

WE CARE 2026- Day 1

On 20 April 2026, the Department of MSW organized its annual “We Care” outreach initiative with the aim of encouraging empathy, social responsibility, and meaningful community engagement among students. The day began around 12:00 PM, when all 24 students of the MSW first-year batch gathered at the college premises. Before leaving, we shared a brief but memorable moment with our the Director, the Head of the Department Ma’am and faculty members through a small interaction and group photographs, which set a positive and enthusiastic tone for the visit. Soon after, we departed together by bus to **Achintya Byas Old Age Home** in Baruipur district of West Bengal.

The primary objective of the visit was to extend support and companionship to the elderly residents while addressing some of their basic needs through donations. The resources for the initiative were mobilized through a month-long crowd funding effort organized by the students. As part of our contribution, we donated 12 chairs and a table fan to add to their comfort. Along with this, we distributed daily necessities such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, oil, towels, combs, and steel mugs. While these items may seem simple, they were chosen carefully to meet the everyday needs of the residents.



What truly defined the experience, however, was the time we spent interacting with the elderly residents. We sat with them, talked, listened to their stories, and shared moments that felt genuine and heartfelt. An interactive session soon turned into a lively and emotional gathering, where both students and residents sang old Bengali songs together. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, nostalgia, and joy, creating a strong sense of connection between everyone present. The residents also extended their hospitality by offering snacks to the visiting students, reflecting their warmth and gratitude.

During the visit, it became evident that while the home provides basic facilities and care, many residents long for regular interaction and emotional companionship. Their willingness to share their stories and spend time with us highlighted how meaningful even small gestures of presence and attention can be.

For us as students of social work, this visit was a deeply enriching experience. It went beyond theoretical understanding and allowed us to connect with the realities of elderly care. We learned the importance of empathy, patience, and active listening, and realized how essential emotional support is in enhancing the quality of life for the elderly.



Thus, the “We Care” visit to the old age home was not only an opportunity to give but also to learn and reflect, reminding us that social work is as much about human connection as it is about service. Such initiatives continue to inspire us to become more compassionate and responsible individuals, committed to building a more caring and inclusive society.

