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### RGNIYD poised to become an Institute of National Importance

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Shri. Ajay Maken introduced the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Bill, 2011 in the Lok Sabha on December 21, 2011. The Bill aims at converting the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) into an Institute of National Importance. The conversion will enable the Institute to undertake advanced study and applied research on youth-related activities, offer employment-oriented and inter-disciplinary courses at the postgraduate level and also get more autonomy on financial and academic matters including launching its own courses. With the conversion, the Institute will become eligible for research grants from the government as also international bodies. Towards recommending this conversion, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and

Sports, Government of India constituted a Mentor Group to assess the present nature of the programmes and activities

being undertaken by RGNIYD and to suggest a road map for RGNIYD to emerge as an Institution of National Importance.

The Mentor Group, at the behest of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, has undertaken a thorough review of the Institute's mandates and activities, and has recommended that it be converted into an Institution of National Importance.



## One Day Orientation in Life Skills

**05 January 2012 , RGNIYD**

With the objective of enhancing the life competencies of the student, the Rajalakshmi College of Education requested training programme on Life Skills for their B.Ed students as part of their seminar from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development. They also agreed to give radio programmes based on the training related adolescents issues. Therefore, a one-day training on Life Skills was organized on 5 January 2012 at RGNIYD. A total of 110 participants (25 male and 85 female) attended this training. The participants were oriented on the 10 core life skills. During the valedictory, Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromony IAS Director, RGNIYD spoke on the imperativeness and relevance of life skills in real life situations and distributed the certificates to the participants.

## Orientation to Trainers of Anganwadi Training Centres in Collaboration with ICDS, TN

**05 January 2012, State Training Institute, Taramani**

The School of Counselling, RGNIYD rendered resource support for the Training of Trainers of Anganwadi Workers organized by the AWTC, Taramani, Chennai under the Sabla Scheme on 12 January 2012 for the Master Trainers on Adolescent Health and Development, Life Skills Education and Empowerment of Adolescent Girls by planning their careers at an early stage and the various Career Options available for them both in the urban and rural contexts. A total of 50 Anganwadi Workers from Chennai and adjoining districts participated.

## National Integration Camp

**06 - 12 January 2012, RGNIYD**

The SHANU Division in collaboration with NYKS, Kancheepuram District conducted National Integration Camp in RGNIYD premises. There were 112 NYKS volunteers from four states viz., Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh participated in the Camp. There were various sessions viz., Freedom movement and Nehruji's vision, Personality Development, Disaster Management and role of Youth, Issues related to development and empowerment of Youth, Indian Constitution/Fundamental Rights & duties of the Citizen, Role of Youth for promotion of peace, harmony, integration and Unity, Life Skills, Herbal Rich India, Modern Agricultural methods, Horticulture Nurseries and Fisheries handled by experts and eminent persons in such fields. The participants were also taken for sight seeing and all the participants represented their states through cultural performances.

## Training – cum- Exposure Visit for Elected Members and Officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions from Kerala.

**09-11 January 2012, RGNIYD**

PRIYA Division of RGNIYD in collaboration with Kerala Institute of Administration (KILA), organized a three day Training – cum- Exposure Visit Programme for Elected Members and Officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions from Kerala during 09-11 January 2012. Elected members (Presidents, Chairperson and Members) and selected Agricultural officers/Agricultural Assistants from Gram Panchayats of Palakkad District, participated in the programme. The thrust areas of the programme were: Watershed Development and Natural Resource Management, Animal Husbandry, Sanitation and Health and E-Governance. The major objective of the visit was to build the capacities of elected members and officials to come up with more projects in these vital areas during the 12th plan period.

