



Gandhian Nipponzan Myohoji, Tamil Nadu and Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai jointly organized a Peace Walk for propagating the message of peace and non-violence from Kanyakumari to Madurai. Participated by dedicated Peace Walkers from Japan, Nepal and different cities of India including Darjeeling, Bangalore, Madurai, Thirnelveli and Gandhigram this Peace Walk began on September 15, 2023 to reach Madurai on October 2, 2023. It began with the pronouncement of the mantra "NA MU MYO HO REN GE KYO" in Japanese language which means "Peace for the World - I bow to the divine nature of all living beings".

Organized as part of 154th Gandhi's Birthday celebration programme this walk started from the Gandhi Mandapam located in Kanyakumari, the place of confluence of the three oceans – Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. On September 23 the peace walkers visited the World Peace Tower at Sankaran Kovil, unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and set the foundation stone for the Fuji Guruji - Gandhiji Exhibition. The walk was concluded on October 2, 2023



at the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai. During the 293 km long pathway the walkers met a large number of common people living along the road side, functionaries of religious institutions and several well wishers of Gandhi and Gandhian thought. Reverend Istani Buddha Bhikkshu too joined the peace walk at the age of 84 which was truly encouraging for all.

Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi along with Shri C. Seerangan, Ph.D Scholar, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University also accompanied the peace walkers for two days towards its conclusion. The walk instilled a lot of enthusiasm among the participants and captured memorable episodes. A student named Bose pursuing his school education (7th standard) when asked the motto behind his participation, he said, "I wish the whole world to live in peace and without having any war and violence".

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### Sadhbhavna Manch formed at Gaya for Maintaining Peace

While celebrating Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary on October 2, 2023 a meeting was jointly convened in the premises of Millet Hospital complex by Jamaet-e-Islami Hind, Islamic Information-cum-Inter-religious Dialogue Centre and some other social organizations located in Bodhgaya in which a Sadhbhavna Manch was formed with the objective to work together for creating a suitable environment for a peaceful society.

The meeting was attended by known academicians and social activists including Prof. Masroor Ahmad, Ex-HoD, Department of Physics, M. G. College, Gaya, Prof. Shamiul Haque, Shri Khursheed Ahmad Khan, former Principal, M. G. College, noted business man Shri Manav Kumar, Social Worker Shri Vikas Kumar and Prof. A. H. Khan, Secretary, Inter-faith Forum and Associate Secretary, IAEA, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Masroor Ahmad and compared by Shri Eqlhaque Ahmad Khan, Faculty Member, DIET Aurangabad.

### Obituaries

**Dr. Bhoumik Deshmukh**, Retd. Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Pune, Maharashtra passed away on October 11, 2023 due to a fatal heart attack.



**Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair**, former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala and Patern, Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation breathed his last on January 1, 2024. He was a leading academician in the field of adult and lifelong education in India who enjoyed a very lively relation with contemporary adult educators in the country.



We in IAEA express our heartfelt condolences to both the departed souls.

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## Indian Adult Education Association

### 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham, Coimbatore



The Indian Adult Education Association along with the Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore; Shanti Ashram and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu successfully organized the 64th All India Adult Education Conference from December 13-15, 2023 at the Ettimadai Campus of Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham. Participated by more than 150 delegates representing 14 states of the country this conference witnessed a very rich confluence of academicians, scholars and adult education functionaries. Coming together the delegates discussed extensively on various dimensions of the theme "Role of Higher Education Institutions in National Education Policy 2020 – A Way Ahead" throughout seven plenary sessions to reach meaningful suggestions and recommendations. Organized at a time when adult and lifelong education is undergoing through a transitory phase this conference not only attempted to explore innovative ideas but also tried to raise issues of concern for adult and lifelong education in present scenario.

#### Inaugural Session

The 64th All India Adult Education Conference began with a grand Inaugural Function held in the Amritheshwari Hall of Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham on December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry who lighted the Ceremonial Lamp along with Swami Ajamritananda Puri, Mata



Amritanandamayi Math; Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham; Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural function began with the rendering of the National Anthem followed by Tamizh Thai Vazhthu, the state "prayer song" of Tamil Nadu. Thereafter, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean-Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham welcomed all the dignitaries and the delegates coming from different parts of the country to attend the national conference.



