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We are the youngest country with 65 percent of our population below 35 years of age. We are the world's largest democracy and we have a huge domestic market to feed. No country has such an opportunity as India to create jobs with human capital and abundant natural resource!

(Narendra Modi)

The term 'Nation Building' is usually used to refer to the constructive process of engaging all citizens in building social unity, economic prosperity and political stability in an inclusive and democratic way. A Nation is built out of the human intellect and it should be remembered that a Nation cannot be built without the recognition and the collective efforts of all citizens, skilled and unskilled, young and old. Young people are a crucial segment of a Nation's development. Their contributions, therefore, are highly needed as they are the Social Actors of Change; and as the saying goes, "The youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also the partners of today." It is well known that the most vibrant section of every society is the youth. Therefore, the youth have the prerogative of being at the fore-front of any National Exercise.

Youth is that period which is full of energy, ambitions and zest for life. The power or the energy can be used for both constructive and destructive purposes. It is a fact that, a Nation's building is highly dependent on youth. "Youth is that spark which needs no ignition". Youth Leadership skills are relevant to young people's personal development, as well as their role within a group. On a personal level it helps them to analyse their strengths and weaknesses and to set personal and vocational goals. On a group level, youth develop the ability to work with others to create a shared vision and to draw on the talents, skills, and energy of others.

The task of Nation Building is very challenging and can be divided into phases. Ignorance, fear, prejudice and apathy, if left unchecked, are fertile grounds for breeding hatred, extremism, fatalism and fanaticism, which are the root causes of the world's ills. An old Malay proverb says, "Together, people could conquer all peaks and traverse all valleys". One way to inculcate youth leadership is to

make the youth participate in the youth leadership exercises. Youth leadership activities can help contributing to and being involved in promoting the well-being of the community, developing and using a positive attitude within leadership activities, developing strong, trustworthy relationships with responsible adults and peers, interacting and collaborating with individuals from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, participating in a wide array of activities, by maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Accessibility to education and training needs to be enhanced while leadership and skills training, entrepreneurial development and healthy lifestyles program can be carried out extensively to encourage the youth to participate actively in Nation-building. In addition, self-confidence and discipline are positive elements which should be incorporated in the character building program. Apart from producing a productive and disciplined young generation, youth development programmes should continue to focus on skills training and entrepreneurial development to encourage self-employment among youths. Youth should be trained to be resilient and to withstand challenges in a competitive environment through on-the-job training and exposure to real work situations. As the Prime Minister Modi has pointed out, ***If our nation has to progress, and if we wish to add wings to the aspirations of our youth, we need to create enough jobs to employ each & every youngster joining the workforce.***

Let us therefore, acknowledge and celebrate what youth can do to build a safer, more just world. Let us strengthen our efforts to include young people in policies, programmes and decision-making processes that benefit their futures and ours.

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National Youth Day

National Youth Day was celebrated at RGNIYD on 12th January 2016 on the theme “Youth for Nation Building”. The day was celebrated with different activities like Inter-departmental competitions. Inter-collegiate Football Game, Street Theatre Competitions and Panel



Discussion were conducted. The theme of the panel discussion was Youth for Nation Building. Smt. Qudsia Begum Gandhi I.A.S., (Rtd.) was the moderator of the panel discussion. The panelists were Prof Dr. V. B. Athreya, Adjunct Professor, Development Policy and Practice, RGNIYD, who spoke on role of youth in Sustainable Development. Shri. U. Sudhir Lodha Member State Minorities Commission, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, made his



presentation on the role of youth in Citizenship and Civic Engagement. Shri. B. Packia Rajan, Assistant Director, MSME Development Institute, Government of India, Ministry of MSME, Chennai, shared his thoughts on the role of youth in skill development and entrepreneurship.

Release of a book on 12th January 2016 at RGNIYD



The book “Youth Development – Emerging Perspectives”, edited by Dr .Udaya Mahadevan, Dr. Henry Rozario, Dr. K Gireesan and Dr. Rambabu Botcha was released on 12 January 2016 on the National Youth Day at RGNIYD by Smt. Qudsia Begum Gandhi I.A.S., (Rtd.). The edited volume includes selected papers presented in the first National Seminar on Youth Development, held on 26-27 February 2015 at RGNIYD.

Distribution of Laptop to SC & ST Students of RGNIYD by NIEPMD,

The RGNIYD was selected by NIEPMD for distribution of laptop to SC/ST students of RGNIYD considering their progress in education. In this connection, 11 SC and ST Students of RGNIYD were given laptops on 12th January, 2016.

Video Conferencing on Youth and Nation Building with Hon'ble President of India



The Hon'ble President of India addressed the students and faculty members of the Central Universities / Institutes through Video Conference using NKN on Tuesday, the 19th January, 2016 at 12:30 pm. The topic for the address was "Youth and Nation Building". RGNIYD, Institutes of Higher Learning and Probationary Officers at Civil Services Academy interacted with Hon'ble President of India. Ms. Pallavi, Student of Counselling Psychology, RGNIYD interacted in the videoconferencing.

Workshop on Women Connect for Leadership & Change



Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD conducted three workshops on Women Connect for Leadership & Change for SC/ ST Women Faculty of Higher Education at North

Bengal University, West Bengal; Calicut University, Kerala and RGNIYD, Tamil Nadu during 11 - 16 January 2016, 18 - 23 January 2016 and 2 - 8 February 2016 respectively. About 91 faculty members from various colleges and Universities participated in the workshops.

Progress Review of the operationalization of action research projects initiated in selected Gram Panchayats of Kerala

A review was made subsequent to the selection of project staff for the operationalization of the collaborative action research projects launched by the Centre for Policy and Action Research, RGNIYD in December 2015, with the complete financial support from the State Youth Research Centre (SYRC), Kerala State Youth Welfare Board, Govt. of Kerala. It was reported that during the interim period, the project staff visited the Gram Panchayat in Thiruvananthapuram District chosen for the study.

ToT on Youth Employability for SC/ST

Employability entails the capacity to network and market oneself, navigate through a career and remain employable throughout life. To make them employable, the Department of Development Studies conducted a ToT on Youth Employability Skills in collaboration with the Community Agro biodiversity Centre (MSSRF), for 45 SC/ST students (SC- 24: ST-21) at Wayanad, Kerala from 18 - 22nd January 2016. The students were drawn from 13 colleges that are affiliated to Calicut University and Kannur University covering six districts participated in the programme. A similar programme was conducted with Hand in Hand (NGO) at Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu from 25 - 29 January 2016 for 41 SC/ST youth from various colleges in Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu.

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Celebration of 67th Republic Day



The 67th Republic day was celebrated at RGNIYD on 26th January 2016. Ms. Latha Pillai, Director RGNIYD hoisted the Flag and took the guard of honour. Students, Staffs and Faculties of RGNIYD participated in the Republic Day Celebration. The STEPS members performed a street play portraying the contribution of youth leaders for independence.

