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KERALA STATE BRANCH

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Indian Council of Social welfare (ICSW) Kerala State Branch has been functioning since 3rd October 1954. Kerala State branch has its office on the campus of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Ernakulam, with District branches in all the 14 districts of Kerala.

STATE LEVEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

President	: Dr. Mary Venus Joseph
Vice Presidents	: Mr. Jacob Thumbayil Ernakulam
	: Fr. Romance Antony Kollam
	: Smt. Rosakutty Abraham, Idukki
	: Mr. Sunny Asariparampil
General Secretary	: Mr. Aniyam Cheriyan
Associate secretary	: Mr. Eldhose George
Treasurer	: Mr. Santhosh M

Other Members of the State Executive Committee for the Year 2020-2021

Immediate Past President	: Dr. M P Antoni, Ernakulam
Immediate Past Gen Secretary	: Mr. Anoop Joseph Joy, Ernakulam
Representative from Patron Members	: V.J. Papoo, Ernakulam
Representative from Life Members	: Dr. Kiran Thampi , Ernakulam
Representative from VO/NGO members	: Fr. Varghese Kokkadan, Ernakulam
Representative from Institutional member	: Dr. Prasant Palakkapillil CMI, Ernakulam

Representative from State Branch
of Associations of Social Work

: Fr. Joseph M K

Co-opted members

: Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla

; Ms. Beena Sebastian, Ernakulam

: Mr. Jose P Valavi

: Adv. Rajendran Nair

President /Secretary from the District Chapters

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Date and Time :Saturday, 20th June, at 2.30 PM

Venue : Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery

No. of participants : Sixteen Members

Meeting commenced with a silent prayer. Mr. Aniyam Cheriyan, General Secretary, ICSW Kerala delivered a warm welcome to all the members. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, President, ICSW Kerala in her presidential address expressed her happiness to see the executive members virtually and stated COVID-19 as the reason for organising the executive meeting virtually. Mr. Aniyam Cheriyan, General Secretary briefed the minutes of last Executive meeting held on 7th December 2019, and action taken on them. Annual Report of ICSW Kerala, April 2019-March 2020 was presented in the screen and stated that it would be sent through e-mail.

Dr. Rosakutty, Vice President, ICSW Kerala spoke about the activities of Idukki District during the time of COVID -19. She explained that an executive meeting was organised on 28th of February 2020 at Districts Women Council, Idukki. At that meeting an ad hoc committee was formed for ICSW Idukki district and nine life membership and two institutional membership were taken during the meeting. She also stated about the activities like distribution of food to the medical college inmates, gave counselling to children and house wives whose husbands are abroad. Gave temporary accommodation to the emergency staff for COVID -19. Mr. Gunavardhan, IAS, President Thrissur chapter, briefed the activities of Thrissur Chapter. He stated that two executive meetings were conducted so far by the chapter after the Thrissur chapter revival meeting. He added that the District committee was intending to strengthen the District Chapter. Adv. Sebin Thomas Secretary, Ernakulum Chapter, spoke about the activities of the district. He stated that two executive meetings were conducted so far by the chapter after the Ernakulam chapter revival meeting. He added that the District committee was intending to strengthen the chapter through ICSW membership campaigning and District programmes which got affected due to the pandemic. The meeting concluded at 5.15 P.M. Mr. Eldhose George, Associate Secretary, ICSW Kerala proposed vote of thanks.

WEBINAR SERIES ORGANISED BY ICSW KERALA CHAPTER 2020-2021

NGO Governance in the Context of Pandemic

NGO Governance in the context of Pandemic
(Webinar Series)

(Organised by Indian Council of Social Welfare, Kerala Chapter)
Saturday, 4th July, 2020 15.30 -16.30

Inauguration
Dr. Binoy Joseph
Principal, RCSS

Introduction
Dr. Mary Venus Joseph
President, ICSW Kerala

Speakers
Dr. J.M. John
(Chairperson, Adhwana, Trivandrum)
Dr. M.P. Antoni
(Head, Centre for CSR & Development Innovation, RCSS)

