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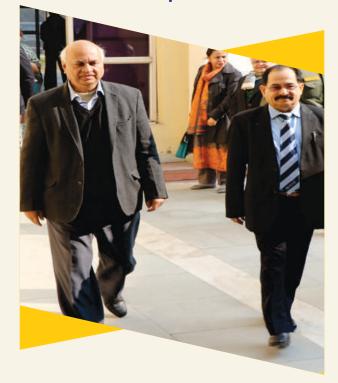
To be a centre of continuous learning and practice, functioning within a secular, rights-based and inclusive development framework contributing towards the creation of an egalitarian society

MISSION

- Building a dynamic, interdisciplinary and critical learning atmosphere towards developing culturally competent Social Work practitioners equipped to contribute creatively in micro, mezzo and macro areas of practice.
- Thriving to be a unique space for higher education in a rural setting with innovative and updated pedagogical tools and techniques for efficient knowledge delivery.
- Developing subject-based expertise towards consultancy and public policy formulation in diverse social sectors in the state, national and international level.
- Functioning as a change agent through advocacy and provision of responsive service delivery to address contemporary social issues.

Message from the Head of the Department





Our Department had a humble beginning in 2013 and now within a span of eight years it had developed itself as a national level knowledge hub for the social work researchers and practitioners. It provides three specializations in MSW course - Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, Community Development and Human Resource & Labour Management. It has become a most sought research centre in India with the introduction of M.Phil, PhD and Post-Doctoral Programmes. Department has a very good professional network with its shareholders - Central and Tamil Nadu State Government, Rural Administrative sector of Thiruvarur District, Other Social Work Institutes of India.Non-Government Institutes, Funding Agencies and with Parents of the students. Regularly, it conducts programmes in collaboration with ICMR, ICSSR, NCW and with other Central and State Universities.

Extension activities are unique to this department that creates a cordial relationship between the department and the nearby rural villages. The presence of subject and field work expertise in the department paves way to attain success in conducting research activities. It thrives to create an interdisciplinary and critical learning atmosphere which equips the student and faculty members to contribute constructively for the development of the nation. The department functions as a change agent by providing responsive service delivery to address contemporary social issues. In the coming years, the department would strive to achieve more success in the social work arena.

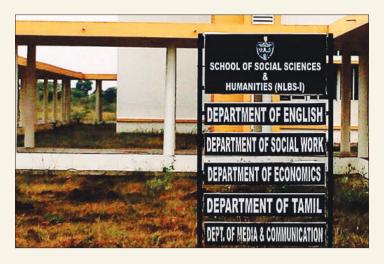
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About The University



Government of India founded the Central University of Tamil Nadu, along with eight other Central Universities, through an Act of Parliament in 2009. It is part of the greater role that the Central Government assumed in making higher education accessible to aspirants from the weaker sections of the society. With eight students in M.A. English Studies, the University started functioning from November 2009, at the Collectorate Annexe at Thiruvarur, 60 kilometres to the east of Thanjavur. But today the University sits astride a major tributary of the famous Cauvery river in the heart of the Delta seven kilometres to the north-west of Thiruvarur.



Being the capital of the ancient dynasty of Chola, Thiruvarur was a town of great antiquity and a nursery for the traditional forms of dance and music. River Vettaaru runs between the Nagakudi campus which houses the faculty and staff quarters, guest house and KendriyaVidyalaya on the north, and the Neelakudi campus with its lecture halls, library, laboratories, administration block, auditorium and students' hostels on the south. Both campuses are nestled in a vast, verdant paddy tract, tucked far away from the madding crowds of urban sites.



In the quiet, rural environs this unitary, residential university bubbles with academic activity—research, teaching and evaluation with untrammelled autonomy in the form of schools which constantly experiment in curricula, syllabi, teaching, learning, testing and evaluation methods. The students and the faculty reside together in the campuses which makes teaching and learning continue beyond the class work and the classroom. Today, the University has over 1650 students on its rolls. Admission is through a common entrance examination which enables students from any part of India to sit the examination anywhere for any of the seven universities and join a University of his/her choice on merit. Coming from various parts of India the students, faculty members and staff, as a community, form the variegated India which our country really is.

