

PREPARATION FOR AUTONOMY

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been considered one among the 13 colleges of the State to be granted autonomous status. The UGC Expert Committee to visit the campus on 3rd and 4th April 2014.

A Workshop on Preparation for Autonomy organised by Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC) - An Initiative of Total Quality Management System (TQMS), Christ University, Bangalore in association with International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) was attended by Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean & Administrator, Dr. Sr. Lizy P.J, Head, Social Work Department, Fr. Saju M.D., Mr. Kiran Thampi, Dr. Baby M.D. (Head, Library & Information Science), Ms. Bindhiya M. Varghese, Ms. Jaya Vijayan, Ms. Prema S. Thomas, Mr. Rodney Issac from Kalamassery campus. Mr. Joji Alex, Dr. Anil kumar, Mr. Abilash, Mr. Binoy Joseph and Mr. Simon Mathew from Kakkanad campus .

Seminar on “ACADEMIC AUTONOMY TO COLLEGES”

Dr. Bernard D’Sami – Former Head of the Department of History of Loyola College, Chennai, conducted a seminar to enlighten all the students and staff on various aspects of Academic Autonomy to colleges. The seminar was held on 26th March 2014 at Valley campus and 27th March at hill campus.



VALLEY CAMPUS

CFOLEADERSHIPPROGRAMME

A MDP ‘Mind the GAAP’ was organized by RCBS on Jan 19-22, 2014. Resource persons were Dr. Ruth Bender – Faculty and Programme Director ‘Finance for the Board Room’ Cranfield Business School U.K, Mr. V.A George - MD, Thejo Engineering Ltd, Mr. N. Ranganathan - Partner, Ernst and Young, Mr.N.S. Venkatesh - Chief GM, Treasury and International Banking, IDBI Bank.



18 participants attended the conference. Prof. Dhanya Alex was the faculty coordinator.

WORKSHOP ON ‘EMPLOYMENT LAWS IN IT SECTOR: MYTH & REALITY’

One day workshop conducted by Prof. H.A.C. Poppen was held on Mar 7, 2014. The workshop was organized under the Oyster banner. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Girish Babu, CEO Technopark. 45 external participants attended the workshop. The Faculty Coordinators were Prof. Nibu John Thomas, Prof Siby Jose and Prof Manoj Mathew.



INDUSTRY INTERACTIONS

Mr. Naveen S. Pillai, DGM HR of Idea Corporate, Mumbai , Mr. G.Anand , GM HR of Mathrubhumi and Mr. S. Sankaran, Former Chairman of CII, Kerala visited our campus and conducted Industry Interaction sessions during this period.

JANTHVA PARENTS MEET

A meet for parents of Senior and Junior MBA, MHRM& PGDM students was held on Mar 15, 2014 at Chavara Hall. In the meet, students made presentations on their ‘Life at Rajagiri’.

INFLORE FELICITATION-2014

The programme was held on Jan 20, 2014 to felicitate the students for their active involvement in co-curricular activities from *Deeksharbham* to *Samavartham*, and to congratulate all the winners of various fests conducted in and outside the State.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Prof. Manoj Mathew from the Human Resource Department, successfully completed his PhD open defense on the topic **“Managerial Performance - An Analysis of Selected Antecedents and Mediators”** on Mar 25, 2014 at School of Management Studies, CUSAT, .



TRANSCEND ACTIVITIES

LANTERNS 2014

A mentoring camp for a group of less privileged children was held on Feb 22, 2014. 25 students belonging to the Rajagiri Valley neighbourhood and 25 children from Thrissur, Kottayam and Ernakulam districts took part in the programme.. These children were being sponsored by RCBS for continuing their education. The second group of children was HIV affected.



SEMINAR ON ‘RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES’

In association with KRIPA, Chunangamveli, and Sahrudaya Services & Charities, Kalamassery, RCBS organized a one day seminar on Feb 22, 2014.