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Delivering the inaugural address Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan said, "I am here just because of the blessings of Amma and it is certainly a historic moment in my life". While quoting a few memorable anecdotes from her own life she requested the academic fraternity to read the NEP 2020 document under the light of our collective desire to realize the cherished goal of becoming a developed nation by the year 2047 when India will be celebrating the centenary year of its independence. It's the duty of the teachers today to understand the tone of the future students who dream to become self-reliant and desire to dominate the world scenario, she said. Emphasizing the linguistic approach Dr. Soundararajan reiterated the need of providing education in the mother tongue and said that the provisions of NEP 2020 need to be implemented in its totality and with full vigour in order to enable our students to acquire skills and excellence at par. Applauding Prime Minister's approach to provide opportunities to the students coming from the disadvantaged sections of society, Dr. Soundararajan said that they also have the ability to excel which needs to be realized for achieving the SDG goals.



Speaking on the occasion Shri K.C. Choudhary highlighted some of the major turning points in the evolution of adult and lifelong education as an independent discipline of study in the country and traced, in brief, the history of All India Adult Education Conferences being organized under the aegis of IAEA so far. The first All India Adult Education Conference was organized in Bhagalpur, Bihar which led to the birth of the Indian Adult Education Association in 1938, he said. He requested the scholars attending the conference to utilize the opportunity for expanding horizons of the subject and enrich the movement for empowering the people.



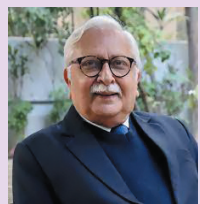
Addressing the delegates and members of academic fraternity assembled on the occasion Dr. Bhavani Rao explained in details the five pivotal concepts of Amma's vision of education and the way students can live a life upto their own expectation while contributing their best for the development of the nation. Quoting the words of Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi 'Amma', Dr. Rao said that 'life' and 'leaving' are not the same. We all are endowed with immense energy and ability however; very often we fail to realize the same. She requested the students to read and imbibe the basic percepts of Amma's vision for their holistic development.



Dr. Kezovino Aram said that the All India Adult Education Conferences can be treated as 'moving conferences' which have played a vital role in popularizing the concept of adult education and motivating people

### Keynote Address on "Socially Responsible Higher Education in India: Integrating Lifelong Learning for All"

Delivering the keynote address in hybrid mode Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, underlined the redefining missions of higher education and desired that in the changing world scenario higher education should move from teaching to enabling learning, from research to knowledge production and mobilization and from extension to engaged partnership. He said that the current National Education Policy Framework should be flexible,

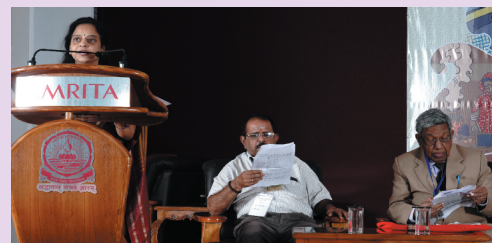


to join their hands for the successful implementation of AE programmes in the country. She categorically put forth a global vision of lifelong learning and requested all to utilize NEP 2020 for furthering the same in our own context.

The Vote of Thanks in the Inaugural Session was extended by Prof. L. Raja who whole heartedly thanked Amma for showering her blessings to the cause of the promotion of adult and lifelong learning in the country. He also expressed his gratitude towards each and everybody present on the occasion for making the 64th AIAEC a great success.



Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA was also on the dais who along with Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA honoured the dignitaries on the dais with Shawl.



multi-disciplinary and targeted towards developing socially responsible global citizenship where competencies for work should be the key word.

The session was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult Education, New Delhi & Former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) while Dr. R. Venkata Ravi extended the Vote of Thanks. Dr. Tandon was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik.

## भा.प्रौ.शि.सं. की मध्य प्रदेश ईकाई द्वारा कैरियर काउंसलिंग संगोष्ठी का आयोजन



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की मध्य प्रदेश ईकाई द्वारा दिनांक 25 सितंबर 2023 को क्रिस्टिना कान्वेंट उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय, शांतिनगर, महूगांव में एक कैरियर काउंसलिंग संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया जो इस श्रृंखला का चौथा आयोजन था। संगोष्ठी के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने कहा कि हमारी कोशिश



आगामी शैक्षणिक सत्र में सामान्य परिवारों से आने वाले महु तहसील के बच्चों को देश के जाने-माने विश्वविद्यालयों में प्रवेश दिलाने हेतु सक्षम बनाना है। तत्पश्चात काउंसलर के तौर पर उपस्थित भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के संयुक्त सचिव श्री मृगाल पंत द्वारा विज्ञान, गणित, कॉमर्स एवं आर्ट्स के परम्परागत पाठ्यक्रम, लिबरल आर्ट्स और नवीन वोकेशनल पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान की गई। उन्होंने भरसक प्रयास किया कि देश के ख्याति

