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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lecture of the RGNIYD's Eminent Speaker Series

22 June 2012, RGNIYD

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Lecture of RGNIYD Eminent Speaker Series was organized at RGNIYD on 22 June 2012 by the READ Division. Prof. Madhava Menon, a titan in the field of legal education and the one solely responsible for the creation of National Law Universities in the country, delivered the lecture titled "**Education for Responsible Citizenship**". He urged the participating youth to deepen their understanding of the Constitution of India and develop regard for it.

Drawing attention to the Constitutional provisions, particularly on the right to education, he remarked that lack of education breeds various social problems and called for strategies to strengthen educational facilities at all levels. He outlined how Constitutional provisions have united the people of India belonging to diverse backgrounds. He recalled the slogan of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar – "Educate, Organise and Agitate which is still the right mantra for democracy". He insisted that it was the duty of every citizen to know the rights and responsibilities delineated by the Constitution. This knowledge on each right as enshrined in the Constitution makes life worth living, he added. Speaking on the different dimensions of citizenship, he enlisted the 11 Constitutional values and responsibilities for the citizens.

Prof. Madhava Menon made a special mention of the status of today's youth and remarked that they are in a state of anomy – a state of normlessness. Traditional and religious values have receded and have been taken over by education that does not inculcate the right values. He mentioned that citizenship has to be understood in today's context and called for instilling constitutional and moral values in the psyche of the youth through appropriate programmes.



## Rajiv Gandhi Youth Leadership Internship Programme (Summer 2012)

01-30 June 2012, RGNIYD



The SHANU Division, RGNIYD organized for the first time "The Rajiv Gandhi Youth Leadership Internship Programme - RGYLIP-2012" from 01-30 June 2012 for student youth from all over the country at its campus. The objectives of the programme were to facilitate the emergence of future community leaders and sensitizers, exposing the interns to ground realities, providing them with social experience and help them acquire communication skills.

The residential programme was attended by 46 students from various colleges,

universities and institutions across the country. As the RGNIYD has schools/divisions that specialized in areas like life skills education, gender issues, youth issues, career counselling and local governance separate modules were run in these areas. These fields apart, pressing concerns like rights violation, environmental activism, health awareness, organizing communities, refugees and displacement, contribution of Gandhi, Nehru and Ambedkar to building of modern India, protection of monuments, agrarian crisis, water management, leadership etc were discussed and the interns gained perceptibly in terms of understanding. The participants were taken on field trips to Pondicherry, Vellore and other places of importance in Chennai. They also participated in a workshop organized by the famous Adyar Cancer institute on 'youth against tobacco' on 16-06-2012.

The interns had a rare opportunity to interact with Dr. Nita Chaudhury IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Dr. N. R. Madhava Menon, popular legal educators of the country, an institution-builder, the architect of the five-year integrated LL.B. programme and the Founder Vice-Chancellor of two of the leading law universities of India viz., National Law School of India University, Bangalore and National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.

The interns were engaged in novel exercises like book review, film appreciation and case analysis. The month long programme came to an end on 30-06-2012. The valediction was graced by Mr Christo Das Gandhi IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Tamilnadu. He advised the interns to develop their own leadership style and empathy for the masses. He released the music album prepared by the interns. Mr Michael Vetha Siromony IAS, Director, RGNIYD exhorted the interns to put all that they learnt here into practice once back home.

## Study Tour to Koovagam festival

30 March – 2 April 2012,  
Koovagam Village, Villupuram

A Study Tour to Koovagam Village was organized from 30 March – 2 April, 2012 for the first year students of Gender Studies to attend the Koovagam festival of the transgenders. The purpose of the study tour was to get a practical understanding of the festival, undertake a group project on the problems of transgenders and document their experiences.







The ten-day celebration had transgenders from all over India marked by many cultural programmes. The main attraction of the celebration was 'Miss Kooavagam 2012' where transgenders from all walks of life wearing beautiful costumes competed for the much sought after title. The tour brought in various insights into the many facets of transgenders, their problems, struggles and success stories as well.

## Workshop on Career Choices and Higher Studies

**31 March and 01 April 2012,  
Ma Foi Academy, Chennai**

In continuation of the workshop on career choices and higher studies, the School of Counselling organized a workshop on 31 March 2012 in collaboration with the Ma Foi Academy, Chennai. Career assessments for the students were undertaken on 01 April 2012. Career interests and aptitudes of 120 higher secondary students who have appeared for +2 examinations from 90 different government schools in Chennai were tested and necessary career guidance was provided. The career interests and aptitudes of the participating students were assessed and the reports were provided to them along with information on selecting appropriate courses, the procedures for entrance examinations, etc.