Department of Social Work

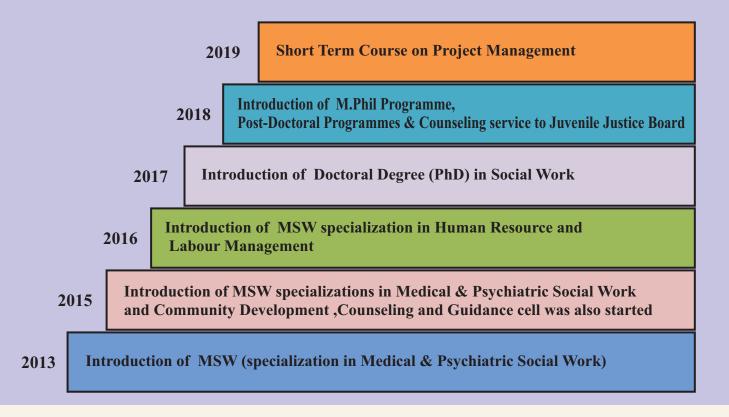
Genesis of the Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu was established in 2013 to provide professional training in the discipline of Social Work. The Department offers a regular two years fulltime Postgraduate programme in Social Work, titled as Master of Social Work (MSW). The programme offers three specializations - Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, Community Development and Human Resource & Labour Management. The Department of Social Work ensures the students with the multi-pronged strategy of Skill Development through well Structured Field Work Practicum.



The department also offers M.Phil, PhD and Post Doctoral programmes. The Department has already proved its merit as a centre of excellence in Social Work education attracting students from across the states in India. A unique feature of the programmes offered by the Department of Social Work in CUTN is the multicultural setting in which it functions with students, teaching and non-teaching staff belonging to different states in India and from diverse social and cultural backgrounds. In addition, the rural setting of the University also acts as a live lab for the Social Work students to have direct exposure to the community setting and its dynamics. The Department has undertaken several community outreach programmes from the time of its establishment in association with academic, Government & Non-Government institutions in the locality.

Milestones of the Department of Social Work



National Conference

National Conference on "Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases- Moving towards Universal Access" sponsored by the ICSSR and World Health Organisation (WHO), New Delhi on 13th& 14th February 2020 in association with Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi and Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia,(ACentral University),New Delhi. Delhi.



MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

Prof. SIGAMANI P

MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Project Title, Health and Safety of Women Workers in Informal Sector in India- A study of Beedi Rolling (Tamil Nadu) and Construction Work (New Delhi), Major Research Project awarded and funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi as Project Director, Total budget INR 12,00,000.00. Project duration 24 monthscompleted.
- Project title, Indo-US 21st Century Knowledge initiative Collaboration for Training in Environmental Health Sciences, in association with the School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, Funded by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi-Project Director (Academic Administration) total budget INR 125,00,000.00 Project duration 3 years (2016-2019).

Ongoing Research Projects

Project title, Predictors/Determinants of Psycho-Social Health among Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Study of NCT of Delhi, Funded by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi- Co-PI, total budget INR 34, 42,817.00, Project duration 2 years (2017-2019).

DR. P. UDHAYAKUMAR

Co-PI.

 Project title, Rural Household Vulnerabilities to Unhygienic Practices, its Impact on Health and Intervention through Swachh Bharat Mission: An Emprical study in Thiruvarur District of Tamil Nadu, funded by ICSSR, India.

CHITTARANJAN SUBUDHI

2. Project title, Maternal and Child Health Care Developments in Rural India: Outreach and Impact Assessment of Janani Shishu Surakhsa Karyakram (JSSK) in Thiruvarur District Tamil Nadu, funded by National Council of Rural Institute (NCRI), India, as Co-PI.

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S.No.	Title of the Project	Funding Agency	Period	Amount sanctioned
1.	"Menstruation and Myths: Communication Strategies to promote healthy practices among rural women"	Indian Council of Social Science Research Hyderabad.	2019-July	1.5 lakhs