प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालयों में संचालित भारी-भरकम फीस वाले पाठ्यक्रमों के समतुल्य न्यूनतम फीस पर संचालित वैकल्पिक पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान की जाय। श्री पंत ने अलग-अलग स्तर की शैक्षणिक योग्यता, क्षमता और रुचि अनुसार एवं कम अथवा ज्यादा अंक लाने वाले विद्यार्थियों का विभिन्न प्रकार की संभावनाओं से साक्षात्कार कराया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता विद्यालय के चेयरमैन श्री एन.के. रावत ने की। इस अवसर पर भा.प्रौ.शि.सं. के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, श्री यश रावत एवं प्राचार्य श्रीमती वाकोडे भी मंचासीन थे। सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत संस्था के चेयरमैन श्री रावत द्वारा एवं संचालन श्रीमती ललिता शर्मा व आभार प्रदान श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोडे द्वारा किया गया।

### Visitors

Smt. Nishat Farooq, Executive Member of the Association visited IAEA on October 9, 2023 and presented a coffee table publication entitled "The End of Darkness the Untold Story of State Resource Centre, Delhi its work on Adult Literacy" to Shri K.C. Choudhary, Dr. L.Raja and Prof. S.Y.Shah which was based on the findings of the study undertaken by her on the journey and achievements of State Resource Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.



Prof. (Dr.) Ajimon George, Principal and Dr. Hari, Director, Extension and Lifelong Learning, Marian College, Kuttikkanam visited IAEA on October 20, 2023 to meet Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. During the discussion both of them briefed about various activities being conducted by the department of lifelong learning.



### Skill Convocation Ceremony at JSS Shimoga



Skill Convocation Ceremony known as "Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh" was celebrated by the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Shimoga on October 12, 2023 at its own premises. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Shri B.Y. Raghavendra, Member of Parliament, Shimoga, Karnataka. The programme was also graced by the presence of Prof. S. B. Kamalakar, Chairman, JSS & Retd. Deputy Registrar, Kuvempu University; Shri Amarnath H, Lead District Divisional Manager, Shimoga and Smt. S. Y. Aruna Devi, Director, JSS, Shimoga. As part of the ceremony certificates were distributed to the beneficiaries of Data Entry Operator and Sewing Machine Operator, trainings conducted under Skill Hub Initiative at Shikaripura Training Center. The Convocation was concluded with extending best wishes to the beneficiaries for a successful and self-reliant journey in the future.

— Sumana M  
Programme Officer, JSS



# बाल महोत्सव 2023



## उद्घाटन समारोह

प्रतिवर्ष बाल महोत्सव समिति, महु द्वारा भारत के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री प. जवाहरलाल नेहरू के जन्मदिन 14 नवंबर (बाल दिवस) के उपलक्ष्य में बाल महोत्सव धूमधाम से मनाया जाता है। इस भव्य कार्यक्रम में विद्यालयीन छात्र-छात्राओं को विभिन्न, प्रतियोगिताओं के माध्यम से अपनी प्रतिभा प्रदर्शित करने हेतु उचित मंच प्रदान किया जाता है।

43वें बाल महोत्सव 2023 का शुभारंभ 14 नवंबर बाल दिवस को प्रातः 9 बजे ड्रीमलैण्ड चौराहा स्थित नेहरू प्रतिमा पर किया गया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता समाजसेवी श्री राधेश्याम वियाणी ने की एवं मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री जयसिंह पंवार, प्राचार्य, श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय ने कार्यक्रम को गरिमा प्रदान की। इस अवसर पर समिति के अध्यक्ष एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में अतिथियों द्वारा प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री पं. नेहरू की प्रतिमा पर माल्यार्पण कर श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित किये गये। साथ ही समिति द्वारा महु के पूर्व विधायक, उद्योगपति तथा समाजसेवी स्व. श्री आर. सी. जाल को भी उनके जन्म दिन पर नमन किया गया। समिति की ओर से स्व. जाल के चित्र पर उनके परिजन श्री दिनेश सेठ एवं पूर्णिमा सेठ द्वारा माल्यार्पण कर उन्हें नमन किया गया।

श्री पंवार ने अपने संक्षिप्त एवं सारगर्भित उद्बोधन में बाल महोत्सव समिति के आयोजन पर सभी आयोजकों को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि यह कार्यक्रम महु की पहचान के रूप में विगत 42 वर्षों से लगातार आयोजित किया जा रहा है। राजनीति से परे बच्चों की उन्नति हेतु किया जाने वाला यह कार्यक्रम जन सहयोग एवं जन भागीदारी से अपनी यात्रा सुगमतापूर्वक पूर्ण कर रहा है। कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष श्री

वियाणी ने अपने संक्षिप्त संबोधन में चाचा नेहरू के जन्म दिन पर बाल महोत्सव समिति को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि बाल महोत्सव हम सभी विशेषरूप से बच्चों को आधुनिक भारत के निर्माता एवं स्वप्नदृष्टा पं. नेहरू के आदर्शों पर चलने के लिए प्रेरित करता है।