The chief guest was Mr. K Babu , Hon’ble Minister for Fisheries, Ports and Excise. About 50 participants represented various NGOs working for the Persons with Disabilities in the state participated in the programme.

NEED ASSESSMENT SURVEY - Students Live Project

RCBS students conducted a Need Assessment Survey at the Kadukutty grama panchayat in Thrissur District in Jan 2014 under Transcend activity. The panchayat members were invited to the college on Feb 24, 2014 and the report was handed over.



HILL CAMPUS

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

National Conference DYUTI 2014 ON “Community Mobilization for Empowerment: Trending Strategies and Practice Models”.

Two days annual conference of the Department of Social Work was inaugurated by Pro.(Dr.) N. Balu, Vice-Chancellor, NUALS on Thursday, 9th January 2014 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, UNEP delivered the keynote address. Sacred Heart Province Provincial & Manager Rev. Fr. Jose Alex CMI, Director of Rajagiri Institutions Rev. Dr. Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Principal Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Dean and Administrator Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Social Work Department Head Dr. Sr. Lizy P.J. and DYUTI Convenor Dr. Fr. M.K. Joseph spoke on the occasion.



RENDEZVOUS 2014

Rendezvous 2014, the State Level intercollegiate meet of Social Work students was conducted at Rajagiri College of Social



Science on 10th and 11th January 2014 . From 14 colleges in Kerala, more than 300 students participated in the event. The competitions conducted for the students were Theme dance, Street play, Mobile documentary, Collage, Outstanding Social work team, and ICSW Best Student research Award. The overall championship were bagged by Loyola College, Trivandrum. The 1st and 2nd runner-up was BCM College, Kottayam and Lissah College, Kozhikode respectively. The valedictory function of Rendezvous 2014 was inaugurated by Music Director Alphonse Joseph.



Kerala Central University Social Work Department Head Dr.Kotteshwara Raju, Rajagiri Dean and Administrator Dr. Mary Venus Joseph , Dr. Anish K.R, Rendezvous Convenor Mr. Kiran Thampi, Student Co-ordinators Dan.J.Vattoly and Shemimol also addressed the gathering.

Sixth Fr. Jose Alex Award for Excellence in Social Work 2013

Sixth Father Jose Alex Award for Excellence in Social Work 2013 was presented to Rev. Fr. Jose Antony CMI, Director, Voluntary Organization for Social Action and Rural Development (VOSARD), Idukki District, on the 10th of January 2014, at the

valedictory function of DYUTI - National conference of the School of Social Work of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The award was given to Fr. Jose Antony in recognition of the multi-faceted and sustained practice of professional social work and his caring for the downtrodden in the society



Workshop on Android (20 march 2014)

RCSS CSI Student Branch in association with Computer Society of India, Cochin Chapter organized a workshop on ‘Android’ on 20th March 2014. Mr. Biju MG, CSI Chairman, Cochin chapter inaugurated the function. Mr. Arunshah Salim, Head, Mobile

apps Development, Aabasoft, and his team members Mr. Jinu Thomas Joseph and Mr. Renjith were the resource persons.



National Workshop on “Social Responsibility and Professional Ethics in Librarianship

The Department of Library and information science, has organized a two day national workshop on “social responsibility and professional ethics in librarianship “on 6-7 february2014.The workshop was intended for Working librarians, information professionals, faculties and students. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr.Joseph I Injodey, Principal, Rajagiri College of social sciences. The Theme of the workshop was presented by Dr.M D Baby,Head, Department

of Library and information Science. The Eminent Resource persons such as Sri.Jyothis Mohan IRS(Asst. Commissioner, Income Tax, Trichur),Sri.Manoj Menon (Professor, RCBS, Kakknad), Prof. K P Vijayakumar (Library and information Science, Kerala University), Smt.Arathi Asok (Research Officer, IPR, CUSAT)handled each sessions. Fourty five candidates from various colleges and universities attended the workshop.The workshop was well appreciated and highly rated by the participants on the coverage and delivery of the topics.



