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ANNUAL ACADEMIC RETREAT 2017

The Annual Academic Retreat, Bodhi 2017, for the faculty members of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School was held from 18th to 22nd April 2017. The inauguration of the retreat was held on 18th April at Valley



campus. Mr. Shyam Srinivasan, MD & CEO, Federal Bank led the session.



The Academic retreat for faculty members of Rajagiri Business School was held on 19th and 20th April and for the faculty members of Kalamassery campus was held on 21st and 22nd April 2017.

SAMAVARTANAM 2017

Samavartanam 2017 - Graduation Ceremony for MBA, MHRM, MSW, MCA and PGDCSW was held on Saturday, 27th May 2017 at Chavara Hall, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad. Shri. Prasad K. Panicker, Executive Director, BPCL-Kochi Refinery was the Chief Guest of the programme. Doctoral Awardees were also honoured during the occasion. The certificates for excellence along with cash awards were awarded to student toppers in each courses.



VALLEY CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Convocation

The Convocation ceremony for the eighth batch of PGDM students was held on May 20, 2017 in Chavara Hall. Sri. A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish IAS Chairman & MD – Supplyco was the Chief Guest. The Certificates for Excellence along with cash awards were awarded to Ms. Rejina Payampalli, the first Rank holder, Ms. Riya George, for the best project and to Ms. Neha L.L. the Best Outgoing Student.



Deeksharambham

Deeksharambham, the initiation ceremony for the new batches of Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies was held on June 8 2017. This was followed by the 'Induction Programme' from 9th to 10th June 2017. The Chief Guest for the function was Shri. K. Paul Thomas- Managing Director & CEO, ESAF.



NIPM Young Managers' Contest

NIPM Young Managers' Contest for "NIPM Geojit Financial Services Rolling Trophy" in association with Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies was held on June 22, 2017 at KRL Auditorium. The contestants were Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Tata Consultancy Services, Coch

Shipyard Limited, Popular Vehicles & Carborundum Universal Limited. The Rolling Trophy and Cash Awards were presented to the winners during the valedictory session.



National Reading Week Celebration

A Book Exhibition and sale was organised jointly by RCBS Libraries and Cosmo Books on June 19-24, 2017 at RSOM Library Hall in connection with National Reading week celebration. The Book Exhibition included Literature, Indian Fiction, Foreign Fiction, Non Fiction, and Classics & Malayalam Books. Many of the students, faculty members and other staff of RCBS participated and helped in book selection for the Library.



International exposure

• Fr. Francis Sebastian and Prof. Ajay Lunawat visited USA from April 10 to May 11, 2017. They visited Western Michigan University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Nazareth College of Rochester and University of Maryland, Baltimore. They had a great teaching learning experience with close observation of cultural diversity and adaptability



- **Dr. Rangarajan G & Prof. Jaedong Kang** had a successful Korean tour from May 12th to 26th, which brought in more tie ups and possibilities of MOUs with different Korean universities in Seoul and Busan. Some Universities have agreed to accept more students from Rajagiri for Semester Abroad program and have initiated the process of setting up a Korean Language Centre in RBS



- **Prof. Shelly Jose** presented a paper titled 'Innovative Work Behaviour as an Outcome of Individual and Organizational Factors : An Ecological Psychology Perspective' in the 3rd international Social Sciences and Business Research Conference held from May 17-20, 2017 at University of California, Berkeley, USA



Guest talks

- June 28, 2017 – Mr. Gautham Ghosh, Consultant in HR and Social Media, Ex director of Flipkart on the topic *Social Media influence and how companies are leveraging*
- June 16, 2017 - Mr. Chundururu Srinivas, Executive Director of Piramal Group on the topic *Entrepreneurship v/s Intrapreneurship*