समिति की ओर से अतिथियों के स्वागत के उपरांत महासचिव श्री योगेश मुंदड़ा ने उपस्थित सभी का आभार माना। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल ने किया।

इस अवसर पर बाल महोत्सव समिति के समस्त पदाधिकारी एवं सदस्यगण सहित श्री विमलचंद्र जैन, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री राजेश पाटीदार, श्री दीपक रघुनाथ, श्री अशोक पंवार, श्री हंसराज वर्मा, श्री मोतीलाल सोनी, श्री अकरम खान, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री विक्रमसिंह शेखावत, श्री पवन जैन, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री अजय यादव के साथ-साथ महु शहर के अनेक गणमान्य नागरिक उपस्थित रहे।

## एकल नृत्य प्रतियोगिता

43वें बाल महोत्सव के पांचवें दिन प्राथमिक स्तर की एकल नृत्य स्पर्धा छावनी परिषद उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय में आयोजित की गई जिसकी अध्यक्षता सुश्री रुचि सोडानी ने की। इस अवसर पर विशेष अतिथि के रूप में सुश्री वंदना मिश्रा एवं सुश्री दिव्या दुबे उपस्थित रहीं। तीन घंटे चली इस प्रतियोगिता में बच्चों ने विभिन्न शैलियों में नृत्यों की रंगारंग प्रस्तुतियां दी, जिसमें 25 विद्यालयों के छोटे-छोटे बच्चों ने नृत्यकला का प्रदर्शन कर दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया एवं वातावरण को नृत्यमय कर दिया। प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत विद्यालय



के प्राचार्य श्री विशाल श्रीवास ने किया। स्पर्धा में श्रुषि वेली एकेडमी की प्रिया सागर 'काल वेलिया' में नृत्य प्रथम स्थान, न्यू स्टार स्कूल की कुमारी परीशा खान ने 'गरबा डांस' पर प्रस्तुति देते हुए द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया तथा जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ विद्यालय की तनिष्का परदेशी ने 'उड़ीसी' पर मनमोहक प्रस्तुति देकर तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। इस स्पर्धा के निर्णायक मंडल में सुश्री सोनाली गर्ग, सुश्री मीनू डोली एवं सुश्री रूपल मेठी सम्मिलित थीं। कार्यक्रम का संचालन विद्यालय की श्रीमती विनीता नायडू एवं आभार प्रदर्शन समिति के उमेश खण्डेलवाल ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समन्वय श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, मनीषा डेनियल, श्री रविशंकर दुबे, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम एवं श्री अजय यादव ने किया।

## रंगोली प्रतियोगिता



माध्यमिक स्तर की रंगोली प्रतियोगिता श्री माहेश्वरी उ.मा. विद्यालय में आयोजित की गयी। प्रतियोगिता में 21 विद्यालयों के 42 छात्र-छात्राओं ने विभिन्न रंगों के माध्यम से रंगोली को उकेरा। स्पर्धा श्री कमल जी मुंदड़ा व राजकुमारी अग्रवाल के आतिथ्य में एवं निधि हर्षवाल की अध्यक्षता में सपन्न हुई। अतिथियों एवं निर्णायकों का स्वागत विद्यालय परिवार की ओर से प्राचार्या श्रीमती रागिनी सोमराजन ने किया। प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक का दायित्व हर्षिता सेनी, सोनाली गोयल एवं शिल्पा जी सोडानी ने निभाया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन एवं आभार श्रीमती भागवती शर्मा ने माना। कार्यक्रम का समन्वय श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, स्वाति विजयवर्गीय, दिनेश जादम ने किया। इस स्पर्धा में श्रुषि वेली एकेडमी की दिशा धोप्टे प्रथम, श्री एकेडमी की विभा पाटीदार द्वितीय तथा फाउण्डेशन स्कूल की चहिता पाटीदार तृतीय स्थान पर रहीं।

— कमलेश मिश्रा  
प्रवक्ता

## 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. K. Ramachandran



The 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture was delivered by none but Prof. K. Ramachandran, a key member involved in the drafting of the National Education Policy 2020. It was interesting to note that Prof. Ramachandran happens to be the only member in the Drafting Committee of NEP 2020 who was also a key functionary in the Drafting Committee of the previous New Education Policy 1986. He happens to be the Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).