## Career Exhibition and Panel Discussion on Youth Employment during the National Youth Day Celebration at Chennai

**12 January 2012, All India Radio, Chennai**

To commemorate the National Youth Day, the RGNIYD in collaboration with the Press Information Bureau – Southern Region, Door Darshan Kendra, All India Radio, Song and Drama Division, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Chennai organized a flagship programme at the All India Radio, Chennai on 12 January 2012. The programme was attended by 200 students from various colleges in Chennai, IMPCC Members and 30 RGNIYD students participated. A panel discussion on 'Employment of the Youth' was held during the occasion. Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Director, RGNIYD, Shri. Natrajan, Deputy Director of Employment and Training, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Shri. Jude Xavier, Head – Recruitment, Polaris Ltd, Shri. Senthil Athiban, Director, Sparks HR Consultancy Ltd, were the panelists.

A career exhibition was also organized by the School of Counselling at the All India Radio, Chennai on 12 January 2012 for the benefit of the students and public showcasing details and career opportunities on 180 different careers. The programme had thematic cultural programmes on youth empowerment and promoting social harmony and national unity organized by the Song and Drama Division, All India Radio and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. Live broadcast of the programme was done by the Door Darshan Kendra, Chennai.

## Celebration of National Youth Day

**12 January 2012,  
RGNIYD**

The SHANU Division celebrated National Youth Day on 12th January. The National Integration Camp volunteers, youth volunteers from Kancheepuram District and the staff and students of RGNIYD participated in the programme. Dr. M. Sivaraman, Advocate & Legal consultant, Founder, Centre for legal education and applied research, Chennai was the Chief guest of the day. He spoke on Role of Youth in Civic Engagement.

## National Youth Festival

**12-16 January 2012, Mangalore**

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the prolific Youth Icon of India, the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in association with the Government of Karnataka organized the 17th National Youth Festival from 12-16 January 2012 at Mangalore, Karnataka.

As part of the event, RGNIYD organized various events in the Yuva Kriti Exhibition at the Karavalli Utsav Grounds at Mangalore. Five stalls were allocated to RGNIYD. The details of the activities organized by RGNIYD are as follows:

1. Career Exhibition
2. Display of Programmes and Activities of RGNIYD
3. Display and Dissemination about the RGNIYD's Academic Programmes
4. Display and sale of RGNIYD's Publications
5. Psychometric Assessments
6. Career Counselling





## Career Exhibition

The School of Counselling, RGNIYD prepared about 180 Career Panels which consists of details pertaining to various careers (A to Z of Careers) providing details about the field, the courses available, job prospects in the specific and allied fields etc. These panels were displayed at the Yuva Kriti Exhibition. About 7000 School and College Students visited the Career Exhibition and obtained information on different career opportunities in various sectors.

Alongside, various schools and colleges were contacted at Mangalore to send their students for the Career Exhibition through the Deputy Director of Collegiate Education, Mangalore.

The students who visited the stalls were provided the following free literature as per their need and requirement:

1. **Career Guidance** – providing details on the steps in career planning and progression
2. **Options in Careers** – Providing various educational and job opportunities after 10th and +2



3. **Career Portfolio** – providing a list of job titles and job prospects in different sectors (A to Z listing)
4. **Scholarships of Government of India** – providing information on various schemes and scholarships being offered by various Ministries, Government Departments in India
5. **Career Enhancer** – A resource which would enable bridge the skill gap between the College to Campus which includes tips on resume writing, enhancing employability skills, job search strategies, preparing for interviews, facing interviews, etc.

## International Seminar on Young People and Migration

18-19 January 2012, RGNIYD

With the advent of globalization, human mobility has become enormously frequent and there are a huge cohort of young migrants moving in search of better lives. But, Youth Migration is a challenging and neglected phenomenon. When a youth migrates, in many cases, she/he faces multiple problems and deprivations. At this juncture, RGNIYD in collaboration with

Indian Council of Overseas Employment (ICOE), International Organization for Migration (IOM, Regional office for Asia and Pacific) and Centre for Development Studies (CDS) has organized an International Seminar on Young People and Migration on 18 and 19 January 2012 at RGNIYD. The objective of the seminar was to provide a platform for academicians, development experts, policy makers and other stakeholders to deliberate upon youth migration and the resulting issues and challenges in its global perspective in the wake of development challenges. The findings and the resulting interventions aims to facilitate a favourable environment for young migrants moving in search of better education, employment and such other avenues at the global and national front.