Students Activities

- RCBS music band @ Palarivattom metro station on June 19, 2017
- Talents Day of Juniors on June 20, 2017
- International Yoga Day celebration on June 21, 2017
- Iftar party on June 22, 2017
- Anti-Drugs Day celebration on June 27, 2017
- Mr. Robin C. Mathew MBA A 2016-18 won the Best Management Student award in the competition held on June 17, 2017 at KMA.
- Mr. Saheel P. Y. of MBA cleared the JRF exam held on January 22, 2017
- Ms. Binitha M. Jose, Mr. Sahnalo Debbarma, Mr. Sudheesh Nair, Ms. Aparna K.P of MBA cleared the NET exam held on January 22, 2017

RAJAGIRI TRANSCEND

House Visit

Senior management students visited families neighboring community in Chittettukara and invited the children to "Shikshagraha". A small gift consisting of books and pens was given to every kid.



Antidrugs Day

Antidrugs day was celebrated on June 26th 2017. The day started with faculty members and students writing messages against drugs on a white canvas. The morning break was electrified by the students' performances at RCBS ground floor.



HILL CAMPUS

DEEKSHARAMBAM 2017

Deeksharambham, the initiation ceremony for the new batches of Kalamassery campus was held on 28th June 2017. Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Executive Director welcomed the students and parents. Presidential Address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Provincial & Manager – Sacred Heart Province. The Chief Guest for the function was Mr John Kuriakose, Managing Director, Dentcare Labs. Rev. Dr. Saju Madavanakkadu CMI, Councilor for Education and Communication Media, S H Province felicitated the function.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Workshop on Basic and Advanced Statistical Skills

A four-day workshop on statistical skills for social sciences was held from 9-12 May, 2017. This four day workshop consisted of two levels viz. One day foundation workshop on foundations skills in use of SPSS and statistical analysis and a three day workshop on Multivariate Analysis, Scale Development and Structural Equation Modelling. 35 participants from Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka attended the workshop. Dr Pavan Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Management National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) Surathkal, Mangalore and Dr Anish K.R., Head, Department of Social Work, RCSS were the resource persons of the Workshop.



Environment Day celebration

Social Work Students' Association of Rajagiri (SWARAJ) observed World Environment day on 5th June 2017. The program was inaugurated by Ms. Jessy Peter, Chairperson of Kalamassery municipality. As part of the program students of Rajagiri college cleaned the public place near HMT railcross and students along with auto drivers planted tree saplings.



SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Smart India Hackathon 2017 – A Team of 6 students from second semester MCA (2016-19) participated in SMART INDIA HACKATHON 2017 held in Assam on 1st & 2nd April 2017. The team was selected for participation from 7531 teams all over India. The project done by the students were well appreciated. Ms Bindiya M Varghese HOD, MCA Department accompanied the students.



SCHOOL OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

National Reading week celebration 2017 -

School of Library and Information Science in association with Fr. Moses Library celebrated 22nd Reading Week on 27th June 2017 at Golden Aureole Hall. The event named as "Blossom of Reading" was inaugurated by the distinguished guest Sri. M Swaraj (MLA, Tripunithara), who talked about the importance of reading and the role of

books in developing human knowledge. Various competitions were conducted in relation with the reading week celebrations and the prizes for the winners were distributed by the Honorable MLA in the function. A Book Exhibition was also conducted at Fr Moses Library, RCSS, Kalamassery as part of this Celebration.



RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Visit to Deivadan Centre

The Faculty members and students of RCBSR visited the Deivadan Centre, Malayatur on 1st April, 2017. The Deivadan Centre has elders who were abandoned by their families for various reasons.



PEBL Software Training

A training on the use of PEBL Software was conducted on 30th May 2017 as part of the faculty development programme (FDP) by the Rajagiri Centre for Behavioural Science and Research. The training Session was given by Mr. Sabeen Govind from MCA Department, RCSS.



International Yoga Day

The *International Yoga Day* was observed on 21st June 2017 by the Psychology Department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in the Golden Aureole hall. Noble Chacko, Assistant Professor of RCBSR welcomed the gathering. The Executive Director Dr Joseph I Injodey delivered the

presidential address. The psychology students demonstrated few *Yoga asanas* under the guidance of Yogacharya Mrs. Chethana.