Detailed Faculty-wise Publication

Prof. Sigamani Panneer PUBLICATIONS-BOOKS

- 1. Sigamani Panneer, Sanghmitra S Acharya, N U Khan and P Udhayakumar, (2020), Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases Moving Towards Universal Access, New Delhi, Bloomburry, ISBN: 9789389611212.
- 2. P. Sigamani, Sanghmitra Acharya and N Sivakami (eds), 2019, Health, Safety and Well-Being of Workers in the Informal Sector in India-Lessons for Emerging Economies, Singapore, Springer, eBook ISBN: 978-981-13-8421-9, Hardcover ISBN: 978-981-13-8420-2.
- 3. P. Sigamani, J Raja Meenakshi and Khan N U (eds), 2019, Public Health Relevance of Road Traffic Injury in India, New Delhi, Bloomsbury Publishing india Pvt Ltd, ISBN: 9789389000627.
- 4. Neelam Sukhramani, Shweta Verma, Shivangi Gupta, Nandan Kumar Mishra, Navnee Gupta, and Sigamani Panneer (eds), 2019, Children of Incarcerated Parents: Experiences and Impacts: A Source Book, New Delhi, Bloomsbury Publishing india Pvt Ltd, ISBN: 9789388630740

CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

- 1. Sreya S.P and Panneer Sigamani (2020), Manual Scavengers and Sustainable Development. In: Leal Filho W., Azul A., Brandli L., Lange Salvia A., Wall T. (eds) Decent Work and Economic Growth. Encyclopaedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Springer Nature, Switzerland, Cham
- 2. Sigamani Panneer, S. P. Sreya and Raja Meenakshi J (2020), Paradigm Shift in Social Work Practices in India and China-Lessons for Emerging Economies, In Sajid, S.M., Baikady, R., Sheng Li, C., Sakaguchi, H. (Eds.) 2020, The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Work Education, London, Palgrave Macmillan; eBook ISBN 978-3-030-39966-5; Hand cover ISBN 978-3-030-399658
- 3. Sigamani Panneer, Raja Meenakshi J and Shuchi Bharti (2020), Evidence Based Practice— A Methodology for Sustainable Models in the Helping Professions in Illango P and Abraham Francis, Social Work Education and Practice-Perspectives from India and Australia, Singapore, Springer Nature, Switzerland (forthcoming)
- 4. P. Sigamani, 2019, Health and Safety of Women Workers in Informal Sector: Evidences from

- Construction and Beedi Rolling Works in India in P. Sigamani, Sanghmitra Acharya and N Sivakami (eds), 2019, Health, Safety and Well-Being of Workers in the Informal Sector in India-Lessons for Emerging Economies, Singapore, Springer, eBook ISBN: 978-981-13-8421-9, Hardcover ISBN: 978-981-13-8420-2.
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JOURNALARTICLES (SELECTED)

- 1. Raja Meenakshi, J. & P Sigamani, (2020). Occupational Health of Agricultural women workers in India, Indian Journal of Commuty Medicine (Forthcoming)
- 2. Raja Meenakshi, J. & P Sigamani, (2020). Socio Economic and Health Condition of Women Agricultural Workers in Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu. Global Journal For Research Analysis, 9 (2).
- 3. Bhatia, Shweta Malhotra and P Sigamani, 2019, Globalization and its Impact on Business Education in Emerging Economies: A Case of India, South Asian Journal of Human Resource M a n a g e m e n t , S a g e , 1 1 4 . https://doi.org/10.1177% 2F2322093719838076.











Dr. N. Sivakami

POLICY DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO GOI:

1. Sivakami, N., Policy Document submitted to National Disaster Management Authority, GoI on Community Guidelines to mitigate Pandemic in Rural Areas. (April 2020).

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE HUB OF UNITED NATIONS TASK FORCE FOR SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

1. Sivakami, N., United Nations Task Force for Promoting Social and Solidarity Economy-United Nations Research Institute for Social Development: Paper on "Mainstreaming Women Self-help Groups to Promote Social and Solidarity Economy" published in the knowledge Hub of the UNTFSSE

JOURNAL PAPERS

1. Sivakami, N., and Shamala. R. (2020). "Preparedness and reality responses of Women agricultural labourers in Nagapattinam & Thiruvarur Districts" in Disaster Advances, (Scopus Indexed), Vol. 13 July 2020.

