# RAJAGIRI HIGHLIGHTS



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## **VALLEY CAMPUS**

#### **SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT**

## Seminar & Panel Discussion on 'Labour Code on Industrial Relations Bill 2015'

The seminar was held on July 11, 2015. Prof. H.A.C Poppen was the resource person. The panel consisted of Adv. Bhargavan Pillai (State President, BMS), Adv. K. P Haridas(State General Secretary –INTUC), Adv. Krishnamoorthy CITU and Mr. Jose Varkey Vithayathil (Head – HR – Reliance Energy). Faculty Coordinators were Dr. Manoj Mathew and Mr. Siby Jose.



### **Add-On Course-Unleashing Excellence**

Two day certificate programme on Unleashing Excellence was conducted from August 17 to 18, 2015. The coordinators of the programme were Prof. Alan T. Lukose and Mr. Kishore Jaleel.





## **SAMVAAD- A Youth Empowerment Programme**

The First Edition of "SAMVAAD- A Youth Empowerment Programme" was held from September 4 to 5, 2015. The Tibetan Students had the opportunity to come for the programme and learn facts beyond textbooks and the students had various orientation classes in the morning and a visit to prominent places at Kochi in the evening.



#### **EU Film Festival 'KINOTEKA'**

The EU Film festival took place from September 8 to 15, 2015. Inauguration ceremony was on September 8, 2015. Mr. Cesare Onestini, Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Union to India was the Chief Guest for the function and the Guest of Honor was Mr. I. Shanmughadas, renowned film critic and award winner.



### MDP on 'Finance for Non-Finance Managers'

Two Day Management Development Programme on 'Finance for Non-Finance Managers' organized by the finance domain was held from August 18 to 19, 2015. The sessions were taken by Mr. C.A George Korah of M/s Korah and Korah, Chartered Accountants.



#### MDP on 'Technology Leadership and Strategy'

The Systems Department of RCBS has organised a one-day Management Development Programme on 'Technology Leadership and Strategy' on September 26, 2015. The MDP was targeted at IT executives and middle-level managers who aspire for a progression in the technology leadership path.



### **Inflore Launch**

The theme launch of INFLORE-'15, the annual management fest, was flung on August 11th by the Executive Director, Dr. Joseph I. Injodey and the brochure for Inflore 2015 was unveiled by the Principal, Dr. Binoy Joseph. The launch of INFLORE '15 was held on Sep 15, 2015 by Mr. Vinay Menon - India's standup comedian.



#### **CULTURAL EVENTS**

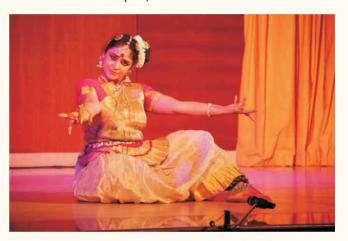
#### **SPICMACAY- Rajasthani Folk Dance**

In association with SPICMACAY, RCBS organized a Rajasthani Folk Dance at the RBS Auditorium on July 15, 2015 at 5: 30 pm.



#### ICCR-"Mohiniyattam"

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in association with RCBS conducted a dance performance of the form "Mohiniyattam" by the renowned dancer, Dr. Methil Devika at RBS Auditorium on Sep 09, 2015



## Concert by "Voices of Parkside" Team

An amazing Choral performance by the Parkside Team, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, USA led by Prof. James B Kinchen Jr. and Indian classical music and dance performances by the Rajagiri team led by Dr. Lakshman Mahadevan was held on September 26, 2015, organized by Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies in collaboration with Inter University Centre for Studies in Science of Music (IUCSSM).



### **RAJAGIRI TRANSCEND**

## Walk with Canserve – a Cancer Awareness Programme suppored by the Corporation of Kochi

As part of Cancer Awareness Programme, to promote a healthy lifestyle, Rajagiri TRANSCEND, took part in the Walkathon at the Durbar Hall Ground, Kochi, on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 organized by Canserve Society, a charitable society run by Cancer Survivors and a group of volunteers, supporting cancer patients. Around 500 people participated in the Walkathon. 67 students represented Rajagiri TRANSCEND in the event.



#### Career Guidance Seminar

A half day Career Guidance Seminar was conducted for the plus two science batch students of the Government Higher Secondary School, South Ezhippuram I on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 in the school auditorium led by Mr. Rashi Makkar, a well-known career trainer.