RAJAGIRIGENDER CELL

An Orientation session on The Sexual Harassment Of Women At Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition And Redressal) Act, 013 was arranged for the students of Kalamassery campus on Monday, 24th March 2014.



The session was handled by Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean & Administrator who informed the measures to be taken when there is a sexual discrimination on campus and also to prepare the students for the procedures to be taken while they are on job later. All the students of the campus attended the session. The students were given opportunity to clarify their doubts on the steps to be taken for the prevention of sexual harassment and were informed of the Internal complaints committee.

Rajagiri College Union



College Union Inauguration



Sports Day inaugurated by R.Nishanthini, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kochi City

VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS

- Prof. R.R. Singh, Former Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai visited Rajagiri Kalamassery campus on Wednesday, 19th March 2014 and had discussion with the social work faculty members.
- * Mr. Francis John Chazhoor, International Narcotic Control Board, United Nations On Drugs & Crime, Vienna, Austria visited Kalamassery campus and interacted with MSW senior students

ALUMNINEWS

OYSTER DAY 2014

OYSTER Day 2014 was conducted at Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery on 26th January from 10am to 2pm. Dr. Joseph I Injodey PhD, Principal, Rajagiri College welcomed the gathering. The annual activity report of OYSTER for the year 2013-14 was presented by Mr. Kiran Thampi, Secretary, OYSTER. Honouring Golden Jubilee batch (1964) and DSS, MA-PM & IR, MSW silver Jubilee batches (1989) were held. They were invited to the dais by Dr. Mary Venus, Dean and Administrator, RCSS and Dr. Anilkumar, Head, MHRM. Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Former secretary, OYSTER was honoured during the ceremony who got selected as a member in Child Rights Commission, Govt of Kerala. The accounts of the OYSTER for the year 2013-14 was presented and approved by the General body. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Venugopal, Vice President, OYSTER.



MCA Alumni Gathering

The Department of Computer Science, organized an MCA alumni meet on 22nd March 2014 to gather suggestions on MCA curriculum and new certificate courses. Ms. Vimina E R welcomed the gathering. Dr. Fr. Antony Kariyil, Director, Rajagiri Institutions, briefed the students about autonomy. 36 alumni members attended the meeting. There were representatives from almost all batches of MCA and a total of 52 members



including the family members attended the meeting. Mrs. Abusha Zafar, Ms. Jaya Vijayan and Ms. Prema S Thomas coordinated the event.

RAJAGIRI COLLEGE AS 'SERVICE CONSULTANT' TO THE DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

As per the request from the Directorate of Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala, Trivandrum, the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) 2014-15 of ICDS Projects in Kerala was prepared by the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and submitted to the Government. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph and Mrs. Mary John coordinated the work.



'INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2014' CELEBRATED BY RAJAGIRIANS

BSW students as part of their field work had organized various programmes in association with International Women's Day on Saturday, 8th March 2014 in their respective panchayats in collaboration with Kudumbashree.

Womens day was celebrated by Rajagiri College Union and Cyriac Elias Voluntary Association (CEVA) on 11th March 2014 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The theme for the day was "Inspiring Change".



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Trip to Wonderla

The 1st semester MCA students had a pleasure trip to 'Wonderla- the water theme and amusement park' on 25th February 2014. The faculty members Ms. Sunu Mary Abraham,



Class tutor, Mr. Renjith P R and Mr. K Ramakrishnan accompanied the students. It was a truly refreshing experience to both the faculty and students.

Parent Interaction programme

The MCA department invited the parents of first semester students (2013-2016 batch) to discuss the academic progress of their ward on 1st march 2014. Parents of 41 students attended the program.

