

RAJAGIRI HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2014

RAJAGIRI VALLEY CAMPUS

National Thanksgiving Day Celebration was held in connection with the Canonisation of Kuriakose Chavara and Euphrasia Eluvathingal on November 11, 2014 at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad. This event was organised jointly by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) and the Kerala Catholic Bishops Council (KCBC). The Thanks Giving Holy Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Mar George Alencherry – Major Archbishop of Syro-Malabar Church and Cardinal Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos – Major Archbishop of Syro-Malankara Church delivered the homily for the mass.



The Public Gathering began at 4.00 pm and was inaugurated by Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio – Apostolic Nuncio of the Vatican Consulate in India.



Shri. Oommen Chandy – Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala presided over the function. Many Central and State Ministers, Social & Religious Leaders and Dignitaries graced the occasion with

their presence. The voluntary efforts taken by the faculty members and students of Rajagiri to organise this event lead to its success. Around 60,000 faithful took part in the function.



Infore Theme Launch:

“Age of Survival” the theme of Infore was launched in a function held in the Amphitheater on 9th October 2014 with Sri. Srinath Bhasi (Cine-Actor) as the chief guest.



Infore Walkathon:

A Social Awareness Initiative by Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies to spread the message of “Sustainability” was held at Marine Drive, Ernakulam on October 18, 2014. The Chief Guest was Hibi Eden (MLA) and the Special Guest was Sri. Vinayan (Film Director).



Inflore -2014:

Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies conducted the two day INFLORE management fest on 6th and 7th November 2014. Chief Guest for the Valedictory ceremony held on 7th November was Ms. R. Nishanthini IPS, Dy. Commissioner of Police (L&O, Traffic), Kochi. 1441 students from 104 colleges participated.



Rajagiri National Business Quiz(RNBQ) 2014:

Mr. K.G. Girish Babu-Chief Executive Officer, Technopark was the Chief Guest at the valedictory function and Mr. Rohit Nair of Quiz Works was the quiz master of the very popular Rajagiri National Business Quiz held on 8th November 2014. Top ranked business schools and corporates from across India participated. The media partner CNN-IBN telecast the programme on 21st December 2014 at 5.30 pm.



Kalypso:

The senior batches of MBA & MHRM (2013-15 batch) went for the three days Kalypso programme in October, 2014. The Kalypso Camp was located in a very scenic and beautiful location at Suryanelli, near Munnar at an altitude of more than 5000 feet and overlooks the Anaerangal Dam on one side and the Western Ghats hill ranges on the other side.



Panel Discussion on Managing the VUCA World:

Panel Discussion on Managing the VUCA (**V**olatile, **U**ncertain, **C**omplex and **A**mbiguous) World was held in coordination with SHRM on October 24, 2014 at RBS Auditorium. This half-a-day conference was aimed at preparing the future managers and leaders for the perils and potentials of VUCA world.

The resource persons were Anish Philip - Saskaen Communication Technologies, Vaishali Bhayani Shah - Business Head – South for the Society for Human Resource Management, Raj Raghavan-Director and Country Human Resources Leader, Amazon India, B. Venkataramana – President: Group HR, Landmark Group India, C. Mahalingam - Executive Coach and HR Advisor.



Session on ‘Being Successful- Why you has a tremendous Advantage

The session was held on 13th November 2014 at RBS Conference Hall in association with Kerala Management Association. The Resource person was Dr. Sandhya Shekhar, Former CEO & Founder, IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai. All junior MBA and MHRM students attended the session.



Indo-Korean Entrepreneurs Meet:

Indo-Korean Entrepreneurs Meet was conducted in connection with International Student Exchange Programme on 19th November 2014. In the introductory meeting chaired by Mr. P. Premchand, President-Kerala Management Association, Professor Shimdeok Noh from Youngsan University and Principal Dr. Joseph Injodey spoke. Later a one-to-one meeting was arranged for the 31 Korean entrepreneurs with Indian entrepreneurs and business personnel. The faculty coordinator was Prof. Jaedong Kang.



SHRM Training:

The 3rd and 4th sessions of SHRM training was held on 22nd November and 6th December 2014 respectively. The module was “Cultural Change Situation” & “Basics of People Management”.



GOTIPUA & Qawwali:

Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies in association with SPIC MACAY conducted GOTIPUA Dance and Qawwali concert on 11th and 20th November 2014 at RBS Auditorium.



Faculty International Exposure

Dr. Manoj Mathew, Prof. Pramod U Korula & Mr. Honray Gonsalvez visited Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, France & Germany in connection with faculty exchange and collaboration from 11th November to 28th November 2014. They took part in the International Staff Week-2014 at Vives University, Belgium and delivered lectures.