International day for Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

As part of International Day Against drugs and Illicit Trafficking, RCBSR (Department of Psychology) conducted a poster making and poster presentation competition on 30th June, 2017.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Internship programme

Mr. Geoffrey Cooper, Mr. Devin Wade, Ms. Jessica Sumner, Ms. Jonelle, Ms. Molly Agnes, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Ashlie Mechele, interns from University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Baltimore, USA joined the Department of Social Work on 23rd June 2017 for India study programme till November 2017.



Ms. Glines Monique Demuyck, Ms. Marieke Arlette Verdeyen, Ms. Johanna Nathalie, Ms. Emma Rika, Ms. Lisa Deseck, interns from Vives University College, Belgium completed their four months social work training in Rajagiri College during June 2017. The students were from Teacher Training and Social Work programmes from Vives University College.



Overseas Professors to Rajagiri Campus

Dr. Clarke Nelson, Assistant Dean, Instructional Design and Technology, University of Maryland, visited Rajagiri campus and gave a session on Instructional Pedagogies to the faculty members on 29th June 2017.



Rajagiri Faculty Overseas Exposure

Dr. Varghese K Varghese, Dean, Rajagiri Centre for Behavioural Science & Research, visited Macuarie University, Sydney and Australian Catholic University Melbourne in Australia during 16th to 26th May 2017.



Dr. Saju M.D and Prof. Kiran Thampi, Assistant Professors, School of Social Work, RCSS, visited Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), University of Hong Hong and Shenzhen

University in China from 20th May to 30th May 2017 for discussions on International exchanges and gave a symposium on study abroad models.



Building Networks and Frameworks for Global Social Work Symposium at University of Applied Sciences, Landshut, Germany

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) co-hosted the second symposium in the, "Building Networks and Frameworks for Global Social Work" series with University of Utah, USA; University of Applied Sciences, Landshut, Germany and University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio; Finland at University of Applied Sciences, Landshut, Germany from 21-23rd June 2017. The theme of the symposium was Cultural Diversity and Social Work Challenges and Competencies in Response to Populism and Forced Migration. The symposium was attended by participants from USA, India, Australia, Austria, Finland, Germany, Slovakia and China. Dr Anish K.R., Head, Department of Social Work, RCSS attended the Symposium, Chaired a session and presented a paper titled, "Social integration, social inclusion and needs of interstate migrants in India: Findings from a participatory rural appraisal". This symposium series is organized as part of the IASSW project on "Building Networks and Frameworks for Global Social Work".



CENTER FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Launching Rajagiri Research NEWS

The Center for Doctoral Research launched the first issue of Rajagiri Research NEWS (Bi-Annual E-News Letter) on 18th April, 2017 during the academic Retreat -Bodhi, 2017. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean -Research & the Chief Editor of the news letter gave an overview and Dr. Fr. Saju CMI, Educational Counsellor, SH Province released the first issue.



Felicitation of our Doctoral degree holders during their Samavartanam, 2017

Following Doctoral degree holders from Rajagiri Center for Doctoral Research were felicitated during the graduation ceremony of the College *Samavartanam, 2017* held on Saturday, 27th, May, 2017 at 3 pm at Kakkanad campus.

<p>Dr. Febi Varghese, Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd. Govt. of Kerala. awarded PhD in Management in 2014 on the topic "Management of Public Sector Undertaking in the Plantation Sector in Kerala: A Study with special reference to the Plantation Corporation of Kerala Ltd" under the guideship of Dr. Mukunda Das</p>	
<p>Dr. Mohan B, Asso. Prof, Operations, School of Business, SCMS awarded PhD in Management in 2015 on the topic "Energy careers for energy security of India – Investigation for an optimum mix" under the guideship of Dr. K. S. Chandrasekhar</p>	
<p>Dr. Satheesh Kumar E.P, Deputy chief of HR, Air-India Express Division, awarded PhD in Management in 2016 on the topic "Human Resource Functions for better organisational health" under the guideship of Dr. K. S. Chandrasekhar.</p>	
<p>Dr. Sreedhanya H. Thekkedath, awarded PhD in Social Work in 2016 on the topic "A study on the abuse and neglect of Elderly women living in families and old age of Kerala" under the guideship of Dr. Mary Venus Joseph</p>	

