

# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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## GENDER CHAMPIONS CLUB

*Jointly Organized*

Guest Lecture on

# “ADOLESCENT ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH”

DATE & TIME : 08.01.2020 & 2.00 pm.

PLACE: Dawkins Hall, PMIST.

## REPORT

The Department of Social work and the Genders Champions Club of Periyar Maniammai Institute Of Science and Technology, Thanjavur jointly organized a Guest Lecture on “ADOLESCENT ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH” for the students of social work at Dawkins Hall, PMIST on 08.01.2020. The Speaker of the Guest lecture was **Dr.SELWYN STANLEY** who is currently working as a senior lecturer (social work) Faculty of Health, Social care & Medicine, Edge Hill University in UK.

**Dr.SELWYN STANLEY** was an alumunus of the Madras School of Social Work and after qualifying in 1983 he joined Bishop Heber College, Trichy, India as a Lecturer in Social Work. Further down the line he was promoted as Reader and was Head of the Social Work Department. After a teaching career in India that spanned 24 years he moved to the UK in 2007 to teach at Plymouth University. Since then he had taught in both England and Scotland and moved to Edge Hill from Strathclyde University in 2019. His three decades of teaching in Social Work related areas has led him to engage with a range of subjects both at the Graduate and Masters levels. His interests lie predominantly in the areas of substance misuse, mental illness, Quality of life, Care giving, Suicide and HIV, Human Growth & Personality Development, Contemporary Social Problems, Mental Health, Substance Misuse, Methods of Social Work (working with Individuals and Families, Crisis Intervention, Group



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Work) and Research Methodology besides Values and Ethics in Social Work Practice.

The event started with the welcome address by Dr.S.Gnanaraj, City Coordinator, CHILDLINE 1098, Thanjavur. The Introductory Speech was given by Dr.A.Anand Jerard Sebastine, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Social work, Director, CHILDLINE Nodal Organisation in which he gave a brief introduction about the event and the guest speaker. The Presidential address was delivered by the vice chancellor of Periyar Maniammai Institute Of Science and Technology Prof.Dr.S.Velusamy. The Felicitation address was given by Dr.S.Kumaran, Dean Research, PMIST.

The Guest Speaker Dr.SELWYN STANLEY, in his lecture emphasized on various issues of adolescence such as depression, anxiety, self harm, conduct disorders, mood fluctuations etc and the mental well being of an adolescent. He also focused on the contemporary issues such as influence of social media and technological addiction among the adolescents. He compared the various issues of adolescents in India and UK. His lecture was very interesting, informative and interactive. He clarified the queries of the participants in a crystal clear manner at the end of the session. At the end of the event, the vote of thanks was delivered by Mr.S.Parameshwaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work. More than 50 students and Faculties from various institutions participated and benefited this lecture.