

OYSTER

(Organisation of yester year students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences)

Annual Report 2014-15

The year 2014-15 was a fruitful year for OYSTER as well as for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences as the institution was conferred with “Autonomous status” during the last year.

OYSTER activities for the period:

OYSTER Home Coming Day Jan 26th 2014

OYSTER Day 2014 was conducted in Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery on 26th January from 10am to 2pm. The registration started by 10am and a total of 117 members registered for the event. The formal event started with Rajagiri Anthem followed with one minute silence in honour of all the departed alumni members. Dr. Joseph I Injodey PhD, Principal, Rajagiri College welcomed the gathering. He thanked all the alumni members who have contributed to the alma mater and made the institution proud. The institution could achieve the highest grade in the NAAC reaccreditation happened in 2013. He wished the alumni members to continue their efforts. The annual activity report of OYSTER for the year 2013-14 was presented by Mr. Kiran Thampi, Secretary, OYSTER. The highlights were the Trivandrum Chapter meeting, medical assistance given to an alumnus, greetings sent to the alumni members, OYSTER contribution for best students in various departments etc. The cultural programmes presented by students from different batches enthralled the audience. Honouring Golden Jubilee batch (1964) and DSS, MA-PM & IR, MSW silver Jubilee batches (1989) were held. They were invited to the dais by Dr. Mary Venus, Dean and Administrator, RCSS and Dr. Anilkumar, Head, MHRM. Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Former secretary, OYSTER was honoured during the ceremony who got selected as a member in Child Rights Commission, Govt of Kerala. The accounts of the OYSTER for the year 2013-14 was presented and approved by the General body. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Venugopal, Vice President, OYSTER. He thanked all the alumni members for taking efforts to gather together and appreciated the OYSTER Executive committee for the activities undertaken during the last year. Photo Session was held at the courtyard and followed by Lunch at the college mess hall.

Executive Committee Meetings

1 Executive committee meeting and 1 special meeting were held during the period

Updation of the Alumni directory

Regular updation of the Alumni Directory is on, which was initiated by the previous OYSTER Executive committee

One day workshop on “Employment Laws in the IT Sector: Myth & Reality”

The Rajagiri Alumni Association OYSTER organized a one day workshop on “Employment Laws in the IT Sector: Myth & Reality” at the Rajagiri Valley campus on Friday, 7th March 2014 (10 am to 5 pm). The resource person was Prof. H.A.C Poppen, a well known authority on Labour Laws and is reputed for his unique and interesting way of handling employment laws. The workshop focussed on practical perspectives of 15 Acts. The abstracts of all the major Labour Laws and a critical analysis of each were done. Some of the areas covered were the categories of IT companies that come under the Factories Act, categories of IT employees that come under labour laws, employer’s obligations under the recently passed Anti Sexual Harassment Act, rights of IT employees under the labour laws, important obligations of IT employers under the labour laws, main authorities under the labour laws, consequences of non-compliance with these laws and many more. Employees from IT sector and academicians from different colleges attended the programme.

Alumni participation in the conferences and seminars

Alumni members had meaningful contribution to the institution as Resource persons and linkages for other resources during conferences and seminars organized by the various departments in the college.

Alumni visit to Rajagiri

Alumni visiting Rajagiri had interactive sessions with faculty members and students. They enlightened the students by sharing their experiences and motivated them with the opportunities they have for a good career.

Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision

On 22nd March, BSW, MSW and MCA Programmes invited alumni members and conducted a meeting for syllabus revision. Handful of alumni members gathered and the key discussions were on the skills on demand in the different sectors, suggestions on the syllabus and their choices on new courses to be started by each department.



UGC expert committee visit for granting the Autonomous status

Around 50 alumni members gathered at Kakkanad Campus on 3rd April as a part of the UGC expert committee visit for granting the Autonomous status to Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The alumni members represented various programmes and interacted with the expert committee and shared their experience with the institution.

Best Outgoing student in MSW Programme

An award for Best Outgoing student in MSW Programme was initiated by 1984-86 MSW Batch in memory of Shri Roy & late Shri Chacko in connection with their Silver Jubilee Year. During the certificate awarding ceremony held in 2014, Ms Neethu T D was awarded with the Roy & Chacko memorial cash award for the best outgoing student in MSW Programme. Ms.Liz C B from Computer Science Department was awarded as the best student in memory of late Shri Manu Kurien. The IT Euphoria 2015, event conducted by Computer Science Department was supported by the Alumni and they contributed an amount around 2 lakhs which is acknowledged at the moment by OYSTER.

Batch Get-togethers:



MCA 2006 Batch get-together, RCSS, October 2015



BSW 2008 Batch get-together, RCSS, June 2015



MSW 1994 Batch meeting at Scotland, July 2015

Other Chapter meetings

Delhi chapter met on 14th September 2014, and celebrated Onam. 20 members gathered during the function and was informally coordinated with family fun activities



New York Chapter:

New York chapter together was conducted on 3rd June 2015 and the alumni members took care of the visiting team from Rajagiri to the various universities in USA



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