IDEA SPARK, Central Lecture Theatre (CLT), IIT-Madras

One of the knowledge partners of RGNIYD i.e. CSIE-IIT Madras, conducted an annual competition called IDEA SPARK on 28th January 2016 to nurture technological solutions for social issues among engineering college students from partner institutions. Twenty seven finalists from 9 colleges from Tamil Nadu participated to present their ideas

One-day Awareness Programme on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with CSIE-IIT Madras



The Department of Social Engineering, RGNIYD organised a one-day awareness programme on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship of IIT Madras on 29th January 2016 at RGNIYD. The purpose of the programme was to inform the essence of social innovation to the youth, especially Arts and Science graduates studying in neighbourhood districts. Professor L. S. Ganesh, Former Head of Management Studies, IIT Madras, delivered a keynote address on Social Entrepreneurship.

International Seminar on Agriculture and Rural India after Economic Reforms

An International Seminar on 'Agriculture and Rural India after Economic Reforms' was organized in honour of Prof. Venkatesh B. Athreya by his Ph.D., students jointly with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) at MSSRF, Chennai, during January 29 - 30, 2016. Faculty members, students and Ph.D., Scholars from RGNIYD participated in the programme.

Issues related to Indian Agriculture and Rural Development, Institutional Farming, Agrarian Crisis, Sustainable Development, Food Security and Agricultural Credit were widely discussed and debated by eminent academicians from India and abroad.

Aaakansha Lecture on Gender and Social Inclusion



Aaakansha Lecture on Gender and Social Inclusion was organized by the Department of Gender Studies on Aaakansha Lecture on 3rd February, 2016 at RGNIYD for the faculty and students of RGNIYD. Ms. Annie Namala, Executive Director, Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI), New Delhi delivered the lecture and highlighted the various problems and issues related to Gender and Social Inclusion.

Next Generation Global Leaders Program - Ship for World Youth 2015

Centre for National & International Collaboration, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development coordinated the Port of Call Activities & Next Generation Global Leaders Program – Ship for World Youth 2015 from 9th-12th February 2016. The objective of the program was to broaden the global view of the youth, to promote mutual understanding and friendship as well as to cultivate the spirit of International Cooperation and to enable the youth to develop their competencies to

demonstrate leadership in various areas of the Global Society.

“Nippon Maru” ship from Yokohoma, Japan with 240 Overseas Participating Youth (OPY) with 30 officials from Australia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Chile, India, United Mexican States, New Zealand, Russia Federation, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, & United Arabian Emirates arrived at Chennai Port on 9th February 2016 for the port of call activities.

A traditional welcome was given to the officials and International delegates on 9th February 2016. The Youth delegates visited Kalakshetra, Chennai on 10th February 2016



and witnessed the glimpses of various Arts and Cultural Forms of India. On the same day the Youth

Delegates in teams of 50 visited various Academic and Research Institutions in Chennai.

On 11th February 2016, International Youth Delegates and officials visited RGNIYD and made National Presentations. They also participated actively in the focused group discussions on six identified themes viz., Youth Entrepreneurship, Environment, Disaster Risk Reduction, Information and Media, Education and Community Development.

1st LUIRA PHANIT 2016

Employability Skills Training Programme

The Department of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD began conducting Employability training program for the II Year students with ICTACT, on 5th February 2016.

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This one day programme held on 16th February, 2016 at RGNIYD, RC, Chandigarh witnessed the participation of students from different north eastern states of India. The rationale behind this programme was to unite the students and showcase the cultural heritage they have inherited from their forefathers and respecting the diversity.

PRISM- the academic discourse

The 15th Academic discourse on the topic Uniform Civil Code was held on 26th February, 2016 at RGNIYD. Students of RGNIYD enthusiastically participated in the deliberations on the theme.

Indian Youth Science Congress,

The RGNIYD in collaboration with M. S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) organised 7th Indian Youth Science Congress during 26 - 28 February, 2016 at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The aim of this Science Congress was to provide young scientists a forum for discussion on Science and Technology for a prosperous India and to provide a platform to interact with a galaxy of eminent scientists and policy experts in the field of Science and Technology. During the Congress, eminent scientists addressed the issues on UN Sustainable Development Goals as the theme of this year's Science Congress. The students and faculty from Department of Development Studies,

RGNIYD participated and presented papers in the seminar.

Semester Examination Result declared

As per the Academic Calendar of RGNIYD, the End Semester Examinations were held for the six Academic Programmes of third semester students (2014-16 batch) and five academic programmes of first semester (2015-17 batch). The result was declared in the month of February 2016.

National Seminar on Trends in Counselling Across Life Span



The Department of Applied Psychology organized the first national seminar on trends in counselling across the lifespan on 11th and 12th March 2016 at RGNIYD. The Seminar started with an inaugural program on 11th March 2016 by the Guest of Honour, Dr. S. Karunanidhi, Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, University of Madras. Dr. S. Karunanidhi, the Guest of Honour spoke on the changing trends in the field of Counselling Psychology and underpinned the need for Psychologists and Counsellors to keep abreast of the contemporary developments to suit the requirements of the clients. Dr. C. Ramasubramanian, Founder of the

Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation delivering the inaugural address and spoke on the imperative role of a counsellor in the process of Psychiatric treatment. The seminar continued with 9 scientific presentations by invited speakers covering various aspects of counselling and counselling needs across the life span Viz., Counselling Across the Lifespan.

One Day International Workshop on Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship

To maximise the industrial connectivity and encourage participation in the National Agenda of knowledge building a one day international workshop on innovation and social entrepreneurship was organised by VIT Chennai at its campus on 16th March, 2016 in collaboration with Judge Business School of University of Cambridge and British Council. The students and faculty of Department of Social Engineering took part in the workshop and learnt the key concepts of social enterprise building.

Legal Awareness Programme for SC/ST Girls



The Department of Gender Studies organized two Legal Awareness Programmes for SC and ST Girls at Nirmala College, Ranchi, Jharkhand and Arvind College, Patna, Bihar on 8th March 2016 and 19th March 2016 respectively. The awareness programme deliberated on various legal provisions related

to human trafficking, cyber-crime, basic legal remedies, and domestic violence. A total of 200 SC/ST girls participated in the programme.

NSS Unit of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development

On 20th March, 2016, NSS Unit of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) conducted one-day camp on 'Youth for Watershed'. The theme of the camp was Youth for sustainable development with special focus on watershed Management. The venue of the camp was Sivanthangal ward of Sriperumbudur Town Panchayat, Kanchipuram District.