2. Sivakami, N. (2019). Covid-19: Field Observations from rural areas of Thiruvarur District, Online Journal of Health and Allied Sciences, -Scopus Indexed Journal (Accepted)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

- Help Groups and Climate change in the grassroots: Evidence from Thiruvarur District, South India' in Leal Filho W, Johannes, M.Desalegn Yayeh Ayal, Leutz, (eds) (Forthcoming) Handbook of Climate Change Management: Research, Leadership, Transformation" envisaged as a ground-breaking interdisciplinary publication on United Nations Climate Change Management Series published as part of Springer Nature. (Paper accepted).
- 2. Sivakami, N., (2020) "Issues and Challenges in promoting environmental sustainability during times of financial Distress-A Case study from Thiruvarur District, India." in International workshop on Poverty Environmental crises and sustainability jointly organised by Financial Crises and Environmental Sustainability Unit, University

- of Sussex, UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Action for SDG's & United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Forthcoming compilation under Springer Nature Publications.
- 3. Sivakami, N. & Sathiyan, G., ICT among rural school children in India: Challenges and Learnings from India and Australia, in Ilango, P & Abraham Francis (2020) Social Work Education and practice-Perspectives from India and Australia, Springer Nature, Switzerland. (Forthcoming)
- 4. Sivakami,N, 2019, "Content Analysis on the role of Swami Vivekanandha in inculcating tolerance among Youth", abstract published in the proceedings of the National Conference-cumsymposium on Interfaith Dialogue on Communal Harmony and National Integration, organised by Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur in association with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (An Autonomous Organization Under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India), New Delhi, 15th to 16th October 2019.

Details of Funded Projects Undertaken

Short Duration Research Project on "Menstruation and Myths: Communication Strategies to promote healthy practices among rural women" sponsored by Indian Council of Social Sciences Research-Short Duration Research Project" Hyderabad. Principal Investigator, Total Budget 1,50,000, Duration-6 months (Completed).

Indian Council of Social Sciences Research - Impactful Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS) Research Project entitled "Community-Based Participatory Research on the psycho-social impact, problems and reality responses to disasters: Study on the experiences of women affected by cyclones in Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam District, Tamil Nadu" under domain Health and Environment to Dr. Sivakami Nagarajan as Principal Investigator, Total Budget Rs.5,00,000/-(ongoing)

Student Experience



Abubakkar Sidhiq,

IV Semester MSW (2018-2020 batch)

The department of social work is a unique department in CUTN conducting productive programs found on the value of academic excellence of students. The department is providing a pedagogy in practice based social work and ensuring the holistic development and participation of students through student activity club. Department is equipped with efficient faculty members and field oriented curriculum benefited us for implementing that theoretical knowledge in practice through concurrent field work, block placement and rural camp. It provides a platform for understanding the real problems of the people in every sector of their life."

Words from Alumini

Chandan Prasad
Community Nutrition Officer
Strive Foundation Rwanda, East-Africa

I am Chandan completed my MSW in the year of 2017-2019 with a specialization in Community Development. Now I am working as Community Nutrition Officer in Rwanda which is in the East part of Africa with Strive Foundation Rwanda. Being a part of the family of the Department of Social Work I feel proud and got an opportunity to learn theoretical and practical knowledge in the classroom and during fieldwork activities. Especially I would like to convey my thanks and regards to our respected HOD & faculty members who helped me to focus on writing skill at the time of report writing for fieldwork activities which I can understand its importance in my professional career.

Webinar Talks

- 1. Sigamani Panneer, (2020), The Great Lockdown and its Impact on Health, at national webinar, organised by Post Graduate and Research Department of Economics, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, 11th June 2020.
- 2. Sigamani Panneer, (2020), The COVID-19
 Pandemic and its impact on Society- Systems
 Perspective, at International Webinar on Indirect
 Effect of COVID-19 Outbreak on The
 Environment and Society, Organised by
 Departments of Zoology, Chemistry and Telugu,
 JMJ (Jesus Mary Joseph) College for Women
 (Autonomous), Tenali, affiliated to Acharya
 Nagarjuna University, 12th June 2020.
- 3. Sigamani Panneer, (2020), Beyond COVID-19
 Pandemic-Health and Development Challenges, at International Webinar Series on Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic- Development and Challenges, Jointly organised by DDE (Social Work Wing), Alagappa University, Karaikudi and department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruyarur, 15th June 2020.
- 4. Sigamani Panneer, (2020), Relevance of Transdisciplinary Research in Pandemics, Climate Change and Growing Inequality, at Webinar series-II, Recent Developments in Social Science Research, organised by Department of Sociology and Population Studies, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, 24th June 2020.
- 5. Sigamani Panneer, (2020), Global Health Diplomacy During and After COVID-19, at Faculty Development Programme on COVID-19 and New International Order, organised by the department of Political Science and Public Administration, Faculty of Arts, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nadar, Chidambaram, 28th June 2020.