Under the aegis of ICSW Kerala first series of webinar on NGO governance in the context of COVID-19 pandemic was organized on 4th July 2020. Virtual meeting commenced with silent prayer and extending hearty welcome to all participants. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, ICSW Kerala President inaugurated the webinar delivering a brief sketch about ICSW and its functions and declared the webinar opened. General Secretary Mr. Aniyam Cherian shared the objectives of webinar welcomed all participating members and introduced key speakers Dr. M.P. Antoni & Dr. J.M. John. Amidst corona virus pandemic social problems such as unemployment, poverty and crime have been escalated. NGOs have major challenges to address these issues. Dr.MP Antoni, former member of Kerala State Child Rights Commission and past president and general secretary of ICSW Kerala and Project Director of Rajagiri outreach with current assignment as Head - centre for CSR & development innovation deliberated the session. He explained how effectively NGOs can combat COVID-19 with money, material and skills. Highlighting the need for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), NGOs role and responsibilities to address wide range of issues during COVID-19 was narrated with examples NGOs with the support of community-based groups and neighbourhood communities should be able to reach out to grassroots. Mask manufacturing using cloths could be one of the best options to break the chain and surge of pandemic. This can boost employment opportunity for rural women. There is a need for improving mental health as there is fear and anxiety among people especially children. NGOs be able to do justice to them by undertaking projects to tackle these concerns.

During the next session Dr.J.M John, chairperson of Adhwana and the President ICSW Thiruvananthapuram chapter delivered thought provoking talk on networking. Dr.John with over thirty years of NGO management, social research experience and development practice at

local, national and International platform stressed upon the need for NGO networking. He pointed out it as the need of the hour. NGOs cannot work independently especially in a challenging scenario where governments would not back NGOs. So just like we have to work unitedly and coordinating manner just like net. Net is connected to each other with knits making it strong just like that NGOS must work together in unity. It is our strength. Adhwana is precisely a networking NGO. All NGOs should work with intuition, insight and influence. We have to strengthen networking among NGOs to address wide range of issues and problems collectively. Networking would enable sharing knowledge, ideas, technology and resources, We can address issues like unemployment, poverty, waste management, environmental issues. Only solution is to have strong networking among NGOs by working together, taking initiative, flexible networking using digital technologies campaigning and collective action.

During open session Mr. Jinesh Lal opined working in partnership is much significant now a days rather than networking. Dr.J.M clarified networking is in fact a pre requisite component for availing international fund.

Dr. M.P Antoni also threw light on visibility on what we are doing. That is also very important.

Dr. Rosakutty briefed on various problems faced during COVID -19 pandemic. She shared problems being faced by migrant workers women and children. In order to address these issues she suggested to turn to agriculture based on organic farming, roof top cultivation, tailoring food processing, counselling, personal hygiene, yoga for improving mental health.

More than 40 members from across Kerala actively participated. Mr. Anoop Joseph past ICSW general secretary proposed vote of thanks and concluded the webinar at 5.00 pm.

Post COVID -19 Career Opportunities



The poster is for a webinar series titled "Post Covid-19 : Career Opportunities" (Webinar Series). It is organized by the Indian Council of Social Welfare, Kerala Chapter, on Saturday, 25th July, 2020, from 11.00 am to 12 noon. The ICSW KERALA logo (Since 1954) is in the top right corner. The poster features two sections: "Introduction" with a photo of Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, President of ICSW Kerala, and "Speaker" with a photo of Mr. Rajesh T, H R Mentor and Career Counselor.

Post Covid-19 : Career Opportunities
(Webinar Series)
(Organised by Indian Council of Social Welfare, Kerala Chapter)
Saturday, 25th July, 2020 11.00 am - 12 noon

Introduction
Dr. Mary Venus Joseph
President, ICSW Kerala

Speaker
Mr. Rajesh T
H R Mentor and Career Counselor

On 25th July 2020 from 11.00 to 12 noon, 2nd webinar of ICSW webinar series on the topic Post COVID-19 Career Opportunities were held. Virtual session commenced with a prayer in silence. To begin with Mr. Aniyam Cheriyan, State Secretary extended a warm welcome to Dr.

Mary Venus Joseph, honourable President of Kerala Chapter and national Vice President of ICSW. Key speaker Mr. Rajesh, HR mentor and Career Counsellor and also secretary of ICSW Thrissur chapter was given a cordial welcome followed by all participating college faculties and placement officers from various parts of the State and outside Kerala.

