



**Mahajana Education Society (R)**  
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**Post Graduate Wing**  
**Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre**  
**K R S Road, Metagalli, Mysuru – 570 016**

<b>Title of the Event and name of the venue</b>	Awareness programme on Foster care and adoption, PBMMEC, Mysuru
<b>Date</b>	<b>25.04.2025</b>
<b>Details of the department organizing the event in collaboration with institution</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK PBMMEC, Mysuru</b>

**Purpose and scope of the event:** The awareness programme was organized with the aim of sensitizing students, faculty, and community members about the concepts, procedures, and social importance of foster care and adoption. The programme sought to:

- Educate participants on the **legal and emotional dimensions** of child care alternatives.
- Promote a deeper understanding of **child protection mechanisms**, especially for orphaned, abandoned, and vulnerable children.
- Highlight the **role of social workers** in facilitating and supporting foster care and adoption services.

This initiative aligns with national efforts to ensure every child has the right to a family environment and a safe upbringing.

**Details of the talk/event/activity:** The programme began with a formal welcome, followed by an introductory note on the importance of the topic by a faculty member from the Department of Social Work.

The session was led by **Ms. Nayana**, Project Co-ordinator at **Don Bosco Makkalalaya**, an organization actively involved in child rights protection and rehabilitation. Her talk covered the following key aspects:

- **Understanding Foster Care and Adoption:** Definitions, differences, and the purpose of each care option.
- **Legal Framework:** Overview of the **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015** and the role of **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)**.
- **Eligibility Criteria and Procedures:** Who can adopt or become a foster parent, and the steps involved.
- **Challenges in the System:** Myths, stigma, delays in the process, and lack of awareness.
- **Role of NGOs and Social Workers:** Support services, counseling, family reunification, and monitoring care placements.

### Event Highlights:

- Enlightening and heartfelt session by **Ms. Nayana**, based on real-life field experiences with children and families.
- Students gained **practical insights into the foster care and adoption process**, especially in the Indian context.
- **Legal and social perspectives** were clearly explained, connecting policy with ground realities.
- Encouraging participation from MSW students through questions and reflections.

### A brief profile of the resource persons:

Ms. Nayana, Project co-ordinator, Don Bosco Makkalalaya 4662/3, Rajput Block, 3rd Cross Shivaji Road, NR Mohalla Mysore-570007, Karnataka

**Target audience and No. of Participants/beneficiaries: 48 MSW students**



Signature of the Event Co-ordinator

(Dr. B R Jayakumari)