### Ashadeepam

Fifth edition of Ashadeepam Programme (Groups learning programme with the objectives of Goal setting, study tips and motivation) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Government Higher Secondary School Campus. 120 plus two students from S.Ezhippuram School were the participants and 40 students under the leadership of Prof.Alen Lukose from RECBS were the mentors of the programme.

## Launching of remedial teaching programme

Remedial teaching programme was launched for 60 students from class 1 to class 9 on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The children were selected by the concerned class teachers, based on the guidelines provided by RCBS. The remedial teaching has been scheduled from 3.30 pm to 4.30pm on all working days.



## **HILL CAMPUS**

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

## Workshop On Psychiatric Assessment And Risk Formulation

A workshop on Psychiatric Assessment and Risk Formulation was organized for the MSW senior students specializing in Medical and Psychiatric Social Work on 29th September 2015. The Resource Person was Gary Rayner, Registered Social Worker in the Crisis Team in Tauranga and Duly Authorized Officer. New Zealand.



#### **Social Sensitisation Camp**

Dhwani 2015 – NSS Social Sensitisation camp was conducted at Arakulam Grama Panchyat, Idukki District from 13th to 19th August 2015 for MSW, MCA, MLISC, and BLISC students. 145 students participated in the camp.



#### SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

## International Conference on Knowledge Engineering – Theory and Practices

The Department of Computer Science conducted a two day International Conference on" Knowledge Engineering-Theory and Practices", on the 24th and 25th of July 2015 at Rajagiri Business School (Kakkanad). Dr. Ajithkumar Nair, M.D (Anderson Cancer Institute, Texas) and Dr. Thara Ravindran (Singapore) were the key note speakers for the event. Dr.Bindiya M Varghese, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and presented the highlights of the conference. The Presidential Address was given by Dr. Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI (Director) and Principal's Address by Dr. Binoy Joseph (Principal). The chief guest, Dr. Ajithkumar Nair inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp.



## Social Sensitisation programme - Survey Conducted by MCA (2014-2017) for 'Malekkad Kudivella Padhathi'

The third semester students of the MCA department, accompanied by faculty members Mrs. Prema S.Thomas and Mrs. Ann Baby, visited Malekkad village on 4th Aug 2015. The project was inaugurated on the 3rd August 2015 by the former M.P. Mr P.Rajeev. A survey was conducted by the students for about 275 houses and the report was submitted to the authorities.



#### SCHOOL OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

#### **National Librarians Day**

National Librarians Day was celebrated by School of Library and Information Sciences. Famous Poetess Aryambika S V (Kendra Sahitya Academy Award Winner), inaugurated the function on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015.



#### INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

#### **FACULTY OVERSEAS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

Mr Kiran Thampi, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work visited Nazareth College, Rochester, USA during last summer as part of Faculty Exchange Programe. Mr. Kiran Thampi offered a 3 credit course titled "East and West: Integrated Perspectives in Health and Mental Health (40 hours) for the students in the Department of Social Work, Nazareth College, Rochester, USA. The course was titled as "East and West: Integrated Perspectives in Health and Mental Health".



#### **International Visitors**

Prof. Wendy Rollins, National Professional Practice Education Coordinator (Social Work) School of Allied Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Australian Catholic University visited Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery on 29th September 2015.



## Overseas Students on Internship at Rajagiri Campus

Ms. Elizabeth O'Dea and Ms.Michel Emmett, Social Work Students from Australian Catholic University, Australia was with Rajagiri Kalamassery campus from August to October 2015 for internship in Social work Programme.



**RAJAGIRI outREACH** 

#### **Childline Biennale**

CHILDLINE Biennale was held in association with Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology for 256 Schools belonging to BRCS of Vyppin, Mattancherry, Ernakulam and Edappally supported by District Collector, District Education Officer and Deputy Director of Education.



#### **ASK Centre Inauguration**

Inauguration of the ASK (Attitude, Skill, Knowledge) centre for students and youth of Kalamassery area in association with Carborandum Universal Ltd. was held at Muttar Junction on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. A new initiative focusing on the overall personality development of 20 adolescent girls was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2015. An Eye Camp was conducted at the centre on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in joint association with Little Flower Hospital, Ankamaly and Andhatha Nivarana Samidhi.



#### **Onam Souhrudam**

Onam Souhrudam was held for the Sponsorship students from different centers of RAJAGIRI outREACH and Sahrudaya Services and Charities at Rajagiri School Auditorium. Rev. Fr.

