

**Departmental Activities**  
**Human Development and Childhood Studies**

**Department Activities 2019-2020**

**Seminars / Conferences/Workshops /Training**

- “Skill-Development” for adolescent girls and youth in rural Bihar by Ms. Yuman Hussain, Azad India Foundation
- Teachers Collective: efficacy and student achievement, Ms. Akansha Aggarwal, Education Collective
- Nurturing Social-Emotional Learning in early Adolescence, Dr. Pranalee Sharma
- Science and Ethics in a Post-Colonial Society: Students responsibilities for a better future by Dr. Nandita Chaudhary, Ex-Faculty, Lady Irwin College
- Expressive Art and Learning by Ms. Shaloo Sharma, Evoluer Solutions
- Session on working with Children and Youth: Preparing young professionals for Education and Development Sector, Ms. Mamta Saikia, CEO, Bharti Foundation
- Self Employed Women Association- Gender, Labour and Collectivisation, a session by Ms. Sonal Sharma, SEWA Bharat.
- Sharing of field experiences on Child rights and welfare, Ms. Jyoti Srivastava from Azim Premji Foundation
- A workshop on developmentally appropriate activities in an early childhood classroom, Ms. Sarita Prabhat.



- A lecture on Policy and Budget, Ms. Karuna Bishnoi
- Assessment and Evaluation: High quality in ECCE, Ms Saurabh Luthra

### **Field Trips/ Extension Activities**

Visits were organized by the Department of Human Development and Childhood studies. Students visited many private preschools such as Makoons, Eurokids and Ipsaa as part of early childhood care and education practical which also included visits to the well-known NGO Mobile Creches. Children's homes such as Kilkari widened student understanding about shelter homes while Palna run by Delhi Council for Child Welfare was meaningful to understand adoption procedures as well as lives of children. They visited the Scottish High School to observe people in various settings and document it in detail to learn the method of ethnography.

**Department's outreach (besides curricular activities)** Our students worked through the pandemic and carried out data collection for a project called 'Living through the pandemic' undertaken by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development which is a premiere institute.

### **Other important events**

#### **RAK Child Study Centre Annual Day**

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre organised its Annual Day in February 2020. The postgraduate students of the department supported the event and actively participated in it as part of their ECCE curriculum.



### **RAK Parent Workshop**

A parents' workshop was conducted by our post graduate students along with the centre teachers at our laboratory school, the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre.

RAK teachers conducting the workshop with the parents on activities for children



### **Alumnae Meet** (Celebrating 50 years of the Department of Human Development and Childhood Studies)

As part of the celebrations of 50 years of the Department of Human Development and Childhood Studies, an Alumnae meet was organised on 10th February 2020. A round table with alumnae of the seventies was planned for the day. The event saw a large gathering of alumnae who came together for the event.



## **Webinars**

- Organised a session on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 on Research Methods in Social Sciences: Application, challenges and Analysis by Dr Jay Prakash from Ministry of Health, Government of India
- A session on An Anthropological Glance at COVID-19 by Dr Kiranmala Devi, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Organised a session on Gender issues during Pandemic: Ground Realities by Ms Ankita Upreti from SEWA Bharat on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- An Interactive and explorative session on Self, consent and expression was conducted by Ms. Malavika Goyal, Ashoka University on 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Sessions with Dr. Asha Singh, Ex-Faculty, Lady Irwin College with different sections on Engaging with children, Music and Movement with Children, Understanding Self through Theatre in August 2019, September 2019 and May 2020
- A conversation with Kamla Bhasin on हम क्यों अभी तक जुड़े हैं पितृसत्ता से? on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- A session on Yoga and Wellbeing was conducted by Dr. Ajay Kumar Shastri, Jawaharlal Nehru University for the students on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Ms. Poorvaja Kumar, Human of Canines conducted a session on Animal Assisted Therapy on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Women Overcoming Challenges in the present Times by Dr. Kiran Bedi, Governor, Puducherry on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## **Department Activities 2018-2019**

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- Orientation programme was conducted for Masters student by Ms. Anshu Daga. Anshu is a creative trainer & facilitator of experiential interventions aimed at building more energised, empowered and emotionally intelligent communities.
- Dr. Asha Singh conducted a workshop on Dance, drama and movement for students who are studying skill enhancement course on early childhood.
- A participative and interactive workshop on story telling was conducted by Ms. Nupur Awasthi.