Transcend Activities:

1. Thanksgiving Day 2014

On 14th October 2014, Rajagiri along with the Transcend Community celebrated the Thanksgiving Day – A Day organised to recognise the efforts of all the Non – Teaching Staff in Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies. Along with the students and faculty, 56 Non – teaching staff gathered in the Amphitheatre. Principal Dr. Joseph. I. Injodey addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts taken by all the non – teaching staff who make the campus a beautiful place to live in.



Release of News Letter

'ESPERANZA' the official Newsletter of Rajagiri Transcend was published by our Principal along with the faculty during the Thanks giving day function held on 14th October 2014

One Day Camp at Government Children's Home, Kakkanad

RAJAGIRI TRANSCEND organized a one day camp at Government Children's Home (Girls), Kakkanad, on 30th November 2014, with an objective of cleaning the premises of the Children's home and to offer psycho social support to the inmates of the Girl's home. Around 50 students from RCBS were involved in the camp. The programme started at 9.30 am with an introduction about the Girls Home by Dr.JanakaiSankaran, CWC Member, Ernakulam. There were around 65 inmates in the age group of 6 to 18 years in the home. Alongwith the inmates, RCBS students cleaned the premises of the Girls Home.

RAJAGIRI HILL CAMPUS

National Seminar on Managing Innovation in New Generation Libraries, 16-17 December 2014

Kerala Library Association in association with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, organised a National level seminar on **Managing Innovation in New Generation Libraries** on **16th and 17th December 2014** at the Rajagiri Campus, Kalamassery, Kochi. Dr. K Paulose Jacob (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Cochin University of Science and Technology*) inaugurated the national seminar.



FLASH MOB

As part of the 'DYUTI International Symposium on Evidence in Global Mental Health' from 7th to 9th January 2015, the social work students of Rajagiri College organized flash mobs at Lulu Hyper market on 10th October 2014 and at Vytilla Mobility Hub on 18th October 2014



NAUKA 2014

The handing over ceremony of the relief fund to the Youth Red Cross officials for Kashmir Flood Victims, collected by BSW I semester students was held on Wednesday, 26th November 2014. Adv. Balakrishna Kartha (Chairman, Ernakulam District Red Cross), Mr. Sirajudeen Raja (Vice Chairman, Ernakulam District Red Cross), Mr. E.A. Shabeer (Youth Red Cross Chairman), Mr. K.V. Bijoy (Youth Red Cross Secretary) and Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (Dean & Administrator, RCSS) were present during the occasion.



VISITORS TO RAJAGIRI HILL CAMPUS

Dr. Vimla V. Nadkarni, President and Prof. Vishanthi Sewpaul, Vice President, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) visited Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery campus on 12th December 2014 and interacted with the faculty members and students of Social Work Department.



Dr. Vimla Nadkarni addressing the students

Empanelled Training Institution for National Service Scheme

6 Orientation Courses were conducted during the period October - December 2014. 192 Programme Officers from various Universities and Directorates in the state attended the courses.



Mr. K.C Martin (President, Sreemoola Nagaram Grama Panchayath) Inaugurating the Health Survey & Awareness Programme organized by the Programme Officer trainees in ward number X of the Grama Panchayath.

Rajagiri OUTreach

Elders Day Celebration

Elder's Day Celebration at Kothad Grama Panchayath on October 1, 2014 was inaugurated by M. G. Rajamanikyam IAS, District Collector, Ernakulam. The programme consisted of various cultural programmes of senior citizens and games and the winners of different events were honoured with gifts and awards. The event was supported by staff of RAJAGIRI outREACH and student social workers of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. A total number of 527 elders participated in the occasion held at various centers.



UNCRC @25

In observance of 25th year of UNCRC, UNICEF has come forward to support 13 district programme and one state level programme at Trivandrum. At the district level programme, 25 children who made remarkable and outstanding achievements amidst various challenges including poverty, socio-cultural barriers, physical and cognitive challenges were recognized. The District

programme at Ernakulam was conducted on 14th November 2014 at Subash Park Ernakulam. Worshipful Mayor Tony Chammini inaugurated the function.



RYLA Career Guidance Camp

With the support of Rotary Clubs and other well wishers, RAJAGIRI outREACH conducted Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp (Career Guidance Camps) from 21st to 23rd December 2014 at Rajagiri Kalamassery campus. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kiriyanthan, Chairman, Sahrudaya Services and Charities, inaugurated the camp and Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Director, CMI inaugurated the valedictory session. 416 students under the sponsorship programme from different communities/districts of Kerala participated in the camp.



