

Social Outreach Programme 2017-18

“Let us never forget that authentic power is service”- Pope Francis

The ‘Social Outreach Programme’ of the self-financed course at St. Andrew’s College began with an orientation conducted by Prof. Kevin Miranda (Head of the Accounts Department). The students were oriented with the essence of the programme thus making them eager to start working with the underprivileged and different sections of society.

Navjeet Community Center in Bandra is a center that was started in 1996, that is dedicated to helping the rural and urban poor by providing them proper education, health care and community development projects. At the introductory session of the Social Outreach Programme, two members from Navjeet Society enlightened the students about the activities conducted at the centre and about the kind of people they look after.

Under this programme, students are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of social work at a centre of their choice. The list of centres as mentioned below:

1. St. Catherine’s Home, (Bandra)
2. Navjeet Community Centre, (Bandra)
3. Karuna Hospital, (Borivali)
4. Snehasadan (Vasai)
5. Muskaan Foundation, (Andheri E)
6. Spastic Society of India, (Bandra)
7. Jeevan Asha Old Age Home, (Andheri)
8. Ashray Care Centre, (Gorai)
9. Roshini Graha Community Centre, (Kandivali)
10. St. Theresa's Welfare Trust, (Kandivali)
11. Vatsalya Trust , (Sanpada)
12. Umang Foundation Trust Santacruz (E)

13. Snehalaya (Mira Rd)
14. Prayatna (Malad)
15. Cardinal Gracia's Hospital (Vasai)

The work undertaken by the students at the various centers include teaching the under-privileged, kitchen work, laundry, handicraft, educating teenagers on information and communication technology, organizing workshops, events and recreational activities, cooking for the poor and laughter sessions for patients.

Students reported that the experience was fulfilling as their outlook on life changed completely after learning about how difficult most people had it through their lives.

The social outreach programme truly inspires our students to act righteously!

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