National Conference on Empowering Adolescent Girls: Understanding Realities and Expanding Capabilities



The Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in partnership with UNICEF organized a two day National Conference on Empowering Adolescent Girls: Understanding Realities and Expanding Capabilities during 22 - 23 March, 2016 at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur. Experts were drawn from various fields representing UN based organizations, INGOs, Mahila Samakhyas, development sector and academics. Hon'ble Justice Mr. V. Dhanapalan was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural function. Hon'ble Justice Mr. Akbar Ali, Former Judge, High Court of Madras delivered the keynote address and highlighted various issues affecting adolescent girls such as early marriage, trafficking, school drop – outs, lack of socio

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economic and political framework to empower. Mr. Job Zachariah, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Chennai delivered the presidential address and highlighted some critical areas such as Health, Compulsory Education up to 18 years, Legal Aspects, Skill and Development, Employability, etc, concerning adolescent girls besides giving statistical inputs relating to the problems of adolescent girls.

2nd Annual National Seminar on Youth Development



The second Annual National Seminar on Youth Development was organized at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) during 30 - 31 March, 2016. Various aspects of youth development were discussed and deliberated viz., promoting a model called youth for inclusive development and inclusive development for youth; maximizing the knowledge base on youth development particularly on inclusive development and role of youth; and evolving eclectic approaches for inclusive development by bringing ideas from various stakeholders

The 2nd National Seminar on Youth Development was attended by participants

from diverse background across the country and youth volunteers from England. The National Seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. P. Vanaganmudi, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Law University, Chennai. In connection with the seminar, panel discussions, thematic sessions, poster making contest session, and cultural evening were organized. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. P. K. Biswas, Director, Institute of Financial Management and Research.

Workshop on Social Harmony and National Unity

A One day workshop was organized by RGNIYD RC Chandigarh in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Study Centre in UIET Department, Punjab University, Chandigarh for 60 school teachers. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among the teachers on importance of establishing harmony with the students in order to guide them effectively to promote the national unity and social harmony.

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Capacity Building Training Programme on Life Skills For SC Youth

RGNIYD and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, jointly organized a three day capacity building training programme on Life Skills for SC Youth at Fathima Nagar, Warangal from 5 - 7 January, 2016. The Programme was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph, Director, Pastoral Centre, Fathima Nagar, Warangal.

Training of Trainers on Social Harmony and National Unity for NSS Programme Officers of Meghalaya



The Training of Trainers Programme for the NSS Programme Officers of Meghalaya was held at NEHU Shillong, Meghalaya, from 5 - 9 January 2016. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Srivastav, Vice Chancellor of NEHU. The Registrar, NEHU and the Programme Coordinator, NSS, Dr. Lakhon Kma. Faculty members from various departments of NEHU participated in the programme and also handled thematic sessions during the training programme.

Confluence on Youth Empowerment



The Confluence on youth empowerment was organized by RGNIYD RC, Chandigarh in collaboration with Flowering Dharma, Tibet House Cultural Centre of H. H the Dalai Lama, New Delhi, North East India Welfare Society, Delhi and Yakjah, Jammu and Kashmir. The topics covered in the confluence were

Philosophy, Psychology and Modern science for a Better Tomorrow for Humanity and Youth Empowerment, Education and Societal Development. Youth from North East, Punjab and Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir actively participated in the confluence.

National Youth Festival

The RGNIYD, RC participated in National Youth Festival, 2016 at Raipur and put a stall to exhibit the academic programmes, trainings, research and other activities of RGNIYD. Over 3500 youth across the country visited the stall and had obtained information about the institute and its programmes.

Workshop on Theatre for Nation



Creativity and imagination are key elements of theatre and viewed as essential skills, not only for the artist, but for people in all walks of life. Theatre offers an experience in learning how to live through experimentation. To cultivate creativity and imagination in youth and to enable them to use it as a tool for Nation Building A seven days' residential theatre workshop was organized at RGNIYD RC Chandigarh. The resource persons of the workshop were Mr. Sonam Stobgais and Ms. Jilmil from National School of Drama (NSD) trained the participants on body language and voice modulation. The participants were drawn from different states like Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. The participants

performed a street play on the second last day on different issues that are adversely affecting the society viz., Dowry, Drug Abuse, Eve-Teasing and Gender Inequality.

Workshop on Leading a Happy and Successful Life, Chandimandir



A workshop on leading a Happy and Successful Life was organized in Chandimandir for 60 youth. At the end of the 5 days the participants were able to find new ways of thinking and developed greater sense of awareness and appreciation for others.

Capacity Building Programme for Strengthening of Decentralised Governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland

A capacity building programme for strengthening of decentralised governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland was organised at Youth Resource Centre Multi-purpose Hall, Wokha District, Nagaland during 14 - 16 January 2016. Resource persons were drawn from Green Foundation, Wokha; Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Nagaland; IYRE, etc., Representatives from VCs and VDBs of Wokha District participated in the programme. Features of Nagaland Village Council Act

(1978), Youth participation in Village councils given importance during the programme.

Training programme on Decentralized Governance for SC/ST Youth

A training programme on Decentralized Governance for SC/ST Youth hosted by RGNIYD with CYSD at Centre for Youth Development (CYSD)-DRTC, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 18 - 22 January, 2016. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Jagadananda, former State Information Commissioner, Odisha. Fifty youth participated in the training and imparted on decentralized governance, youth policies, and the role of youth in development schemes, such as, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Skill India, Digital India, Swachha Bharat Abhiyan, and MGNREGS.

Orientation programme on Financial Management and Raising Capital for the SC/ST youth from Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry



To impart essential Entrepreneurship Skills and to develop interest for entrepreneurship among SC/ST youth, the Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD conducted a two day orientation programme on Financial

Management and Raising Capital for 21 SC/ST youth from Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry on 19 - 20 January, 2016, at RGNIYD. Shri. P. C. Dash, Principal, Indian Bank Management, Academy for Growth and Excellence – IMAGE was the chief guest of the inaugural function. Mr. Sujai Pillai, Entrepreneur and Brand Ambassador for My.Gov.in, was invited as special invitee. Mr. Lenin, Chief Mentor, DICCI, Chennai, delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants.

Capacity Building Training Programme on Life Skills for SC Youth

The RGNIYD and Nehru Yuva Kendra, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, jointly organized a three day “Capacity Building Training Program on Life Skills For SC Youth” at DNSSS, Nellore from 20 - 22 January, 2016. Various thematic sessions were handled by the resource persons during the workshop.

Workshop on Leadership

One day workshop on leadership was organized at RGNIYD RC Chandigarh. The main objective of this workshop was to make the participants aware about the leadership qualities. There were 41 participants from Delhi University who attended this workshop.

Theatre for transformation for SC/ST youth from Tamil Nadu



The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies conducted workshop on Theatre For Transformation for 90 SC/ST youth from Tamil Nadu, from 23 - 26 January, 2016 at Loyola College, Chennai and St. Joseph's college, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. The objectives of the



workshop were to use Theatre Techniques to bring about Personal Empowerment and Social Transformation and to provide opportunities for SC/ST students to explore themselves and become agents of social change. During the workshop participants were trained on Street Theatre and different forms of Folk Arts.