## Two-Day Orientation Programme for Empowering Rural Youth for Sustainable Livelihood

**2 - 3 April 2012, Madanapuram,  
Mahaboobnagar**

RGNIYD organized two-day orientation programme on Empowering Rural Youth for Sustainable Livelihood from 2-3 April 2012 at Madanapuram, Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh in association with Youth for Action. The programme was inaugurated by Smt. Jyothi, Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO), Pebbair who stressed the importance of creating self-employment opportunities at village level and make best use of the training inputs. Hands on practical training on hand pump repairing, horticulture, food processing, animal husbandry were provided to the participants. The participants requested for courses on motor winding, electrical wiring, embroidery, beauty treatment, cell phone repair and servicing. The programme was coordinated by the Training, Orientation and Extension Division.

## Capacity Building Training Programme for the Volunteers of Restless Development

**09 - 11 April 2012, RGNIYD**

In order to build the capacities of the volunteers of 'Restless Development' on life skills education, to enable them gain knowledge on career planning to impart career guidance services and to equip them with the capacity to mould their youth stakeholders as responsible citizens, a three-day training was organized from 9 - 11 April 2012 at RGNIYD. The programme was attended by 19 volunteers (13 male and 6 female) of the Restless Development organization, who are working

with adolescents in the remote districts of Bihar, Odissa and Jharkhand.

The programme was coordinated by the Youth and Adolescent Health Division which had technical sessions on 10 core life skills, facilitating career planning and imparting career guidance services besides sessions on values and principles of citizenship, democracy and unity in diversity and the role of young people as responsible citizens for nation building.

## Workshop on Research Methodology RGNIYD

16 - 19 April, 2012, RGNIYD

A four-day workshop on research methodology was held from 16 – 19 April, 2012 at RGNIYD. The prime objective of the workshop was to nurture scientific research skills of research scholars and in-house faculties. The workshop had 35 young researchers aspiring to undertake action research studies on life skills education. Resource persons from the Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS)

provided vital inputs on research methods and guided the participants to formulate research proposals. The participants were further provided insights on the data collection procedures, quantitative and qualitative analysis of data and report writing procedures. The programme was conducted by Youth and Adolescent Health Division.

## Gender Sensitization Programme for Police Personnel

25 April 2012, Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Vandalur

RGNIYD and Tamil Nadu Police Academy (TNPA), organized a Gender Sensitization programme for Police Personnel on 25 April 2012 at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Vandalur.

The objective of the programme was to sensitize the police personnel on gender issues and to enable them to handle/analyse situations from a gender perspective in their work. All together 31 police officers in the rank of Inspectors and Sub-inspectors from different parts of Tamil Nadu (Salem, Chennai, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, AWPS, Thoothukudi, Dharmapuri) attended the programme.

The Superintendent of Police, TNPA, Vandalur was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural programme. The programme had sessions on Social Construction of Gender, Gender and sexuality and Violence against Women, and Gender and Media handled by the Faculty Members of the Gender Equity Division, RGNIYD.

## Career Exhibition 25 - 27 April 2012, Nokia, Sriperumbudur



Nokia Ltd, Sriperumbudur, has launched a new initiative titled "Nokia Connect Exhibition 2012" from 25-27 April 2012, to showcase various innovative products, technologies and talents for their employees, vendors and suppliers. As part of their Human Resource Initiatives, the School of Counselling, RGNIYD displayed panels providing information on career planning, career options in various fields and disciplines. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Taina Markus, HR Director, Nokia Industries Ltd, Finland. A total of 7000 visitors acquired career related information at the career stall besides some high profile visitors from the Nokia Corporation.

## Workshop on Statistical Methods in Social Science Research

25 April 2012, RGNIYD  
01 May 2012, RGNIYD

The School of Life skills Education and Social Harmony organized a workshop on 25 April 2012 for the students of RGNIYD on statistical methods for social science research and analysis. Dr. Arul Kamaraj, Assistant Professor, Loyola College, Chennai explained the applications of descriptive statistical methods in social science research.

As a sequel to the workshop on descriptive statistical methods, another workshop on inferential statistical methods in social science research was organized on 01 May 2012 at RGNIYD. The students were imparted functional knowledge on various parametric and non-parametric tests including regression analysis. A total of 31 students attended these workshops.

## Youth and Climate Change

27 April 2012, RGNIYD

One-day orientation programme on Youth and Climate Change was held on 27 April 2012 at RGNIYD. The objectives of the programmes were to orient the participants on various dimensions of climate change and the role of youth in mitigating climate change. A total of 23 participants viz., college students, NGO representatives and youth club leaders of NYKS attended the programme.

Dr. R. Annamalai. IFS., highlighted the impact of

climate change, followed by Mr. Muniappan, Programme Coordinator, Institute of Sustainable Development, who spoke on Climate Change and Water and Food Security. The Last session on Role of Youth in Climate Change Mitigation was handled by Dr. Chinnadurai, Scientist, Ahima Agri Foundation, Chennai. The participants were given a checklist on self-analysis towards climate change and Tips to reduce Green House Gases. The programme was coordinated by TOE Division.