There were a total of 65 participants in the seminar. Apart from individual nominations at the International Level from Srilanka and Singapore there were representatives from UNFPA - New York, ILO - Bangkok, Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) -

Bangladesh, International Organization on Migration (IOM) - Bangkok, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FeS) - Germany, International Organization on Migration, India. There were research scholars, senior academicians and experts working in the area of migration from across the country from several renowned universities.



The International Seminar on Young People & Migration was inaugurated by Shri. Vayalar Ravi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs, Govt. of India, On the occasion the Minister released 'The Training Manual on Youth Employability'. The training manual would empower youth with employability skills and facilitate their career prospects. The Minister in his inaugural address

highlighted various critical issues related to Indian migrants. He brought out the importance of legal migration, steps taken by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs for preventing illegal migration and protecting the Indian Migrants. He pointed out that the Overseas Indian Affairs Ministry was started in 2006 and was now receiving foreign remittances up to Rs. 57 billion. He underscored the need for RGNIYD to focus on skill development and employability. He shared the initiatives taken by the Ministry for Launching The Indian Council for Overseas Employment – A step towards legal migration of young people to other European Countries. He concluded his address with a provocative statement that "Young Men Should Think Big" and encouraged the Indian Youth to migrate abroad for acquiring multi-faceted skills and experiences.

There were a total of 4 plenary sessions, 7 thematic sessions and one consultation meeting spread over the two days. As an outcome of the seminar, the School of Youth Studies & Extension has planned to launch a research cell on Youth Migration with the support from Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, GOI.





## Training in Life Skills and Personality Development

**20 –22 January 2012 , RGNIYD**

The personality development through positive behaviour is one of the most important thrust area through training of Life Skills. The concept of Life Skills brings curiosity and interest in many people to lead life effectively. With the objective of enhancing the life competencies of the students and impart knowledge and skills in personality development a training in life skills and personality development was organized for the Masters degree in Fashion Management (MFM) students of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) students during 20 –22 December 2012. Through this training the students were imparted comprehensive knowledge and skills on self awareness, self concept, critical & creative thinking, effective communication, interpersonal relationship, empathy, team building and leadership skills, goal setting and time management. Nearly 28 students (girls and boys) attended this training.



## Orientation on Youth Development for Students of Shri Padmavathi Mahila Visvavidyala, Tirupati

**23 January 2012, RGNIYD**

As part of the field visit, the Students pursuing Masters Degree in Social Work from Shri Padmavathi Mahila Visvavidyala, Tirupati visited RGNIYD on 23 January 2012. A total of 16 students accompanied by two faculty members participated in the programme. The RGNIYD corporate film was screened and the students were provided details about the programmes and activities of RGNIYD. They were also provided an overview of youth developmental programmes in India and the strategies for empowering the youth through the National Youth Policy. The faculty of RGNIYD provided orientation on life skills, career planning and career options in the field of social work and youth development, and a film on career planning was screened. They were also taken to the RGNIYD Adventure Park and were explained about the imperativeness of developing personality and physical agility through various adventure games.

## Training of Trainers' in Life Skills

**23 –27 January 2012 , Jambudvipa Trust, Yerwada, Pune**

Life skills are abilities that promote psycho social and mental well being and help in building competencies of individuals to perform to their fullest. Practice of life skills, which are psycho-social in nature, fosters positive attitudes to life and work and equips individuals with relevant skills for a creative and innovative knowledge economy. Keeping in mind that consciously practicing Life Skills help to enhance a capacities an individual, enhances a positive and cultured society and community. The Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme in Life Skills was organized from 23 – 27th January 2012 at Jambudvipa Trust, Yerwada, Pune, Maharashtra, by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) as per the Programme Calendar for the year 2010-2011. A total of 30 participants (19 Male and 11 Female) predominantly from Maharashtra and a few from Karnataka were present. The participants comprised off academicians, NGO workers and NYK representatives.

