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Meeting of Irinjalakuda municipality



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As part of Kerala government poverty eradication project, within the next 5 years the Irinjalakuda municipality also took an initiative to find out the people who are suffering from poverty. With that aim, on 18 Nov 2021 Thursday Irinjalakuda municipality conducted a first part of orientation and training program at municipality auditorium for social workers and social work trainees from St. Joseph College Irinjalakuda and Christ College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda. Christ school of social work, Christ College Irinjalakuda also took an initiative to take part in this program, from our department. Head of social work department MS. Rosemary. T. George and 3 student representatives (Jesse Lijo, Kavya Surendran and Roseme Paul) also take part in this training session. Aim of the Program was to give an idea of how to conduct a survey of the people who are suffering from poverty and who all are the beneficiaries of this program. The meeting was divided into 4 sessions. Each sessions were conducted by Mr. Rasheed, Ms. Akhila Baburaj and Mr. Bhaskaran.

First session started by 2 pm, it was handled by Mr. Rasheed the session deals with the aim, objectives and how the program is going to implement in our society. It was a one day session and because of the time concern the program was cut short to 1hour. Sir explained the importance of the topic "Ati daridhrya nirmarjanam" or the importance of poverty eradication. And also he defined who is poor (Daridhar) and extreme poor (ati daridhar). People who are suffering because of unemployment, daily bread and cannot meet their daily needs, People with physically and economically challenged, are the main beneficiaries of this project. He explained the social economic background of the beneficiaries and their problems. He also mentioned about the government supporting schemes such as Kudumbashree, MGNREGA etc. So in this session he has given a clear idea about the project.

Second session was handled by Ms. Akhila Baburaj, who is a representative of Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) is an autonomous institution functioning for the Local governments in Kerala. It was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955. And she also explained about the importance of this scheme and the basic criteria of selecting the beneficiaries. Basic criterias are the following; Shellter, Income, Food supplements, Education and Health. People without these facilities are the beneficiaries of this scheme. In this session she also spoke clearly about the poverty of the people, the indicators that lead them to poverty. Similarly she clearly explained about the poor and the reasons that led them to extreme poverty.

The third and forth session deals with Mr. Bhaskaran, who is the block co-ordinator of KILA and the session was mainly for the social work trainees, who are the enumerators of the survey. Sir explained about the duties of the enumerators, questions that have to prepare for conducting the survey, etc. Importance of questionairs, and the details will be documenting through online mode. Primarily the question air is focused on basic details like Name, Address and basic criterias of the individual. The enumerators are those social work trainees from the St. Joseph College Irinjalakuda and Christ College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda, a total of 82 students. Later, a one day session will be conducted before the survey for detailing about the survey. Also the enumerators will be working under a team with counselors, field workers and Ashaworkers they will be divided into 5-6 groups and each team will go to each wards, they will be taking surveys and finally all these surveys are combined to find the benfecieries of the survey. He explained very clearly, what social work trainees should do and what to look for when conducting a survey.

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At the end of this session the social work trainees from Christ College and St. Joseph College presented the general elements and sub-elements used to identify the extremely poor. So this session was very informative.

EVALUATION

The head of the social work department Christ College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda MS. Rosemary. T. George and first year MSW students participated in the meeting organized by Irinjalakuda municipality to identify the 'extremely poor' as a part of Kerala government project to eradicate poverty in Kerala within five years. Through this meeting trainees understand the aim of the program and it helped them to find the difference between the poor and extremely poor. It also gave us a clear idea of how a survey should be conducted, what we need to know about the survey and what types of questions should be prepared for conducting the survey.

CONCLUSION

As a part of curriculum social work trainee got an immense opportunity to participate a meeting in Irinjalakuda municipality. In the meeting trainees itself were selected as the enumerators of the survey 'To identify the extremely poor' in Irinjalakuda municipality. It was a great exposure because trainees interacted with different personalities in municipality and enriched the knowledge about the survey. Social work trainees understood about the importance of such poverty eradication programs in our society.





Extreme poverty alleviation survey – Meeting was conducted on 27th Nov 2021 at Irinjalakuda municipality.



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 2^{nd} section was handled by Mrs. Akhila Baburaj, who is a representative of Kerala Institute of Local Administration KILA. Explained about the importance of this scheme and the basic criteria of selecting the beneficiaries.



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Mr. Jesse Lijo, Ms. Kavya Surendran and Ms. Roseme Paul (Autonomous) from Christ College presented the general elements and sub-elements used to identify the extremely poor