Delivering the 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture on "Transformative Initiatives in Higher Education" Prof. Ramachandran recalled those three occasions – Convocation Address, the University of Mumbai (earlier known as University of Bombay), 1967; Osmania University, Hyderabad in 1968 and in later years in Annamalai University when he

witnessed Dr. Zakir Husain, the then President of India delivering lectures on the vision and mission of higher education in India. Prof. Ramachandran said that transformation of education system, qualitative improvement and controlled growth were the three key ideas on which Dr. Zakir Husain always used to emphasize. Today when we are looking ahead to realize the cherished goal of becoming a developed nation by the year 2047 as pronounced by the Prime Minister of India, we must know that we are moving ahead in continuity of what Dr. Zakir Husain used to think for the future of Indian Education System. To him qualitative improvement in education meant – higher investment, policies and programmes for developing quality teachers, visualizing a curriculum that can match the expectation of the society and extension activities which motivate students to play active role in societal development.

Prof. Ramachandran in his almost two-hour long deliberation detailed the nuances of NEP 2020 and said that the vision of a develop nation cannot be realized unless otherwise we achieve cent-percent literacy for the nation. Referring to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan's intervention in the field of agriculture to overcome grain shortage in the India, China's effort to eradicate illiteracy.... he said that there are numerous incidents to quote where

motivated leadership has achieved impossible targets. The need of the day is to produce youth equipped with multi-dimensional skills and having unflinching problem solving attitude. He said that the NEP 2020 has been conceptualized to transform our educational institutions to match our expectations. The higher education institutions in the country should offer flexible and multi-disciplinary education where students have choices to opt major and minor subjects according to their will and future vision. He said that lifelong learning is a must for enhancing skills and empowerment of each and every citizen of the country. His advice towards our institutions was to adopt the vision propounded through NEP 2020 in its totality. He suggested that Indian Adult Education Association may take a lead and rename itself as the Association for Lifelong Learning.

Prof. Ramachandran addressed and replied a number of questions raised by the delegates. The enthralled audience gave a standing ovation to the veteran teacher widely referred as a **Living Encyclopedia of Education**.

At the beginning Prof. Ramachandran was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA while the session was presided over by Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

## Parallel Sessions

Altogether there were seven parallel sessions in which a total of 27 papers were presented by participating delegates.



**Chairman:** Dr. Rajesh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi  
**Co-Chairman:** Prof.(Dr.) D. Uma Devi, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati  
**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Gopika V. S & Sree Lekshmi K, Department of MSW, Amrita

## Papers Presented:

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Indian Higher Education System for Sustainable Development – An Exploratory Study In The Light of NEP: 2020	Dr. Geeta Mishra Prof Rajesh
2.	Upgrades with Chat GPT AI - Understanding the Undeniable Future of Learning and the Unavoidable Patterns of Concern	Renab Narayanan P T Lakshmy Das
3.	Mobilizing Rural Communities for Sustainable Development: A Non-Governmental Organization Implementation Strategy in Focus	Lakshmy Das Rangasami P
4.	Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality Through National Educational Policy	Amrutha Modcy



**Group-II**



**Chairman:** Dr. P.A. Reddy, former Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SV University, Tirupati  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA  
**Rapporteurs:** Megha B. Nair & Akhila L. Prasad, Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Adult Education and the Role of Higher Education Institutes in the Light of National Education Policy New India Literacy programme	Dr. Shamim Akhtar
2.	Factorial Analysis of Individualized Yoga Therapy Strategies for Effective Treatment in Yoga Teaching Methodology: A Case Study Overview	B. Senthil Kumar Dr. Sushrutha.S Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi

**Group-III**



**Chairman:** Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, former HOD, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Asha Patil, former Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SNDT University, Mumbai  
**Rapporteurs:** Manisha R. Pillai & Rahul S., Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Role of Volunteerism for Implementing National Education Policy - 2020	Letginlen Doungel
2.	An Analysis of Volunteerism and Adult Education in India with Focus on NEP 2020	KM Tanu

**Group-IV (a)**

**Chairman:** Prof. V. Reghu, former Controller of Examination, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional

Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal



**Rapporteurs:** Aparna T. & Athira TN, Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Digital Saaksharta Ki Yuva Varg Main Jagrukta ki Aawaskyata	Dr. Saurabh Mishra
2.	The Impression of Technological Advancement on the Livelihood of Women Agricultural Workers	Samuel Paul Raj. S