LIVE LABS

RAJAGIRI outREACH

Initiatives for Child Friendly Kerala

Interaction meeting with Legislative Committee for Children, Women and the Handicapped was held on 20.06.2017 as a part of the ICFK (Initiatives for Child Friendly Kerala) programmes. The programme conducted at Ernakulam District Collectorate was attended by District Collector, officials and the Committee Members.



Fund Handing Over- Kinder for Kinder Education Programme, Switzerland

The funds for the educational programme *Kinder for Kinder Education programme* was handed over by Keli representatives to Mr P T Thomas, MLA, Thrikkakara which was then handed over by him to Rajagiri College Representatives on 27th June 2017. 325 students benefitted from the sponsorship amount of Rs.11,70,000/- through this programme.



13th Organic Kerala Fair

Rajagiri OutREACH an avid promoter of Organic food products and practices hosted the 13th Organic Fair on 7th – 12th April, 2017, at Rajendra Maidanam, Ernakulam, along with Organic Charitable Trust, Kerala and S. H. College Thevara. The programme was inaugurated by Hibi Eden MLA, Ernakulam and Soumini Jain, Mayor, Kochi Municipal Corporation had inaugurated the Fruits Exhibition.



Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam-Kalayathra 2017

Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam Kalayathra 2017 was held in association with 'Mithradham Solar Energy Centre' supported by M/s Noel and District Suchitwa Mission Ernakulam. The Kalayathra was conducted from 5 -16th of June focused on the theme "*Connecting people to the nature*". 30 schools participated in the programme. A magic show was performed by magician Ezhupunna Gopinath on the importance of participation in the eco friendly activities among the children.



Souhrudam Camp -2017

A three day vacation camp was organized at 40 centers involving 4252 children aged between 5-15 years based on the topic *Immini Ballya Njan* during April/May months of 2017. The camp was conducted in association with Corporates, Residents Associations, Municipalities, GramaPanchayaths, Clubs and Kudumbasree.



NACO Inspection

NACO team visited Suraksha Office, Perumbavoor for inspection on 30th June 2017. The inspection team consisted of Mr. Dennis Joseph, Joint Director, KSACAS; Mr. Pappu P S, M & E Officer; Mr. Kannan Mariappan, NACO Technical Expert, NTSU Unit and Mr. Jim Reeves, Family Health International.



Sponsorship Distribution

Distribution of School kits (Bags-1756 and Notebooks-17450) for Sponsorship students at 26 centers was completed. The programme sponsored by various corporates, Kochouseph Chittilappilly Foundation, M/S Geojit BNP Paribas, M/S Double Horse, Christu Jayanthi Public School Kakkanad, CASP, Kinder for Kinder could reached out 1756 students. The distribution was carried out in the months of May/June and the programme was attended by LSG members, Corporate Heads and Various NGO representatives.

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Clean Village Healthy Village - A drive for Solid Waste Management

The Research Institute and Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) joined hands with Kanjoor Grama Panchayat in its efforts for solid waste management. The one year long project titled "Clean Village, Healthy Village" aims to find a permanent solution for the ongoing garbage crisis in the GP especially the household wastes (including bio-degradable and non-degradable). Awareness seminars, skill training workshops, installation of bio-gas plants & bio pots, skill training in paper bag & cloth bag making, demoting of plastic covers, street plays, rallies, printing and distribution of publicity materials, etc. are the activities proposed to be conducted as part of the project. A detailed plan in this regard was presented by Dr.Celine Sunny before the science popularization committee of KSCSTE and also before the elected representatives, officials and CDS member of Kanjoor Grama Panchayat. The project is expected to be started in August 2017.