National Day of the Girl Child

The National Girl Child Day 2016 was observed at RGNIYD on 25th January 2016. To commemorate the occasion, a Panel Discussion on Girl Child Issues and Concerns was organized where Ms. Letika Saran IPS, Former DGP, Govt of Tamil Nadu and Ms. Andal Damodaran, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Foundation Inc and Tamil Nadu Chapter & Former President ICCW were the panellists. Ms. Letika Saran highlighted the various atrocities against the girl child. Ms. Andal Damodaran deliberated on the various aspects of child abuse especially of the girl child in the society.

Nearly 100 girl students and teachers from neighbouring schools took part in the programme. Besides, a panel discussion and

cultural programme on the theme Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and various competitions were held on the theme.

Training of Trainers on Life Skills

RGNIYD in collaboration with Quest Alliance conducted a five day residential Training of Trainers on Life Skills at Lungnila Elizabeth School of Social Work (LESSW), Senapati District, Manipur from 25 - 29 January 2016. Fifty four School teachers, College Lecturers, Professors, NGO representatives from Manipur attended this training.

The prime aim of this training programme was to impart knowledge on Life Skills Education to the stakeholders who would in turn replicate the training to the youth.

Skill Training on Regeneration of Handicraft, Paryavaran Prabodhini Development Society

RGNIYD in collaboration with Paryavaran Prabodhini Development Society, Uttarakhand, conducted a five day residential skill training on Regeneration of Handicraft at Tanakpur, Uttarakhand from 25 - 29 January 2016. Fifty youth from Tanakpur, Nainital districts attended this training. The skill training focused on making bamboo lights handicraft.

International Youth Summit, YUVA VARSHAM

RGNIYD extended its support to the State Youth Research Centre, Kerala State Youth Welfare Board, Govt. of Kerala, for the successful conduct of the International Youth Summit, YUVA VARSHAM 2016, at Thiruvananthapuram which was held during 27-29 January, 2016.

During the summit, two technical sessions were organised in which the 'Voice of Youth: Needs, Concerns, Issues, Problems and Priorities' were presented and discussed. Thematic papers were presented by delegates from India and countries abroad viz., Cambodia, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Maldives, United Arab Emirates, and many other countries as well. The elected members of Parliament, Eminent personalities like Dr. Sasi Tharoor, Member of Parliament and former Under Secretary General, United Nations, Legislative Assembly, Local Governments, Academicians, researchers, professionals, youth activists, research scholars and students had participated in the programme. Interactions with young MLAs of Kerala Legislative Assembly and motivational lecture by Shri. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Managing Director, MARKETFED, Govt. of Kerala and Former Director, RGNIYD, on 'Youth Budgeting – A Model Framework', and formulation of a 'Draft Youth Charter' were the major highlights of the Summit. The Chief Minister of Govt. of Kerala, Sri. Oommen Chandy, inaugurated the programme and Smt. P. K. Jayalakshmi, Minister for Youth Affairs, Govt. of Kerala presided over the inauguration ceremony. In his inaugural address, the CM highlighted the unique and innovative measures taken by the Govt. of Kerala aiming at youth development. Dr. K M Chandrasekhar, IAS (Retd.), Vice-Chairperson, State Planning Board, Govt. of Kerala and former Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of India delivered the valedictory address. The Draft Youth Charter was presented by Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD during the summit.

The Inter State Youth Exchange Programme



The Inter State Youth Exchange Programme by RGNIYD in association with NSS Regional Directorate, Ahmedabad and Gujarat University was held from 26 January to 4 February, 2016 at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad in which the 88 participants from all the North Eastern states participated along with 22 participants from Gujarat. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. M. N. Patel, Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University. Dr. R.S. Patel, Dean of School of Education, Dr N P Verma, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS of Gujarat University and Shri Kamal Kumar Kar, Regional Director of NSS, Ahmedabad Region, were also present on the day.

Training programme on Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation

Training programme on Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation was held at CYSD-DRTC, Bhubaneswar Odisha from 27 - 31 January 2016 organized by RGNIYD and CYSD in which 50 youths participated from 11 districts of the state. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Chakradhar Panda, Secretary, Indian Red Cross, Odisha.

Training on Career Assessment

The Department of Applied Psychology organised 3 day training programme on Career

Assessment for Scheduled Caste Students from 28 - 30 January 2016 at RGNIYD. The training programme consisted of six assessment tools to Career choice and decision making.

Workshop on Shaping Young Prospective Entrepreneurs

The 5 days' residential workshop on shaping young prospective entrepreneurs was organized by RGNIYD, RC Chandigarh at Sri Sri University, Cuttack, Odisha for the 50 university students from 28th January, 2016 to 1st February, 2016.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

RGNIYD, RC, Chandigarh has been regularly organizing special cleanliness drive and sensitization programmes to create awareness about 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. It is effectively mainstreamed in all the training programmes conducted by the centre.

Workshop on Turning Ambitions into Reality

RGNIYD, RC Chandigarh organized a 5 day residential workshop on Turning Ambitions into Reality for 100 youth from different professional backgrounds. The main purpose of the workshop was to inculcate skills in them to enable the youth to turn their ambitions into reality.

ToT on Youth Employability for SC/ST

The Department of Development Studies organised a TOT on Youth Employability Skills for SC/ST students at Annamalai University, Tamilnadu from 1 - 5 February 2016. There were 46 students (42 - SC and 2 ST) from 17 districts of Tamilnadu from various departments of Annamalai University participated in the training programme. Similar kind of programmes were conducted at Pondicherry University for 54 SC/ST Students (SC-52 and ST-2) from Pondicherry and

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Karikkal from 8 - 12 February 2016 and for 40 SC/ST youth (SC-34 and ST-6) at Little Flower of Institute of Social Sciences and Health (LISSAH), Calicut, Kerala from 11 - 15 February 2016 from colleges of Calicut University and Kannur University participated in the programme.

Training and Capacity Building Program for the SC/ST Elected Members of PRIs

The Department of Local Governance and Development conducted the capacity building program for the SC/ST elected members of PRIs in Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh at Youth Hostel, Tirupati from 5 - 9 Feb 2016 in collaboration with the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research in India (AGRASRI), Tirupati. The program dealt with various dimensions of Local Government vis-à-vis 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, welfare schemes for SC/ST in Andhra Pradesh.

Training programme on Gender Equity

Department of Gender Studies conducted a Training programme on Gender Equity in association with Bosco Seva Kendra during 9 - 13 February 2016 at Bosco Seva Kendra, Hyderabad. A total of 40 SC youth (15 women, 25 men) participated in the training.

Training of NYKS's National Youth Corp

The 15 days training programme was designed by RGNIYD, RC, for the newly appointed National Youth Corp of Nehru Yuva Kendra from various districts of Punjab. The objective of the training was to develop the competencies of the newly appointed NYCs to engage



meaningfully in youth development activities of NYKS in their constituency. Experts from different discipline trained the participants on wide range of areas.

Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling for Youth Functionaries

The Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling for Youth Functionaries was held from 8 - 12 February 2016 at Visakhapatnam. Prof M. V. R Raju, the HOD, Psychology Department delivered the Key Note Address covering the total ambit of the TOT and impressed on the need for career counseling to the young people in the modern world. There were 40 participants representing Srikakulam, Vizag and Vizianagram district.