The inaugural function began with Mr. Satish Bansode, Director-Programs, Center for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA), Pune, addressing the gathering. He stressed on the importance of empowering the youth and the role of like skills for a positive outlook for well being and developing competencies. Other Resource persons, Mr. R. Sreehari from RGNIYD, Dr. Susha Kadanakuppee from Bangalore were present.

Participatory methodology was used to impart the training to the participants. Techniques of a good facilitator and the various training methodologies were discussed in the initial session of the programme. The session on ice breaking and getting to know the group was taken by Mr. R. Sreehari, following which the concept of life skills and its importance were dealt with by Ms. Sushie K. Each of the ten core life skills such as *self awareness, empathy, critical and creative thinking, problem solving and decision making, effective communication and interpersonal relationship* were dealt in detail during the five days of the training. Exercises, role plays and debates were some of the techniques used during the sessions. 'The National Youth Policy (Draft) Summary 2010' was discussed and the issues and problems of the youth specific to the state were brainstormed. The training commenced at 9am and went on until 6pm each day.

The valedictory function commenced at 3.00pm on 27th January 2012 at the Training Venue, Pune. The Valedictory was organized by Center for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA) and the participants of the group. The participants gave their feedback which was on a positive note. They thanked RGNIYD for conducting such a wonderful five day Life Skills Training Programme and providing excellent accommodation and food. Certificates were distributed to the participants after which the five day Life Skills Training of Trainers (ToT) programme came to a close.

The participants of the programme were open to learning, enthusiastic, academically sound, keen on working with youth and for deprived children and disseminate the concept of life skills to people around. Some of the participants seemed very promising and have been identified as prospective resource persons for the future training programmes. The five day training has definitely helped the participants to understand and internalize the concept, need and importance of life skills, thus realizing the objectives of the training.

### Celebration of Republic Day

26 January 2012,  
RGNIYD

RGNIYD celebrated the 63rd Republic Day on 26 January 2012 at RGNIYD. A total of 200 Faculty, Staff and Students of RGNIYD participated in the programme. The Director, RGNIYD hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day Message. The students of RGNIYD engaged in Shramdhan activities. The staff and students of RGNIYD planted saplings in the RGNIYD campus. As a sequel to this programme, a friendly volley ball match was organized between the students of RGNIYD and the youth from the adjoining villages of Sriperumbudur.

The SHANU division observed Martyrs' Day on 30th January 2012 in RGNIYD premises. There were nearly 120 participants comprising Rajalakshmi B.Ed College and students and staff of RGNIYD participated in the programme. Mr. Annamalai, Director, Gandhi Study Centre, Chennai spoke on Gandhian values. It was an interactive session. A movie on Gandhi was screened on that day which showcased his ideas, principles, values and contribution to the Nation.

### Observance of Martyrs Day

30 January 2012,  
RGNIYD

## Capacity Building for Presidents and Members of Village Panchayats of Tamil Nadu

31 - 01 February 2012

PRIYA Division organised a two-day Capacity Building Programme for Elected Presidents and Members of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) of Kancheepuram Districts at RGNIYD from 31 January - 01 February 2012 at RGNIYD. The programme was organised with the aim of enhancing the knowledge on Panchayati Raj System among the newly elected presidents and members of PRIs and to build their capacities on '**Need Assessment, Resource Mapping and Participatory Planning**' in their functional area. About 25 elected members including Presidents from Village Panchayats participated in the training programme.

In the inaugural session, Dr.K.Gireesan, Faculty Head, PRIYA Division highlighted the importance of Panchayat Raj System, highlighting the role of young elected members who have a full tenure before them. The participants were provided inputs on the basic features of 73rd Amendment Act and Tamil Nadu Panchayat Raj Act 1994, Grama Sabha and Peoples Participation, Need assessment of Panchayat, participatory planning, resource identification and resource mapping, participatory techniques and social audit. The participants were divided into various groups and were made to discuss on the needs, issues, concerns and priorities among the various social categories like women, differently abled, youth, children and aged.