- A hands-on workshop was conducted by Ms. Sarita Prabhat on the use of worksheets with young children
- A self-defence workshop was conducted by Delhi Police.
- As part of the child rights and gender empowerment practical, students were made aware of the issue's children face by Ms. Heenu Singh.
- Masters students were trained on curriculum adaptation and inclusive education by Ms. Deepshikha Sharma as part of their Developmental Disabilities practical.
- Students were trained on psychological testing by an expert in the area, Dr. Harpreet Mehar.
- Undergraduate students were oriented to the idea of inclusion and curriculum adaptation by Ms. Anureet Kaur as part of the children with disability practical.
- Students were trained on counselling parents of children with special needs and the importance of early intervention by Ms. Abha Ranjan.
- Students were exposed to using creative methods in understanding childhood using theatre by Dr. Asha Singh.



- A workshop on art based therapy was also conducted by Ms. Geetika Agarwal to make students use innovative ways in understanding children.
- A movie screening of the movie titled “Unuttered” was organised for students of Master’s program. The director Mr. Saurabh Sarkar was present to discuss and answer questions of the students.



- A workshop on issues of self and identity titled “What’s my tag” was conducted by Roots and Wings theatre. Techniques such as theatre, storytelling, music & creative movement were used in the workshop.
- A workshop on self-development and well-being was conducted by Dr. Asha Singh.
- A workshop on understanding challenges faced by a special educator and planning developmentally appropriate activities for children with special needs was conducted by Ms. Chandeshwari from RAK Child Study Centre.
- A workshop on Yoga and Meditation was conducted by Dr. Ajay Shastri.
- A full day workshop on psychodrama therapy was conducted by Ms. Rashmi Dutt for M.Sc. final year students.
- A workshop on understanding “Family therapy” was conducted by Ms. Reena Nath and Dr. Indu Kaura for Master's students.
- A special lecture on understanding the method of ethnography was conducted by Ms. Kumud Ranjan.

### **Special lecture**

A special lecture was conducted by Prof. Bred Carty and Ms. Meenakshi Khanna.

Bred Carty is a Lecturer in Special Education (Deaf and Hard of Hearing): RIDBC Renwick Centre for Research and Professional Education, affiliated with Macquarie University and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. Prof. Carty, shared with the students and faculty the journey of her life as a deaf person. In the session the speaker used signing for communication which was simultaneously translated by Meenakshi Khanna into the spoken

words. The session was inspirational at the level of the content and the wonderful communication between two friends who shared an amazing bond: that between a hearing and a non hearing individuals as equals in an academic space.



### **Field Trips/Extension Activities**

Following visits were organized by the Department of Human Development and Childhood studies:

- As part of the paper on Sociology of working with families and communities, students were taken to National Archives of India.
- For understanding the approach of participatory learning and action in communities, students were given a hands-on experience at Kishan Kunj with CURE India.
- Both undergraduate and postgraduate students visited the International Book Fair.
- Students visited several non-governmental organisations such as:
  - Mobile Creches which provides creches to children of workers in Delhi,
  - Ashi,
  - Katha to understand the importance of storytelling,
  - Deepalaya that works for the underprivileged people,
  - Magic Bus Foundation to understand their work on children in difficult circumstances,
  - Jodo Gyaan Resource Centre.



### **Other important events**

“Children advocating for their rights through arts” was an event organised by the Department of HDCS in association with Child Fund India at Lady Irwin College. At the event, 100 children belonging to 10 different schools were trained by the undergraduate students of the department. The event took place at the amphitheatre in Lady Irwin College. Children from government schools voiced their concerns related to their rights and protection using various art forms.





