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VALLEY CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

National Conference on Business Excellence was organized by the Operations Domain of RCBS on January 28, 2017. The conference was inaugurated by Commodore. K E Mathew, Additional Director General (Quality Assurance) Warship project, Indian Navy, Delhi who was the Chief Guest of the function. The guest of honor was Mr. V Govindaraj, Managing Director, Tata Ceramics Limited, Kochi. Dr. J Joseph Francis and Dr. Anusree M.R were the faculty coordinators for the programme.



National Conference on 'Marketing Matters in an Emerging Landscape' was conducted on Feb 4, 2017. The inaugural session was held at KRL auditorium at 9.30 AM. The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, IIM- Raipur (Marketing Area) on the topic "The Art of Case Writing". Dr. Joji Alex N and Dr. Padmanabhan N.S were the conference coordinators.

Other chief guests were Mr.G. Anil Kumar, Director - Business Networking International, Cochin & Chairman- Action Rich Business solutions and Mr. Krishna Kumar, CEO- Green Pepper Consultancy.



RBL 2K17 - Rajagiri Business League 2017

Rajagiri Business League 2017 (RBL), the grand basketball competition was held at the campus on February 3- 4, 2017.

Team Infosys bagged the first prize and team Sutherland was the first runners up.



Systems Conclave “Emerge with IT”

“Emerge with IT” Systems Conclave was held on February 17, 2017. Mr. Mitesh Agarwal, CTO, Oracle India was the Chief Guest. Dr. Lakshman Mahadevan and Prof. Nobel John William were the faculty coordinators for the event.



International Conference on Ethics and Sustainable Business Practices

on the theme 'Corporate Social Responsibility: Opportunities and Challenges' was held on February 21, 2017. Chief Guest for the programme was Dr. Timothy B. Palmer. Professor of Strategic Management & Director, Centre for Sustainable Development, Haworth College of Business, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, US. Mr. Venugopal C. Govind C.A. Senior Managing Partner, Varma & Varma, Mr. John Thomas. Senior General Manager, South Indian Bank and Mr. Thothathri Raman - Founder Manager, SEAA Trust delivered the felicitation speeches. Dr. Rosemary Varghese was the chief coordinator for the programme.



Rajagiri- St. Chavara Endowment Lecture

A session by Padma Vibhushan Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev on the topic “Youth and Truth” was organized on Friday, 10th of March. Rev. Fr. Jose Alex CMI, Director Rajagiri Group of Institutions welcomed the gathering and the presidential address was delivered by Fr. Paul Achandy CMI, Prior General. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal RCSS proposed the vote of thanks.



Workshop on English Communication

An English Communication Workshop for Korean students was conducted from 9th January to 25th March, 2017. Dr. Rangarajan G was the Faculty Trainer for the programme.



Faculty exchange

Dr. Lakshman Mahadevan has presented a paper on 'Consumer Perceptions about E-Commerce- The influence of Public Internet Trust' in the 2017 Southern Association for Information Systems conference (SAIS) held on 24-25 March, 2017 and won the best paper award for the same.



Annual Business Plan Competition

LE COCON-Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies has successfully held the Annual Business Plan competition on March 6, 2017. Of the finalists, two plans adjudged first and second were awarded cash prizes. Consolation prizes were given away to the other participants. Mr. Rohan Kalani of Maker Village and Mr. Saran Shivrajan of WeDoGood were the panel of Judges



HILL CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DYUTI 2017 - International Conference on "Healthy Aging and Mental Health"

DYUTI 2017 International Conference was inaugurated by A Jayakumar, Secretary General of Vijnana Bharati.



The session was presided by Rev Dr. Cletus Plackal CMI, Provincial, SH Province. Rev Fr Jose Alex CMI, the Director of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Dr. Binoy Joseph, the Principal, Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Executive Director, Dr. Philip Laird, Vice Provost, Trinity Western University, Canada, Dr. Jed Metzger, from Nazareth College, Rochester, USA, Dr. Joan Pittman, University of Maryland, USA, Dr. Belinda Cash, Charles Sturt University, Australia were the dignitaries present.



Kunjattakilikal - 2017

The Kids Fest was organized by the BSW department for all anganawadi students of Kalamassery municipality. The Fest was inaugurated by honorable MLA. V. K. Ebrahimkundu.