- 6. Sigamani Panneer, 2020, Multistake holder Participation in Crisis Management During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond, at National webinar, organised by Department of Social Work and Research Centre, Nanjil Catholic College of Arts and Science (Affiliated to Manonmaniyam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli) Kaliyakkavilai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 7. Sivakami, N. (2020), Impact of Covid-19 on Rural Women-National webinar, organised by Shri, Y.N. College, Andhra Pradesh on 10th June 2020.



Webinars Organised

- Joint National Webinar on Social Work and COVID-19: Challenges and Way Forward, in Collaboration with the department of Social Work, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore on 21st May 2020.
- 2. Joint National webinar on **Methodological Rigour** in **Social Science Research: Understanding COVID-19** in collaboration with Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and Research, Loyola College, Chennai, on 25th June 2020.
- 3. Joint International Webinar Series on Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic- Development and Challenges, in collaboration with DDE (Social Work Wing), *Alagappa University*, Karaikudi, on 15th June 2020.

Selected Invited Talks / Plenary Presentations

- 1. Sigamani P, 2020, Global Health Governance in 2. Managing Public Health Emergencies- Anthrax to Coronavirus, presented at CUTN, JNU and JMI Joint National Conference on "Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases Moving Towards Universal Access" Sponsored, WHO (SEARO) and ICSSR, New Delhi, Dates 13-14th February 2020.
- 2. **Sigamani P**, 2020, Research Report Writing & Dissemination of Research Findings conduced a Training Session at National Workshop on Research Methods and Data Analysis in Social Sciences from 27–30th January 2020 at Centre for Applied Research, *Gandhigram Rural Institute*, Dindigul (GRI).

SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / FDPS / DESIGNED AND ORGANIZED-NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

- CUTN, JNU and JMI Joint National Conference on Public Health Challenges of T r o p i c a l Diseases- Moving Towards Universal Access, Date: 13th-14th February, 2020
- 2. Five-Two Day Capacity Building Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention for School Teachers and Counselors in Thiruvarur District.
- 3. Five-One Day Awareness Generation on Drug Abuse Prevention for the School Students, Teachers and Parents &
- 4. One-Day Capacity Building cum Sensitization on Drug Abuse Prevention for College Students

(Under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction), Dates: 1st January- 31st March, 2020, organized by Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences & Humanities, Central University Of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment) Govt. of India, Technical Support by District Child Protection Unit, Tiruvarur District, Government of Tamil Nadu.





Dr. P. Udhayakumar

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 P. Sigamani, Sanghmitra Acharya, Khan N U and P Udhayakumar (eds), 2020, Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases- Moving Towards Universal Access, New Delhi, Bloomsbury, ISBN: 9789389611212

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 P. Udhayakumar and P. Ilango, 2020, Gerontological Social Work Practice in Mental Health- A Comparative Analysis between India and Australia in P. Ilango and P Abraham Francis (eds), 2020, Social Work Education, Research and Practice - Indian & Australian perspectives, Singapore, Springer Nature (Accepted for publication).

PROGRAMMES ORGANISED

ORGANIZING SECRETARY

 National Conference on "Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases- Moving towards Universal Access" sponsored by the ICSSR and World Health Organisation (WHO), New Delhi on 13th& 14th February 2020 in association with Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi and Faculty of Social Sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

INVITED TALKS

- 1. Udhayakumar, 2020. **Mental Health and Substance Misuse Disorders**, presented in 'Awareness Programme for the Staffs of Thiruvarur District Court' organized by the District Legal Service Authority, District Court, Thiruvarur, 24th February 2020
- 2. P. Udhayakumar, 2020. Addiction as a diseases and Managing Addiction, presented in "Two days Capacity Building Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention for School Teachers and Counsellors in Thiruvarur District" organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, In collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India at Central University of Tamil Nadu, 20th & 21st February 2020.
- 3. P.Udhayakumar, 2020. Counseling Techniques and Treatment for Substance Misuse disorder, presented in "One day Capacity Building cum Sensitization Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention for College Students" organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, In collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India at Bharathidasan Arts & Science College, (Constituent) Thiruthuraipoondi, Thiruvarur, 12th March 2020.
- 4. P.Udhayakumar, 2020. Students Mental Health and Wellbeing in the "Forum of Contemporary Thought seminar series in the Department of English Studies", Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, 6th March 2020.