## Department Activities 2017-2018

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- A lecture by a special educator, Dr. Lakshmi Mathur (RAK Child Study Centre) on assessment and evaluation of programme and children with special needs in October 2017.
- Organized a special talk by Programme specialist Ms. Priyanka Sethi, Autism Centre for Learning for students of M.Sc. final year.
- A talk on special education organized with an emphasis on early intervention in March 2017 by Ms. Anureet Kaur and Ms. Archana Rastogi, Shikshantar Gurugram.



- A special Lecture delivered by Ms. Preeti Verma, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT for students of M.Sc. final year.
- Workshop conducted on “Music, Movement, and Drama for children” by Dr. Asha Singh (Retired faculty, Lady Irwin College) for students of B.Sc. Home-Science 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Pass).
- Workshop conducted on “Development of worksheets to teach the concept to young children” by Ms. Sarita (Retired faculty, RAK) students of B.Sc. Home-Science 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Hons.).
- Organized a workshop on “Yoga” by Dr. Ajay Shastri, JNU for students of B.Sc. Home-Science 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Hons.) and B.Sc. Home-Science 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Pass).
- Organized workshop on “Menstrual Hygiene” by an NGO personnel from Goonj Foundation for students of B.Sc. Home Science 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Pass)
- Workshop conducted on “Managing Emotions during Adolescence” by Dr. Asha Singh (Retired faculty, Lady Irwin College) for students of B.Sc. Home-Science 3<sup>rd</sup> year (Pass)

### **Field Trips/Extension Activities**

Following visits were organized by the Department of Human Development and Childhood studies:

- “Lady Noyce School” for students of B.Sc. Home Science, III year pass.
- “National Association for the Blind” for students of B.Sc. Home Science, III year pass.
- “Blind Relief Organization” for students of B.Sc. Home Science, III year pass.
- “I Rocket,” Early Intervention Centre for students of M.Sc. Final and B.Sc. Home Science, III (H).
- “Mobile Creche” for students of B.Sc. Home Science, III pass.
- ICCW Library for students of B.Sc. Home Science III (H)

### **Department Activities 2016-2017**

#### **Research Activities**

The Master’s students conducted dissertation research work on a variety of themes, listed below:

- Education of children living in slums; Reading acquisition and children’s interest in reading; Role of school in sensitizing children towards diversity; Awareness of education among women from Borpukhuripaar village in Assam
- Exploring emotions among adolescents living in children’s homes; Exploring child sexual abuse; Street children-right to shelter
- Children and mobile phones; Sports in everyday life; gender linked play patterns
- Animal assisted therapy
- Growing up in adoptive families; Perceptions of urban college going students regarding household work
- Childhood in Tibetan families; Migration of young adults from Zeliangrong tribal community of Manipur to Delhi; Underage marriage of adolescent girls in Tamenglong district in Manipur
- Lives of working women; Perceptions of working Muslim women on education; Driving and women in India; Scheduled caste girls in higher studies-perspectives on education
- Role of fathers in the lives of pre-schoolers

- Everyday experiences of life among octogenarians

Ph. D scholars are/were engaged in research in the following areas:

- Ecology of care-interplay of sibling care and education
- Television viewing by children in Mizoram
- Impact of cash transfer on adolescent girls in India
- Childcare arrangements of parents in the IT Sector
- Emotional intelligence and academic performance among college students
- Perceptions of self among Dalit young adults in Government jobs
- Growing up in monasteries
- Emotions in school
- Symbolic development and scale estimations in young children
- Family life and childcare among groups who have experiences forced migration
- Prosocial behaviour among young children

#### **Seminars / Conferences/ Workshops /Training / Special lectures Organised**

- Technical Review Board meeting to screen ethical components of M.Sc. students dissertations was held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Prof. IS Marwah (Institutional ethics committee expert) chaired the meeting.
- SEWA Bharat conducted their Youth Connect Program for M.Sc. students on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. Resource person was Ms. Geetika Aggarwal.
- The Art of Living organization conducted a seminar on Education for Life on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- Anju Jain, Head, HR, Caterpillar India, and founder of Chai Pe, a platform for development of women professionals, presented a seminar based on her book STEP UP, discussing cultural perspectives on women in leadership positions, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.