57 participated, comprising of children from different Anganawadis along with their parents and teachers.



WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY, 2017

"Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability"

Jointly organized by KAPS, ASSK and Bharata Mata College (BMC) at Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara on 21st March

2017. Dr. Sheena Rajan Philip (HoD, SW Dept.), Shri. M. P. Antoni (President, KAPS Ernakulam Chapter), Fr. Jacob G. Palackappilly (Manager, BMC), Smt. Dayabai (Social Activist) Dr. Vasuki IAS, Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (Dean, Doctoral Centre, Rajagiri College & Director, CHIDLIN Kochi Nodal), Dr. Iype Thomas (Principal, BMC) and Dr. Anish K.R. (HoD, Dept. of Social Work, Rajagiri College & KAPS, State Treasurer), Smt. K. C. Rosakutty (Chairperson, Kerala Womens Commission) KAPS State President Fr. Dr. Prasant Palakkappillil CMI and Mr. Shinto Varghese (Secretary, KAPS Ernakulam Chapter) were some of the Guests present.



Faculty and Social Work students on Study Tour from other campuses



Yashwant Rao Sivaji University,



Sathara Madras Christian College

Walk with Scholar

A visit by the staff and students from Aphonsa College Pala on 24th January 2017. They had interaction with the staff and students of Social Work Department



Seminar on Challenges and Opportunities of LARR Act, 2013 for Community Practitioners

One day seminar as part of the speculation activity of the Community Development domain on "Challenges and Opportunities of LARR Act, 2013 for Community Practitioners" was held on 2nd March, 2017



SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Workshop on Android

A two day workshop on Android was organised on 27th and 28th February 2017. The workshop was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Binoy Joseph. The sessions were handled by Mr. Shiju Thomas M.Y, Asst. Professor, MCA Department. 49 participants including professionals from various institutions, faculty members and students attended the workshop. The 2 day session was concluded by Dr. Fr. Saju M.D at Carmel Hall.



SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Two Days National Workshop on Research Report Writing

School of Library and Information Science in association with KLA Ernakulum region jointly organized a two days Training cum workshop on Research Report Writing, on 17-18th February 2017 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Dr M D Baby, Head of the Department gave the welcome address and introduced the theme. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Executive Director, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kalamassery. Dr. KP Vijayakumar, President of KLA felicitated the program. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Shibu Ray S, Coordinator of the workshop and Secretary, KLA EKM Region. There were 50 participants, including participants from outside Kerala. The workshop was handled over by Dr. K Mohanakumar, Former Prof. & Head, Department of Atmospheric Science, and Director of Advance Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research, CUSAT.



The workshop started with an overview Steps in Thesis Writing. The workshop concluded with a valedictory function, Mr. P J Manuel, Asst. Librarian Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and President KLA, EKM Region gave the welcome to the valedictory function .Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean- Research, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) addressed the function and gave the Certificates to the Participants.



SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

ACSR VALEDICTORY 2017

The Valedictory function of ACSR was conducted on the 21st February 2017. Principal Dr. Binoy Joseph, principal over the meeting. Professor Mathew K., Former Head School of Management, KUFOS was the Chief Guest of the day. Head – Administration School of Commerce Dr. K. X. Joseph introduced and welcomed the chief guest. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Mathew K. Head – Professional Studies, Professor Ajay Lunawat FCA gave felicitations.



Diploma in Banking and Finance

The 2015-2018 batch were offered an Add on course on Diploma in Banking and Finance by Indian Institute of Banking and Finance and Ms. Varna Rony Pallan of B.Com 4th semester Model 2 Finance and Taxation secured the Diploma.



MOU with ACCA – UK

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences-School of Commerce has signed Memorandum of Understanding with ACCA UK on 22/03/2017.



ACCA and CIMA

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and Chartered Institute of Management Accountants training are given to the opted students of School of Commerce and School of Business Administration. The Resource Persons are from Bangalore and Sri Lanka.

CERTIFICATION COURSES

Students of School of Commerce and School of Business Administration were offered Certification courses on Capital and Securities market by FINMARK academy and Certification on Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence by Hedge set up by Government of Kerala

SEBI visit

The students were taken for visit of Securities Board of Exchange India to get a feel of the non-statutory body for regulating the securities market.