Digital Electronics Project Exhibition

The first semester MCA students organized an Electronics Project Exhibition on 5th March 2014. The exhibition featured the implementation of nine electronic applications made to reality by the students. The projects were developed to emphasize understanding of the subject Digital System and Logic Design (DSL D), and to promote experiential learning.



The projects were well appreciated by the students and faculty of all departments. Faculty, Ms. Vimina E.R coordinated the event.

Kunjattakilikal (Anganwadi Fest) –(15th March 2014)

The Anganwadi fest *Kunjattakilikal* was conducted by BSW I year students for 20 Anganwadis in Kalamaserry where the social work students were doing their field work. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Mary Joseph, CDPO in



charge, There were about 100 anganwadi children with their mothers and anganwadi teachers who participated in this fest.

'Penpolima'- National Girl Child Day Observation (24th January 2014)

BSW I year students observed National Girl Child Day at HMT Government Higher Secondary School, Kalamaserry. There was awareness programmes organized for girl students of 8th and 9th Standard. A street play which depicted the current problems faced by girl children in the society.



Participatory Rural Appraisal

The MSW students(2012-14) under the guidance of Mr.Kiran Thampi organised a Participatory Rural Appraisal of Puthuvypu, Vypin in Ernakulam District. The programme was supported by Sahrudaya, Vypin. The students could cover 100 families around the vicinity and could apply all the techniques. Reporting was done on the same day itself and the detailed project report was submitted to Sahrudaya, Vypin

Motivation Session

Mr Joby, World Champion in Arm Wrestling had an interaction session with the MSW, MCA and BSW students on 26th

March 2014 as part of SWARAJ. The class was very motivating and powerful. Students had an open discussion with Mr Joby.



Tribal survey at Nilambur

The MSW senior students participated in a tribal survey at Nilambur from 3rd to 9th February 2014. The above survey was conducted as per the request of the District Collector of



Malappuram. The survey included PRA, survey on tribal welfare, evaluation about the colony.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SPECTRA 2014

MSW 1st year students bagged overall championship in SPECTRA 2014(Intercollegiate Social Work students meet) held at Marian College Kuttikkanam on 14th and 15th March 2014.



Ms. Silpa Kartik, BSW I year student won Silver Medal in Judo for the M. G. University Youth Fest -Inter Collegiate Competition



RAJAGIRI INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

BSW students at Vives University College, Belgium



As part of the international exchange programme with Vives University College, Belgium, B S Anish, Jiyad Ameer, Haroon Vaseem and Gopika R Ms. had undergone their field practicum at Vives University College, Belgium from 24th January 2014 to March 1st 2014.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

ICSW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean & Administrator, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and the National Vice President (South Zone,) Mr. M.P. Antoni – Project Director, Rajagiri Outreach and President, ICSW Kerala State Branch, and Dr. Fr. Johnson X Palackappillil, Principal, Sacred Heart College and Member, Executive committee, ICSW Kerala State Branch attended the National Executive Committee meeting held on Saturday the 29th March, 2014 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph was felicitated at the gathering. Dr. Fr. Johnson X Palackappillil was elected as the Associate Secretary, South Zone.



Kinder for Kinder (KEL) Switzerland Scholarship for Tribal Children-

The collaboration with Kinder for Kinder, a project of KELI, started in 2007 is still continuing to support more children. The cheque handing over ceremony for the academic year 2013-14 was held during the valedictory function of “Dyuti 2014” at Aureole on 10th January 2014. The project supports 300 school students, including 100 students from Kuttanad and still continues to sponsor 100 Tribal students who are doing their higher secondary education at Attappady. Kinder for Kinder also extended support to improve the infra structure facilities of 2 Buds school located at Kumbalangi and Ezhikkara.

Higher Education Scholarship

Rajan & Grace Foundation distributed One Lakh Fifty Thousand rupees for 30 students studying B.Tech, B.Com , BCA, BSc Nursing, BNM. The event was held on 8th March at Rajagiri College, Kalamassery.