Capacity building workshop for SC Youth on Career Counselling

A Capacity building workshop for SC Youth on Career Counselling was organised by SOSVA Training and Promotion Institute (STAPI – Pune, an Empanelled NGO of RGNIYD) from 9 - 13 February 2016. Thirty two Schedule Caste Youth participated and benefitted from the programme.

Legal Awareness programme for the girl students



One day Legal awareness for the Girl students of Queen Mary's College, CTT College, MGR Janaki College and ABK College was organised by RGNIYD in association with Tamilnadu Women Lawyers Federation, Chennai in the month of February 2016 and similar kind of programme conducted in SIVET College, SIET College and Presidency College during March, 2016. Interactive sessions on Domestic Violence, Crimes against Women and Civil Rights were handled by experienced law practitioners.



Workshop on Life Skills

The workshop on Life Skills was organised from 16 - 19 February 2016 at Odisha and witnessed participation of students from 22 states across India. The objective of the workshop was to help them to become capable of survival in the competitive world.

Training programmes on Gender Equity and Life Skills Education

The Department of Gender Studies, RGNIYD conducted Training programmes on Gender Equity and Life Skills Education for SC youth in association with Village Care Society, Nagpur during 16 - 20 February 2016 and 23 - 27 February 2016. Fifty people participated in the training on Gender Equity which was held at Elite College, Saoner, District Nagpur, while 52 participated in the training on Life Skills Education held at Renaissance College, Nagpur.

Social Enterprise Leadership Training

The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies conducted Social Enterprise Leadership Training Programme for 30 young men and women who have initiated and are about to initiate their social business.

Ms. S. Lalitha, faculty, RGNIYD and Ms. Swati, Jaipur Rugs the Master Trainers of YWSEDP, and who were nominated jointly by their respective institutions and the British Council, India to participate in the Active Citizens Social Enterprise Leadership workshop, held during 30th September 4- th of October 2015 at London, UK.

World Social Justice Day



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The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD organized a special lecture on the theme “Social Inclusion and Social Justice” on 19th February, 2016 at RGNIYD to commemorate the World Social Justice Day. Honourable Justice K. Chandru (Rtd.,) Madras High Court. The students and staff of RGNIYD and students from Chennai city colleges had participated in the programme and interacted with the chief guest.

Capacity Building Training on Life Skills and Personality Development

The RGNIYD in collaboration with Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills, Vellore District, Tamilnadu organized a three day capacity building training on “Life Skills and Personality Development” for 150 tribal and scheduled caste youth from 19 - 21 February 2016. A team of expert facilitators in life skills conducted the programme.

Training Program for Youth on Human Rights and Governance

The Department of Local Governance organized a training program for youth on Human Rights and Governance from 19 - 23 February, 2016 at Madurai in collaboration with Dhan Foundation.

Training of Trainers Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling

The Training of Trainers Program on Career Guidance and Counselling for Teachers in Higher Education was conducted at Silver Jubilee Campus, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry from 22 - 26 February 2016. Thirty six teachers participated in the programme.

Training on Youth Employability Skills

RGNIYD in collaboration with Aide et Action India organised five days Training on Youth Employability Skills for 50 SC youth from 22 - 26 February, 2016 at Jaipur. Dr. Aishwarya Mahajan (Regional Head Livelihood Education Unit – AEA SA) and five other life skills experts facilitated the different sessions.

Student Leadership Programme

To develop critical leadership skills to make a real difference in the lives of students, the Student Leadership Programme-an initiative by RGNIYD RC, Chandigarh was conducted for 300 college students on 23rd February, at Multani Mal Modi College, Punjab.

Orientation on Life Skills for Better Life

The RGNIYD hosted the visit of NYKS volunteers at its campus and organized orientation on Life Skills for Better Life and ‘Group Discussion on Youth Club Formation and Management’ on 24th February 2016. There were 241 NYKS volunteers and NYKS officials participated in the programme. They were given orientation on 10 core Life Skills for healthy, positive and leading of better life. Group discussions were also held on Youth Club Formation and Management.

ToT on Youth Leadership and Social Change



The Training of Trainers on Youth Leadership and Social Change was held from 25 - 29 February 2016 with participation of youth from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir. It was aimed at developing a deeper understanding of leadership with strategies to handle the formidable challenges associated with leadership roles with a vision of bringing positive social change in their respective community.

Training programme on Gender Equity

Department of Gender Studies conducted a training programme on Gender Equity during 25 – 27 February 2016 at Soham Ved Pathshala, Amalner district, Jalgaon in association with Rashtra Vikas Agro Foundation, Sanstha, Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming



A 5 day residential workshop was held from 25 - 29 February at RGNIYD, RC, Chandigarh. The workshop was the result of need assessment consultation done with young people to intervene as agent of social change. It was attended by 60 youth from states across North India that includes Punjab, Haryana, HP, J&K, and Uttarakhand.

Youth Led Sustainable Development Programmes

As a sequel to the Inter-governmental Negotiations on the Post 2015 Development

Agenda (IGN) there is a paradigm shift from MDGs to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the agenda of Transforming Our World by 2030. Towards accomplishing these sustainable goals, the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development launching the Youth-led Sustainable Development Programme (YLSDP) 2015 - 2016. Under this programme, the Institute seeks to work with educational institutions of higher learning to reach out to the young people across the country thereby creating avenues for youth involvement in academic discourses on sustainable development areas and to engage them in the sustainable development process. During the month of February, 14 programmes were conducted under the Youth Led Sustainable Development Programme.

ToT on Career Counselling

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with NYK, Kollam District, Kerala organised a five days Training programme on Career Counselling at Kollam, Kerala. The programme attended by 45 SC youth.

ToT on Career Counselling

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with NSS wings of Govt, First Grade College, Hosamane, Karnataka organised a five days training programme on Career Counselling at GFGC Auditorium, Bhadravathi, Karnataka. The ToT programme was attended by 45 SC youth from 26 Feb to 1 March 2016.

Training on Life Skills and Personality Development

The Youth Union for Voluntary Action (YUVA) in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Govt. of India organized a five day capacity building Training on Life Skills and Personality

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Development for 53 ST youth. The training was organized at Jan Vikas Kendra, Hazaribag from 2 - 6 March, 2016.

Workshop on Theatre for transformation

The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD in association with Department of Social Work, Loyola College conducted a workshop on theatre for transformation at Vettavalam, Thiruvannamalai, for 40 SC/ST Youth from 27th February to 1st March, 2016. The objective of the workshop was to use Theatre Techniques to bring about Personal Empowerment and Social Transformation and to provide opportunities for students to become agents of social change.

ToT on Gender Equity

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with IASE, Tirupati organised a five days Training programme on Gender Equity. The training programme started on 3rd March 2016. Experts from industry and Education took part in the ToT. There were 42 SC youth had participated in the Programme. Similar kind of program was also conducted at S V University, Tirupati from 16 - 20 March 2016 for 48 SC Youth.