- M.Sc. final year students attended a one-day expert consultation titled “Comprehensive early childhood care and development: Health care and learning”, organized by The Indian Child abuse Neglect and Child Labour (ICANCL) groups, Indian Academy of Paediatrics Delhi, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi, and Bal Umang Drishya Sanstha (BUDS), at AIIMS, on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- Pooja Brar, PhD research scholar from Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, conducted a seminar cum interaction with M.Sc. students on the theme of pre-marital relationships and sexual health among young women in India on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- Dr. Sheetal Nagpal form Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) conducted an interaction and orientation session on MA and M.Sc. ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) programmes of AUD with undergraduate students of Human Development and Childhood Studies in February 2017.



### **Field Trips/Extension Activities**

The UG and PG students of the department visited various organizations such as Learning Tree, Shiv Nadar School, Sanskriti School, Bhaagwat Dham Old Age home, ICDS, DCCW, Dew Drops and Children First

### **Other Important Events**

- Shri. Manish Sisodia, Deputy CM, Delhi Government, visited the Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre, with his team, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016, to observe the centre as a model program for children under 3 years of age.
- The HDCS Department organized its Biennial Alumnae Meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017



- A team from the Centre for Early Childhood Education and development of Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) visited the RAK Child Study Centre to carry out observations regarding ECCE pedagogy and practices on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

### **Department Activities 2015-2016**

#### **Seminars / Conferences/Workshops /Training**

- Orientation Program for M. Sc Previous students, School experiences of immigrant students in the United States of America, by Ms. Ashmeet Duggal (Alumnus, HDCS Department, Lady Irwin College) 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015
- Understanding Self through Theatre Based Activities, by Jitin Chawla, Career Counsellor, Centre for Career Development, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

- Leadership, Lecture, by Santosh Desai, Social commentator, Advertising and Marketing professional, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- Faculty Enrichment Program; “NAAC Report of HDCS Department”, Department meeting cum Workshop, Faculty members of the HDCS Department, Lady Irwin College, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Muslim Personal Law in India, Lecture, Prof. Umar Riyas (Former Chairperson, Governing Body, Lady Irwin College), 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Experiences of working with farmers in Manipur, Talk, Soram Molibala (Alumnus, HDCS Department), 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Depiction of childhood in Hindi cinema in the last decade, Annual festival “Buniyaad” 2016 of the Department of Elementary Education, Miranda House, M. Sc students from HDCS Department attended and participated, Miranda House, University of Delhi, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



### **Department Activities 2014-2015**

#### **Seminars / Conferences/Workshops /Training**

- Orientation Program for M.Sc Previous students, Panel Discussion, Nikhita Bhatia (Sesame Workshop), Yatika Arya (Shiv Nadar Schools), Reema Ahuja (READ-Rural Education and Development), Ikanshi Khanna (Ambedkar University), Arti Vasanth (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre), and Yukti Maini (The Air Force School), August 2014



- Rhythms of resistance in family and society, International Seminar, HDCS Department, Lady Irwin College; ICSSR and University of Aalborg, Denmark, 24-26 September 2014, India Habitat Centre.
- Parents' Workshop, Lalan Palan, at Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre, assisted by students of the M.Sc program, September 2014.



- Children's Day at Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre, assisted by students of the M. Sc program, November 2014.
- Interaction and Seminar with M. Sc students, Dr. Suniya Luthar, Foundation Professor of Psychology, Arizona State University, January 2015
- HDCS Alumnae Meet, February 2015
- Annual Day of Rajkumari Amrit Kaur Child Study Centre, assisted by students of M.Sc program, February 2015

- Challenges of bringing up babies abroad: Indian families and European childcare services, Panel Discussion, Dr. Shalini Grover, Associate Professor in Sociology, Institute of Economic Growth, Sagarika Bhattacharya, Suranya Aiyar, March 2015.