

Global Education Monitoring Report Team. **Global education monitoring report 2022: gender report, deepening the debate on those still left behind.** France, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; 2022: 70 p.

The 2022 Gender Report presents progress towards gender parity in education with respect to access, attainment and learning. It showcases the results of a new model that provide logical estimates, combining multiple sources of information, on completion rates. It also reviews the results of learning assessments released over the past 18 months, which present an almost global picture of the gender gap in reading, mathematics and science achievement in lower and upper primary and lower secondary grades.

It emphasizes the role of non-state actors in influencing gender inequality in and through education. Non-state actors have filled in provision gaps left by the public education system. The Report presents evidence on gender gaps in the share of students enrolled in private institutions by sex and what drives these gaps in the various regions. It also provides case studies on the privatization of childcare in high-income countries, the impact of non-state faith-based schools in Asia on gender norms and the role of women's universities around the world.

Ministry of Education. **National Achievement Survey 2021.** New Delhi, Government of India, Department of School Education & Literacy, 2021: 27p.

National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 is a nationally representative large-scale survey of students' learning. The survey gives a system-level reflection on the effectiveness of school education. It enables States and the Union Territories to identify gaps in learning outcomes and take remedial steps and also helps in the capacity building for teachers and officials involved in the delivery of education in the country.

Key points of the report:

- NAS 2021 conducted 2021 assessed over 34 lakh students in 1.18 lakh schools at 720 districts across 36 states and Union Territories.

- NAS assesses the health of the school education system in the country by conducting a comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at Classes 3, 5, 8 and 10 with a cycle period of three years. It reflects the overall assessment of the school education

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system. The last NAS was held in 2017.

- NAS 2021 covered both central and state government schools, government-aided schools and private schools across the country.

- The survey was conducted in 22 languages in Language, Mathematics and EVS for Class 3 and 5; Language, Mathematics, Science and Social Science for Class 8 and Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English for Class 10.

- The report is based on the performance in all subjects through disaggregation by gender (female, male), Area (Rural and Urban), Management of schools (Government, Government aided and Private unaided) and Social Groups (Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Other Backward Communities (OBC) and General.

The survey finds that the national average percentage, the average of scores across four subjects, for Class 3 is 59%, which declines by 10 percentage points to 49% in Class 5. It further drops to 41.9% in Class 8 and 37.8% in Class 10. In all subjects, average scores are lower than 2017. The average performance of schools in rural areas is "significantly below" those in urban areas in the same regions, and the performance of students from scheduled caste (SC), scheduled tribe (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) categories is much lower than that of students from the general category.

Talukdar, Sougata. **Right to Health in India: Law, Policy and Practice.** New Delhi, Sage, 2022: 322 p.

Health and human rights are complementary to each other in advancing progress and social justice. Right to Health in India: Law, Policy and Practice examine the fundamental right to health in light of the contemporary human rights discourse. It advocates for a rights-based approach to health that acknowledges the socio-economic dimensions and implications of access to health and dignity of life.

This book studies the legislative and policy initiatives designed to protect women, children, HIV/AIDS patients, workers, people with disabilities and all Indian citizens from health hazards and medical malpractice. It explores the constitutional mandates and safeguards regarding right to health in India. The book further discusses the international legal framework on health, analysing it along with the developments in Indian health law. It critically examines the role played by implementing authorities and judiciary in determining the access to and success of right to health in India.

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Indian Adult Education Association

Visiting Scholar Awards to Doctoral Students in Adult Education

The International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi (www.iaale.org) established by the Indian Adult Education Association in 2002 has been striving to promote adult education as a field of practice and discipline of study through a variety of innovative programmes, researches, publications and collaborations with national and international universities. Promotion of research being an important mandate of the Institute, it is proposed to encourage young scholars to undertake quality research and publications through a specially designed programme for Visiting Scholar Award.

The main purpose of the Award is to provide an opportunity for the doctoral students to consult and collect data from the vast collection of adult education publications, books, documents, theses, research and evaluation studies and journals available at the Amarnath Jha Library of the Association, and also benefit from the presentation and discussion of their individual research topics with the faculty of the Institute.

Eligibility & Selection

A maximum of 15 awards is to be offered in the year 2022. The award is open to all the bonafide doctoral students at Indian universities. The selection will be made by an expert committee constituted by the Chancellor of the Institute.

