of data collection.

Mrs. R. Shalini and Mr. K. Arun Kumar (Research Assistants of the Project), Dr Gurumoorthi V (Principal Investigator) and Dr M Nisanth (Co-Investigator) presented a paper on Job Stress among Working Women Employees during Pandemic Situation in Public Sector in the 8th Indian Social Work Congress and 8th ISWC and 8th ICSDAP Conference 2021 jointly organized by National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) International Consortium for Social Development – Asia Pacific (ICSDAP) and Department of Social Work, Visva-Bharathi, Santiniketan, West Bengal during 28th February - 2nd March 2021.

Orientation on SPSS was given to II MSW students on 19-02-2021 to make them to understand about Data Processing, Data Analysis and Interpretation. Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Assistant Professor in Social Work was the trainer. Followed by orientation on SPSS organized by the Research Centre, Dr. Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professor of Social Work oriented the students on Research Report Writing. BSW students were also oriented on SPSS by Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Assistant Professor in Social Work.

Dr Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professor in Social Work submitted an application to Madurai Kamaraj University for getting Guideship. Initiatives were taken by the Research Centre to discuss with the competent authority of Madurai Kamaraj University to conduct PhD Entrance Test and Interview in Social Work instead of Sociology.

Programmes organised in 2020-21

Name of the Programme	Date & Venue	Resource Person	Programme Outcome
Three Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology from	29-08-2020 to 31-08-2020	Dr.M.Kannan,Former Principal, Research Director,MSCTRF, Madurai	Students gained confidence in doing research not only as a part of academic curriculum, but also they can apply their research knowledge in their workplace too
Research Seminar on Review of Literature	19-09-2020	Dr.V.Gurumoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madurai Institute	Students gained confidence in writing the review of literature and also

		of Social Sciences	assured that they will submit the same as per the requirements.
Seminar Research Methodology	16-10-2020	Dr.V.Gurumoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences	Students said that they have gained confidence in writing the methodology and also assured that they will submit the same as per the requirements

2021-22

The Research Centre of Madurai Institute of Social Sciences ensured that the PhD Entrance Examination of Madurai Kamaraj University was conducted in Social Work instead of Sociology.

In all the faculty meetings, staff members were motivated to publish the research papers in the UGC CARE listed and other relevant journals pertaining to the discipline.

Mr. K. Arun Kumar, Research Assistant of a funded project presented a paper entitled “A Study on Well-being among Children during Pandemic Situation” in the 8th Annual Conference of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals on “ Health Social Work Practice in Current Scenario: Emerging Issues and Challenges” from 07-08-2021 to 09-08-2021 organized by AIAMSWP on Virtual Mode.

Ms. R. Shalini, Research Assistant of a funded project presented a paper entitled “A Study on Mental Well-being among Women during Pandemic Situation” in the 8th Annual Conference of All India Association of Medical Social Work Professionals on “ Health Social Work Practice in Current Scenario: Emerging Issues and Challenges” from 07-08-2021 to 09-08-2021 organized by AIAMSWP on Virtual Mode.

Ms. R. Shalini, Research Assistant of a funded project presented a paper entitled “A Study on Psychological Well-being among College Students in the 3rd International Conference on “Healthcare and Well-being: Current Trends and Challenges” organised by Indian Mental Health and Research Centre and Shia P.G. College from 30-10-2021 to 31-10-2021.

Ms. R. Shalini, Research Assistant of a funded project presented a paper entitled “Challenges faced by the College Students during Online Education System” in One Day Multidisciplinary International e-Conference on “Changing Perspectives of Education” Jointly organized by the Sow.Kesharbai (Kaku) Sonajirao Ksirgasar Arts, Commerce & Science College Beed & Kalikadevi Arts, Commerce & Science College, Shirur (K.A) Tq. Dist.Beed, Home Science and English Department on 4th September, 2021.

In continuation of the application submitted to the Madurai Kamaraj University, M.Phil and PhD Guideship of Dr P Jaya Kumar and Dr Gurumoorthi V, Assistant Professors in the Department of Social Work were recognized by MKU on 31-08-2021.

PG students were asked to do the presentation on their research proposals in the month of September, 2021 and advised to incorporate the necessary changes to go ahead with the research work for timely submission of the project.

Dr Gurumoorthi V, Research Coordinator oriented the students on writing the review of literature and designing methodology of the study to the MSW students in the month of October 2021.

Dr. Gurumoorthi V, Principal Investigator and Dr M Nisanth, Co- Investigator completed the research project titled “A Fact Finding Study for Child Marriage in Rural and Urban Areas of Pudukkottai District” on 31-12-2021.

Mr. D. Bojaraj, Part Time PhD Research Scholar in the Department of Social work was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work on 19-01-2022.

The Research Centre organised an orientation on Data Processing and SPSS Training for MSW and BSW students on 22-01-2022 and 24-01-2022 respectively. Dr. P. Jaya Kumar, Assistant Professor of Social Work was the trainer.

Initiative was taken to re-emphasize the importance of conducting the PhD Interview in Social Work by including the social work academicians from Madurai Institute of Social Sciences.

The Research Centre honored those faculty members who published research papers in the journals of national and international repute to sustain their motivation and to induce other faculty members to focus on publishing more research papers.