

DYUTI 2013

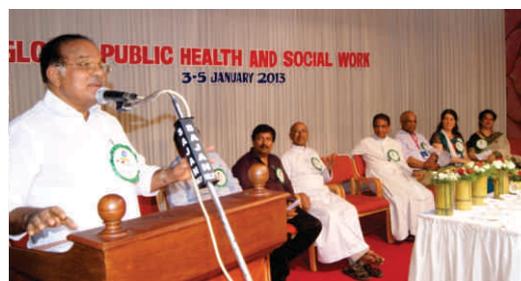


Developmental Yearnings for United and Transformed India- DYUTI meaning 'SPARK', is an annual conference of the School of Social Work of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. National and international conferences are conducted alternatively to discuss and debate upon the relevant issues. This year the conference was held from 3 - 5 January 2013.

(NRHM) Kerala and University Grants Commission. The conference was attended by 300 delegates from across the Globe. The international delegates included participants from United States of America, South Africa, Srilanka, Nepal, China, Bangladesh, Poland, Germany, Belgium, Australia etc. In total, there were four concurrent sessions (12 Venues with 78 paper presentations), five plenary sessions (12 Plenary Speratekers), and one panel discussion during the three-day conference. The conference also blessed with the presence of some of the eminent members in the society, which include Prof. P. J Kurien,



Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of Rajyasabha, Dr. Giridhar Babu, Public Health Foundation of India, Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Director of Rajagiri Group of Institutions and Dr. Beena K.V, State Programme Manager, NRHM etc. The conference ended with the presentation of the action plan as part of the follow up of the conference. The next national conference theme was also declared which is to be held next year in January.



PRABODHINI – Rajagiri Excellence Lecture Series In Social Work

As part of World Social Work Day, Rajagiri Excellence Lecture Series in Social Work - PROBODHINI 2013 was held on Tuesday, 19 March 2013 . at 02.00 pm in the Golden Aureole Auditorium at the Kalamassery campus of Rajagiri college of social sciences. The talk was delivered by Dr.B. Sandhya IPS , the Addl. Director General of Police (Armed Police Battalion) on the theme ' Social Work and Governance '. The function was presided over by Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI , Director , Rajagiri Group of Institutions.



WORKSHOP ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AT CHRIST UNIVERSITY

A National Workshop on Information Management System: Strategies on E-Resources Management in Higher Education was organized by Christ University in association with International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) was held from 26- 28 February, 2013 at Christ University, Bangalore. Five staff from RCBS Library attended the workshop.

KOHA -AN OPEN SOURCE LIBRARY AUTOMATION SOFTWARE

Two Days National Workshop on Koha, An Open Source Library Automation Software was organised on 7-8 March, 2013 by School of Library & Information Science and Kerala Library Association, Ernakulam Region



Participants of KOHA workshop

K L A Ernakulam Regional President Sri. P J Manuel, School of Library and Science Head Dr. M D Baby, Principal Dr. Joseph I Injodey, Dean & Administrator Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Librarian of St. Joseph's College Mr. Thomson A J, and KLA Ernakulam Region Secretary Sr. Ashritha spoke on the occasion.

MOODLE SOFTWARE TRAINING

Staff development training on Moodle software was organized by Christ University Bangalore from 20 - 23 March 2013. A total of 20 staff from Rajagiri including teaching and non-teaching attended the programme. The programme was on the Moodle Software and Exam Overview training.

RAJAGIRI TOTS CARE & PLAY SCHOOL

Silver Jubilee and Annual Day Celebration of Rajagiri Tots Care and Play School was held on 3 April 2013. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Jamal Manakkadan, Chairman, Kalamassery Municipality. The silver jubilee souvenir was also brought out during the occasion.



EXCELLENCE-LECTURE SERIES 2013



Shri. Venu Rajamony IFS Shri. Dileep Renjekar Shri. T. P. Sreenivasan

Rajagiri – “In Pursuit of Excellence” Lecture series - 2013 was held thrice between January and March 2013. First lecture Series was inaugurated and the keynote address was given by Shri. Venu Rajamony IFS, Press Secretary to the President of India on 5 January, 2013. He spoke on the topic “Whither India? The Role of Youth”. The felicitation was given by Mr. Venugopal C. Govind (Managing Partner, Varma & Varma Chartered Accountants). The second lecture was on 28 January 2013. The programme was inaugurated and the keynote address was given by Shri. Dileep Renjekar, CEO, Azim Premji Foundation. He spoke on the topic “Education for Social Change”. The third was held on 6 March 2013. Shri. T. P. Sreenivasan, Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council, was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

NATIONAL YOUTH MEET -2013



RCBS organized a two days National Youth Meet on 8 - 9 February 2013 at the Valley Campus. The Chief Guest and the Keynote Speaker for the inaugural ceremony was Shri. Sachin Pilot, Hon'ble Union Corporate Affairs and the Guest of Honour was Dr. D N Reddy Chairman, RAC- DRDO and Member, University Grants Commission, Government of India. The second day was graced with the presence of Shri. Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala state. Shri. Benny Behanan MLA and Dr. J. Alexander, former Chief Secretary and Cabinet Minister, Government of Karnataka, offered the felicitations in the Valedictory Function. The meet exhorted the youth from the diverse parts of the country to envision a developed India. The meet was held on the theme Managing Future India and was aimed to promote learning and networking among the youth who wishes to pursue management as a career.