The selected outstation scholars will be provided a lump-sum amount of Rs.10,000/- (rupees ten thousand only) to cover travel and other sundry expenses besides free accommodation on sharing basis for 7 days along with working lunch.

Delhi-based candidates will be paid Rs. 2500/- (rupees two thousand five hundred only) @ Rs. 500/-

per day for five days to cover local travel.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates may send an e-mail giving the following information to: drsyshah@gmail.com (Professor S. Y. Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, IAEA Building, 17-B, I.P. Estate, New Delhi -110 002) not later than July 31, 2022.

1. Name & address of the applicant
2. Date of PhD registration
3. Topic of thesis
4. e-mail & Mobile number along with the scanned copies of
 - Brief CV (not more than a page)
 - Letter of recommendation from the Supervisor and
 - One page abstract of the research topic focusing on the objectives and methodology of the study.

When will it be?

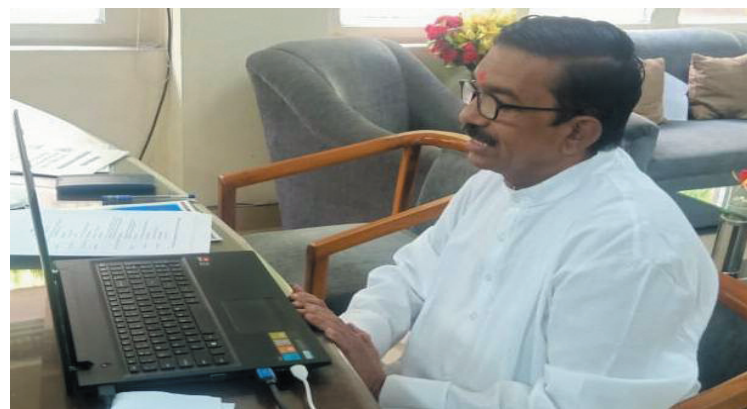
Selected scholars will be intimated on or before August 10, 2022. The programme will be held in the Conference Hall of the Institute during September 5-10, 2022. The outstation scholars are expected to reach Delhi latest by the evening of 4th September 2022 and leave by the night of 11th September 2022 or the forenoon of the 12th September 2022.

No interim queries will be entertained in this connection.

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IAEA signs MoU with Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the period 2022-2024 was signed between Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi and School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Vallikavu, Kerala on April 20, 2022, to pave the path of conducting joint academic initiatives for expanding the horizons of lifelong learning and extension including internships at IAEA, research methodology courses, short term intensive courses on academic writing and other field projects in the areas of mutual interest. The document of MoU was signed by Dr. L. Raja, President, IAEA and Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in the presence of Dr. P. Ranaswami, Head, Department of Social Work, Ettimadai Campus, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Prof S.Y. Shah, Director and Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Shri K.C. Choudhary, Former President and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, In-charge Director, IAEA and more than 100 students, academicians along with the representatives of both the institutions participating in this virtual get together.

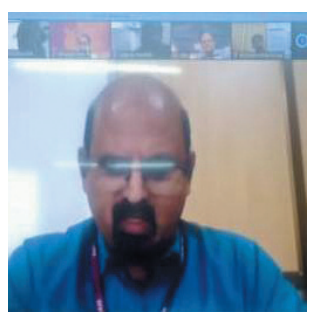
Speaking on the occasion Shri K.C. Choudhary enlightened the participants about the historical perspective leading to the inception of IAEA and a chronological reflection of major initiatives taken by the Association since its establishment in the year 1939.



Elaborating on the importance of the MoU Prof. Raja spoke about some of the important ventures that may be undertaken jointly in the days to come on the line of it. Dr. Bhavani Rao while showing a video clipping on the university gave a brief account of extension activities undertaken by the Vidyapeetham while Dr. P. Ranaswami narrated a few noticeable efforts made by Vidyapeetham for the empowerment of women and other disadvantaged sections of society.

Prof S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE underlined the global presence of IIALE and highlighted the role played by it in the furtherance of the cause of lifelong learning and extension. He also briefed the participants about the impact of those MoUs that IIALE has already signed with different national and international universities. Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE expressed his good wishes and hoped that this association between two important institutions of the country would certainly usher a new energy and vigor in the realm of lifelong learning activities and extension work in the areas of concern.