## Consultation Meeting on Youth Development Strategies in Odisha

28 April 2012

RGNIYD held a consultation meeting on Youth Development Strategies in Odisha on 28 April 2012, in the Conference Hall, Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. The Director, RGNIYD brought out the imperativeness and salient features of the National Youth Policy and contribution of RGNIYD towards developing the policy. The Director, Sports and Youth Services, Govt. of Odisha also spoke on the day. The Faculty Head, TOE, RGNIYD, gave an overview of the youth developmental programmes in India and the status of Indian youth based on the Youth Development Index developed by RGNIYD. The Youth organisations like, NYKS, NSS, BSG, YRC, CYSD, NCC, YDF and NYP participated in the meeting. The session on the strategies for youth development in Odisha was moderated by the Director, RGNIYD and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports and Youth Services, Govt. of Odisha.

## Workshop on Learning through Comics

7 - 11 May 2012, RGNIYD



The Adolescents Health and Development Project (AHDP) of RGNIYD organised five days workshop on learning through Comics for skill development from 7 - 11 May 2012 at RGNIYD. The workshop was facilitated by Shri. Siddharth, Shri. Sharad Sharma and Shri. Anil Kumar of

World Comics India Network. 34 participants comprising Adolescent Peer Volunteers (APVs) of NYKS, NGO representatives including the students of Life Skills Education of RGNIYD participated in this workshop.

## Orientation Programme for Youth Functionaries from Kerala on Decentralized Governance

8 - 9 May 2012, RGNIYD

PRIYA division of RGNIYD organised a two-day orientation programme on decentralized governance for youth functionaries and members of youth organisations from Kerala on 8th and 9th May, 2012. Fifty youth participated in the programme (35 Male, 15 Female). The main objective of the programme was to impart working knowledge on basic principles of decentralized governance among the newly selected youth functionaries and members of Youth organisations. Prof. Lakshaman, Former Faculty, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) and the faculty of PRIYA Division handled various sessions such as Constitutional Status of Decentralization in India; Youth and Decentralized Governance; Youth and Disaster Management; Project Management in Local Government etc.

## **Two Days Orientation Programme for Empowering Rural Youth for Sustainable Livelihood**

**2 - 3 April 2012, Madanapuram, Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh**

The TOE Division organised a two-day orientation programme on Empowering rural youth for sustainable livelihood from 2-3 April 2012 at Madanapuram, Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh in association with Youth for Action. 40 young people (5 female and 35 Male) participated in the programme. The objective of the programme was to impart skill-based education and training in agriculture and off-farm nonp- agricultural sectors covering two districts of (Andhra Pradesh) (Gulbarga/Yadgiri districts) and Karnataka and the outcome of the programme was to promote trained youths to work as a para entrepreneurs and extension agents to develop into virutally skill developed resource network pools. The participants felt that it was a need- based programme and they were able to identify their entrepreneurial skills through this training programme.

## **Vocational Training on Basic Computer for Adolescents**

**16 - 31 May 2012, RGNIYD**

The Adolescent Health and Development Project of RGNIYD organised a short-term vocational training programme on Computer Operation. Out of 76 applicants, a total of 39 adolescents who fulfilled the eligibility requirements delineated under the Modular Employability Skills (MES) were selected for the training. The trainees were imparted hands on training on MS Office applications and Internet access as per the prescribed course content by National Council for Vocational Training. These trainees would be facilitated to obtain an NCVT certificate for the successful completion of the vocational training programme. Besides computer training, the adolescents were also imparted training on soft skills with a view to enhancing their employability skills.

## **Consultation Meeting Establishing Youth Resource Centre**

**18 May 2012, RGNIYD**

A consultation meeting was organised by TOE division to discuss the possible areas of collaboration and signing MoU with SPW India project Trust, Restless Development, New Delhi, at RGNIYD on 18 May 2012. It was decided that RGNIYD would set up 8 Youth Resource Centres at a total cost of Rs. 12 lakh in six states. The activities and modus operandi of the Youth Resource Centres were deliberated on. Further it was decided that these Youth Resource Centres would implement RGNIYD's training and extension activities in the concerned states and facilitate local coordination of various activities for RGNIYD. The Youth Resource Centres would make presentations at RGNIYD at the end of every semester and also undertake periodic monitoring and evaluation of the programmes implemented for RGNIYD. An MoU would be signed and the dates for launching these centres would be finalised in due course.



## Observance of Anti-terrorism Day

21 May  
2012, RGNIYD

The SHANU division observed anti-terrorism day on 21 May 2012. NYKS and NSS volunteers and functionaries, students and staff of RGNIYD and students of different colleges participated in the event. Shri. B.S. Raghavan, IAS (Retd.) delivering the keynote address, advised the youth to have a clear vision and reiterated the tireless efforts of Late Shri. Rajiv Gandhi in bringing about revolutionary changes in the Panchayati Raj set up in the country. Shri. C.R. Kesavan, Vice President, RGNIYD urged the youth to cooperate in fighting terrorism. The Director, RGNIYD urged the youth to oppose discrimination and evil practices. Dwelling at length on the areas of intervention by the youth he advised the gathering to be vigilant. Shri. Alex Paul Menon, District Collector, Sukuma, Chattisgarh was critical of the Maoist activities that are hampering development. It concluded with a skit by Koothu Pattarai a theatre group in Chennai.

