

**Three Days Orientation Programme on Geriatric Care for Functionaries of Old age
Homes/ Day Care Centres**

(4th, 5th, 6th and 7th October, 2017)

A training cum sensitization programme on 'Geriatric Care' was organised by Heritage Foundation Regional Resource & Training Centre (Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands), Hyderabad, National Institute of Social Defence, Government of India in collaboration with Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappali on 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th October, 2017. As many as 4 concurrent sessions were conducted which comprised a three-day orientation programme on 'Geriatric Care' for the functionaries of Old age Homes/Day Care Centres. The Number of Participants are 16 Old Age Functionaries (14 Outstation participants, 2 local participants; 1 male participant and 15 female participants). The orientation programme was inaugurated on 4th October, 2017 at 10 a.m. Dr. P. Ilango, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Professor, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Sethuramalingam, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University gave then presidential address followed by the inaugural address by Dr. R. Mangaleswaran, Syndicate Member and Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work. Dr. J.O. Jeryda Gnanajane Eljo, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work proposed vote of thanks.

Sessions 4th October, 2017 (11 am to 5 pm)

Dr. R. Shankar, Former Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, Bharathidasan University set the tone for the entire orientation through his informative session on 'India - An Ageing Society'. Dr. R. Mangaleswaran, Syndicate Member and Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work spoke on Human Resource Management in Old Age Homes/Day Care Centres and guided the participants on handling issues of administration of old age homes in relation to human resource management.

Sessions 4, 5, 6 & 7 on 5th October, 2017 (10 am to 5 pm)

Dr. D. Nirmala, Assitant Professor, Department of Social Work enlightened the participants on 'Qualities of Counsellors'. Dr. J.O. Jeryda Gnanajane Eljo, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work presented 'Geriatric counselling Methods and techniques'. In the afternoon, Dr. D.

Mohanambigai, Private Practitioner, Pudukkottai oriented the participants on 'Geriatric Rehabilitation' with special focus of use of physiotherapy for the elderly.

Sessions 8, 9, 10 & 11 on 6th October, 2017 (8.30 am to 3.30 pm)

The participants visited Annai Ashram Old Age Home, Tiruchirappalli at 8.30 am and had an interaction with the staff and inmates which was appreciated by them as a good exposure. At 10 a.m., Dr. A. Ganeshraja M. D., Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital and Medical College, Tiruchirappalli (KAPV) dealt on 'Health care of Older Persons in Institutions'. Dr. N. Rajavel detailed the participants on 'Policies and Legal Provisions for the Elderly' as well as 'Ethics in Care giving for Elderly in Institutions'.

Valediction: The valedictory function was held on 6th October, 2017 at 3.30 pm. Dr. D. Nirmala, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. R. Gangadharan, Director, Heritage Foundation, Hyderabad delivered the special address wherein he also interacted with the participants. Dr. Senthil, Director, HRDC- UGC presided over the function. Dr. Sethuramalingam, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work was the chief guest. After experience sharing by two participants and distribution of certificates Dr. N. Rajavel proposed vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the national anthem.