Varghese Kachapilly CMI (Director, Rajagiri Higher Secondary School and Rajagiri CMI Public School) inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil (Director, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery) delivered the Onam Message in the valedictory function. The Chief Guest of the function was Sri. A. M. Yousaf (Former MLA, Aluva and Ex Chairman, Kalamassery Municipality) and Viswajyothi centre was judged as the best centre for the year.

#### New Initiatives by Project 'U'

Inauguration of Mobile Eatery Shop at Kodakara and Snack Shop at Kalamassery under Project U were held on  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $7^{\rm th}$  of September, 2015 respectively. Both these teams distribute products to various shops. The team members of Apollo and RAJAGIRI outREACH were present during the event.



#### **Child Development Plan Preparation**

With the support from UNICEF, an effort to prepare Child Development Plan for the State of Kerala is in progress. As a part of the project, trainings were held at Ernakulam, Thrissur, Malappuram, Wayanad, Kasargod and Palakkad. This is done in association with 18 LSG's consisting of 6 Municipalities and 12 Grama Panchayaths with a target of training a total of 180 children, followed by CDP review, meet the candidate programme at the respective LSG's.



#### Session for Teachers at "Nalla Paadam"

Mr. M. P. Antoni, Project Director, RAJAGIRI outREACH shared a session at POC, Palarivattom on 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015 on social commitment towards the organization and implementation of various schemes through different methods at 'Nalla Padam' project, an initiative of Malayala Manorama. 500 teachers from various schools participated.



#### **Amala Award Distribution**

11<sup>th</sup> Amala (American Malayalee Association of Love and Acceptance) Award Distribution was held at Thrissur on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015. Honourable Minister C. N. Balakrishnan was the Chief Guest of the award ceremony. Former Indian Athletics Coach and Dronacharya Award Winner Sri. O. M. Nambiar and Bro. M. J. Stephen Mankuzhiyil, President and Founder, Snehabhavan, Arayangad were the award recipients for the year 2015.



## **World Heart Day**

Rajagiri outREACH observed World Heart Day and conducted free medical check up in association with ASTER Medcity on September 29, 2015. The doctors of Cardiology Department examined 67 senior citizens from Kadamakudy Panchayath.

#### **National Environment Awareness Campaign**

An Awareness Campaign on 'Bio –Diversity and Deforestation' was held on September 25, 2015. Dr. Seetharaman, President, All Kerala River Protection Council inaugurated the event. 51 students from UP and High School participated in the event.



**Education Sponsorship Distribution, supported by Keli** 

Representatives from *Kinder for Kinder*, a project of Keli, Switzerland distributed a cheque for nine lakhs ten thousand rupees on 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 2015 at the Remembrance meeting of APJ Abdul Kalam organized by RAJAGIRI outREACH. The Chief Guest of the programme was Adv. Therambil Ramakrishnan MLA (Former Minister and Speaker).



#### **Higher Education Scholarship Programme**

A total of 26 students were honoured with scholarship awards under Rajan & Grace Foundation Higher Education Scholarship Scheme held on 26<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015. Captain Varghese Kuruvilla, Ms. Grace Kuruvilla and Mr. Ebin from Rajan & Grace Foundation distributed the scholarship to the students.



#### Vijnana Yathra

Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam – Vijnana Yatra was held in association with Mithradham and Sahrudaya Services and Charities dated from September 29 –October 02, 2015., in co –operation with Suchitwa Mission and various Local Self Governments in support of Noel. The 4 days Padayatra

commenced from Aluva to Kalamassery had a reach of 12 educational institutions and Grama Panchayaths, Municipalities and Kochi Corporation.

#### THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## Awareness Camps for Women Labourers in Unorganised Sector

With the objective of empowering women labourers on various legislations, the Research Institute in association with the Ministry of Labour and Employment has organised 17 programmes, the last one being at Njarakkal Grama Panchayat on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The venues for the recent 3 camps were; Angamaly Municipality, Keezhmadu Grama Panchayat and Njarakkal Grama Panchayat. More than 300 women participated and prominent resource persons dealt the topics on 'Education and 'Empowerment of Women Labour, Legislations pertaining to Women Labour, Child Rights, Child labour: Causes and Consequences and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prohibition, Prevention and Redressal) Act 2013.