AFLATOUN

Ms.Rewati along with an External Evaluator from Meljol visited the projects at Malappuram from 12-14 March 2014. The Team visited 6 schools and conducted face to face interviews and interactions with children, teachers and Aflatoun staff.

Mr.M.P.Antoni, Project Director, Mr. Shihab, Programme staff Aflatoun and Two children and a teacher from Nilambur L.P.school attended the Aflatoun National Meet in Mumbai held on 8th and 9th of March 2014.

CHILDLINE

Regional Programme officer of CHILDLINE India Foundation MR. Subin visited CHILDLINE Malappuram as part of their quarterly monitoring visits. CHILDLINE Kochi appointed a new Nodal Co-ordinator Mr.Aneesh.S an alumnae of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

Community Health Programme

Suraksha project, sanctioned by Kerala State AIDS Control Society (KSACS) working for Migrant labourers comes under the purview of Community Health. The project is functioning at Ernakulam and Perumbavoor. Suraksha Migrant Projects at Perumbavoor and Kakkad was assigned 'B' Grade by KSACS during its Annual Evaluation conducted in February 2014.

Medical Camps

Cataract and Diabetes detection camps were organized in Kunnathunadu, Pattimattom and Kadamakudy on 23rd February 2014, 9th March 2014 and 23rd March 2014 respectively. The medical team from Chaitanya Eye Hospital extended their services. Free surgeries were provided for the patients from BPL families. Kerala Samajam, South Florida, USA funded the project. Blood test and Spectacles were provided free for the cataract patients.

Suchithwabodhanayajnam (SBY)

Suchithwabodhanayajnam, a project conceived by Mithradam, Aluva, has been co-ordinated by Rajagiri outREACH since 2010, aiming to attain a clean, green and healthy Ernakulam. Every year educational institutions, LSGs, and the common people participated in the padhayathra organized from 1st to 15th January in Ernakulam district. The theme of the project is to make the public aware of the importance of eco friendly living, waste management and bio diversity practices

Kerala Child Rights Observatory (KeCRO) :

KeCRO launching ceremony was held at Loyola College, Trivandrum on 13th March 2014. Kerala Women's Commission Chairperson Smt.Rosakutty Teacher inaugurated the programme. Sri.Jitendran IAS, Director, Social Justice Department presided over the function. Smt.Lida Jacob, Sri.Sugatha Roy from UNICEF, Chennai, Fr.Joye James, Chairperson, CWC, Tvm., Mr.M.P.Antoni, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH were the other dignitaries on stage.

National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) :

Rajagiri outREACH conducted a one day seminar on bio diversity (a training to prepare biodiversity register) and a poster designing competition for school students, in association with the Kerala Fisheries and Oceanic studies, with the financial support from Ministry of Forest and Environment, New Delhi and Centre for Environment and Development, Trivandrum

Rallies and Padyathras by Students and Teachers on Scientific technology and Green environment'

The Research Institute has organized two rallies and padayatras at Govt. HSS, Chowara and Vijnanapeedom EMHS, Edanad on 25th and 30th January 2014 respectively. The students, teachers, and elected representatives participated in the programme. More than 300 students participated in the rallies.

'Aam Admi and Technology' – Street plays by Rajagiri student artists

As part of the science popularization programme of KCSTE, Govt. of Kerala, the Research Institute has organized street plays at different locations of Ernakulam district to create awareness among the general public about the accessibility of modern technology to common man with a special focus on water conservation. The BSW students of the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences were the artists dressed for the plays presented on 30th January 2014.

"People have Crucial Role in Preventing Crimes"

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala Hon. Home Minister was speaking by inaugurating the 'Janamaithri Suraksha Project Range level Seminar' organized by the Home Dept. at Women's Association Hall, Ernakulam on 1st February 2014. Dr. Celine Sunny,



Executive Director, the Research Institute, RCSS, has led a session on 'Role of People in Preventing Crimes'.