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PG DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

(In association with IQAC)

Report on Seminar on 'Waste Management Literacy – from Awareness to Action'

Commemorating International Literacy Day

Date: 10th September 2026, Thursday

Time: 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Venue: Seminar Hall

Introduction

To mark International Literacy Day, the PG Department of Social Work, in association with IQAC, organized a seminar on 'Waste Management Literacy – from Awareness to Action' on 10th September 2026, Thursday, between 11.00 AM and 1.00 PM at the Seminar Hall. The programme had 45 participants comprising students from various departments including Social Work, Psychology, Visual Communication and English. The resource person of the day was Mx. Mokshavathi A, Senior CSR Executive, Group Legrand India and Founder of ROAR (Rescue Of Animal & Rehabilitation). The session was insightful and informative, covering the types of waste, its management, environmental impact and the role of each individual in responsible disposal.

Resource Person & Dignitaries Present

- Janab S. M. A. J. Abdul Haleem, Director, MSCAS
- Dr. M. S. Mohamed Jaabir, Principal, MSCAS
- Dr. M. Syed Ali, Vice Principal & IQAC Coordinator, MSCAS
- Mrs. K. Vishnupriya, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, MSCAS
- Ms. Mokshavathi A, Senior CSR Executive, Group Legrand India; Social Worker & Animal Activist; Founder of ROAR – Resource Person
- Mrs. S. N. Prethi, Head, PG Department of Social Work, MSCAS

Programme Highlights

1. Seminar Session on Waste Management

The resource person spoke in detail on the types of waste, their management, and their environmental impact, emphasizing the role of each individual in responsible waste disposal.

The session helped participants understand the practical dimensions of waste management beyond textbook knowledge.

2. Quiz on Waste Degradation

To assess the participants' understanding of waste management, a quiz was conducted on the degrading characteristics of different types of waste. The activity encouraged active participation and reinforced key concepts covered during the session.

3. Video Screening

A video was screened to educate participants on how waste is disposed of in Bengaluru, one of the busiest metropolitan cities, giving students real-world insight into large-scale waste management challenges and practices.

4. The 7 R's of Waste Management

The resource person emphasized the importance of following the 7 R's – Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Repurpose & Recycle – and encouraged participants to sensitize others about the same.

5. Group Activity and Presentations

As part of the programme, students were divided into 5 teams and were given charts and sketch pens for an interactive group activity. Each team was asked to identify issues regarding waste management in and around the college campus and to suggest possible practical solutions.

The teams actively participated and identified the following concerns:

- Need for proper segregation of dustbins
- Disposal of food waste from the canteen and classrooms
- Installation and proper maintenance of sanitary napkin dispensers and incinerators
- Littering in common areas

The teams also proposed the following constructive solutions:

- Using colour-coded bins
- Composting food waste
- Creating awareness posters
- Involving student volunteers for monitoring and sensitization

Each team presented their observations before everyone, which made the session more engaging and thought-provoking.

Outcome of the Programme

The seminar successfully sensitized students to the practical realities of waste management and the significance of individual responsibility in responsible disposal. Through the quiz, video screening and group activity, participants moved from awareness to action, identifying real,

campus-specific issues and proposing actionable solutions. The session strengthened students' understanding of sustainable practices and encouraged them to become active agents of change within their college community.

Conclusion

The seminar on 'Waste Management Literacy – from Awareness to Action', organized by the PG Department of Social Work in association with IQAC to commemorate International Literacy Day, was a meaningful and impactful initiative. The insightful session, interactive quiz, video screening and engaging group activity collectively contributed to building a deeper understanding of waste management among the participants and inspired them to translate awareness into practical action.

We sincerely thank our Management, Director Janab S. M. A. J. Abdul Haleem Sir, Principal Dr. M. S. Mohamed Jaabir Sir, Vice Principal & IQAC Coordinator Dr. M. Syed Ali Sir, and Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, Mrs. K. Vishnupriya Ma'am, for their constant support and encouragement.

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