## Awareness Programme on HIV / AIDS

23 and 28  
May 2012,  
RGNIYD

To disseminate the information on Red Ribbon Express and raise awareness on HIV/AIDS among the rural community, the Ilanthalur Community Radio Station (ICRS) organized a live phone-in interview with Dr. Nithya Nandini, Project Manager, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Kanchipuram District on 23 May 2012. Further outdoor interviews were recorded with the Medical Officers of Sriperumbudur Block including Vox-pop interviews with general public on the prevalence of and medical facilities available for HIV/AIDS. In continuation of the radio programmes, the adolescents in the ICRS catchments were taken on a visit to the Red Ribbon Express at the Chennai Central Railway Station on 28 May 2012.

## Meeting of the Empanelled Training Institutions (NSS)

24 - 26 May 2012, RGNIYD

The SHANU Division organized a meeting of the Empanelled Training Institutions (NSS), formerly NSS Training and Orientation Centres (TOCs) and Training Orientation and Research Centres (TORCs) from 24- 26 May 2012 at RGNIYD at the behest of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the NSS Training Manual. Representatives from five ETIs and Shri S.K. Shawney Deputy Programme Adviser, NSS Programme Adviser Cell, New Delhi scrutinized the content of the manual. The manual would be modified based on the suggestions on the content and methodology that emerged during the meeting.

## Consultative Meeting on the Draft State Youth Policy and Preparation of Five-Year Action Plan for Development of Youth in ODISHA

25 - 26 May 2012, DRTC-CYSD, Bhubaneswar

A two-day consultative meeting to discuss on the Draft State Youth Policy and Preparation of Five Year Action Plan for Development of Youth in Odisha was held on 25 and 26 May, 2012, at Bhubaneswar, organized by DRTC-CYSD. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Saswat Mishra, I.A.S, Vice-Chairman, State Youth Welfare Board and Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha.

Presentation on the key aspects of draft State Youth Policy was made by Shri. Rabindra Mohanty, CYSD and Shri. Gobinda Ballav Dalai, YDF. A total of 180 key stakeholders representing various youth organisations participated. The participants discussed in groups on specific themes based on the youth policy framework. Group presentations were made by the participating officials and was moderated by the Director, RGNIYD. The Former State Information Commissioner, Odisha, Prof. Anup Kumar Dash, Member Secretary, CYSD and Shri. Saswat Mishra, I.A.S, Vice-Chairman, State Youth Welfare Board and Commissioner-cum-Secretary & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha provided their suggestions for preparing youth policy for Odisha.

## **Orientation Programme for Youth Functionaries from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in Decentralized Governance**

**29 - 31 May 2012, RGNIYD**

The second programme in the series of Orientation programmes on Decentralized Governance was organized by PRIYA division during 29 - 31 May 2012. Eighty one Youth Functionaries and Members of Youth Organisations (Male: 66, Female: 15) from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu participated in this three- day programme. The main objective of the programme was to impart working knowledge on the basic principles of decentralized governance among the newly selected youth functionaries and members of Youth organisations. Shri. P. V. Ramakrishnan, Extension Faculty, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) and the faculty of PRIYA Division handled the technical sessions. Lectures, brainstorming sessions and small group discussions were the methodologies adopted and the sessions were organized in the following thematic areas:

- Democracy and Decentralization - Concepts
- Constitutional Status of Local Government Institutions
- Decentralization Experiences of Karnataka & Tamil Nadu
- Youth and Decentralized Governance
- Youth and Disaster Management
- Project Management in Local Government

During the project management session, participants were asked to prepare model projects based on their local needs and context. The programme was coordinated by PRIYA Division.

## **Consultation Meeting on Draft National Youth Policy on 2012**

**04 June 2012, New Delhi**

The TOE Division coordinated the Regional Consultation Meeting on the Draft National Youth Policy 2012 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (YA) with State Secretaries of Sports, Youth & Cultural Affairs and Education of Northern States for soliciting views and comments on 4th June 2012, New Delhi. It was suggested that as an adventure component, the Know Border Programme may be formulated to facilitate exchange programmes among the youth of the mainland and those in the border districts.

