

STUDY TOUR 2017

Department of Social Work

As a part of curriculum, Dept. of social work from St. Thomas' college (Autonomous) Thrissur, conducted a study tour to **Chennai** from 25/7/2017 to 30/7/2017. The students visited five Social welfare organizations and development projects. They were: **Madras School of Social Work (MSSW)**, **Integrated Women Development Institute (IWDI)**, **Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF)**, **Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS)** and **THE BANYAN**.

Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) was established in 1952, It is an autonomous Institution located in Chennai, NAAC accredited and affiliated to University of Madras. The school is rated 3rd best social work college in India and 1st in South India.



Social work team visited Madras School of Social Work (MSSW)

Integrated Women Development Institute (IWDI) is a social service organization, started at 1989, working to uplift the Dalit women and children through the program of liberation education. IWDI's main focus is on health, hygiene, and sanitation, and environmental issues creating awareness to the public and the school children.



Social work team visited Integrated Women Development Institute (IWDI)

Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation based in Chennai which is founded in 1984. SCARF has established itself as a centre of repute in rehabilitation and research in disorders of mind. SCARF is one of the very few NGO s in the world to be named as a collaborating centre of the World Health Organisation for mental health and training.



Social work team visited Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF)

Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS) is an initiative of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, Province of Yercaud, South India, was established in 1996. It is an integrated community development programme reaching out to thousands of downtrodden and underprivileged in the slum of Chennai and its neighbourhood.



Social work team visited Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS)

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THE BANYAN was established in 1993, by Vandhana Gopikumar and Vaishnavi Jayakumar, is one of the largest mental health service organisation especially for women with mental issues. They adopt person centric health systems, and inclusive approach embedded in a culture of upholding social justice and equity.



Social work team visited THE BANYAN