Workshop on Women Empowerment through Art

Empowering women is essential to improve the quality of life for families and communities. To build a stronger economy, it is very important that women participate fully across all sectors. Thus, to recognize the role of women in the society and celebrate International Women's Day, RGNIYD RC organized a workshop on Women Empowerment through Art on 8th March, 2016 at its premises.

ToT on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

The Department of Local Governance in collaboration with AamraSusamaJalaprapat, West Bengal organized a Training programme on Disaster preparedness and risk reduction at Pratikshalaya, Rudranagar, Sagar Block, 24 Parganas (S) District, West Bengal from 4 - 8 March, 2016. The participants of the training programme were 50 SC youth.

Workshop on Youth Leadership through Adventure Sports



A 10 days workshop on Youth Leadership through Adventure Sports was organized by RGNIYD, RC in collaboration with ABVIMAS at Manali, Himachal Pradesh from 5 - 14 March, 2016. 45 students from different parts of country like Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, actively participated in the programme. The objective of the programme was to help the youth to build their confidence, team work, decision making and leadership skills and to build camaraderie among them.

Training on Career Counselling and Guidance, Mahajan Palace, Malviya Marg, Hazaribag

The Youth Union for Voluntary Action (YUVA) in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), organized a five day capacity building Training on Career Counselling and Guidance for 54 ST youth. The training was held at Mahajan Palace, Malviya Marg, Hazaribag from 6 - 10 March 2016. The training emphasized on the career opportunities among the tribal communities.

Training on Personality Development and Life Skills



The personality development and life skills training was conducted at Officers Training Academy (OTA) Gwalior on 7 - 8 March, 2016, in which 58 NCC female Cadets participated from different states like Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, West Bengal, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur.

Inauguration of Student Union



The Student Union was inaugurated on 7th March at RGNIYD. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail who is a soil biologist and ecologist and Director, Eco-science Research Foundation, Chennai was invited as chief guest of the day.

Training of trainers programme on Life Skills

Training of trainers programme on Life Skills for students in Higher Education was conducted at Pondicherry University from 7 - 11 March 2016. There were 67 students participated in the programme.

International Women's day



To reflect on progress made on Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and Women's Human Rights and to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role the International women's day was observed at RGNIYD on 8th March, 2016. Notable women achievers were honoured on that day.

Training for Tribal Youth on Employability Skills

A Training programme was organised for 40 tribal youth for strengthening of Employability Skills Programme in association with DHAN Foundation from 8 - 11 March, 2016 at Jawadhu Hills, Tamil Nadu.

Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp

The Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CSIE), IIT Madras, with the support of Department of Science & Technology (DST) had organised a three day Entrepreneurship awareness Camp from 10 - 12 March 2016 at IIT Madras. The sessions of the camp focused on the basics of entrepreneurship, business planning & modelling, fund raising management and opportunities & idea generation. Students and faculty members of Department of Social Engineering participated in the programme.

Leadership and Motivational talk and Workshop on Life Skills

RGNIYD, Chandigarh Regional Center, in association with Amity University Madhya Pradesh, organized a 5- day workshop on Life Skills and Leadership and Motivational talk from 10 - 14th March 2016. The participants were drawn from various states like Nagaland, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Kerala.

ToT on Youth Employability Skills

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with NSS wing, Kuvempu University, Karnataka organised a five days Training programme on Youth Employability Skills. The training programme started on 10th March 2016 at Kuvembu University. There were 45 SC youth participated in the Programme. Similar kind of programmes were conducted in Kerala from 4 - 13 March, 2016 and in Meghalaya from 9 - 13 March 2016.

Leadership and Motivational Talk and Workshop on Employability Skills

through Life Skill Approaches

A five days' workshop on 'Employability Skills through Life Skill Approaches' was organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Regional Centre, in Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi from 11 - 15 March, 2016, in collaboration with 'National Service Scheme' unit of Banaras Hindu University. Sixty students participated from different states like Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The main aim of the workshop was to instil skills to make the youth employable.

Capacity building workshop for SC Youth on Career Counselling

The Capacity building workshop for SC Youth on Career Counselling was organised by SOSVA Training and Promotion Institute (STAPI – Pune, an Empanelled NGO of RGNIYD) from 12 - 16 March 2016. There were 45 Schedule Caste Youth participated and benefitted from the programme.

Workshop on Youth Participation and Sustainable Development Goals

In order to make youth aware of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), set by the United Nations, a workshop was organized by RGNIYD, RC from 14 - 16 March, 2016. The workshop had given overview of the SDGs and role of youth in achieving the goals.

Leadership and Motivational talk and Workshop on Life Skills

RGNIYD RC-Chandigarh had organized a 3 days' workshop on Life Skills in

collaboration with Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Ambala from 14 - 16 March, 2016 for 60 students. The rationale behind this workshop was to imbibe & inculcate the essential life skills like decision making, time management, positive attitude and spirit of team building among the participants.

Training programme on Gender Equity and Training programme on Employability Skills



Department of Gender Studies in association with Jayaprabha Gram Vikas Mandal, Sasaram, Rohtas District, Bihar conducted a training programme on Youth Employability Skills during 9 -13 2016 March at Adhaura Block, District of Kaimur (Rohtas) and a Training programme on Gender Equity during 22 - 26 February 2016 at Sasaram, Patel Dhramsala.

Training of Tribal youth as social animators

Training of Tribal youth as social animators was organised in the State of Odisha for enhancing the capacity building of the tribal youth, various topics on Tribes of Odisha, their history, the challenges the tribal of the district, tribal policies and programmes, qualities of leadership were discussed among the 120 tribal youth from various parts of Sambalpur (14 - 18 March, 2016), Baripada (27 - 31 March, 2016) and Mayurbhanj (27 - 31 March, 2016).

ToT on Career Counselling

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with IASE, Tirupati organised a five days Training programme on Career Counselling. The training programme started on 15th March 2016. The participants were actively engaged in all the sessions and experts from industry and Education took part in the ToT. There were 40 SC youth who participated in the Programme.

Capacity Building of Tribal youth in Mushroom Cultivation

Mushroom cultivation is seen as a viable supplementary livelihood by women farmers in Wayanad, Kerala. More than 90 per cent of the people in the Wayanad depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Under YUVA JYOTHI project of RGNIYD & MSSRF 55 Tribal youth were trained on various aspects of livelihood ventures in mushroom cultivation and value addition from 16 - 18 March, at Wayanad, Kerala.

Workshop on Leadership and Advocacy

Over 50 young deaf and dumb activists from 5 states across north India have attended three days residential workshop on 'Leadership and Advocacy' organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Regional Centre in collaboration with National Association of the Deaf from 18 - 20 March, 2016 at RC Chandigarh. The participants learned about leadership styles, attributes and developed their leadership skills through different interactive sessions.