### Jalanidhi Batch-III Project

The Panchayat level launching ceremony of the Jalanidhi project (Batch-III) at Nedumkunnam Grama Panchayat, Kottayam district was inaugurated by Shri. P.J Joseph, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources, Govt. of Kerala on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the presence of Shri.Anto Antony, MP, Pathanamthitta, Dr. Jayaraj, MLA, Kanjirapilly, and Dr.Sabu Varghese, Regional Director, Jalanidhi along with the representatives of the LSGs, the general public and the Supporting Organisation's team. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, was the guest of honor for the programme.



## United Nations Programme on Women (UN Women) - National Consultation Meet

Dr. Celine Sunny, Executive Director, Research Institute was the state representative for the Strategy Meeting on "Effective implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013: Role of the Civil Society" – organised by the 'UN Women' on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015, at Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. Ms. Patricia Barandun, Deputy Representative, UN Women, was the key speaker for the consultation.



#### **Commissioning of Water Supply Schemes**

Shri. P. J. Joseph, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources commissioned the two Water Supply Schemes - Tharuthala & Pullikkathotti, in Vannappuram Grama Panchayat on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015.



The function was presided over by Shri.Sunny Kallapurakkal, President, Vannappuram Grama Panchayat and facilitated by Dr.Sabu Vargheese, Regional Director, Jalanidhi, Smt. Indu Sudhakaran, Member, District Panchayat, Shri. L.J.Joseph, Team Leader, Research Institute, Shri. Prajinkumar K.S, Senior Engineer and other prominent personalities from the Political and Social welfare fields.

#### **EMPANELLED TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR NSS**

The NSS Training Centre organized 3 Orientation Courses during August and September. 108 Programme Officers selected from various Universities and Directorates in the state attended the programme. The Training Coordinator Mr. I.V Soman attended the advisory Committee Meetings and Programme Officers Conferences organized by Universities and Directorates.



## MIDDLE LEVEL TRAINING CENTRE FOR ICDS **SUPERVISORS**

Smt. Mary John, Principal, Middle Level Training Centre was a state resource person in the 3 days State Level Workshop held at Calicut on "Preparation of Work Book for Anganwadi Children" from 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The workshop was organized by Department of Social Justice, Kerala.



#### STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

#### Karkkidaka Kanji Distribution

Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association organized a Karkkidaka kanji-sadya Distribution programme from 22nd to 24th July 2015 at the Facility centre Hall, Hill campus.

#### **EYE CAMP**

An Eye Camp was organized for Rajagiri Staff members on 31st July 2015. 11 staff members under the guidance of Dr. Roshan from Roshan Eye Care, Tripunithura led the camp. 81 staff members from Rajagiri participated in the camp. Spectaculars were given to 21 staff for a reduction rate of Rs. 250.00. Free eye surgery was done for two staff members.



#### **Onam Celebration -2015**

The Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association celebrated Onam on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Dr. Fr. Antony Kariyil, Director, Rajagiri Institutions delivered the onam message. Staff members from both the Valley and hill campuses participated in various competitions. Scholarship and medal to 10<sup>th</sup> and plus 2 students for the children of Rajagiri Staff members were given away during the occasion.



Distribution of Onam kit worth Rs. 530 was distributed to 23 deserving staff members from both hill and valley campuses on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association arranged the distribution of Home appliances to the staff members through Soft Loan facility. Around 20 items of Home Appliances products were selected from the leading brand companies and were supplied as per company price (special Institutional discount Price) to the staff members. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal inaugurated the distribution. Around 38 staff members benefited from this.

#### **Faculty Achievement**



M. Rakesh Krishnan, School of Management was awarded Ph.D on the topic 'An Analytical Study on Investment Behaviour of Retail Investors and Techno Fundamental Models for Retail Investment Decisions' from Kerala

University on Aug 7, 2015.

#### **Student Achievements**

- Ms. Ann Joseph (PGDAHS 2015 Student) received the British Government's Commonwealth Scholarship for Higher Studies in UK. She is presently at University of Bath, for MS In International Development.
- Mr. Joseph Philip and Mr. Justin Joseph Andrews of PGDM 2014-16 batch bagged the first prize in NIPM Regional (South India) Business Quiz 2015 Level-1 &Level-2.
- Rajagirians bagged the Overall Championship for Berchnova15, the All India Management Fest of BIMS-Institute of Management Studies, Changanacherry.