Session by Mr. Vijay Menon

Internationally renowned trainer Vijay Menon's session were organized for 2nd Semester B.Com and BBA students.

Achievement ACCA First batch 2016

The first batch ACCA aspirants of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences-School of Commerce have cleared Paper P3-Financial Accounting in the first attempt.



Sneha Mariam Benjamin



Arvind Yugesh Gopal



Alma Dominic Aykara



Aiswarya Kumar



Swetha Ramakrishnan



Ranjith Ravindran

ANTIQUES 2k17

On 30th January 2017, as part of Republic Day Celebrations, Yi members of RCSS, Kalamassery organized an exhibition of antiques - "ANTIQUES 2k17". Rare antique items such as *Thaaliyolas*, Stamp Papers, Share Certificates, Stamps, Gramophone and Guns etc. which were collected and displayed at the RCSS courtyard, Kalamassery. Students from various departments of RCSS took part in the exhibition. The program was inaugurated by Dr Varghese K Varghese Dean, Psychology Department. Dr.Mary Venus Joseph ,Dean(Research) ,Dr. Annam Alice ,Head ,School of Commerce, DrK.X.Joseph Administrator , School of Commerce spoke on the occasion. The Faculty in charge was Mr. Nikhil.



Wealth out of Waste

18th February, 2017, Six Yi Members from RCSS, participated in the 'Students @ Business' event hosted by YUVA Kochi, which was held at Abad Nucleus mall,

Maradu. The theme for the event was "Wealth out of Waste". Rajagiri students organized games out of waste materials such as plastic bottles, paper glasses, cards etc. Yi Rajagiri secured the 2nd position, making a profit of RS.1200.



Young Indian award

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) bags Kerala's second best Young Indian award for the academic year 2016-17 and Mr .Nikhil Assistant Professor ,Rajagiri School of Commerce has been Honoured with Best Teacher for the Academic year 2016-2017 by Young Indian,CII.



RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (RCBSR)

Industrial Visit: Students of RCBSR visited the Kusumagiri Mental Health Centre on 2nd March 2017 and had interaction with the staff members.



PSYESTA 2017 : Rajagiri Centre for Behavioural Science and Research (RCBSR) organized PSYESTA 2017 on 17th February 2017. More than 300 students of psychology across various states enthusiastically participated in the festival.

Mrs. Jomol, famous Film Actress was the Chief Guest of the event while Rev. Fr. Jose Alex CMI, Director inaugurated the Fest. Dr. Joseph I Injodey, the Executive Director and Fr. Dr. Varghese K Varghese, Dean, RCBSR, felicitated the gathering.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Semester At Sea

Dr. Nilufer Medora, Professor and Certified Family Life Educator, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, California State University and 31 students enrolled in the, "Individual and Family Development class of the Semester at Sea programme visited Hill campus on Thursday, 2nd, March, 2017 when the ship docked in Kochi. Dr. Lizy P.J, Dr. Anish, Prof. Kiran Thampi welcomed and gave an introduction on the activities of the Department. A session on "Changes Occurring in Indian Families in Contemporary India across the Family cycle" and "the matriarchal society and the unique practice of polyandry among the Nair community" was handled by Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean (Research). The team also interacted with the social work students.

The team also visited the different live labs on campus and were of the view that Live labs are a great way to expose students, early in their careers, to different service-learning opportunities!



A visit to the Community Day Care Center for the Aged, Kothad was arranged and the team joined the elderly for a Special lunch. At the end of the day they visited Valsalam-Child Care Institution (CCI) & Specialized Adoption Agency (SSA). The visit scheduled by the School of Social work was a new and rewarding experience for the team.

Israel Alumni Meet

Three of our senior Faculty members had participated in various International workshops organized by MASHAV-Center for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel - Dr. Varghese K. Varghese (1992), Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (2000) and DR. Celine Sunny (2001). The Consulate General of Israel in Bengaluru had organized the first Alumni (Shalom Club) Meet on Friday, 31st., March, 2017. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph represented the College.