Chittaranjan Subudhi Article

- **Subudhi, C.,**et al. (2020). Willingness on hospital stay among the tribal patient with mental illness and their care givers. *Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health*, 1-5.**SPRINGER**
- Subudhi, C. & Panda, P. K.(2020) Pattern and determinants of maternal and Child health care among tribals: With a special reference to Tribal regions of Odisha, *Journal of development policy and practice*, SAGE/SCOPUS
- Subudhi, C. &Biswal, R. Medical anthropology and epidemiology: a collaborative venture for mental health research in India. International Review of Psychiatry, Taylor & Francis, SCOPUS/SSCI

• **Subudhi, C.,** et al. (2020). Marriage Trajectories among Patient with Metal Health Problem, *Indian Journal of Public Health Research & Development*. 11 (1). **SCOPUS**

Chapter in Edited Book

Subudhi, C. et al (2020). Understanding Psychological Distress among Female Caregivers of the Patients with Mental Illness. In Psycho-social Perspectives of Mental Health and Wellbeing, IGI Global.

Webpage/Blog

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Chances of a Mental Health Crisis in India. Mad in Asia Pacific. Link: https://madinasia.org/2020/04/the-covid-19pandemic-and-chances-of-a-mental-health-crisis-inindia-%EF%BB%BF/

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प्रतिरोध की चेतना और तेलंगाना की विस्मृत गाथाई स्त्रियाँ , (Co-author) (2020, May 25). Link:https://sablog.in/ consciousness-of-resistance-and-the-forgotten-women-of-telangana-may-2020/.



Dr. N. Sivakami

POLICY DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, GOI

1. Sivakami, N., Policy Document submitted to National Disaster Management Authority, GoI on Community Guidelines to mitigate Pandemic in Rural Areas. (April 2020).

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- 1. Sivakami N., and Shamala.R. (2020). "Preparedness and reality responses of Women agricultural labourers in Nagapattinam & Thiruvarur Districts" in Disaster Advances, (Scopus Indexed), Vol.13 July 2020.
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- 1. Sivakami N., and Shamala .R. (2020).'Women Self Help Groups and Climate change in the grassroots: Evidence from Thiruvarur District, South India' in Leal Filho W, ohannes, M. Desalegn Yayeh Ayal, Leutz, (eds) (Forth coming) Handbook of Climate Change Management: Research, Leadership, Transformation" envisaged as a ground-breaking interdisciplinary publication on United Nations Climate Change Management Series published as part of Springer Nature. (Paper accepted).
- 2. Sivakami, N., (2020) "Issues and Challenges in promoting environmental sustainability during times of financial Distress-A Case study from Thiruvarur District, India." in International workshop on Poverty Environmental crises and sustainability jointly organised by Financial Crises and Environmental Sustainability Unit, University of Sussex, UNDP-UNEP Poverty Environment Action for SDG's & United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Forthcoming compilation under Springer Nature Publications.

- 3. Sivakami N. & Sathiyan G., ICT among rural school children in India: Challenges and Learnings from India and Australia, in Ilango, P& Abraham Francis (2020) Social Work Education and practice-Perspectives from India and Australia, Springer Nature, Switzerland. (Forthcoming).
- 4. Sivakami .N, 2019, "Content Analysis on the role of Swami Vivekanandha in inculcating tolerance among Youth", abstract published in the proceedings of the National Conference-cumsymposium on Interfaith Dialogue on Communal Harmony and National Integration, organised by Department of Social Work, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur in association with National Foundation for Communal Harmony (An Autonomous Organization Under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India), New Delhi, 15th to 16th October 2019.

Selected Conference Papers and Presentations

- 1. J. Raja Meenakshi and P Sigamani, 2020, Health Status of Elderly Women Workers in Agriculture Thiruvarur District, presented at CUTN, JNU and JMI Joint National Conference on "Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases Moving Towards Universal Access" Sponsored, WHO (SEARO) and ICSSR, New Delhi, Dates 13-14th February 2020.
- 2. Amrapali Jambhulkar and P Sigamani, 2020, Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture: Gender Perspective, presented at CUTN, JNU and JMI Joint National Conference on "Public Health Challenges of Tropical Diseases Moving Towards Universal Access" Sponsored, WHO (SEARO) and ICSSR, New Delhi, Dates 13-14th February 2020.

