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The Department of Social work, Alagappa University, in collaboration with CHILDLINE 1098, Sivagangai, organized a One-Day Awareness Programme on “Child Rights and CHILDLINE 1098” Programme on Tuesday 19.02.2019 at the Convocation Seminar Hall.



Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, dwelt on the current status of the prevalence of child abuse and child trafficking and the need for creating awareness among the public to prevent crimes of these kinds and the current awareness programme aimed at this.

Presiding over the programme Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the various recent accomplishments of the University and emphasized the important role played by the Social Work Department in extending its helping hands to the community and also referred to the significance of organising useful awareness programmes for the benefit of the society at large. He also spoke about the importance given in the Indian Constitution for protecting the child rights and their educational rights. The Social Work Department directly works for the welfare of destitutes, children, women and marginalized people in the society. In spite of many laws to prevent child abuse it would not be of any use, if they were not practised strictly. He added that “education makes a man a cultured being”. He said that Alagappa University has focused during this academic year on the Village Extension Programme (VEP) in which 87 villages were adopted. The main components of VEP programme are making villages open defecation free, maintaining public school toilets and encouraging sports activities in Government Schools.

The University has also plans to adopt 900 villages in Ramanathapuram and Sivaganga Districts in a phased manner to extend VEP programme

Judge T.P. Vadivelu, Dist. Legal Services Authority, Secretary and Subordinate Judge, Sivagangai, handled the technical session on the function of District Legal Services Authority. He explained the various functions of the Legal Statutory Body in protecting children.

Mr. A. Ramanathan, Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Karaikudi, handled the technical session on the functions of Child Welfare Committees. He explained various Legal Bodies at the National, State and District levels and the process of approaching these bodies in getting the child rights.

Mr. A. Jeevanandham, Director, CHILDLINE 1098, Member-Child Welfare Committee, Sivagangai, gave a special address about the CHILDLINE 1098 and how it works in protecting children from the evils of society and emphasized the importance of POCSO Act.

Mr. Muthu, Child Protection Officer, spoke on the procedure to be followed for child adoption. A vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. K. Muthukannu, Co-ordinator, CHILDLINE 1098, Sivagangai.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu

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