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Title of the Event and name of the venue	Special talk on Economics for Social Workers
Date	23.01.2025
Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru

Purpose and scope of the event: The Department of Social Work, PBMMEC, Mysuru, organized a special talk on “*Economics for Social Workers*” on 23.01.2025. The session was delivered by **Dr. C.K. Renukarya**, an eminent economist and educationist and the director of the PG centre, known for his contributions in integrating economic understanding with grassroots development and social work practice. The session aimed to equip social work students with foundational economic knowledge essential for effective community engagement, development planning, and policy advocacy.

Details of the talk/event/activity: Dr. C.K. Renukarya began the session by emphasizing the need for social workers to understand basic economic principles, as many social problems—such as poverty, unemployment, and inequality—are deeply rooted in economic structures.

Key points covered during the talk included:

- **Understanding Economic Systems:** A simplified explanation of capitalism, socialism, and mixed economies and their impact on welfare systems.
- **Poverty and Inequality:** Tools and measures to assess poverty; economic indicators such as GDP, GNP, and HDI.
- **Budgeting and Resource Allocation:** Insights into how government budgets affect public welfare schemes.
- **Microeconomics and Livelihoods:** The importance of small-scale industries, self-help groups, and rural entrepreneurship in empowering marginalized communities.
- **Role of Social Workers in Policy and Planning:** How social workers can influence economic policy through advocacy and participation in planning processes.

The session was highly interactive, with students raising questions related to fieldwork realities and rural economics. Dr. Renukarya responded with real-life examples and encouraged students to think beyond the textbook by observing economic patterns in their fieldwork areas.

Event Highlights: The special talk by Dr. C.K. Renukarya was a highly enriching academic experience for the social work students. It effectively bridged the gap between economics and social work practice, highlighting the value of interdisciplinary learning. The department looks forward to organizing more such sessions that contribute to the holistic development of social work professionals.

A brief profile of the resource persons:

Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Retd professor of economics and Director, PBMMEC, Mysuru

Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries:



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)