Dr. Chitra K. P.

1. Recent publications

- Karunakaran Prasanna C., Kizhakkekara Vannadil P., Pattat hAyyappan V. (2020) Wetland Conservation and Sustainable Development in Kerala, India. In: Leal Filho W., Azul A., Brandli L., Lange Salvia A., Wall T. (eds) Life on Land. Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Springer, Cham
- Chitra, K P; Preetha K V (2020), Review of Draft EIA Notification 2020. Truecopythink. Online Magazine in Malayalam. https://truecopythink.media/drchithra-kp-and-preetha-kp-article-on-environmentclearance-for-industries
- Chitra, K P (2020). Subsistence Commons and the paradox of Development in India. Abstract Book. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) conference 'The 2020 to 2030 Social Work Global Agenda: Co-Building Social Transformation.' IFSW.
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- Lecture on 'Green Social Work: Context and Significance' in the lecture series organised by Alumni Collective of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi on 24th May 2020.

3. Conference Presentations

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4. Invited Lectures

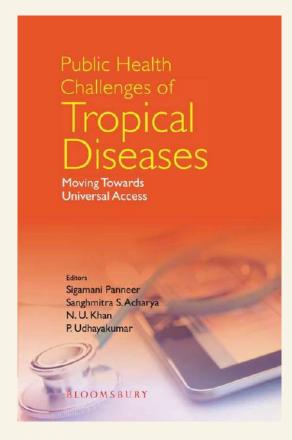
- Invited as Consultant on Qualitative Research for JPPI Workshop in Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Government of Kerala in September 2019.
- Invited lecture on 'Green Social Work' in the National Conference on Green Social Work organized by Bharatmata School of Social Work, Ernakulam, Kerala in December 2019.

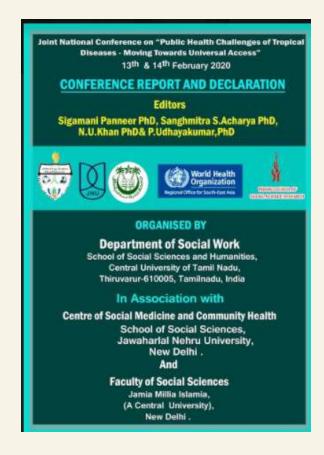
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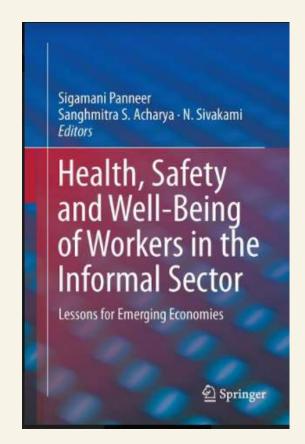
- 1) Project Director of ICSSR funded IMPRESS research project on 'Access and Barriers to Mental Health Care: A situational analysis of the families of persons with mental illness in Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu' (August 2019 to May 2020; 4 lakhs)
- 2) CoPi of NHRC funded 'Domestic Workers in South India and North East: A Situational Analysis from Dignity and Rights Perspective (November 2019 to November 2020; Rs 11,99000/-)

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Marriage Trajectories among Patient with Mental Health Problem

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Abstract

Objective: To explore effect of mental illness on marriage and marital life among the tribal Patient with Mental Illness (PMI).

Method: To achieve the objective of the study, qualitative method with multiple case study has been adopted.

Population and Sampling Technique: Population is a tribal Person with Mental Illness (PMI) and Purposive Sampling Technique is used.

Findings: The analysis has been categories into two broad areas, that is, effects of mental illness among married patient and unmarried patient with mental illness. Results indicate that, there is an adverse effect of mental illness on marriage and marital life among the patient with mental illness.

Conclusion: Marriage and mental health problems are closely related and multi-faced one. The evidence shows that, there is an adverse effect of mental illness on marriage and marital life among the tribal patient with mental illness.