Workshop on Employability Skills through Life Skill Approaches,

The RGNIYD, Regional Centre had conducted a two day workshop on 'Employability Skills through Life Skill Approaches' at Aryans Group of Colleges, Punjab from 19 - 20th March, 2016.

Fifty four students participated from different states like Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Manipur.

Training on Youth Employability Skills for SC/ST Students

The Department of Development Studies organized Training on Youth Employability Skills for SC/ST Students at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamilnadu from 21 - 25th March 2016. Final year students from various departments that include Department of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, Department of Chemistry, Department of Home Science, Department of Co-operation, Department of Rural Industrial Management, Department of Gandhian Thought and Peace Science Studies participated. Total beneficiaries were 50 students.

ToT on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction



Department of Local Governance and Development, RGNIYD in collaboration with the 13 RR, Kumaon Regiment organized a Training of Trainers programme on disaster preparedness and risk reduction at Support Centre, Manasbal, Ganderbal Kashmir District

during 21 -27 March 2016. The programme was attended by 45 community members (35 male and 10 female) from Gujjar Bakarwal (ST community) from Ganderbal Kashmir District. Mr. Yasir Reshi, Member of Legislative Council; Mr. Shaukat Aijaz, District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal Kashmir and Lt. Col. Akshay Kumar, Second IC, 13 RR, Kumaon Regiment participated in the inaugural function.

Training and Capacity Building Programme for the tribal youth

In order to provide a platform and to make them engaged in nation building activities and enable them towards realization of the Youth Development Goals, a Training and Capacity Building Programme for the tribal youths was organised from 25 - 29 March, 2016 in collaboration with Orissa Voluntary Health Association at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The important topics covered during the 5 days residential training programme were Life skills and self-awareness, problem solving, decision making, communication, interpersonal relationships and coping with emotions and stress, macro analysis of tribal situation, their distribution, state situation analysis, challenges, problem tree analysis, understanding tribes, history and identification of tribes and tribe Vs. caste. There were 50 tribal youth from different districts of Odisha participated in the programme.

ToT on Career Guidance and Counselling, Shopian, Development Department Govt. Kashmir

The Department of Applied Psychology in collaboration with Shopian, Development Department Govt. Kashmir organised a five

days Training programme on Career guidance and Counselling. The training programme was held from 27 - 31 March, 2016. The participants were actively engaged in all the sessions and experts from Industry and Education took part in the ToT. There were 42 SC youth participated in the Programme.

Leadership and Motivational talk and Workshop on Employability Skills through Life Skill Approaches



Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Regional Centre organized a three days workshop on 'Employability Skills through Life Skill Approaches' in collaboration with Modern Group of Colleges for 50 students from 28 - 31 March, 2016. The workshop was designed to develop a range of skills to enhance young people's ability to get employed and lead projects and programmes through meaningful participation.

Yuva Samvaad – Regional Consultation on Sustainable Development and Youth Empowerment for Marginalized Youth, Lucknow, Ahmedabad Bhagalpur

The Yuva Samvaad – Regional Consultations on Sustainable Development and Youth Empowerment for Marginalized Youth have been organized, by the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) and South Asia Youth Environment Network (SAYEN) with support from the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of

Youth Development (RGNIYD). Three such consultations were organized at three cities, i.e., Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and Bhagalpur (Bihar) during March 2016. The aims of these consultations were to bring out and address major concerns of marginalized youth in these states and to discuss the skill development and entrepreneurship for youth and to bring about sustainable development for society at large.

Legal awareness programs for Girl Students, Tamil Nadu



The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD in association with Tamilnadu Federation of Women Lawyers conducted five legal awareness programme for 900 girl students in five city colleges in Chennai during March, 2016. The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among girl students about their legal rights and constitutional entitlements. Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Experts in Law, Academics, Social



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Activists, and Psychologists were invited to share their thoughts with the participants.

Youth Led Sustainable Development Programmes

The RGNIYD continued to conduct the Youth Led Sustainable Development Programmes in collaboration with Educational Institutions of higher learning to reach out to the young people across the country thereby creating avenues for youth involvement in academic discourses on Sustainable Development areas and to engage them in the sustainable development process. The programme was conducted in 13 colleges in the month of March, 2016.

Orientation on Entrepreneurship Development - Phase II for Student Youth

In continuation of the ToT Programmes conducted jointly by RGNIYD and the ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu for the NSS Programme Officers on Youth Entrepreneurship Development, the trained NSS Programme Officers in various states conducted short duration orientation programmes on entrepreneurship development for the student youth in their respective institutions during March, 2016.

Employability Skills Training for SC/ST Student Youth

The RGNIYD in collaboration with the ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu offered training programmes to enhance the employability skills of the student youth in Banking, Financial services and Insurance (BFSI). The programme is designed exclusively to train the student youth belonging to SC/ST besides training the north-eastern youth during March, 2016.

Training on Youth Employability Skills for SC/ST Students

The Department of Development Studies organized a TOT on Youth Employability Skills for SC/ST Students at Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Tamilnadu from 21 – 25th March 2016. There were fifty final year undergraduate SC/ST students (46 - SC, 4 - ST) from various departments from Gandhigram Rural Institute participated in the programme. Similar kind of programme was conducted for 45 SC/ST students (41-SC, 4-ST) belonging to Kancheepuram District at Thiru. A. Govindasamy Government Arts College, Tindivanam, Tamilnadu from 21 - 25 March 2016.

Capacity building programme on Women's right and Personality Development

The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies, RGNIYD in association with Tamil Nadu Federation of Women Lawyers conducted a capacity building programme on Women's Right and Personality Development from 29 - 31 March, 2016 at Queen Marys College, Chennai for 70 SC girl students from City Colleges.

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Workshop on Life Skills

A five days residential programme was organized by RGNIYD at its Regional Centre, Chandigarh for 50 North East students from 28 Jan - 1 Feb, 2016, RGNIYD, Chandigarh. This workshop witnessed participants from various parts of North East. Facilitators from their respective fields took sessions through various methodologies.

RGNIYD and IIT Guwahati partnership for TEDx IIT Guwahati

The RGNIYD in partnership with IIT Guwahati organized a lecture programme under TEDx IIT Guwahati with an objective of giving a global platform especially to the people of the North East towards the sharing and exchange of ideas very aptly under the theme “Pushing the limits”. TEDx provides a platform for people who have pushed their limits to take challenges for the betterment of the society.

The speakers for the event were drawn from various fields namely, Dr. Sanjoy Hazarika, shared about how he reached to the people who lived on the islands of Bhramaputra and how he facilitated the provision of basic services such as Schools, Health Centres, Power, Connectivity, Markets etc to the island people.

Mr. Uddhab Bharali, a grass root innovator with more than 114 innovations to his credit shared about the simple innovations he had made for making the life of farmers and the disabled more comfortable, and how his innovations were without any price but free for everyone. Ms. Seema Biswas, an actress from Assam shared her struggles and challenges to become an actress but how with her courage and determination she could excel in her field today. She played a strong role in Bandit Queen for which she bagged a National Award.

