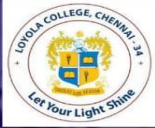



# SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
LOYOLA COLLEGE  
CHENNAI-34**



You're Cordially Invited for the  
**"SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY"**



Chief guest, **Prof AVATTHI RAMAIAH**, The Dean  
of Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, at TATA  
Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai

**Topic: Relevance of Periyar in Social Work**

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DATE : 18.09.2021                      TIME: 11am-12pm  
VENUE : Seminar Hall

**We request the honour of your presence**

**17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

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## **Introduction:**

***“There should be no differentiation amongst the people;  
All should be treated as equals.”***

The Social Workers' Association for Staff and Students (SWASS) of the Social Work Department conducted various competitions to mark the event of Dr. EV. Ramasamy's (Periyar) birthday, which is observed as **SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY**. A webinar was held on The Relevance of Periyar in Social Work 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to educate students about Periyar and his contribution to the society.

## **Participants:**

The second year post graduate students attended the webinar in the seminar hall while the first-year students joined through google meet. Ms. Sowndarya, a second year post graduate student was the MC for the event.

## **Events Proceedings:**

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Maria Evangeline, second year post graduate student. The head of the department felicitated the guest speaker Prof. Avatthi Ramaiah, the Dean of Exclusion and Inclusive policy at TATA Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

Professor Ramaiah, highlighted about Periyar and his contribution to the Society. Periyar's philosophy and actions were centered on his resistance to Brahminism, which gave rise to the ideology of today's DMK, AIADMK, and MDMK parties. Periyar coined the phrase "Tamil Nadu for Tamilians." His beliefs and pivotal role in the Justice Party profoundly altered his political identity. He was later given the name Periyar, which means "respected one" or "elder" stated his party's vision in 1950. Through the Dravida Kazhagam, he hoped to provide a forum for social and religious reform.

Periyar was an outspoken supporter of female equality. He pushed for women's advancement and questioned society's gender inequalities. He was an outspoken opponent of barbarous societal norms that discriminated against women, such as child marriage and widow remarriage. He urged women to become more involved in social movements and politics. Periyar was a symbol of Tamil pride as well as the face of India's caste changes. His political ideals are still influential in Tamil Nadu politics, inspiring the DMK and AIADMK.

Prof. Ramaiah not only educated the students about Periyar but also encouraged the students to raise their questions. Students asked many questions and doubts about the session and he patiently clarified them.

## **Social Justice Day Pledge:**

The Social Justice Day Pledge was taken by the students, led by Ms. Tanya Ishwayra Tamilarasi.

***“In my life, I shall uphold and be guided by the ethics of love which recognises everyone as equal by birth, and the ethics of culture which recognises every place as home and everyone as kin. Self-respect and rationalism shall form the basis of my actions. I shall dedicate myself to the ideology of equality, fraternity and equal justice. Love for fellow human beings and humanitarianism are the same; they shall be my lifeblood. On this day, I resolve to continue my journey to establish a society/ founded on social justice.”***

## Social Justice Day Competitions:

Social Justice Day, was commemorated by organizing various competitions, such as Poetry, Speech, Creative Writing and Poster making. The invite and the registration form were sent to all social work colleges in Tamil Nādu. Students actively participated in the events and sent their contents through mail.

## Conclusion:

*“Wisdom lies in thinking. The spear-head of thinking is rationalism.”- Periyar E. V. Ramasamy*

It was an opportunity for students to know about Periyar and his contribution to social growth. The simple life of Periyar and his conviction to stand against the societal evils is noteworthy to be imbibed by the young generation.

## SNAPSHOTS