Keywords: Marriage, Mental Illness, Marriage Trajectories, Marital Life, Tribal



ജനാധിപത്വത്തിന്റെ അന്തസ്സത്തയെ ചോർത്തുന്ന വിധത്തിൽ പരിസ്ഥിതി ആഘാത പഠന നിയമങ്ങൾ ദേദഗതി ചെയ്ത് കൊണ്ട് പരിസ്ഥിതി മന്ത്രാലയം കരട് വിജ്ഞാപനം പുറത്തിറക്കിയിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ഈ ലോക്ഡൗൺ കാലത്തും പരിസ്ഥിതി നിബന്ധനകൾ ലംഘിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് നൂറിലധികം പദ്ധതികൾക്ക് അനുമതി നൽകാൻ ശ്രമങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നു. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ, അനിയന്ത്രിതമായ വ്യാവസായിക വികസനവും സാമ്പത്തിക വളർചയ്ക്ക് മാത്രമുള്ള ഊന്നലും പാരിസ്ഥിതിക ഉത്തരവാദിത്തത്തെയും



SOCIO ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONDITION OF WOMEN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN THIRUVARUR DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

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ABSTRACT Economic well being of India depends on the agricultural development since the livelihood of 60 per cent of the population is based on Agriculture and allied occupation. Women workers make a mammoth contribution in agricultural development but the socio economic condition of them is not quite appreciatable due to cultural and political reasons. Women face various issues at both work place and house for being women. This study has made an aftempt to study the socio economic and health condition of women agricultural workers those who work in the field of land owners and get daily wages. This study was conducted in Srivanjiyam village of Thiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu. The result reveals that the 40.0 per cent of the respondents are illiterate and majority of them suffer with back pain, joint pain, leg pain and skin irritation.

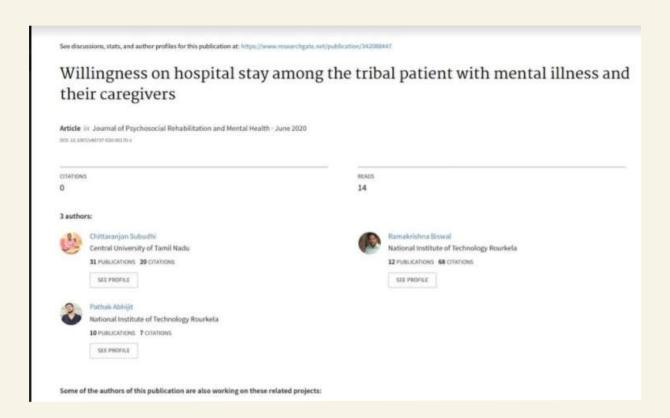
KEYWORDS: Agriculture, Socio Economic, Health And Women

INTRODUCTION:

Rural women play a predominant role in agriculture as they get involved in the entire process like ploughing, sowing, weeding, applying fertilizers, harvesting, threshing, winnowing, packing, loading and related occupations like live stock management. Women does the work in the agricultural fields and also does all the domestic chores at house like cooking, cleaning, washing, taking care of children and elders etc.,In spite of enormous contribution women face innumerable issues and struggles both in the work place and in the house. Women are generally treated as secondary citizens in our nation and their work is not properly recognized. Agriculture, the single largest production endeavour in India contributing 25 per cent of GDP is increasingly becoming a female activity and it employs 4/5" of all economically active women in the country. (Ghosh.M, 2014). Women workers in agriculture are at the lower level of the social order deprived of even the basic facilities like nutritional food, proper drinking water and health facilities. Women constitute about half of the world's population, their it is hard to find much evidence of this in policy making. The economy cannot grow sustainably without vibrant agriculture and the conditions of agriculture cannot improve without improving the conditions of women who work in it. Raig Meenakshi (2016) states that access to health care is very important as the health provides happiness and dignity to women. Health in the old age is the result of experiences of earlier years of life .The pattern of living which enhances health is formed early in life and is not easily altered. Mental Health is an indivisible part of general health and well being and as a concept reflects the equilibrium between the individual and environment in a broad sense. Discrimination, issues in relationship, physical health and poverty affects the mental health and there is a significant relationship between the age and health. Tarar MA et al (2016) in his study with 160 young and illiterate female farm workers 60 per cent of them have physical injuries, 93.8 per cent of respondents had pesticides related health troubles and 78.8 per cent had Asthma. It is also found that there is a highly significant association between usage of pesticide and health problems.



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