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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE

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Semester: EVEN		Academic Year: 2025–26		Venue: Mathru Chaya Trust, Agrahara, Bengaluru	
Event Date:	30/03/2026	Time:	09:00am – 01:00pm	Duration:	4:00 hrs

TYPE OF EVENT: INDUSTRIAL VISIT

EVENT NAME: VISIT TO MATHRU CHAYA TRUST

Target Audience:	Criminology and Forensic Science Students	Number of Participants:	53
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Objectives:

- To understand the functioning of NGOs at the grassroots level and learn how they address social issues such as education, health, gender equality, or community development. Objectives of the event: (minimum three)
- To bridge theoretical knowledge with practical experience by observing how sociological concepts like social change, community participation, and development are applied in real-life settings.
- To develop students' awareness and sensitivity towards community issues and encourage critical thinking about the role of civil society organizations in social development.

Program Introduction: The Department of Criminology and Forensic Science, AIGS, organized an educational NGO visit to the Mathru Chaya Trust Agrahara, Kanakpura Road, Bengaluru, on 30th March 2026 with the objective to understand the functioning of NGOs at the grassroots level in addressing social issues like education, health, gender equality, and community development, while bridging theoretical knowledge with practical experience by observing the application of sociological concepts, and fostering students' awareness, sensitivity, and critical thinking about the role of civil society in social development.



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The programme brought together students and faculty members who had the opportunity to observe the functioning of an NGO at the grassroots level and understand its role in addressing key social issues such as education, health, gender equality, and community development. Through guided interaction and field observation, the visit enabled students to gain insights into programme implementation, community engagement strategies, and the challenges faced in delivering social services. It also provided an understanding of how NGOs mobilize resources, collaborate with communities, and work towards sustainable development.

The visit further highlighted the significance of NGOs as vital agents of social change and development, bridging gaps left by state mechanisms and empowering marginalized communities. It served as an important learning experience for students by connecting theoretical concepts such as social change, participation, and development with real-life practices, thereby enhancing their academic understanding and encouraging a more critical perspective on the role of civil society in social transformation.

Theme of the Event: The NGO Visit was organized by the Department of Criminology and Forensic Science on 30th March 2026 at the Mathru Chaya Trust, Agrahara, Bengaluru. The event was conducted under the theme “Society in Practice: NGO field Visit.”

Detailed Report:

The Department of Criminology and Forensic Science, AIGS, organized an educational visit to Mathru Chaya Trust, with the objective of providing students with practical exposure to the functioning of a non-governmental organization and its role in addressing social issues at the grassroots level. The visit was conducted as part of the academic curriculum to help students gain first-hand knowledge about community development initiatives, programme implementation, and the contribution of NGOs within the broader framework of social development.

The programme began with a briefing session by the NGO representatives, who explained the vision, mission, and organizational structure of the trust, along with its key areas of intervention such as education, health awareness, gender empowerment, and community welfare. Students were introduced to the working mechanisms of the organization, including planning, execution, and monitoring of various social programmes. The representatives also emphasized the importance of NGOs as



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facilitators of social change, working towards the upliftment and empowerment of marginalized communities.

During the visit, the students were guided through different functional areas of the organization, including spaces where educational and community-based activities were conducted. The staff members explained the process of identifying beneficiaries, implementing development programmes, and engaging with local communities. Students also learned about the various initiatives undertaken by the NGO, such as awareness campaigns, skill development programmes, support services, and outreach activities aimed at improving the overall quality of life of individuals. The visit provided valuable insights into the practical challenges faced by NGOs and the strategies adopted to ensure effective service delivery and sustainable development.

The visit provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by prison authorities in managing a large number of inmates while ensuring their basic rights, welfare, and security. It also helped students understand the importance of discipline, monitoring, and effective correctional policies in maintaining order within the prison system.

Overall, the visit served as a meaningful learning experience by bridging theoretical knowledge with practical observation. It enabled students to develop a deeper understanding of the correctional system and its role in the administration of justice. The programme successfully enhanced students' awareness about prison administration, offender rehabilitation, and the broader objectives of the criminal justice system.



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Outcomes:

The visit enabled students to:

- Gain first-hand knowledge of NGO operations and grassroots-level interventions
- Understand the importance of community participation in development initiatives
- Observe how theoretical concepts from criminology and sociology are applied in real-world contexts



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- Develop empathy and a deeper understanding of social issues affecting marginalized communities

Conclusion and Audience Feedback Summary:

The visit to Mathru Chaya Trust proved to be an insightful and enriching experience for the students of the Department of Criminology and Forensic Science. It provided a valuable opportunity to observe the functioning of a non-governmental organization and understand the practical aspects of grassroots-level interventions. The interaction with NGO staff and community members, along with the observation of various programmes, helped students gain a deeper understanding of community engagement, programme implementation, and the challenges involved in addressing social issues.

The visit also highlighted the role of NGOs as crucial agents of social change, focusing on empowerment, development, and the upliftment of marginalized communities. Overall, the programme successfully enhanced students' awareness of the role of civil society organizations and strengthened their academic learning by connecting theoretical concepts with real-world practice, making it a meaningful and impactful educational experience.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