## **Workshop on Mainstreaming Youth in Local Governance**

**08 - 09 June 2012, RGNIYD**

PRIYA Division organised a workshop to discuss the operationalization of the ongoing action research project, 'Mainstreaming Youth in Local Governance' during 08 - 09 June 2012. Along with the elected members of Local Government Institutions from the project areas, representatives of Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research in India, Andhra Pradesh; Jayprabha Gram Vikas Mandal, Bihar; Centre for Rural Management, Kerala; and, DHAN Foundation took part in the workshop. Progress of the project, linkages between the collaborating organisation and the local Government institution, strategies and approaches of project implementation, and, nature of support received from the District Administration and scaling up of the project with the State Government were discussed during the two-day workshop. It was also decided to set up Youth Resource Centres to reach out to more youth population in the project area and adjacent areas.



The VTED Division of RGNIYD organized Motivational Training to Youth Club Members in Kanchipuram Block. The Youth Club members were oriented to the activities of RGNIYD, NYKS, Youth Development Schemes by State and Central Government and RTI Act.

## Motivational Training to Youth Club Members in Kanchipuram Block

9 June 2012, Kanchipuram  
24 June 2012, Karai

## Consultation Meeting on Draft National Youth Policy on 2012

11 June 2012, New Delhi

The TOE Division, RGNIYD coordinated a consultation meeting on Draft National Youth Policy 2012 held with State Secretaries. The meeting was chaired by Dr. (Ms.) Nita Chowdhury, I.A.S., Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs, and Government of India. The Director, RGNIYD presented the Draft NYP 2012 for discussion and suggestions on the policy document were invited.

## Visit of the Secretary - Youth Affairs to RGNIYD

14 June 2012

Dr. (Ms.) Nita Chowdhury, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, visited RGNIYD on 14 June 2012 and reviewed its activities. The Secretary toured around the facilities of the Institute and interacted with the officials of the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) on the progress of the construction of RGNIYD Central Library. She later addressed the listeners of Ilanthalur Community Radio at its Station (ICRS) at RGNIYD and suggested that the ICRS programmes may be broadcast through the All India Radio. She also visited the Library and Career Counselling



Centre. The Secretary interacted with the participants of Rajiv Gandhi Youth Leadership Internship Programme (RGYLIP), Youth Officers from Kerala, Teen Club Members and ICDS Staff who were attending various programmes at RGNIYD. In an exclusive meeting, she interacted with the faculty and staff of RGNIYD and explained the vision of the Institute and the need for offering pioneering educational and training programmes fostering youth development in the country, keeping in view the market demand and aspirations of the youth. She suggested that the capacities of the faculty members need to be periodically enhanced by organising appropriate programmes.

## **Training for the Officials of Kerala State Youth Welfare Board**

**12 - 15 June 2012,  
RGNIYD**

PRIYA Division organized Training for the District Youth programme Officers of Kerala State Youth Welfare Board (KSYWB) from 12-15 June 2012. Seventeen Officers of KSYWB participated in the four-day programme. The main objective of the programme was to impart working knowledge on Youth Policy, Institutions of Youth Development, Youth in Disaster Management, Youth in Decentralised Governance, Project Management, and hands-on experience on Disaster Management. Some practical suggestions emerged out of the discussions viz., Linkage Programmes with other departments, New areas of Intervention and Zero Budget Programmes/ Projects.

## **Southern Regional Consultative Meeting on Draft National Youth Policy 2012**

**15 June 2012,  
Nehru Stadium,  
Chennai**

The TOE Division, RGNIYD coordinated the Southern regional consultation meeting on National Youth Policy 2012. The meeting was chaired by Dr. (Ms.) Nita Chowdhury, I.A.S., Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. In her speech she emphasized the purpose of the meeting to the gathering. Smt. Saradha Alikhan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri. C.S. Pran, Director (Prog) NYKS, Shri. G. A. Rajkumar I.A.S, Additional Chief Secretary (YA), Government of Tamil Nadu, Shri. I.R. Perumal, I.A.S. Secretary (YA), Government of Karnataka, Department of Youth Services, Smt. J. Uma Maheswari, I.A.S. Joint Secretary (Higher Education), Director of Collegiate Education and State Coordinator NSS, Government of Tamil Nadu, the Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, representatives of Youth Affairs, Universities and NSS/NYKS functionaries from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry Union Territory participated and deliberated on the Draft National Youth Policy 2012. The major suggestions that emerged include: establishment of student counselling centres at universities, increasing the facilities and services for skill development, inclusion of Special Component Plan (SCP), Pooling the funds (unspent money) from various departments for youth development programmes and setting up Youth Employment Corporation at Taluk, District and State levels.

## **Consultation Meeting for Preparing the POA for Collaborative Ventures with AILSG**

**16 June 2012,  
RGNIYD**

Towards operationalising the collaborations based on the MoU signed between RGNIYD and All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) for five years, a Consultation Meeting was held for preparing the Plan of Action. The possible areas identified include: Sharing of resource materials published by AIILSG and RGNIYD; capacity building of young elected members of Panchayati Raj Institutions with thrust on Gram Panchayats of Tamil Nadu and Commune / Gram Panchayats of Puducherry; Conduct of National Conference on Urban Empowerment Initiatives in January 2013 at RGNIYD; and, Initiation of Action research project 'Youth Budgeting at the Urban Local Government Institutions' in one Municipal Council each in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for a period of two years on a pilot basis.