The programme was coordinated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik who also delivered the welcome address. The vote of thanks was given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA.



Officials of National Cell for Literacy visited IAEA



Prof. K. Ramchandran, Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education and Prof. Usha Sharma, Convenor of the National Cell for Literacy (NCL), NCERT visited IAEA during the second week of May 2022 and held discussions with Prof. S.Y. Shah, Vice President and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, In-

charge Director, IAEA on different aspects of "New India Literacy Programme" and consulted important research studies and publications carried out by the Association. During the discussions, Prof. Shah highlighted the need for defining the role of NGOs and University Departments of Adult Education in the operationalisation of literacy programme. The Chairman and the Convenor were apprised of the role played by IAEA over the years in the planning and implementation of Adult Education Programmes. On behalf of IAEA, Prof. Shah assured to extend full support to the implementation of the literacy programme. The Chairman and the Convenor were also apprised of Association's willingness in hosting workshops and meetings likely to be organised by the National Cell on Literacy in the future.

IGNOU Exams



Term End Examinations (TEE) of IGNOU which started on March 4, 2022, and continued till April 11, 2022, were successfully conducted by the IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P). For this spell of the examination a total of 5691 students were allocated by IGNOU to this

centre out of which 4046 students finally appeared for their examinations. Detailed arrangements were made along the lines of the directions received from IGNOU and UGC in order to maintain social distancing and proper sanitization and

other related norms to curb the spread of the pandemic. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance and relevant photographs of all the examination halls were sent to the concerned officials of the Region. The entire team of IAEA made special effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the Centre Superintendent Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and the Observers from IGNOU.

विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस पर वृक्षारोपण एवं जागरूकता अभियान - जेएसएस कोटा

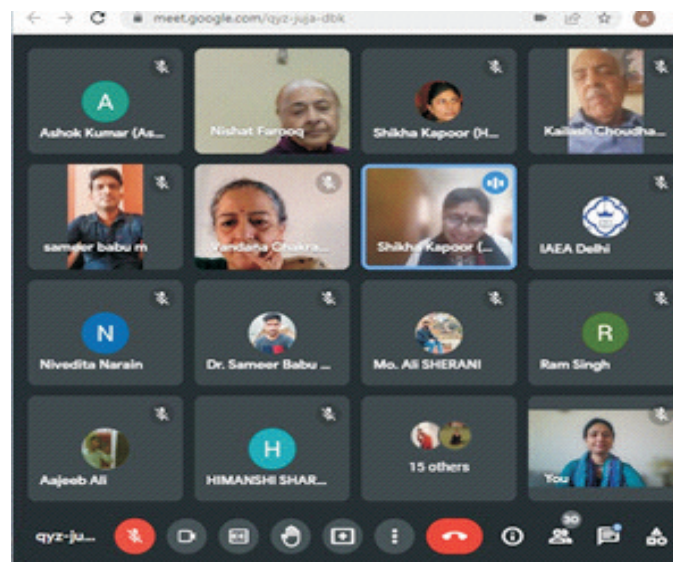


विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के उपलक्ष्य पर जन शिक्षण संस्थान, कोटा द्वारा संस्थान के सभागार में दिनांक 5 जून 2022 को एक विशेष सभा का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें पर्यावरणविदों एवं विद्वानों ने विविध सांस्कृतिक विधाओं के माध्यम से लोगों को जल, जंगल एवं जीवन के परस्पर निर्भरता के बारे में विस्तार से बताया। मुख्य वक्ता डा. महावीर गुप्ता, पूर्व सहायक निदेशक, अनौपचारिक शिक्षा, कोटा ने कहा कि यदि धरती पर जिंदा रहना है तो जल बचाना ही होगा। राष्ट्रपति द्वारा सम्मानित पर्यावरण विशेषज्ञ श्रीमती गीता दाधीच ने अपनी अनोखी शैली में पर्यावरण से संबंधित गीतों के माध्यम से प्रतिभागियों को जागरूक किया एवं उनकी महत्ता के बारे में बताया। संस्थान के अध्यक्ष श्री आर. पी. गुप्ता ने पर्यावरण संरक्षण की पहल