Research Institute

Training programme on 'Behavioural Skills'

Research Institute in association with the Federal Bank Ltd. organized a training programme on 'Behavioural Skills' for its officers on 23rd October 2014 at HR-Talent Development & Training Centre, Federal Heights, Aluva. The prominent resource persons like Dr. Vipin Roldant Valummel,

HOD & Chief Consultant Psychologist, Sunrise Institute of Medical Sciences, and Shri. Suraj Abraham, Director, Career.com handled the sessions.



Innovative Women Empowerment programme

The innovative Women Empowerment programme organized jointly by the Federal Bank Ltd. and the Research Institute has ignited the fire of excellence in the women employees of the Bank. Five programmes in the series were organized in the districts, of Kottayam, Thiruvananthapuram and Alappuzha on October 8th & 9th, 30th & 31st and November 26th respectively. More than 200 women employees of Federal Bank Ltd. participated in the programme. Shri. Thampi Kurian, GM, Federal Bank Ltd, Shri. Kabeer.B.Haroon, former Kudumbashree Mission Director, Adv. Teena Cherian, High Court of Kerala, Adv. Seena Rajagopal, District Court, Thrissur, and Shri. Shaji. C. Mani, Skill Development Trainer, MINDS, Kerala, imparted the lessons of excellence through their discourses.



Motor Vehicle Act and Defensive Driving

The Research Institute, has organized a one day training programme on ‘Motor Vehicle Act and Defensive Driving’ for the Tanker Lorry drivers of Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) on 14th October 2014 at BPCL Installation, Irumpanam. Shri.Mohan.M, Sub Inspector, City traffic, Thripunithura was the resource person for the programme attended by 104 Truck Drivers of BPCL.



Water Supply Scheme of Jalanidhi

Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Shri. P. J. Joseph, inaugurated a water supply scheme (Jalanidhi) at Odiyapara of Vannapuram Grama Panchayat on 8th November 2014. It was the first scheme commissioned at Vannappuram by the support of the Research Institute. Rev.Fr.Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Director, Rajagiri Group of Institutions, Dr.Celine Sunny, Executive Director, Research Institute, Dr.Sabu Varghese, Regional Director, Jalanidhi, Shir. K.P. Vargheese, Grama Panchayat President and elected representatives at District, Block and Grama panchayaths spoke on the occasion.



Career Guidance programme

The Research Institute, in association with the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala has organized a Career Guidance programme for the selected higher secondary students – aspiring for 'Civil Service' at the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery from 14th to 17th November 2014, which was inaugurated by Shri. APM Mohammed Hanish IAS, Managing Director, Roads and Bridges, Govt. of Kerala and addressed by Smt.Mirunmai IAS, Asst. Collector, Ernakulam. Selected students numbering 60 across the state participated in the programme.



State level workshop on “Design”

In collaboration with the National School of Design, Ahmedabad, a state level workshop on Design, was organized by the Research Institute, from 20th to 23rd December, 2014. Eye catching designs and paintings of Kochi Biennale was made possible by the meticulous guidance, artistic journey and expositions of Shri.Bose Krishnamachary, president, Kochi Biennale Foundation, Shri.Basin Abu, Designer, National School of Design, Ahmedabad, and Shri. Benny Thomas, renowned Cartoonist.



RAJAGIRI INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Dr. Venkat Pulla, Coordinator, Social Work Discipline & Senior Lecturer and Prof. Robert Bland, Professor and Discipline Lead, Social Work, Australian Catholic University visited Rajagiri College on 10th December 2014. The delegates had discussions with the faculty members of Social Work Department and interacted with the social work students.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2014

The Christmas and New Year Celebrations 2014 initiated by Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association was held on 19th December 2014 at Hill Campus. The entire Rajagiri family gathered at Golden Aureole Auditorium for the celebrations. The delightful Christmas excitement was filled with surprise events like lucky chair contest, xmas stars selection, kitchen dance performances and carol song competitions.



Faculty Achievement:

Prof. Dhanya Alex, School of Management, was awarded doctoral degree on the topic “**Risk disclosure practices in Indian Companies and the impact of risk disclosures on the cost of equity**” from School of Management Studies, CUSAT on December 29, 2014.



Prof. Neetha J Eappen, School of Management, was awarded doctoral degree on the topic “**Service provider switching: a study on the switching process in retail banking**” from School of Management Studies, CUSAT on December 31, 2014.