Mr. Sankara Subramanian, a traveler and blogger shared on how we should learn and enjoy being what we want to be without falling prey to the expectations of the society. Mr. Ravindranth Ravi, a social worker with his thousand plus volunteers have been working tirelessly and selflessly to help the people especially of the Barak and Brahmaputra valley during the flood situations. Ms. Hasina Kharbiah, a social entrepreneur shared her

experience on how she is helping the women of the north east to be self – reliant and economically empowered by promoting and marketing products made by rural women to the Indian and world market. A total of 68 women (10) and men (58) participated in the programme.

Training of Trainers on Social Harmony and National Unity



The Training of Trainers on Social Harmony and National Unity was organised at Youth hostel, Aizwal for the NSS programme officers from 2nd - 6th February, 2016. Shri. Zothankhuma Secretary to the Govt., of Mizoram, Department of Youth and Sports inaugurated the programme. There were 40 participants who participated in the programme.

Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling for North East Youth Functionaries at Dimapur

The Training of Trainers Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling was organized from 8th to 12th February, 2016 at Dimapur, Nagaland by the Department of Applied Psychology, RGNIYD. There were 45 participants from Secondary and Higher Secondary school teachers across the State participated in the training programme. The programme highlighted the significance of counselling needs for youth, importance of

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career planning at the right time and career counselling skills. The programme also focused on career assessment and orientation on theoretical background for Career Guidance and Counselling. The second part of the programme emphasized Career Prepared Skills, Interview Skills as well as Career Information and Sources of Career.

Training of Trainers Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling

The Training of Trainers Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling was held from 15 - 19 February 2016 at Don Bosco Institute, Kharghuli, Guwahati. The programme was attended by 35 teachers of Secondary Schools from Karbilong, The programme was facilitated by eight resource persons from Kohima, Dimapur and Guwahati.

Training of Trainers programme on Life skills

The Training of Trainers Programme on Life Skills for NCC Officers of Sikkim was conducted at Animal Husbandry Training Centre Deorali, Gangtok from 15 - 19 February 2016. There were 42 NCC Officers participated in the program.

Capacity Building Programme for Strengthening of Decentralised Governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland

A programme for strengthening of decentralised governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland was organised at ADC Planning Conference Hall, Mokokchung, Nagaland during 16 - 18 February 2016. The Capacity Building

Programme was inaugurated by Shri. Sushil Kumar Patel, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mokokchung District. There were 40 persons from the VCs and VDBs from Mokokchung and other nearby Districts participated in the programme. Features of Nagaland Village Council Act (1978) and Youth participation in Village councils were given emphasis during the programme.

Training of trainers programme on Career Guidance and Counselling

The Training of Trainers Programme on Career Guidance and Counselling for NSS Programme Officers of North East was conducted at Deorali, Gangtok from 20 - 24 February 2016. There were 49 NSS Officers participated In the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Nihar Mohanty, Director, STPI Govt of India, Sikkim.

Training Programme on Employability Skills for Youth



A month long residential training programme on Employability skills for 60 youth of Arunachal Pradesh was held at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Vivek Vihar, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh from 1st to 31st March, 2016. The training programme was aimed at empowering

the youth through English fluency, Personality Development and Soft Skills, to enhance their employability skills and to help them to qualify for further vocational training through better communication skills.

Three Legal Awareness Programme for Youth, Kohima Arts College



Three Legal Awareness Programmes for youth were organized by RGNIYD in collaboration with the NSS, Nagaland on 3rd March 2016, 9th March 2016 and 10th March 2016 at various colleges of Nagaland such as Kohima Arts College, Pfutsero Govt. College, and Phek Govt. College. There were 1056 girls and boys who participated in the programmes. The awareness programmes focused on Human Trafficking & Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, online violence & exploitation of women & girls, Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (POCSO), gender equality and basic legal Rights.

Orientation Programme on Decentralized Governance and Youth Development,

The Department of Local Governance, RGNIYD in collaboration with Village Development Team, Agartala organised the Orientation Programme on Decentralised Governance and Youth Development at Centre for Co-operative College, Agartala, Tripura during 07th-09th March, 2016. The programme was attended by 40 SC-ST youth.

Capacity Building Programme for Strengthening of Decentralised Governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland, Wokha District

Capacity building programme for strengthening of decentralised governance of Village Councils and Village Development Boards of Nagaland was organised at ADC Conference Hall, Bhandari Block, Wokha District, Nagaland during 8th-19th March 2016. A total of 60 persons from the VCs and VDBs participated in the programme.

Training for Tribal Youth on Employability Skills

A Training programme for Tribal Youth for strengthening of Employability Skills Programme of Barama, Assam was organised by RGNIYD jointly with DHAN foundation from 15-19 March, 2016. Forty youth SC/ST participated in the program

The Training of Trainers

The Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling for Youth Functionaries in North East region was held at Aizawl, Mizoram from 18th March 2016 to 23rd March, 2016. The programme was attended by 35 secondary school teachers from different schools in Mizoram.

Training for Life Skills for Young Women

A Training programme for Tribal Youth for strengthening of Life Skills was conducted for young women by RGNIYD in association with SIRD Mizoram from 21st to 25th March, 2016. Forty five ST women from Mizoram participated in the program.

Training for Career Counselling

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A Training programme on strengthening for Life Skills for ST Students, was organized by SIRD, Mizoram on 23rd March, 2016. One hundred ST Students from the Mizoram attended the career counselling programme.

Changelooms Learning and Leadership

RGNIYD had signed an MoU with Pravah, an organization working to impact issues of social justice through youth citizenship action to implement Changeloom programme. Changelooms is a youth leadership programme that recognizes and promotes young change leaders to incubate social change initiatives in the areas of social inclusion, peace building, climate change and sustainable development. All change initiatives. RGNIYD has teamed up with Pravah in collaboration with Youth Collective to launch the programme in North East. As a result of the support, 4 budding social entrepreneurs are being provided with skills and capacity building, mentoring, financial support and many networking opportunities.

Legal Awareness Programme for Higher Secondary Students

Two Legal Awareness Programmes for higher secondary students were organized by RGNIYD in collaboration with NSS, Nagaland at Pfutsero, Govt. Hr Sec., Phek, and at Govt. Hr Sec., Phek, Nagaland on 30 - 31st March 2016 respectively. A total of 406 girls and boys (223 girls, 183 boys) participated in the programmes. The awareness programmes focused on Human Trafficking & Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, Online Violence & Exploitation of Women & Girls, Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (POCSO), Gender Equality and Basic Legal Rights which was well received by the participants.

Faculty Participation in conference

Dr. P. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Studies, attended the Second Commonwealth Conference on Youth Work held at Pretoria, South Africa, from 8 - 10 March 2016. It is proposed that RGNIYD will launch a Bachelor's Degree in partnership with Commonwealth Secretariat.

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