अपने घर से प्रारंभ करने का आग्रह किया तो संस्थान के निदेशक श्री मुकेश राठौर ने बताया कि हमें अपने पूर्वजों की भांति सुख-सुविधाओं को सीमित रखते हुए भी प्रकृति की रक्षा करनी चाहिए। कार्यक्रम के दौरान संस्थान के मैदान में पौधे लगाए गये तथा पानी का दुरुपयोग नहीं करने की शपथ ली गयी। कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में मानद सलाहकार श्री राजीव मलहोत्रा, कार्यक्रम अधिकारी श्री संदीप सिंह यादव, सहायक कार्यक्रम अधिकारी श्री रवीन्द्र लोहोमी, श्री हेमराज प्रतिहार एवं श्री लोकेश शर्मा ने सराहनीय योगदान दिया।

— मुकेश राठौर
निदेशक

JMI celebrated International Women's Day



An Online National Webinar on the theme "Women: Literacy and Development" was convened by the Department of Adult & Continuing

educationists and eminent adult education functionaries who expressed their views on the occasion

Education & Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) on March 8, 2022 to mark the International Women's Day celebrations. The webinar was chaired and moderated by Prof. Shikha Kapur, Head, DACEE. She also delivered the keynote address and highlighted the important linkages between literacy, education and development specifically in the context of women empowerment in the country. Other

included Smt. Nishat Farooq, Former Director, State Resource Centre, JMI; Prof. Heena K. Bijli, Professor, School of Continuing Education, IGNOU and Dr. Nivedita Narain, CEO, Charities Aid Foundation. Each of the speakers touched upon various important aspects of Female Literacy and Development; Gender Equality, Financial Literacy and Empowerment; and Impact of Gender Sensitization on Development respectively. This webinar was attended by a number of students, academic, field functionaries, faculty members and member of staff of the university. The occasion was graced by the presence of Shri K.C.Choudhary, Former President, IAEA.

— Prof. Shikha Kapur
Head, DACEE, JMI

Contact Classes organized by IIALE IGNOU Study Centre

IIALE IGNOU Study Centre conducted three online contact classes respectively on May 6, 13 and 26, 2022 for the benefit of all its enrolled students pursuing MAAE, PGDAE and PGCAE.

14 students participating in the discussion, explained some of the major steps with the help of PPT and clarified their doubts.

Dissertation Work



Writing and submission of Dissertation is one of the most essential and mandatory parts of the academic work to be carried out by the 2nd year students of Master of Arts in Adult Education (MAAE) which requires a thorough understanding of the process. Students often find it difficult to unfold this research work in a systematic way so that they can identify and formulate research problems, write a good research proposal, identify and use appropriate research design, conduct a scientific investigation in a systematic way, collect and analyze the data and learn to use appropriate statistical methods. In the first contact class IGNOU Academic Counsellor and a well known adult educationist Dr. V. Mohankumar interacted with

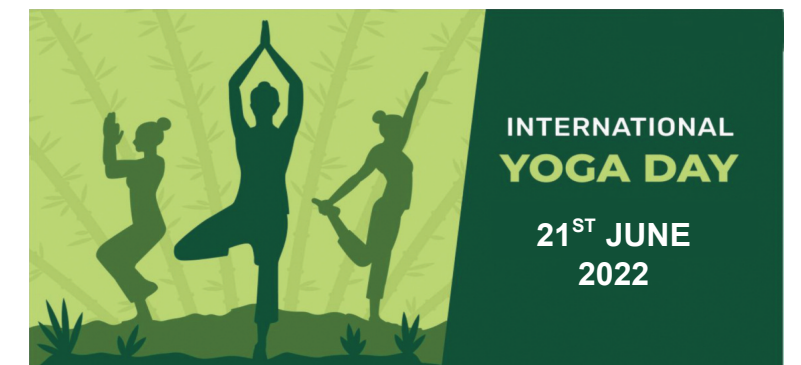
The second contact class was dedicated to developing a comprehensive understanding about adult education. In this online session entitled as "Adult Education: The Basic Concepts" Shri Deepak Goswami, an Academic Counsellor elaborated on those ideas and approaches which helped to form adult and lifelong education as a distinguished discipline of study.

The third online contact class was entitled as "Indian Adult Education: A Historical Perspective" in which Dr. Vivek Nagpal, Academic Counsellor highlighted the chronological evaluation of adult education in India viz-a-viz the historical perspective that necessitated conceptualizing various programmes and activities to deal with emerging issues.