VIBHA VANI - South Zone Workshop

A Workshop for the NGOs working in South Zone region of the country sponsored by Vijnana Bharati, New Delhi was held at BSNL Regional Training Centre, Kumarapuram, Trivandrum on 15th and 16th May, 2017. Dr. Celine Sunny was one of the national co-ordinators for the workshop on the theme "Capacity building of NGOs for National development". Mr.Pradul represented the Research Institute and presented its activities related to Science and Technology, in the workshop.



Jalanidhi Projects

Adv.Mathew T Thomas, Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources inaugurated a water supply scheme of Research Institute at Nedumkunnam Grama Panchayat, Kottayam district on Sunday 2nd April 2017. Dr.N.Jayaraj, MLA, Kanjirapilly, presided over the function wherein Shri.Anto Antony, M.P, Pathanamthitta was the Chief Guest. Shri.Tomy K J, Regional Project Director, Jalanidhi, Thodupuzha, GP president and other elected representatives, and Mr.L.J Joseph, Team Leader, Rajagiri Research Institute also spoke on the occasion.



A Meet for Speedy Exit....

A meet of the SO Directors of Jalanidhi project was held on 6th June 2017 at Thodupuzha, Idukki and Mr.Vinayan V.S represented the Research Institute. Mr. Tomy K.J, Regional Project Director, and Shri. Mohankumar, Director, Operations had fruitful interactions with the 15 Supporting Organisations (SOs) regarding the modalities to be adopted for a speedy and timely exit of the SOs from the project.

EMPANELLED TRAINING INSTITUTION (ETI) FOR NSS

The NSS ETI Advisory Committee Meeting and State Level Consultation on Green Protocol were held on 3rd & 4th May 2017 at Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad. The NSS Regional Director, Govt. of India, State NSS Officer, Govt. of Kerala and 20 NSS Programme Co-ordinators from various Universities and Directorates attended the programme.



The ETI organized the first three Orientation Courses of the academic year 2017-18 and trained 104 NSS Programme Officers during the months of May and June 2017.



STATE ADOPTION RESOURCE AGENCY (SARA)-KERALA

State Orientation Programme on Adoption Regulations 2017

The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) New Delhi in collaboration with Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala organized an Orientation programme on Adoption Regulations 2017 on 11th May 2017 at SCERT, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram. The main aim of the orientation programme was to provide adequate knowledge, skill and motivation to all stake holders of the adoption programme about child right policy, JJ Act 2015 and Adoption Regulations 2017. The participants were officials of SCPS, SARA, CWC, DCPU, SAA, SJPU, childline, members of former & existing KeSCPCR, representatives of Regional Passport Office & representatives of registrar of birth & death etc. 130 participants attended the programme.



Visit by CARA Advisory Committee Chairman

Programme Manager SARA-Kerala accompanied Shri. M Ramachandra Reddy, Chairman Advisory Committee CARA on his visit to KSSCCW, Thaicaadu, Thiruvanantha-puram on 12th May 2017 regarding how to improve the functioning of the SAA

RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The Centre for Skill Development has ongoing projects of DDU-GKY (Ministry of Rural Development) and NULM(National Urban Livelihoods Mission) rendering skill training in House Keeping, Unarmed Security, Retail Sales, Data Entry and Neera Technician .The Centre has trained 521 students in DDU-GKY and 216 in NULM. All the students have undertaken final assessment and skill certification by the respective National Skill Development Council.

The first phase of the project DDUGKY has concluded with the appraisal being conducted by KASE (Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence).

Trainees are being trained in Housekeeping under the NULM project at Koonamavu and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. M.P.Antoni, the former Project Director of Rajagiri outREACH has been selected as the member of the Kerala Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KCPCR).

Rajagiri family congratulates him on this great achievement.


