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To be a centre of excellence, nationally and globally in Social Work Education, Training and Research

MISSION OF THE NISD

"To enhance human resource for Social Development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development"

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School of Social Work

1. Social Work Diploma Program

The Social Work Diploma program for Samurdhi officers, conducted by the School of Social Work of the National Institute of Social Development was launched for the first time at National Institute of Social Development, Seeduwa. The inauguration ceremony was held on 22nd September 2020 at the auditorium of NISD. Mrs. Hema Perera, Additional Secretary, State Ministry of Samurdhi, Home Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment, and Enterprises Development, Mrs. Shamini Aththanayaka, Director General (Acting) National Institute of Social Development, Mr. K.M.Y Karunarathna, Director, School of Social Work, Ms. Gowry Vasudevan, Director, Training Division, Mr. M.S.M. Asmiyas, Director, Research and Publications Division, Ms. Niroshani Herath and Ms. Aloka Manamudali, coordinators of this course participated in this event.



2. Entrance Examination for the Bachelor of Social Work New Intake of 2020

Entrance Examination for the Bachelor of Social Work New Intake of 2020 was conducted by the School of Social Work on 2nd October 2020 at NISD Seeduwa. 130 students appeared for this examination. The candidates who pass the examination have to appear for an interview and the selections would be on the basis of merit.

3. Curriculum Revision Programme of Bachelor of Social Work

A series of Curriculum Development workshops were conducted with the participation of Prof Daya Edirisinghe, Director General (Acting)/ Additional Director General (Academic), all the directors and the faculty members of the School of Social Work, on 11th February, 29th May, 14th July, 16th July, 18th June, 22nd and 23rd July of 2020. The new course units to be included in the revised curriculum and the assessment methods were discussed at the workshops. The draft of the new curriculum will be completed by the end of this year.

Training Division

The Diploma in Counseling Course

The Diploma in Counseling Course conducted by the Training Division of the National Institute of Social Development was launched in Ratnapura District for the first time. The inauguration ceremony was held on 29th August 2020 at the auditorium of the Divisional Secretariat, Ratnapura. Mrs. Pradeepika Ilukkumbura Divisional Secretary, Ratnapura, Mrs. Gowri Vasudevan, Training Director, National Institute of Social Development, Mrs. Deepthi Niroshika, Senior Training Officer and Mr. Iron Jayasekara, Coordinator of the program participated in this event.



Short term training program on Attitude Development

The short term training program on Attitude Development and Enhancing Self-Esteem organized by the Training Division of the National Institute of Social Development was conducted on 18th September 2020 at the Auditorium of the Divisional Secretariat, Negombo. About 30 newly recruited graduates participated in this program.

This program was conducted as one of the programmes in a series of awareness programs for public officers organized by the Training Division. The program was conducted by the training officers of the National Institute of Social Development, Mr. B.K.S Karunaratne and Mr. Ironne Jayasekara. This program was organized by the Divisional Secretary, Negombo and the officers of the Samurddhi Development Division.



Training Division

Short Training Program for Regional Health Officers

This program was designed to empower the health officers who face problems due to the Covid-19 epidemic situation. This short training program was conducted at the Thalawa Center of the National Institute of Social Development on 22nd September 2020. The program was conducted by the training officers of the National Institute of Social Development. Health workers of the area and Hospital staff participated in this programme. This workshop was organized by the Officer in Charge of Thalawa Center Mr. Sahan Premaratne and Mr. Tharindu Ariyadasa with the resource contribution of Psychiatrist Anura Kumarasiri and Dr. Niroshan Perera.

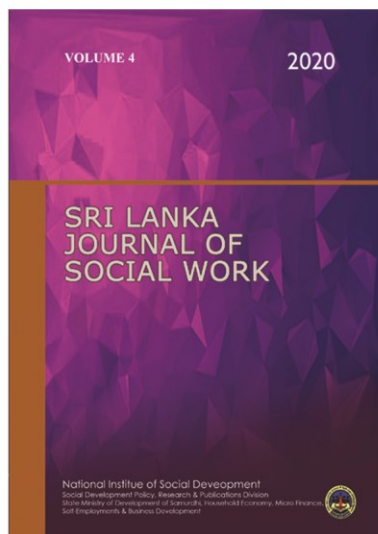


Short Training Program on Teacher Empowerment

This program was conducted to empower the teachers and students of the school on request of the principal of Thalawa Vidyalaya under the Smart Village Project launched by the National Institute of Social Development. This programme was specially designed to empower the school staff and students to manage the Covid -19 pandemic situation in the school setting. The programme was conducted at Thalawa Training Centre on 08.09.2020 with the participation of 80 teachers and students. Training Officers of NISD Mr. Ironne Jayasekara, Mr. Priyan Hettiarachchi, Mr. B.K.S. Karunarathna and Officer in Charge of Thalawa Center Mr. Sahan Premaratne organized this work shop.