Student Interns from Vives University College, Belgium at Rajagiri

Ms. Glines Monique, Ms. Marieke Arlette, Ms. Johanna Nathalie, Ms. Emma Rika Bachelor of Social Work students, Vives University College, Kortrijk, Belgium, are with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences for internship for four months from February 2017 to June 2017



Community Health

Medical Camp @ Suraksha Migrant Project, Perumbavoor

Medical camp and awareness session were organized on 6th January, 2017 by RAJAGIRI outREACH Suraksha Migrant Project, Perumbavoor in association with Labour Department, Kalady and 80 migrants were participated.



LIVE LABS

RAJAGIRI outREACH

Child Centric Programmes

SRAMPAUT Scholarship Distribution was held on January 21, 2017 for 49 scholars.



Natural Resource Initiative

Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam –Pada Yatra

Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam –Pada Yatra organized by Mithradham, RAJAGIRI outREACH and Sahrudaya Services and Charities was held from January 1 -15, 2017. The 15 days Padayatra commenced from Aluva to Kakkanaad had a reach of 20 educational institutions and Grama Panchayaths, Municipalities and Kochi Corporation.



TDH Team Visit

10 member TDH team had visited Arattupuzha and Edavanakkad sponsorship area from 16-19th January 2017. House visits, interaction with SHG members, participation in activities and Rajagiri College visit were made during the period.

'Energy Saving' by Urjja Kiran

As part of the project Energy Management Cell of Urjja Kiran, an awareness session on 'Energy Saving' was held at Piravom region on 19th January, 2017. Sri. Anoop Jacob MLA, Piravom inaugurated the event and 60 members had participated. A seminar was also conducted in Vengola on 24th of January for 100 participants.



Jalanidhi Project at Arakkulam Grama Panchayat

Inauguration of the two BG Schemes of Jalanidhi was held at Arakkulam Grama Panchayat in Idukki District on 2nd March, 2017. The event was inaugurated by Sri. Tomy Joseph Kunnel, President, Arakkulam Grama Panchayat



Women Entrepreneurship Initiative

'Honey Harvesting' programme by KITCO Ltd

A 'Honey Harvesting' programme was held in three hamlets of Kuttampuzha Tribal project under the CSR initiative of KITCO Ltd. The programme held on 7th, 8th and 9th of February was inaugurated by Grama Panchayat President Mrs. Vijayamma Gopi.



Observance of Women's Day

Celebrated Women's Day in association with the CSR initiative of Sud Chemie in Edayar for 200 participants. A kitchen garden made out of waste material was the main attraction. The day was celebrated in Thrissur under the CSR initiative of K. P. Paul Foundation of Popular Automobiles for 95 participants. An awareness session on women empowerment was also held.



Research & Consultancy

Final report was submitted on the Social Impact Assessment study conducted in the affected area of Vytilla –Petah Road Widening Project entrusted by the District Administration, Ernakulam for Kochi Metro Rail Project on 20th February, 2017. As part of the study a Public Hearing was held on January 30th, 2017 organising a gathering of the affected owners and tenants identified during the survey. Also the study has been recognized as the first study in Kerala as per the LARR Act 2013.



Training Initiatives

In association with the CSR initiative of Gramin Bank, a Master's training was held for bank employees on financial inclusion at schools. The programme proposes connecting 600 schools for the purpose and the one day training in the northern region was held in Malappuram and Kannur for 60 participants.



THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Career Guidance and Adolescent Counselling Cell, Govt. of Kerala in association with the Research Institute, organized Refresher Training for the Career Guides and Souhrida Co-ordinators of Ernakulam District on 1st February 2017. The training was inaugurated by Shri. A.K Narayanankutty, Deputy Excise Commissioner, Kochi, Govt. of Kerala, Dr. Fr. M.D Saju, Faculty, Dept. of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery delivered the key note address. Felicitations were given by Dr. Seby Varghese, Secretary, KDA and Shri. Babu Pallippatt, M.G University, Kottayam. The sessions on 'Drug Abuse', 'Substance Abuse among Teenagers', and 'Online Applications for Higher Studies' were handled by Shri. Narayanankutty, Dr. Seby Varghese, and Shri. Babu Pallippat, respectively.