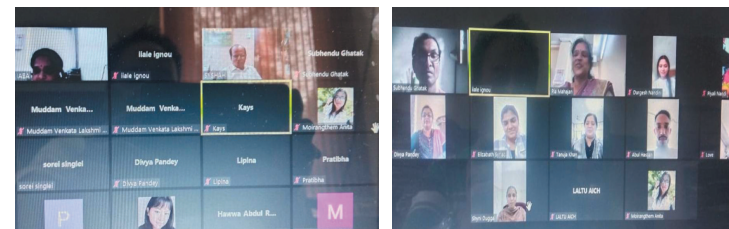
**Group – IV (b)**



**Chairman:** Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, GRI  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal  
**Rapporteurs:** Anjali S & Vinaya V M  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Preserving India's Cultural Tapestry: A Holistic Approach through the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Innovative Educational Platforms	Malavika Nair
2.	An analysis of Life Values outlined in the National Education Policy-2020 in relation to Valmiki Ramayana	Sarath Edathil Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi
3.	Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality Through National Educational Policy	Amrutha Modcy
4.	Digital Learning as a Tool to Promote Mental Well-being in Adolescents	Malavika Raghu Aiswarya H Dr. Rangaswami
5.	Artificial Intelligence & Chat GPT Advantages & Challenges in Higher Education Institutions	A. Ancy & K.Yamuna
6.	Bharat Main Digital Saaksharta Ka Abhav evam Mahilaoun Ko Digital Saaksharta Main Protsahan	Indrajeet Singh

**IIALE IGNOU Study Centre conducted Online Workshop**



The IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P) under International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education successfully organized a 12 day online workshop for all the first year students across the country pursuing Master of Arts in Adult Education (MAAE) and Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education (PGDAE) from September 23 to October 4, 2023 at LSC 29049(P). In all 24 students from 10 Regional Centres viz 8 from RC Delhi-2 and another 16 from 9 other RCs including one each from RC Delhi-1, RC Chandigarh, RC Agartala, RC Bhopal, RC Jabalpur and RC Srinagar; 3 each from RC Imphal and RC Kolkata and 4 from RC Vatakara, Kerala attended the workshop. Altogether there were 41 academic sessions including 4 panel discussions to cover all the important topics of study as prescribed in the curriculum designed specifically for the first year students. The workshop was planned in a way to provide the students an opportunity to share their opinion and gain experience while doing community and institution based practical work.



The workshop began with the introductory speech delivered by Prof. S.Y.Shah in which he explained the way scholars should utilize the academic discussions held during different sessions for developing a better understanding about adult and lifelong education. Apart from inaugural session there were 41 academic sessions which were covered by following 19 Resource Persons coming from different universities and institutions:

1. Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) & former Professor JNU, New Delhi.

2. Prof. Rajesh, Professor & Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
3. Dr. V.Mohankumar, former Additional Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA.
4. Dr. M.V.Lakshmi Reddy, Associate Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, Assistant Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
6. Dr. D Uma Devi, Reader, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
7. Dr. Aparna Khanna, Associate Professor, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Vandana Sisodia, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
9. Dr. Vivek Nagpal, Senior Consultant, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), New Delhi.
10. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge, IGNOU Study Centre & In-charge Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
11. Shri M.L.Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
12. Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
13. Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
14. Dr. Deepak Goswami, Research Officer (Social), National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), GoI.
15. Shri Nitish Anand, Research Scholar & Guest Faculty, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
16. Shri Rohit Nainwal, Consultant, Cell for National Centre for Literacy, NCERT, New Delhi.
17. Ms. Arunima Chauhan, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
18. Ms. Pratibha, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
19. Shri Letginlen Doungel, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.

The speakers systematically dealt with the topics given so that students pursuing courses in online mode can clarify their doubts and utilize the opportunity for consolidating their understanding about adult and lifelong learning. All the participants could avail a chance for face-to-face interaction with peer group, academic counsellors and other resource persons. During the workshop all the students were given different assignments including writing a research proposal, developing teaching/learning material for non/neo literates, drafting of a Memorandum of Association for registering NGO/Trust and development of Directory of Academicians and Resource Persons for professional networking.

Entire workshop was planned and conducted by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Assistant, IGNOU Study Centre.



# James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023



The James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023 entitled "Letting No One Behind: The Importance of Five Capitals of Learning in Reflexive Modernity" was delivered by Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama, Director, Adult Continuing Education, University College Cork, Ireland and the Chair of ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub which is an official network for University Cooperation in Lifelong Learning Research between Asia and Europe. Organized by the International Institute of Adult & Lifelong Education, New Delhi on December 4, 2023 at Conference Hall, IAEA, New Delhi this annual academic venture was attended by many eminent academicians and scholars from different universities. The programme was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi and former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling.

The programme was attended by many eminent academicians including Dr. L. Mishra, former DG, NLMA & former Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, GOI; Prof. K. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA); Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi; Dr. Soren Ehlers, Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Addl. Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA, Dr. A. Mathew, Editorial Consultant, IJAE & former Senior Fellow, NIAE; Dr. Mridula Seth, Vice President, The Richmond Fellowship Society (India) Delhi Branch; Dr. Anita Dighe, Director, Faculty of Distance Education at Himgiri Nabh Vishwavidyalaya,

Dehradun, Uttarakhand; Smt. Nishat Farooq, former Director, SRC, JMI; Prof. Anita Priyadarshini, Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, IGNOU and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi.