## TOT on Life Skills for NCC officers

**Kamptee, Nagpur, 31 January - 04 February 2012**

The ToT on Life Skills for NCC officers was organised by RGNIYD at Kamptee, Nagpur from 31 January - 4 February 2012 in which 34 NCC officers were trained.

Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, Faculty Head, School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony, Mrs. Gitanjali, Consultant. Dr. S Pricillia, Faculty Head, School of Career Counselling Mr. Joseph Thomas, Research Scholar, RGNIYD, Mrs. Arti Bardhan, Clinical Psychologist served as the resource persons for the programme. The programme had intense training sessions on the 10 core life skills, career opportunities for the youth in the contemporary world of work, emotional intelligence and peer education were held. The NCC Officials felt that the training component on life skills would be incorporated as a compulsory element for the master trainers of NCC.

## 24th Ship for World Youth Program

**12-13 February, 2012, RGNIYD**

31st January 2012, a chartered ship "Fuji Maru" left Yokohama (Japan) carrying 140 youths from Japan and 132 Youth from 12 other countries and would cruise around Singapore, India, Sri Lanka before returning to Tokyo on March 5th under the 24th Ship for World Youth Program". The purpose of the "Ship for World Youth" program is to broaden the global view of the Japanese Youths, to promote mutual understanding and friendship between Japanese and foreign youths as well as to cultivate the spirit of international cooperation and the competence to practice it, and furthermore to foster the youths with capability of showing leadership in various area of international society.

The participating countries included besides Japan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, Federative Republic of Brazil, Canada, Arab Republic of Egypt, India, New Zealand, Republic of Peru, Russia, Spain, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Turkey and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Eleven youth delegates from India are representing India at the 24th Ship for World Youth Program.

This programme operated by Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, enables the participating youth to live together, and while on board and when visiting the different countries, they study and discuss common issues from a global perspective and participate in other various activities that involve multi-cultural and multi-national exchange opportunities.

During the voyage one of the Ports of Call was Chennai. The Ship for "World Youth Program" arrived on 12 February 2012 at Chennai. The RGNIYD was designated by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

as the official host to the participating youth of this 24th Ship for World Youth Program. The RGNIYD organized field visit for the international youth delegates to seven different institutions at Chennai viz., Balavihar, Banyan, ICWO, Ethiraj College, IIT, Chennai and Stella Maris College,



## Review of Draft Training Manual & Masters Training Programme on Youth and Peace Building

**6-12 February 2012, RGNIYD**

The RGNIYD in collaboration with Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) Asia Centre, Chandigarh, organized Master Training Programme on Youth and Peace Building from 6-12 February 2012. The CYP Asia centre has developed a training manual to train the Youth as Ambassadors of Peace for the Commonwealth Member Countries. The aim of developing this manual was to develop necessary competencies of the young people to facilitate them as key promoters of peace and harmony. The programme was attended by 34 delegates from various countries.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri. R. K. Mishra, the Regional Director of CYP Asia Centre.

The purpose of the training programme was two-fold viz., to scrutinise and pilot-test the training manual with the experts in peace building and conflict management from various member countries of the Commonwealth and to enhance the competencies of the participants on the training methodologies with special reference to peace building and conflict management.

Dr. D. Agochiya the former Director, CYP London facilitated the entire programme. Following the scrutiny of the content of the manual chapter-wise, the suggestions/modifications indicated by the experts were incorporated in the manual. The manual was also pilot tested on the student youth of RGNIYD by the participating experts.



Chennai on the 12 February 2012 and the delegates observed the activities of these institutions and interacted with the key stakeholders.