During introductory speech Dr. Mary Venus highlighted the objectives of the webinar and also about growth and development of ICSW in nutshell. Thereafter, Mr. Rajesh deliberated about Post COVID career opportunities by citing examples from the business field. According to him while tourism & automobile industry may get affected with COVID but on the other side business like Pharmacy. Health, Agriculture, IT sector make a boom and flourish like anything. So these sectors can provide employment opportunities to great extent. And CSR funded sustainable development projects would enhance employment so students must pursue their studies on these domains. He summed up the session that COVID does not bring misfortunes alone but rather brings fortunes as well.

Thereafter session was opened to the floor. Participants raised their queries and doubts on the topic. Mr. Rajesh clarified their doubts and shared his mobile number so that participants need any counselling could contact him in future. Webinar provided participants insights about requisite skill sets to be developed to enhance employment opportunities.

Mr. Eldhose, Joint Secretary explained about ICSW membership details and motivated participants to take life membership and proposed vote of thanks to all.

Strengthening Family during COVID 19 - Role of NGOs

Family Strengthening during Covid 19 - Role of NGO's
(Webinar Series)

(Organised by Indian Council of Social Welfare, Kerala Chapter)
Saturday, 22nd August ,2020 15.00 -16.00

Introduction

Speakers

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph
President, ICSW Kerala

MR Rajendran Nair
(Senior Advocate)

Dr. M.P. Antoni
(Head, Centre for CSR
& Development Innovation, RCSS)

Dr. Rosakutty Abraham
(Secretary , IDWC , Idukki)

Mr. Rajesh T
H R Mentor and Career Counselor

As part of series the third webinar on the topic Strengthening Family During COVID 19 - Role of NGOs was organised on 22nd August 2021. Key speakers were Dr. Rosakutty Abraham, Secretary, IDWC, Idukki, Dr. M. P. Antoni, Head, Centre for CSR & Development Innovation, RCSS and Mr. Rajesh. Participants included 45 NGO representatives of ICSW Kerala Branch. Dr. Rosakuuty spoke about domestic violence especially atrocities against women and children. occurring in families. She also gave examples of such incidence and interventions made by

IDWC in detail. Coronavirus pandemic outbreak and subsequent lockdown with forced restrictions derailed socio economic and mental condition. There is an urgent need to strengthen online counselling and other motivational services to overcome the risk. Dr. M.P Antoni raised concern about emerging tendency in suicide especially among children during post COVID. NGOs has responsibility to check this phenomenon through creating awareness and reaching out to children in crisis. Strengthening family intervention to be an integral part to empower most vulnerable sections of the society namely children and women. COVID scenario has worsened the condition of these segments and they are facing social discrimination and other challenges. Mr. Rajesh, HR, Mentor and Career Counsellor spoke about improving mental health as pandemic situation brought life at stand still. Future seems to be at chaos forcing family members especially students' lives in jeopardy. Parents and teachers have great role to support them in order to overcome this situation. President Dr. Mary Veenus Joseph inaugurated the session and Adv. Rajendran Nair was the moderator. Aniyam Cheriyan State secretary extended a warm welcome to all and former secretary Mr. Anoop Joy Joseph proposed vote of thanks.

Members enrolled during April 2020-March 2021

No	Name	Membership No	District
1	Varkey N.J	ICSW/LF/1464/19-21	Kottayam
2	Delna Varkey	ICSW/LF/1465/19-21	Kottayam
3	Rajesh Thrissur	ICSW/LF/1466/19-21	Thrissur
4	Aneesh Soman	ICSW/LF/1467/19-21	Kottayam
5	Asha Mariam Cherian	ICSW/LF/1468/19-21	Ernakulam
6	Saneesh T P	ICSW/LF/1469/19-21	Kottayam
7	Maria Sindhu	ICSW/LF/1470/19-21	Newzealand
8	FR. Mathew Kiriyanthan	ICSW/LF/1471/19-21	Ernakulam
9	Anuja Maria Benny	ICSW/LF/1472/19-21	Idukki
10	Abraham K Varghese	ICSW/LF/1473/19-21	Pathanamthitta
11	Feba Philip	ICSW/LF/1474/19-21	UK
12	Ally Achamma	ICSW/LF/1475/19-21	Kottayam
13	Sajo Joy	ICSW/LF/1476/19-21	Kasargodu

Verification Certificates issued to following members to Social Work Registration Board IRELAND

1. Rishika Rose
2. Jerin Issac
3. Titto Sunny
4. Eldho Paul