All the three contact classes were coordinated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Assistant, IGNOU Study Centre.

RAI continues to work for Community Development

Reading Association of India (RAI) in collaboration with Hansraj Jivandas College of Education, Mumbai organized a number of community and extension activities during the preceding academic year in order to reach the unreached sections of the society and help them fulfill their aspirations to a considerable extent. The programmes and activities conducted by RAI were broadly classified into three categories - online community work activities with 'i-volunteer', fund raising for voluntary organizations and SES-REC Action Plan for improving facilities in the community areas. Through these activities RAI provided financial assistance to needy individuals, conducted relief services for the marginalized people by distributing essential kits consisting of meals, packed grocery and hand sanitizers and helped them to learn mask making and its safe disposal. During the year RAI also tried to develop social entrepreneurial skills through theme based pedagogy and sensitize people towards zero littering.



Community College can Enhance Employability of Learners



A seminar on "Lifelong Learning in the context of New Education Policy 2020" was organised by the State Resource Centre Kerala in association with the Indian Adult Education Association, Kerala State Branch and Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation at SRC Conference Hall on 23rd April 2022. This seminar was addressed by a number of adult educationists and field functionaries including Shri C.A. Santhosh, Director, SRC Kerala and Additional Director General, Public Instruction, Govt. of Kerala; Shri A. Prabhakaran, Chairman, Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation and former Programme Executive, All India Radio, Trivandrum; Shri Rajan (IAS), former District Collector, Trivandrum and Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Chairman, IAEA Kerala State Branch and former Controller of Examinations, RGNIID,

Chennai. Shri Harish Kumar, S, Secretary, IAEA, Kerala State Branch welcomed all the participants and introduced the topic of discussion while Dr. N. B. Suresh Kumar, former Director, SRC delivered the concluding remarks.

Shri C.A. Santhosh said that community colleges can play a big role in providing capacity building



training to the students staying in the far-flung rural areas. Shri A. Prabhakaran recalled the

momentum that literacy programmes in the state could gain by virtue of acquiring the attributes of peoples' movement. The theme presentation of the seminar was given by Dr. V. Reghu who attempted to elaborate on the adult and lifelong learning scenario in the state, scope of conceptualizing new programmes and activities and the role expected to be played by different stakeholders.

In conclusion this seminar underlined the importance of Community Colleges and the role played by them in the furtherance of employability of students as it provides an opportunity to pursue professional courses in Yoga, Acupressure & Holistic Health, Learning Disability, Panchakarma, Lighting Design, etc., simultaneously with other academic courses from regular colleges or universities.

व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रम हेतु प्रायोगिक परीक्षा आयोजित

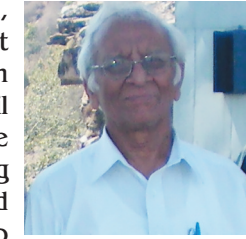
भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यालययी शिक्षा संस्थान, भारत सरकार द्वारा संचालित व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रम 'पुस्तकालय विज्ञान में प्रमाण पत्र कोर्स' का एक अध्ययन केन्द्र है। जहां से अब तक 20 बैचों के छात्र सफलता पूर्वक उत्तीर्ण हो चुके हैं। इसके 21 वें बैच के लिए नामांकित 2 विद्यार्थियों में से 1 विद्यार्थी के लिए गत 29 अप्रैल 2022 को प्रायोगिक परीक्षा भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के कार्यालय में आयोजित की गई। यह परीक्षा श्री मुरारीलाल शर्मा और श्री जय भगवान द्वारा ली गई जिसकी आवॉर्ड सीट उसी दिन ऑनलाइन जमा कर दी गयी तथा उसकी प्रति सहित अन्य आवश्यक दस्तावेज़ राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यालययी शिक्षा संस्थान, नोएडा कार्यालय में जमा करा दी गई।

— जय भगवान
Co-ordinator
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Veteran Statistician Shri Prem Chand is no more

A well known Statistician, Evaluator and Adult Educationist Shri Prem Chand took his last breath at his residence in New Delhi on April 3, 2022. Fit and fine even at the age of 88, he was quite involved in writing analytical notes, interpretations and research papers on data related to various developmental yardsticks released by the Govt. of India and other prominent international agencies. He authored four widely referred books in the field of literacy, population education and development statistics out of which two – "Statistical Database for Literacy 2001 by Rural and Urban Areas" and "Status and Trend of Literacy in India (Adult and Youth) Database for Literacy Programmes – 2011" were sponsored by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi. Under his leadership more than 60 evaluation projects assigned by government departments/agencies were successfully accomplished by IAEA across the country.