The RGNIYD arranged a traditional Indian welcome at its premises on 13 February 2012 to the participants of the 24th SWY. The participants were divided into groups and attended thematic sessions on Yoga, Gender Equity, Life Skills, Social Harmony, Youth Empowerment, Education, Environment, Decentralised Governance, MGNREGS and RTI, Health, Adolescent Development etc. They engaged in focused group discussions and interacted with the student youth of RGNIYD. A cultural programme comprising a mix of classical and folk dances of various Indian States was performed by the students of RGNIYD to give a glimpse of rich Indian Heritage for the youth delegates.

Later, the delegates of the ship were taken in seven groups to various villages visits to expose the international youth to Indian way of life and local governance (Panchayati Raj system) and witness for themselves, the developmental initiatives and schemes being implemented through the local governance institutions including rural sports and games.



## National Youth Campaign on Reaching the Unreached Consultation Meeting of Leaders of Youth Wing of Political Parties and Others

**17 February 2012, Wayanad**

A consultation meeting of leaders of Youth Wing of Political Parties and other Youth Organization of Wayanad was organised at the Collectorate Conference Hall, Kalpetta, Wayanad on 17 February 2012. Dr. K.Gireesan, Faculty Head, PRIYA Division briefed the delegates about activities carried out as part of the project in the District. Sri. P Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS gave a detailed picture of the scenario of Youth Development in India. In his address, he narrated the different indicators of Youth Development which need to be operationalized in the field. Sri. P Hari Kishore, IAS put forward three suggestions to be included while thinking of linking various activities as part of the Wayanad Youth Development Plan. (a) Need for more awareness sessions for youth on various schemes/programmes by different departments/ agencies; (b) Initiation of a training centre for organising skill development on tourism, hospitality and agro-processing; (c) Initiation of a five year integrated programme on Higher Education for Tribal students. Sri. Abdul Azeez District Youth Programme Officer, Kerala State Youth Welfare Board, Wayanad proposed vote of thanks to all the delegates.

### National Youth Campaign to Reach the Unreached Consultation Meeting of Presidents of Gram Panchayats and Block Panchayats

**17 February 2012, Wayanad**

A consultation meeting of Presidents of Gram Panchayats and Block Panchayats and Kalpetta Municipality from the District was organised at the Collectorate Conference Hall, Kalpetta, Wayanad on 17 February. At the outset, Dr. K Gireesan welcomed the Presidents of GPs and BPs for the meeting and appraised them about the activities so far carried out in the District as part of the project. He indicated that there is a need for receiving inputs from them on two counts: (a) To ascertain their views on 'Needs, Concerns, Issues, Problems and Priorities of Youth' in their area; (b) To analyse various projects initiated in their GP which are directly or indirectly beneficial to the youth. The consultation meeting was organised to conceive and put into practice, how youth development can be factored in the projects of GPs/BPs in the plan 2012-13. The delegates expressed their views on various aspects of youth development unanimously highlighted the need and significance of addressing the concerns, issues and problems of youth by initiating appropriate projects, if necessary guidance and support can be provided to them. Shri. Michael Vetha Siromony IAS, Director, RGNIYD highlighted the significance of giving due thrust towards incorporating the projects for development of youth and requested the Presidents to look up to this aspect in a holistic and integrated manner. Sri. CV Joy, Project Director DRDA, Wayanad, thanked all the participants for their active involvement and inputs towards transforming the LGIs into more youth-focused and youth-friendly institutions.

## Capacity Building for Young Elected Women Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions

**17 - 19 February 2012, Coimbatore**

PRIYA Division organised a three-day Capacity Building Programme for Young Elected Women Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions from Coimbatore District at Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Extension Education (AIHSEE), Coimbatore from 17 - 19 February 2012. The programme was organised with the aim of enhancing the knowledge about Panchayati Raj System among the newly elected women representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions. The major thrust of the programme was on Need Assessment, Resource Identification and Participatory Planning.