IPBE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



An International Conference on Innovative Practices for Business Excellence was held at RCBS on 14 January 2013. The primary goal of the conference was to bring together leading academicians, practitioners, researchers and students to exchange and share their experiences and research results about the innovative practices for business excellence. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Fred Ebeid (Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside) and delivered the keynote address. Of the lot, 15 research papers were accepted for paper presentation and the same were presented in two technical sessions.

IDCA CONFERENCE

Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies hosted a two days India Development Coalition of America (IDCA) conference at Rajagiri Business School. The objective of the programme was a developed India, free of poverty, ignorance, diseases, socioeconomic disparities, ecological disasters and social disharmony.

FINANCE CONFERENCE



Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies, organized a UGC sponsored National Conference on Banking and Finance on 20 February 2013. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Dileep Kumar, Syndicate Member, M G University. 34 papers were presented in the conference. The conference proceedings would be coming in the form of an edited volume book.

MARKETING CONFERENCE



A one day national conference titled “Traditional Concepts of Marketing in Today's Context” was held at RCBS on 24 January 2013.

Mr. Sanjeev P Thomas, President and Whole time Director of Binani Zinc Ltd was the Keynote Speaker and the Chief Guest for the occasion. In his lecture he stressed that it is TRUST that any marketer is marketing to their customers. The Guest of Honour for the event was Mr. P. Premchand, Head – Human Asset Management, Nitta Gelatin India Ltd. More than fifteen research papers were presented in the conference.

SYSTEM CONFERENCE



RCBS hosted a National Conference on Information Systems Emerging Trends and Technologies (NCISETT 2013), sponsored by UGC on 13 February 2013. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Brajesh C Kaimal, Experion Global CEO. The Guest of Honour Dr. Elizabeth Shirley, IIITMK delivered the keynote address. Mr. Ullas Ponnadi (Chief Consultant, Innovations Division, Wipro Technologies) delivered an enrichment lecture on “Smart Systems: Robotics Research Area” and Mr. Venu Gopalakrishnan (CEO, Litmus 7, Infopark, Cochin) delivered an enrichment lecture on “e-Commerce – Innovative trends”. The event was a national forum for the presentation of technological trends and technologies in the fields of Information Systems. Twenty four papers were presented.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MEET 2013



Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies hosted an International Students Meet-2013, “Internationalization of Indian Higher Education” on 15 -16 March 2013 at Rajagiri Valley Campus. The aim of the meet was to showcase the educational opportunities in Kerala to the foreign nationals. The Meet was inaugurated by Dr. Raju Narayanaswamy IAS, Commissioner, Civil Supplies Department, Government of Kerala. The International Students Meet comprised lecture sessions by eminent personalities, management games, cultural shows and exploration of the city of Cochin, known as the Queen of Arabian Sea.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

As part of the international exchange programme with Katho University Belgium, Ms. Ashilin Mary Mathew, Ms. Elizabeth Soby and Ms. Aswati Anil Warriar visited Katho, Belgium from 1st February to 31st March 2013, along with Ms. Abusha Zafa, Coordinator, MCA.



FULBRIGHT



Dr. Margaret V. Sherrer, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology & Human Services, Lyndon State College, and Dr. Thomas O'Hare, Associate Professor, Boston College, Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, the

Fulbright –Nehru Teaching & Research Scholars, are at Hill Campus from January to May 2013.



Ms. Alphy Maria Tom, BSW Student, secured 2nd prize in the Mahatma Gandhi University Judo Competition

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOP



Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies and SOJO University, Japan joined for the International Communication Skills Workshop. This year, the programme was from February 25 to March 8, 2013. Prof. Susan Mathew and Prof. Alan Lukose were the faculty trainers for the international communication skills workshop. The students were in campus for a two week English skills training workshop.

VISIT OF US FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

A group of 12 US Fulbright -Nehru International Education Administrators visited Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery and Kakkanad campus on Monday, 18th March 2013. Ms. Maya Sivakumar, Regional Officer, USIEF, Chennai coordinated the visit. Dr. Kiran Datar, Former Principal, Miranda House, Delhi, was the facilitator of the Fulbright Programme – India

Ms. Anisha S, MCA I Semester student, has secured First Prize in Folk Dance and 'A' grade in Other Forms of Classical Dances (Kathak) at Mahatma Gandhi University Youth Festival held on 26 February, 2013.