Shri Prem Chand got associated with IAEA in 1995 when he formally became a Life Member of the Association. His departure has created a void in statistical interpretation of the outcomes of literacy movement in India which will certainly be felt by scholars and academicians in the post 2021 census period. We in IAEA express our sincere homage and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the liberated soul.

Kalam Satyagrah at Bodh Gaya

A day long discussion focusing the State of Education in Bihar entitled "Kalam Satyagrah (कलम सत्याग्रह)" was organized on June 11, 2022 under the leadership of Prof. Sarfaraz Khan, Principal, M.G. College, Magadh University, Bodh Gaya, Bihar. A number of academicians, administrators and educational activists got assembled in the premises of M.G. College to discuss in detail some of the important issues pertaining to the overall growth and development of the state. Dr Madhu, Associate Professor, Political Science, M.G. College welcomed all the participating scholars. While comparing Kalam Satyagrah with famous Chhapra Satyagrah organized by Mahatma Gandhi to make the citizen of India united against oppressive rule of the British, Prof. Vijay Kumar Mithoo, Coordinator of the Programme, explained how this ongoing Satyagrah can be utilized as an effective tool to make people aware of their rights and duties towards nation and creating a knowledge based developed society. Speaking on the occasion Shri A.H.Khan, Associate Secretary, IAEA and In-charge of its Central Zone emphasized the need of skill education and lifelong learning for enhancing the quality of life of each and every individual in the society. Others who shared their views during the discussion included Shri Ranjit Kumar, RIT Engineer, Shri Harinder from Manthar Barachatti, Father Antoniyo from Jeevan Sangum, Bodh Gaya, Shri Ghalib from Patna and Shri Asghar Khan, DPO, SSA Gaya.



— A.H.Khan
Associate Secretary, IAEA

International Women's Day Celebrated by JSS Shimoga



JSS Shimoga organized a "Beneficiaries Meet" on March 5, 2022 at Shikharipura Taluka, Shimoga to celebrate the International Women's Day which was inaugurated by Smt. Bharathi Shetty, Member of Legislative Council and Shri B.Y. Vijayendra, Director of the parent body Swami Vivekananda Vidya Samsthe(R). The meet was also graced by the presence of Smt. S.Y. Aruna Devi, Director and Dr. Gangi Bai, Member, Board of Management, JSS,



Shimoga who handed over the certificates to all the successful beneficiaries. The programme was attended by around 600 beneficiaries from the surrounding areas of Shikharipura Taluka. Participants were also addressed by Shri Suresh Y.Halli and Shri Jivith, HR Manager, Shahi Export Pvt. Ltd. who explained the process to avail a loan from a SHG and availability of job opportunities in the garment sector respectively.

Alumni Meeting of the Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project



Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) is working continuously for the last 15 years for ensuring the holistic development of the inhabitants of neighboring villages, especially the children. During the period it has successfully motivated a large number of children to join the project and gain livelihood skills along with literacy and general awareness. Today a number of its alumni are gainfully employed in different vocations. The success stories thus created have become a source of inspiration for many on one hand and on the other hand, it has brought many accolades for the well wishers, organizers, field functionaries and staff members of the project. The unforgettable memories of struggle of the beneficiaries and cooperation extended by the trainers to overcome the hardships became alive in the first ever Alumni Meeting organized by the project management on March 20, 2022 at Multipurpose Auditorium of GRI in which 57 children from 10 service villages including Annanagar, Indira Colony, Chettiyapatti, Samiyarpatti, Muthampatti, Thopampatti, Melakottai, J.Outhupatti, Moorthinayakanpatti and Melkaraipudur joined and shared the glimpses of their journey till date. The programme was also attended by nearly 25 well wishers including faculty members, project staffs, some parents and family members of married beneficiaries.