District level Poster Competitions for Students.....

As part of the International Year of Pulses -2016, the Research Institute and the Kerala State Council for Science Technology, and Environment (KSCSTE), jointly organized Poster Competitions exclusively for the College and School students in Ernakulam district at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery on 11th January 2017 on the topic 'International Year of Pulses-2016'. Dr. M D Baby, Head, Dept. of Library Sciences inaugurated the

competition for the College students and Dr. Annam Alice, Head, Dept. of Commerce inaugurated the competition for School students. Bhavans Adarsha Vidyalaya, Assissi Vidya Nikethan, and Navanirman Public school bagged the first, second and third prizes respectively for the school level competitions, while Rajagiri College of Social sciences, Kalamassery won the first and second prizes and Morning Star College, Angamaly got the third prize for the college level competitions. Dr.Bindiya.M.Varghese and Smt. Jaya Vijayan from the Dept. of Computer Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences were the judges for the competitions.



Food Fests on Pulses for Good Health

The Research Institute organized two Food Fests in the month of January on the theme 'Pulses for Good Health' as part of the science popularization programme of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Govt. of Kerala. Shri. P Ramachandran, General Secretary, NSS Karayogam inaugurated the programme held at Sthree Samajam Hall, Kochi on 24th January 2017 and Shri. Bibu Punnooran, Asst. Governor, Rotary, inaugurated the Food Fest conducted at Rotary Karmakendra, Kalamassery on 25th January 2017. Ms. Asha Zacharia, the Nutrition Specialist, MLTC, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, judged the Food Fests and the winners were awarded with cash prizes.



EMPANELLED TRAINING INSTITUTION (ETI) FOR NSS

(Empanelled by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India)

The Empanelled Training Institution for NSS organized 4 Orientation Courses during the period January to March 2017 and trained 124 NSS Programme Officers.

As part of the training programme trainees conducted health survey and awareness campaign in all the wards of Vazhakkulam Grama Panchayath in Ernakulam District.



RAJAGIRI CENTER FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (DDU-GKY)

Multi Skill Training for Transgenders was an initiative taken up jointly by the Kudumbashree Mission of Kochi, Kochi City Police Commissioner, Kochi Metro and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery to rehabilitate and facilitate the entry of Transgenders into the mainstream through a decent livelihood. The training commenced on 28th January 2017 with an inaugural function presided over by Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Executive Director, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Keynote address given by Dr. Shahul Salim (Organisation and Development Chief Operating Officer, Kudumbashree), felicitations rendered by Fr. Paul Thomas, centre in Charge, and the Ernakulam Assistant District Mission Coordinators. 23 trainees attended the training.



The Valedictory function was held on 16th March 2017 at Rajagiri college of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The formal inauguration of the program was done by Shri. A.R. Premkumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police Kochi City. Fr. Paul Thomas, Centre Incharge (Rajagiri Center for Skill Development) welcomed the gathering, Presidential address was rendered by Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Executive Director Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Introductory talk by Dr. Binoy Joseph and Key note address by Dr. Augustine A.J HR Head KMRL. Training completion certificate was awarded to all the participants by Ms. Tannie Thomas, District Mission Coordinator, Ernakulam. Vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sheethal Shyam, Transgender Trainee and Activist.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – OYSTER

Home Coming Day

Oyster home coming day was celebrated on conducted on Thursday, 26th January 2017 at 10 am at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakaknad. Honoring the Golden (1967 Passed



out) and Silver Jubilee (1992 Passed out) batches and special get together for the decennial batches (2006 passed out for MBA, 2006 passed out for MCA and 2006 passed out for BSW and BLiSc) was held during the occasion.



STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Dental Check Up

In Association with Indian Dental Association, a dental check up was conducted for all staff members and students at Kalamassery campus on 23rd February 2017



Indo Belgium Food Fest

An Indo Belgium food fest was organized on 1st March 2017. Staff members of Rajagiri College and the Belgium interns doing their internship in Rajagiri College participated in the fest by preparing various food items.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Prof. Padhmanabhan NS has been awarded with PhD on the topic "A Study on Attitude and its Impact on Consumer Behaviour towards Mobile Advertising in Kerala" by Pondicherry University on February 21, 2017


