



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Report Submission: 01/09/2026

Semester: I, III, V	Academic Year: 2026–27	Venue: AI01G03 – SH, ANA Block
Event Date: 24/08/2026	Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Duration: 01:00 Hr

TYPE OF EVENT: ALUMNI TALK

EVENT NAME: Career Pathways in Social Work

Target Audience: BSW Students	Number of Participants: 36	Event Coordinator: Dr. Nafeesath Sabida SM
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Objectives:

1. To provide students with real-world insights into the academic and professional journey of an alumnus from Acharya Institute.
2. To familiarize students with professional roles and responsibilities in the social sector and the competencies expected in the workplace.
3. To motivate and guide students in career planning by sharing practical experiences related to job searching, career opportunities, challenges, and strategies for securing employment.

Program Introduction:

The Department of Social Work organized an Alumni Talk on Career Pathways in Social Work to strengthen student's understanding of diverse career opportunities, professional roles, workplace expectations, and the skills required for building a successful career in the social work sector.

Theme of the Event:

The theme of the Alumni Talk, "Exploring Career Opportunities and Professional Growth in Social Work," focused on helping students understand the diverse career opportunities available within the social work profession. It emphasized the importance of developing relevant professional skills and competencies to meet workplace expectations in the social sector. It also encouraged students to explore different career pathways and make informed decisions based on their interests, abilities, and



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professional goals. Overall, the theme aimed to enhance students' career awareness, confidence, and preparedness for entering the social work profession.

Resource Person:

1. Mr. Karthik Gowda J, Coordinator-Volunteer engagement, Chanakya University, Bengaluru
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Detailed Report:

The Department of Social Work organized an Alumni Talk on “Career Pathways in Social Work” to strengthen students' understanding of career opportunities, professional roles, and the competencies required for a successful career in the social work sector. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Mirshad Rahaman T. M., Head, Department of Social Work, who emphasized gain practical insights into career pathways and professional experiences from an alumnus of the Department of Social Work. The resource persons was introduced by Ms. Oliviya, III Semester BSW student.

The session was delivered by Mr. Karthik Gowda J, an alumnus of Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies and a social work professional with experience in project coordination, community engagement, volunteer management, and social impact initiatives. Drawing from his professional experience as Coordinator – Volunteer Engagement at Chanakya University, Consultant with WWF India, and Project Coordinator at Navodaya Charitable Trust, he shared practical insights into diverse career pathways available to social work graduates. He discussed the importance of developing competencies in project management, volunteer leadership, community outreach, stakeholder communication, data management, research, and advocacy for professional growth. The session also highlighted his experiences in working with rural communities, NGOs, health initiatives, environmental programmes, and social impact projects, enabling students to understand the varied roles and responsibilities of social work professionals. Through his academic and professional journey, including his qualification in KSET, the session encouraged students to explore opportunities in the social sector and pursue continuous professional and academic development.

The session was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session. Student's clarified their queries about skills required for professional growth and ethical use of AI in social work practice. Ms. Shashi Kiran Shetty, Faculty, Department of Social Work, handed over the memento to the resource person as a token of appreciation. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Jenis



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Varghese, V Semester BSW student, who expressed gratitude to the resource persons, faculty members, student volunteers, and participants for making the workshop a meaningful and successful academic programme.

Geotagged Photographs:



Welcome address by Dr. Mirshad Rahaman T. M., Head, Department of Social Work





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Session delivered by Mr. Karthik Gowda J



Question- Answer session



Vote of thanks



Memento distributed as a token of gratitude by the department

Outcomes:

1. Students gained a better understanding of diverse career pathways and professional opportunities in social work, including roles in community development, health, environmental initiatives, NGOs, and social impact organizations.
2. Students developed greater awareness of the professional skills and competencies required for social work careers, particularly project coordination, community engagement, volunteer management, stakeholder communication, data management, research, and advocacy.
3. The session motivated students to plan their career and professional development more effectively by learning from the resource person's academic and professional journey and recognizing the importance of continuous learning, practical experience, and skill development.