The get together started with an interfaith prayer followed by a welcome address by Dr. L. Raja, (Prof. HOD) of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and

the Principal Coordinator of the Gandhigram Crèche and Children's project, an inaugural dance by Ms. A. S. Seetha, Research Scholar of the Department of Lifelong Learning and audio-visual presentation of old photographs and videos.



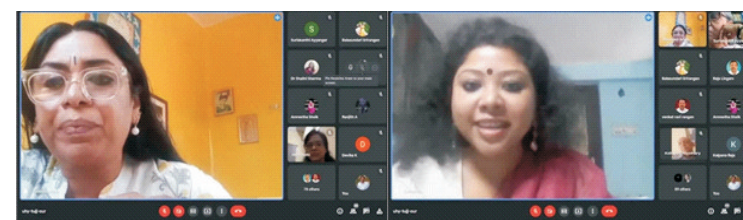
A number of participants including Shri Ranjith from Melkaraipudur, Shri Mamundi from Chettiyapatti, Ms. Mahalakshmi from Indira Colony and Ms. Manimegahalai from Melkaraipudur shared their learning experiences highlighting the way they were continuously motivated by the staff members to overcome hesitations and acquire skills to sail through the hardships. Some of the participants showcased their cultural performance which was appreciated by one and all. On this occasion invited guests Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Smt. M. Annamary Selvi, Balwadi Supervisor and Dr. S. Kavitha Maithily, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science and Coordinator Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, GRI delivered special talks for the benefit of all the stakeholders. Thereafter, Dr. S. Gnana Saranya, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension extended word of thanks to all the children, participants and guests. The programme was concluded with rendering of National Anthem.

Webinar on Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow



The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram in collaboration with Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, University of Delhi and Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai organized a two day webinar on March 9-10, 2022, to celebrate the International Women's day. Eminent academicians Dr. Kezevino Aram, Director, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore; Dr. Antara Ray, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata; Dr. N. Manimegalai, Director & Head, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli and Dr. Varsha Das, Former Chief Editor & Joint Director, National Book Trust, New Delhi delivered special lectures on the theme "Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow" which was decided on the line of UN Theme for International Women's Day 2022. Hosted on Google Meet this webinar was attended by more than 400 scholars and experts through YouTube platform.

The proceedings of the first day of the webinar began with the welcome address delivered by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, In-charge Director, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi followed by the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. S. Balasundari, Associate Professor and Member, Board of Management, School



of English and Foreign Language, GRI. Dr. Balasundari outlined the vital role played by women in the societal development throughout the span of human civilization. On the first day two special lectures were delivered respectively by Dr. Kezevino Aram and Dr. Antara Ray. Speaking precisely on the topic "Can Gender Equality be a Shared Aspiration for Women and Men in the 21st Century? The Role of Evidences, Experiences and Ethics", Dr. Kezevino highlighted some of the major challenges to inclusive development of women in Indian society. She emphasized the need to redefine cultural notions and ethics in order to bridge the gender gap so that the younger generation is able to fulfill their aspirations in a sustained manner. While delivering her lecture on "Women, Political Participation and

Political Culture in Contemporary India" Dr. Antara underlined the lead role played by the elected women representatives in executing various development projects at the grassroots level through Panchayati Raj Institutions. She desired a level playing field for women's empowerment in the country. Dr. A. Suriakanthi, Professor (Retd.), Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, GRI felicitated the first day of the programme while Dr. Kalpana Raja, Field Organizer-cum-Research Assistant, Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI extended the vote of thanks. Both the Master's of Ceremony, Ms. Amreetha and Ms. A.S. Seetha, Department of Lifelong and Extension, GRI played a nice role in keeping the audience engaged and attentive to the deliberations.

The welcome address on the second day of the webinar was delivered by Dr. P. Chitra, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai. Thereafter, Dr. S. S. Vijayanchalli, Professor and Director in-charge, Centre for Women Studies, GRI, delivered the presidential address. Dr. Vijayanchalli attempted to draw a comparative picture of women's empowerment during post and pre-independence period. Underlining the reasons behind



persisting gender inequalities she emphasized the need to develop a pro women mindset in the society. Dr. Manimekalai spoke on the topic of "Economic Participation of women as a key to Sustainable Development". She highlighted the impact of pandemic on women's employment and desired to equip them with technical knowhow and skill training. Dr. Varsha wanted women to play a much bigger political role for their own empowerment. Narrating Mahatma Gandhi's experience of South Africa she desired women in the country to get involved in the process of decision making at every possible level whether it be at home or in society.