## Workshop on Role of Youth in Tobacco Control

16 June 2012,  
Cancer Institute, Chennai



The ICEYD Division of RGNIYD in association with the Cancer Institute, Chennai organised a workshop on the Role of Youth in Tobacco Control on 16 June 2012. A total of 102 youth from different colleges including the 46 interns of RGNIYD attended the workshop.

Dr.V. Shanta, Chairman, Cancer Institute (WIA) inaugurated the workshop. The workshop had sessions on Health Consequences of Tobacco, Lifestyle and Cancer, Economic & Environmental aspects of Tobacco, Need to Catch the Young, Tobacco Cessation Methodologies, World No Tobacco Day's Message and the role of youth in tobacco control handled by the faculty of Cancer Institute.

## Pilot Testing of the Advanced Facilitators' Manual on Life Skills

16 - 30 June 2012, RGNIYD



The pilot testing of the Advanced Facilitators' Manual on Life Skills was organised at RGNIYD from 16-30 June 2012 by the Youth and Adolescent Health Division. The objective of the training was to try out the training of trainers' manual and to obtain objective feedback on the content and methodology of the manual. The manual was pilot tested on 45 students from the outgoing batch of RGNIYD. In this direction, a review meeting was also held on 23 and 24 June 2012 at RGNIYD.

The participants were provided intense training as per the manual. The participants were required to provide training to the students in various schools on various modules of the training manual. The topics covered in

the manual include 10 core life skills viz., Self Awareness, Empathy, Effective Communication, Interpersonal Relationship, Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Coping With Emotion and Coping With Stress, Goal Setting, Time Management, Refusal Skills & Assertiveness, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution and other topics such as Anger Management, Team building, Leadership Skills, Positive Thinking and Well Being, Peer Education, Risk Taking, Substance Abuse, HIV and Parenting. The suggestions were assimilated and would be incorporated in the manual. The participants would be certified Life Skills trainers. This programme was organised by the Youth and Adolescent Health Division.



## Gender Sensitization for Students

### 18 - 19 June 2012, NSPR Govt. Degree College



The Gender Equity Division, RGNIYD organised a Gender Sensitization programme for the students of the NSPR Govt. Degree College for women, Hindupur, from 18 – 19 June, 2012 in which 120 students participated. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Abdul Khadar, the Principal of the college. The programme covered different sessions on social construction of gender, gender discrimination, good communication skills and the importance of education for women's empowerment. During the sessions, the participants raised interesting concerns such as the role of education to break the cycle of poverty bondage, prevention of early marriage and the need for women empowerment in all spheres. The important outcome of the programme was the reflection by the participants on the need to embrace education to be aware of their rights and be empowered citizens and march ahead with gender sensitivity.

## Capacity Building on Youth Leadership and Personality Development

20 - 22 June 2012, Kilakarai, Ramanathapuram District

The TOE Division conducted Capacity Building training programme on Leadership and Personality Development from 20-22 June 2012, at Mohammad Sathak Polytechnic College, KilaKarai, Ramanathapuram District. The objectives of the training programme were to foster leadership qualities among the youth and enhancing their participation in the developmental activities. 46 participants from NYKS and NSS attended the programme and was inaugurated by Shri. Dr.Sundaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Tamil Nadu. The programme covered imperative topics such as leadership, motivation, communication, planning and goal setting, positive attitudes, life skills, etiquette, behaviour, etc. The pre and post evaluation of the programme was also undertaken.

## Observance of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

26 June 2012, Sriperumbudur

The READ Division organised an outreach campaign on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June 2012 in and around Sriperumbudur.

The faculty of School of Counselling, RGNIYD conducted awareness talks on the theme of the day titled "Think Health – Not Drugs" in 8 Schools in and around Sriperumbudur. A brochure titled "Get high on life not on drugs" was prepared and was distributed in the Sriperumbudur Market, Bus Depot, Toll Plaza, BDO Office, Banks and public places.

Besides, the pledge against drug abuse was administered to the participants of the Life Skills Training Programme and the Interns of Rajiv Gandhi Youth Leadership Internship Programme following a lecture on the ill effects of drug abuse on the youth.



## Observance of Ambedkar's 121st Birth Anniversary

The SHANU Division observed Dr. B.R. Ambedkar 121st birth anniversary on 14th April 2012 at RGNIYD campus. Dr. C. Lakshmanan, Asst. Professor, MIDS, Chennai addressed the staff and students of RGNIYD on this occasion. In his address he highlighted the untiring efforts of Dr. Ambedkar in uplifting the depressed classes and drafting the constitution. Dr. Lakshmanan said that Ambedkar strongly believed in democratic institutions and constitutional means. An essay competition on the contribution of Ambedkar was conducted for the students of RGNIYD.