Research Division

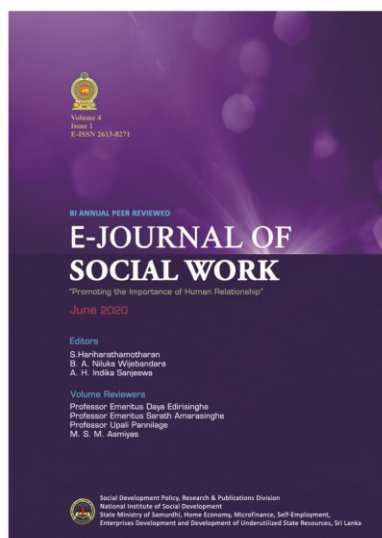
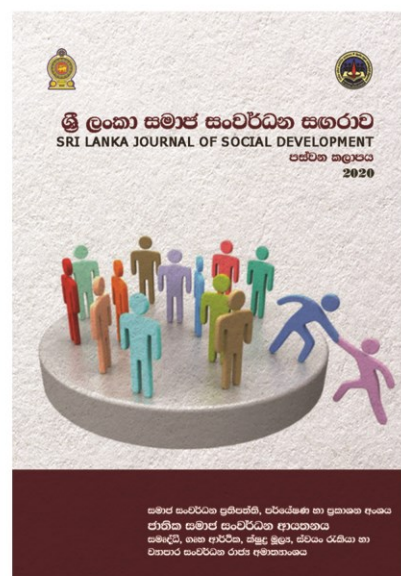


Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work

The Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development publishes the Journal of Social Work in Sri Lanka annually to develop Social Work subject knowledge among scholars. The main theme of this journal, published in 2020, is "Social Work Intervention for Risk Society". This journal publishes academic and research articles of the academic staff of the National Institute of Social Development and it is a guide for students and newcomers to the field of social work.

Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development

The Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development is published with the objective of building research literature to fill the research gaps. Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development for the year 2020 was published under the theme Youth Empowerment – The Youth Worker's Role. Under this, it is a timely need to build an academic discourse on a number of topics. By creating an academic awareness and sharing the knowledge in the fields in which they are specialized in it is expected to build a multi-disciplinary academic discourse in the Sri Lankan social context. This scholarly publication, which was produced with the aim of raising awareness of the community as a whole, has led to the development of knowledge in related fields.



E-Journal of Social Work (EJSW) (Biannual – Peer Reviewed)

The Biannual E-Journal of Social Work is published with articles based on the trilingual policy under the theme 'Promoting the Importance of Human Relations'. As the public sector has recommended the need for social work intervention to find solutions to the current social problems in Sri Lanka, it is prudent to have a global dialogue using modern technology. This e-journal published by the National Institute of Social Development aims to provide information on social issues and to expand the knowledge in social work education.

Research Division

Socio Economic Information Survey -2020

Evaluating the socioeconomic impact and future development of opportunities associated with Samurdhi Production Villages and Prosperity Production Cluster Villages.

The Department of Samurdhi Development and the Ministry of Agriculture have implemented the Samurdhi Production Villages and Prosperity Product Information Villages program for the past 03 years. The objective of implementation of this program, is to study the social and economic changes that have taken place in the communities living in the relevant production villages and to identify the overall development opportunities in the villages. Accordingly, this survey was conducted in Yatiyalpathana village in Polonnaruwa district on 11th and 12th of December 2020 by the National Institute of Social Development.



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PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	ENTRY QUALIFICATION	TIME PERIOD/ MEDIUM
DEGREE PROGRAMMES		
Master of Social Work	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university or Higher Education Institute	Two years/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Bachelor's of Social Work	Passing the G.C.E.(A/L) with minimum requirements for university admissions	Four year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Higher Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 Subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination in any stream & Diploma in Social Work	Two year/ Fulltime (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Higher Diploma in Counseling	Completing a Diploma in Counseling	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES		
Diploma in Social Work	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E.(A/L) examination and 3 years working experience in social services & welfare sector	One year/ Fulltime & Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil/ English)
Diploma in Women Empowerment	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Counseling	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Social Care	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Child Protection	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Community Based Correction	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	21 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	18 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation	Passing 3 subjects in G.C.E. (A/L) examination	One year/ Part-time (Sinhala)
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES		
Certificate course in Social Work	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Counseling	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)
Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development	Passing G.C.E. (O/L) examination	06 Months/ Part-time (Sinhala/ Tamil)

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