The proceeding of the second day was felicitated by Dr. A. Jahitha Begum, Professor and Head, Department of Education, GRI while Ms. Akanksha Singh, Research Scholar, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Balagomala, PDF (UGC), and Ms. Faseela, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Lifelong and Extension, GRI had made the programme lively with their role as Master of Ceremony.

The entire event was coordinated by Dr. S. Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI.

Outreach Activity as part of Centenary Year Celebration Programme of DU



On May 1, 2022, University of Delhi completed 100 years of its establishment. As part of the Centenary Year Celebration Programmes of the University, a group of scholars from the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE) visited Anna Nagar slum area located nearby ITO, New Delhi on May 10, 2022, and had fruitful interaction with the residents. This outreach activity was intended to promote university-community interface and provide the scholars with an opportunity to gain firsthand experience and insight into community work.



Under the supervision of Prof. Rajesh, Head, DACEE a total of 18 students and scholars from the department took part in this outreach activity which was broadly divided into two parts. In the first part, all the visiting scholars watched a documentary film on IAEA followed by an interaction-cum-question answer session with Dr. S.Y.Shah, Honorary Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education; Prof. Rajesh and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, In-charge Director, IAEA. In the second part they visited the slum area of Anna Nagar which has been adopted by the Committee on Education, University of Delhi, under its Institutional Social Responsibility and had one to one interaction with 48 residents mostly the women and children.

The motive behind this community outreach activity is to assess the need of the community in relation to digital literacy, financial literacy, basic and foundational literacy, and to know whether the active community members are willing to volunteer themselves for the developmental activities being conducted by the Association. Hence, opinion was solicited through a questionnaire prepared in the form of "Google - form". All the participating students and scholars got divided into groups having 4-5 members each for conducting this door to door campaign in which they tried to create awareness regarding health and hygiene, the importance of using sanitary pads during menstruation cycle and acquiring skills for their economic well being.



IAEA to start an Awareness-Cum-Skill Training Centre



A team of IAEA comprised of Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and Shri Surendra Singh, Caretaker visited the Anna Nagar Slum area on April 26 and May 13, 2022 to explore the possibility of running a skill training centre for the residents. During these two visits, the team had discussion

with more than 20 persons including Smt. Anjana, an Anganwadi Activist who expressed their willingness for acquiring skill training if it is provided at a nearby location preferably the IAEA office. The enrollment for this proposed awareness-cum-skill training centre has already been started.

श्री कैलाश चौधरी द्वारा स्व. (डॉ.) मनोहर सिंह राणावत की प्रतिमा का अनावरण



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के पूर्व अध्यक्ष तथा नटनागर शोध संस्थान, सीतामऊ के पूर्व निदेशक स्व. (डॉ.) मनोहर सिंह राणावत एक जाने-माने इतिहासकार थे जिनका स्थानीय सामाजिक जीवन में भी एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान था। उनकी पुण्य स्मृति में परिवार के सदस्यों तथा

स्थानीय लोगों के सहयोग से उनके पैतृक गांव भोजलाई (कुचौली), मेवाड़ में एक भव्य शिव मंदिर का निर्माण कराया गया है। साथ ही साथ उनकी प्रतिमा भी स्थापित की गयी है। दिनांक 2 जून 2022 को स्व. राणावत की इस प्रतिमा का अनावरण भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के मुख्य परामर्शदाता श्री कैलाश चौधरी द्वारा किया गया। इस अवसर पर संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, प्रभारी निदेशक श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक, नटनागर शोध संस्थान की प्रभारी निदेशक श्रीमती रेखा द्विवेदी सहित राणावत परिवार के सदस्य एवं बड़ी संख्या में स्थानीय ग्रामीण जन उपस्थित रहे। प्रतिमा का अनावरण करते हुए श्री चौधरी ने उनके महत्वपूर्ण सामाजिक एवं अकादमिक योगदानों को रेखांकित करते हुए कहा कि अपनी कार्यकुशलता एवं इतिहास के क्षेत्र में विशिष्ट अध्ययन व लेखन के लिए स्व. राणावत हमेशा याद किये जाते रहेंगे।