## World Heritage Day

The SHANU Division observed World Heritage Day on 17th April 2012 at RGNIYD Campus. Dr. S. Suresh, Convenor, INTACH, Tamil Nadu, gave a presentation on how to protect and renovate monuments in order to preserve our heritage. All the students and staff of RGNIYD heard him with rapt attention. He spoke about the monuments in different eras, laws pertaining to the preservation of monuments, activities of INTACH, and the styles of conservation of monuments in India and US.

## Gender Sensitization for Prison Officers 26 - 28 June 2012, RGNIYD

Gender Equity Division, in collaboration with APCA, Vellore, organised a three-day gender sensitization training programme for Prison Officers at RGNIYD with 32 participants (5 female, 27 male) from the states of Karnataka, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu. The objective of the training programme was to sensitize the prison personnel on different aspects of gender and gender discrimination, to encourage and promote gender sensitivity, and to enable them in carrying out their functions better with empathy and social efficiency. The Registrar i/c, RGNIYD, in her Inaugural address encouraged the participants to be gender sensitive and to treat everyone with dignity and respect.



The training sessions highlighted various topics such as social construction of gender, gender discrimination, violence against women, victimization and restorative justice, gender and human rights, and representation of women in media. The training programme provided insights into gender issues earlier unexplored by the participants and it was a new and rich learning experience for them.

## Review of NSS Activities and Consultation Meeting on Draft National Youth Policy

27 - 28 June 2012,  
NEHU, Shillong

The TOE division in coordination with the NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati organized Review of NSS activities on 27 June, 2012 and a consultation meeting on Draft National Youth Policy 2012 with Secretaries (Youth Affairs & Sports/Youth Policy) of all states in North-eastern Region, Leading universities, officials of NSS and NYKS and key stakeholders at NEHU, Shillong on 28 June 2012. Dr. (Ms.) Nita Chowdhury, I.A.S., Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India provided the highlights of the draft Youth Policy 2012. The Secretaries of the North-eastern states provided the following suggestions on the youth policy: need to set up Skill Development Mission, enhancement of Tourism and IT sectors, adventure sport activities, setting up State Youth Forum and Commission, setting up Youth Hostels at Cherrapunjee, Moreh-Manipur, Amphitheatre projects, setting up Diagnostic Centres for solving crisis, re-education, and rehabilitation, establishing Youth Resource Centre to serve the diverse needs of the youth in border areas, constituting Youth Promotion Cells in different Ministries/Departments, setting up Guidance and Counselling Centres, etc.

## Motivational Training to Youth Club Members in Kanchipuram Block

The Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development (VTED) division of RGNIYD organized four motivational training programmes for the Youth Club Members in the Kanchipuram Block. During the training, useful inputs were provided to motivate them to revive their youth club activities and undertake developmental initiatives in their respective villages. They were also provided orientation on various developmental schemes, details on youth-related programmes and activities and information on career-related aspects. The details of the programmes are as follows:

Sl. No.	Date of the Programme	Venue	No. of Participants
1	08 April 2012	Ponnammanpattarai Village	27
2	14 April 2012	Kizhambi Govt. Primary School, Kilambi Village	41
3	22 April 2012	Ayyanarkulam Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ayyanarkulam Village	30
4	29 April 2012	Nazarethpet Govt. Higher Secondary School, Nazarethpet Village	30
<b>Total Number of Participants</b>			<b>128</b>

### Job Fair and Dissemination of Job-related Information

The Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development (VTED) division of RGNIYD conducted a job fair in partnership with the Apollo Pharmacy – a unit of Apollo Hospitals, for vacancies of Pharmacist/Pharmacy Aide on 06 April 2012. A total of 10 unemployed rural youth who have passed SSLC from the Kanchipuram District were interviewed and all the 10 candidates were selected. After their orientation training they would be placed on jobs. Further, the Cell also collected information on job vacancies from the Print Media and disseminated it over RGNIYD's Ilanthali Community Radio.

### Rajiv Gandhi District Level Football Rolling Trophy -2012

**06 June 2012, RGNIYD**

The VTED Division organized Rajiv Gandhi District Level Football rolling trophy -2012 for the youth clubs in Kancheepuram district. The winners of the tournament were presented the Rajiv Gandhi Football Rolling Trophy.

### Sports Coaching

**10 June 2012, RGNIYD**

RGNIYD organized a coaching class for the members of sports associations from various districts of Tamil Nadu for participating in the state level tournaments in Cricket and Volley Ball. They were provided useful tips for success and motivated.

### Coaching for State Level Competitive Examinations

**06 June 2012, RGNIYD**

The Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development Division organized coaching classes for the youth of Kancheepuram District appearing for TNPSC exams on week ends during June 2012. The participants were provided coaching on tests of reasoning, general knowledge and subject specific inputs. Mock tests were also conducted. 48 Youth from the adjoining villages of Sriperumbudur attended the programme.