Conclusion and Audience Feedback Summary:

The Alumni Talk on "Career Pathways in Social Work" provided students with a valuable opportunity to gain practical insights into the professional world of social work from an alumnus of the institution. The session connected academic learning with real-world experiences and highlighted the diverse



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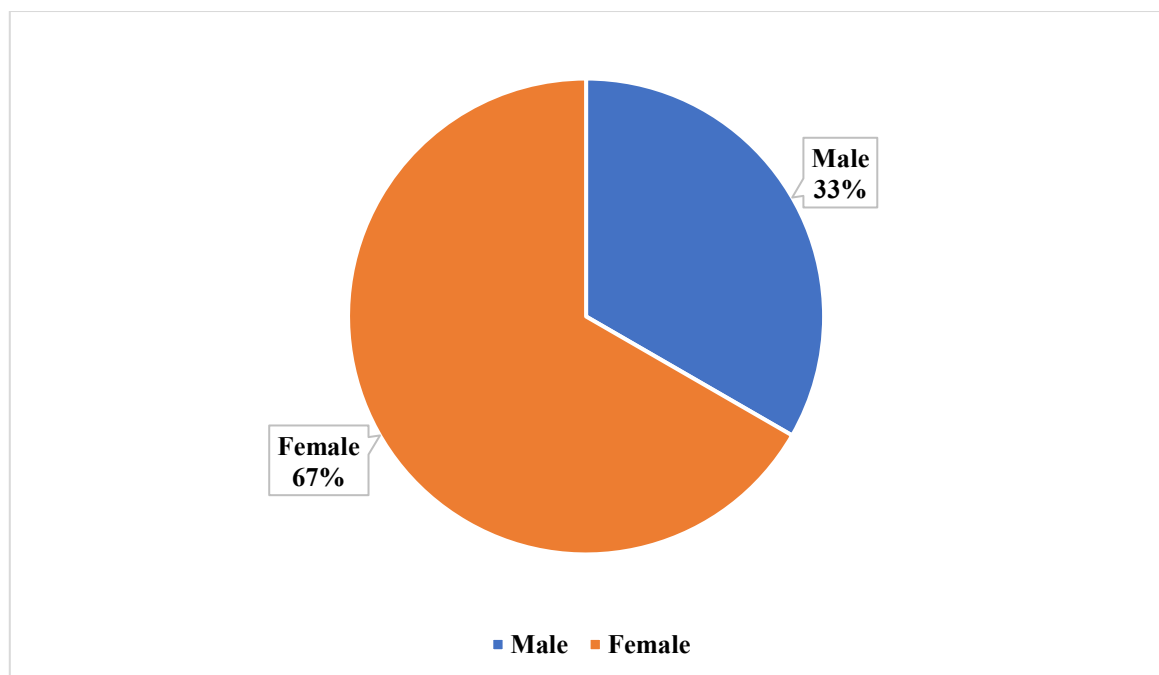
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opportunities available across community development, health, NGOs, social impact organizations, and related sectors. The resource person's professional journey encouraged students to recognize the importance of practical experience, skill development, networking, and continuous learning in building a successful career. Overall, the programme contributed to enhancing students' career awareness, confidence, and preparedness for professional social work practice.

The audience responded positively to the Alumni Talk and appreciated the opportunity to interact with an alumnus who shared practical experiences from his academic and professional journey. Students found the discussion on career opportunities, professional competencies, workplace expectations, and career development particularly relevant to their future plans. The interactive nature of the session enabled participants to clarify their understanding of different career pathways and gain practical perspectives on entering the social work sector. Overall, the feedback indicated that the session was informative, engaging, and useful in enhancing students' career awareness and motivation.

Feedback Analysis

GENDER OF THE PARTICIPANTS





FEEDBACK OF THE SESSION