At the very outset Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. Smt. Kaushik not only highlighted the academic journey of Prof. Tuama but also underlined the major interventions made by him towards the furtherance of adult and lifelong learning in Asian and European countries. Thereafter, Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning and former Professor, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi detailed in brief the contributions of James A. Draper and some of the memorable chapters of his association with luminaries of adult education in India specially those associated with the Indian Adult Education Association. Prof. Shah also highlighted the profound vision that Draper had for the evolution of adult and lifelong learning in India. He said that James A. Draper was very particular about documenting his visits in India and the core content of his interaction with academicians here. It is definitely a challenging task for the young scholars pursuing research in the field of adult and lifelong learning to read, decipher the message and utilize it properly in their research work.



Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama said that it was truly an honour and a privilege for him to deliver the James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023 in the presence of many of the veterans who

had the chance to deliver this lecture before him like Dr. L.D. Mishra, Prof. N. K. Ambasht and Prof. Soren Ehlers. Began with some of the major problems and challenges being faced by the institutions, academicians and practitioners of adult and lifelong learning across the Asian and European countries, Prof. Séamus tried to explain how the concept of Five Capitals of Learning in Reflexive Modernity can be a major intervention for removing the road blocks. Analyzing the natural way of academic development Prof. Séamus said that Seed Capital, Identity Capital, Social Capital, Cultural Capital and Human Capital of Learning in Reflexive Modernity put together systematically help us to understand the growth trajectory of an individual or specific set of population and allow us to intervene properly so that they are enabled to continue their journey. He said that while the Seed Capital represents the baseline of which the learner starts, the Identity Capital reflects upon individual's self-esteem and dignity as a member of a community which plays a vital role in understanding the way an adult need to be assisted with additional help.



A number of participants raised queries specifically Dr. L. Mishra who wanted to know how the concept promoted by Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama can be contextualize to Indian perspective.

The vote of thanks was extended by Prof. N.K. Ambasht who thanked everybody on behalf of IAEA and said that the discussion held on the day would certainly pave the path for a more in-depth deliberation on the topic.

## Group – V



**Chairman:** Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Worker, GRI  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Harish S, Associate Secretary, IAEA  
**Rapporteurs:** Devika G S & Gopika Rajan  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Skilling Need of Youth in West Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya	B.S. Lyngdoh
2.	Rural Self Employment Training Institutes - A Step Forward for Community Development through Skill Training	Seetha A. S
3.	Role of Vocational Education Programmes in Employability of Students through Skill Development - A Case study of The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed To Be University	Maheshkumar S Soundarapandian M
4.	Skills for Community Development	Fr. Bobichan George
5.	Preservation, Cultural Sustenance, and Artistic Revival	Sandhya C D'Souza

## Group – VI



**Chairman:** Dr. Gorakh Nath Kamble, Kolhapur University, Maharashtra  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA  
**Moderator:** Dr. Kanagaraj S, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetha  
**Rapporteurs:** Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair

## Papers Presented:

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Low Skilled Migrant Labours and Coverage of Adult Education Programmes: An Empirical Study National Capital Territory of Delhi	Siya Bihari KM Tanu
2.	Empowering Student Well-Being Through Stress Education and Management with Yoga: A Review Paper Highlighting the Significance of Integrating these Practices	Chirag S Hakked
3.	Universalisation of Early Childhood Care and Education in India: A Study	Aiswarya H Malavika Raghu Dr Asha Priya T
4.	Unveiling the Silent Suffering: Exploring Eve Teasing and Molestation of Young Men in Trivandrum District, Kerala	Ms.Malavika M S Dr. Kanagaraj S Ms.Remya Ramesh
5.	Examining the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Eliciting Future Career Anxiety among College Students: A Brief Analysis"	Dhanya Anirudhan Madhavaram T Dr. P. Rangasami Rajeev R Amakrishnan
6.	Navigating AI in Higher Education: Unveiling Opportunities and Risks through the Prism of Chat GPT	Rameshwar Gupta, Pawan Sahu Geetanjali Baswani

## Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion



The outcomes of all the 7 parallel sessions held during the conference were summarized by the respective Rapporteurs in a plenary session held on December 14, 2023. Sree Lekshmi K, Akhila L Prasad, Rahul S, Athira TN, Gopika Rajan, Anjali S & Vinaya V M and Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair all scholars from the Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham beautifully presented the crux of the opinion emerged during the sessions reported by them which was appreciated by both the Chairman and the delegates. This session was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi while Prof. Rajesh, Head, DACEE, University of Delhi was the Co-Chairman.