## Adolescent Health and Development Programmes

Sl. No.	Programme Title	Date	Venue	No. of Participants
1	Orientation Programme on Teens Club and Community Radio - For ICDS Beneficiaries	12 April 2012,	SSA – Campus, Sriperumbudur	89 (Anganwadi Workers ICDS & Women Beneficiaries ICDS)
2	Orientation Programme on Teens Club and Community Radio	16 April 2012	RGNIYD	21 Women Panchayat Level Federation (PLF) Members
3	Report of Workshop on Learning through Comics	07 – 11 May 2012	RGNIYD	65 Master Trainers and Teen Club Members
4	Orientation Programme on Community Radio	09 May 2012	RGNIYD	47 PLF Members from Sriperumbudur & Kadambathur Block
5	Training on Personality Development	11 June 2012	Molachur Village	30 Adolescent Girls (ICDS Beneficiaries)
6	Training on Sanitation and Environment for Teens Clubs Members	23- 30 June 2012	RGNIYD	90 Teen Club Members from Thirumangalam, Santhavellore, Aayakullathur and Valarpuram villages in Sriperumbudur Block



## Live Phone in and Special Programmes Aired by the Ilanthalir Community Radio Station of RGNIYD

S.No	Title of the Programme	Resource Person
1	Career Options in Veterinary Science	Dr.K.N. Selvakumar Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Science University
2	Career Options in Ocean Technology	Dr.R.Venkadesan National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)
3	Higher Education in IITs	Prof. M.S. Sivakumar Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)
4	Career Options in Law	Dr. M.S. SoundraPandiyar Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University
5	Career Options in Engineering	Dr. J. Arul Aram Anna University, Chennai
6	Career Options in Agricultural Science	Dr.A.RajaRajan Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Coimbatore
7	Career Options in Fine Arts	Shri. K. Pugazhenthir Govt. College Fine Arts
8	Career Options in Fashion Technology	Dr.RaguramJayaraman National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
9	Career Options in Teacher Education	Dr. S. Mani Meston College C/o Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University
10	Career Options for Persons With Multiple Disabilities	Shri. SanthoshKanna Course Coordinator / Lecturer National Institute for Empowerment of Persons With Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)
11	Career Options in Labour Administration/Management	Shri. R.Madhan Mohan Director / Additional Commissioner of Labour Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Studies
12	Career Options in Arts & Science	Dr.RajaHussain Director University Student Advisory Bureau Madras University

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S.No	Title of the Programme	Resource Person
13	Courses Offered by IGNOU	Dr. A. Varatharajan, Deputy Director & Dr. Jerina, Asst. Regional Director Indira Gandhi National Institute of Open University (IGNOU)
14	Courses Offered by Govt. Arts & Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu	Dr. P.K. Killivalavan HoD of Tamil R.V. Govt. Arts & Science College, Chengalpattu
15	Distance Learning Programmes in Open University Stream	Dr. R. Thangaraj Deputy Director Student Support Service Division Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU)
16	Career Options in Medicine	Dr. R. Sri Lakshmi Registrar Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University
17	Women and Child Health	Diabetes, Dr. Vinoth Assistant Professor, Dept of Diabetology, Govt. Kilpauk Medical College
18	Communicable Diseases – Dengue	Shri. Stephen Paul, Health Inspector, Govt Primary Health Primary Health Centre, Sriperumbudur
19	Youth Hour on Tree Plantation, Organic Cultivation and about Significant National Leaders	RGNIYD Staff and Faculty
20	World Library Day	RGNIYD Library Staff
21	World Environmental Day	Dr. Annamalai IFS Department of Forest, Tamil Nadu, Chennai
22	World Malaria Day	Dr. K. John Raveendiran National Institute of Malaria Research (NIMR)
23	Labour Day	Shri. R. Madhan Mohan Director / Additional Commissioner of Labour Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Studies
24	Panchayat Diwas	Shri. Ravikumar Asst. Director State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) (Panchayat Diwas)



## Congratulations



Ms. Sudharsanalakshmi

Shri. Pramod Kumar  
Yadav

Ms. Sudharsanalakshmi and Shri. Pramod Kumar Yadav, students of RGNIYD (2010-12 Batch) were selected as Country Representative and Deputy Representative respectively for the Regional Youth Caucus of the Commonwealth Youth Programme and would serve in these capacities for a term of three years with effect from July 2012.

## Regional Pilot Testing Workshop on Trainers' Manual on Youth Entrepreneurship / Enterprise Development

Dr. R. Subasree, Lecturer, School of Counselling and Ms. Avinu Veronica Richa, Training Officer and Lecturer, School of Gender Studies, participated and facilitated sessions in the Pilot Testing of Trainer's Manual on Youth Enterprise from 02-09 June 2012 at Chennai organized by the Commonwealth Youth Programme Asia Secretariat.

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capacity and widen your vision as a global citizen.”*

Ban Ki-moon

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