## Cultural Programme



A cultural programme was held in the evening on 13th December 2023 at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita





Vishwa Vidyapeetham in which delegates as well as a number of students of Department of Social Work and members of the Natya Sudha Team, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham presented their performances which not only reflected the rich culture of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country but also amused and enthralled all the delegates assembled there. The cultural programme was coordinated by Dr. R. Venkata Ravi.

### Meeting of Recommendation & Declaration Drafting Committee



Prior to the valedictory session the members of recommendation and declaration committee including Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi; Dr. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education & Extension, University of Delhi; Prof. V. Reghu, Former Controller of Examinations, RGNID, Govt. of India; Dr. Asha Patil, Former, Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education & Extension Work, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and Prof. (Dr.) D. Uma Devi, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati met to discuss and finalize the suggestions, recommendations and declaration of the conference.

### Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was dedicated to thanks giving and presentation of the Coimbatore Declaration. Delivering the



welcome address in the valedictory session Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI expressed his gratitude towards the key functionaries of the three collaborating institutions for identifying the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for conducting the prestigious conference. This session was presided over by Dr. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association who whole heartedly thanked each and every delegate specifically the scholars of the Department of Master of Social Work, Amrita for their sincere and quality academic participation throughout all the working sessions. Thereafter, as a mark of respect mementos was offered on behalf of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham to each of the dignitaries present on the dais.

**The Coimbatore Declaration 2023** was read by Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi which says,



"We, the delegates of the 64th All India Adult Education Conference, collectively affirm our commitment to actively contribute to the successful implementation of NEP 2020. As stakeholders, in the education ecosystem, we pledge to support initiatives that align with the policy's vision and objectives.

The Higher Education Institutions need to diversify the courses to create manpower in the field of Lifelong Learning. Prior learning needs to be the base for the certification, identification and promotion of skills through

vocational education at various levels through industry linkage. The value and ethical education should be the base for education at all levels.

This declaration is a testament to our shared responsibility in shaping the future of education, fostering a culture of learning that empowers individuals and contributes to the social progress envisioned by NEP 2020."

The valedictory session was concluded with rendering the National Anthem. Prior to that Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi extended the Vote of Thanks to each and every member of the Amrita family for making the conference a great success. He thanked all the speakers specifically Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry; Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education; Prof. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA); Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE and all the Chairpersons and Co-chairpersons of seven working sessions for providing vision, guidance and motivation which attributed immensely to the success of the conference. He also extended vote of thanks to the faculty members, non-teaching staff and other functionaries of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as well as all the delegates for making the 64th All India Adult Education Conference a remarkable episode in the ongoing journey of adult and lifelong education in the country. Shri Khandelwal thanked all the Executive Members and members of the staff of IAEA specifically Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA for taking care of each and every important aspect essential for the success of the conference.

### Executive Committee Meeting



The Executive Committee meeting of IAEA was held on December 13, 2023 at Saraswati Hall, Amrita Vishwa

Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja which was participated by 15 members. The EC confirmed the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting held at IICP, Kolkata on April 5, 2023. It also approved the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 and the report of programmes and activities conducted by the Association during the period April to November, 2023. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

The committee condoled the death of Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, Dr. Chris Duke, Dr. Farasat Hussain, Shri Hatim Ali, Smt. Kiran Pant, Dr. K. Kathita Hatibaruah and Dr. Bhoumik Deshmukh and observed one minute silence for the departed souls.

### Council Meeting



The Council meeting of IAEA was held at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore on December 14, 2023 which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Held in blended mode the meeting was attended by 19 members which confirmed the minutes of last Council meeting held on December 18, 2021. The Council also approved the Plan of Action of the Association for the year 2024-2025.

### General Body Meeting



The General Body meeting of the Association was also held at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 14, 2023 which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Attended by 112 members the meeting confirmed the minutes of last GB meeting held online on December 18, 2021 and adopted the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2022. It also adopted the Audited Statement of Accounts of the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

### Diwali Celebration 2023



A get together was organized on November 8, 2023 to celebrate Deepawali, the festival of lights. Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE wished a very happy and prosperous Deepawali to all present on the occasion. He reiterated the

importance of lifelong learning for one and all and said that the Association has to play very important role in the years to come. The get together was participated by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE; Prof. Rajesh, DACEE, University of Delhi; Dr. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, JNU; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director along with all the members of staff.

Similarly, another get together was organized by the learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre on November 10, 2023. The learners along with the members of the staff of IAEA came together to light Diyas and decorate the premises with



beautiful Rangoli. The programme was planned and conducted by the learners themselves. On this occasion Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA requested the learners to learn skills efficiently so that they can illuminate their own life as well as the family they belong to.