The Programme was inaugurated by Shri. M.Karunakaran, I.A.S., District Collector, Coimbatore, the welcome address by Dr.Thangamani, HOD, Department of Home Science and Extension, AIHSEE followed by Dr. Sheela Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Extension Education who gave the presidential address. Dr.Manohar Singh, Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Coimbatore delivered the key note address and highlighted the importance of 73rd CAA and women participation in the grass root democracy. A total of 45 young women representatives from 20 Village Panchayats in the District participated in the programme.

The technical sessions included in the programme were: Women in Governance, Principles of Decentralization and Salient features of 73rd CAA, Tamil Nadu Panchayat Raj Act 1994, Functions of Gram Panchayat, Role and Responsibilities of Village Panchayat President and Ward members, People's Participation, Gram Sabha, Government Schemes and Programmes, Resource Mapping and Participatory Techniques, Participatory Planning, Sources of Revenues of a Village Panchayat and Social Audit. The Valedictory address was given by Shri. Kangaraj, Chairperson, District Panchayat, Coimbatore in which he highlighted the active role of women presidents in the development of villages.

## Study Skills and Career Planning Workshop and Career Mela

**18 February 2012, MBN Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Chrompet, Chennai**

RGNIYD organized Career Mela for the students of MBN Government Girls Higher Secondary School Students were poised to take up the 10th and +2 examinations during March 2012 in collaboration with the Cognizant Technology Solutions, Chennai on 18 February 2012. A total of 800 students pursuing 10th and +2 participated in the programme.

Training on Achievement Motivation, Study Skills and Habits, Career Planning and Career Options in the World of Work was imparted to the participating students. Career Panels providing information about 180 different careers, related courses and job prospects were displayed in the school campus and were explained in detail.

The programme was held in two sections. 400 students each were covered in the forenoon and afternoon sections. The students were initially provided orientation on the objectives of the training programme and the career mela and were screened short films on career choice, selection and goal setting. Later the students were divided into groups and were imparted training. Post training, the students were provided exhaustive information on the different career options through the career panels.

The training included various methodologies like screening of films, lectures, situational analysis, case studies, brainstorming and self-analytical exercises. The students were highly participative in the sessions and sought many clarifications regarding the job prospects, entrance examinations, eligibility criteria to take up various courses etc.

### Training to Enhance Quality of Life for the Operators of Nokia

**20 February 2012, Nokia, Sriperumbudur Plant**

As part of the demand driven programmes, RGNIYD organised a training for the operators of Nokia on 20 February 2012 at Nokia. The objective of the programme was to enhance the quality of work life of the employees of Nokia. Based on the need analysis of Nokia, the training had practical sessions on averting addictive behaviour, coping with stress and emotions, conflict management and managing inter-personal relationships. Dr. S. Priscilla and Shri. P. David Paul from READ Division, RGNIYD handled the aforesaid sessions.

## Training of Trainers on Gender Equity

**21-23 February 2012,  
Gujarat Vidyapeet,  
Ahmedabad**

A three-day Training on Gender Equity was held at Gujarat Vidyapeet Ahmedabad in which a total of 52 participants from six states namely: Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Daman & Diu. The main objective of the programme was to train key NSS and NGO functionaries as master trainers in the field of Gender Equity.

Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat University inaugurated the session on 21-02-2012. Prof Arvind Bhandari, NSS Programme Coordinator, Gujarat University, Dr. Vidyutbhai Joshi Ex VC, South Gujarat University & Bhavnagar University were the chairpersons for the valedictory. The training had in-depth sessions on Gender, Gender and Work/ Family/ Sexuality/ Human Rights/ Violence/Media. The programme ended with a cultural programme led by Shri. Yogesh Gadhvi, Eminent Folk Artist of Gujarat.

## Capacity Building for Young Presidents of Village Panchayats

**22 – 23 February 2012, RGNIYD**

PRIYA Division organised a two-day Capacity Building Programme for Young elected presidents of Panchayat Raj Institutions from 22 - 23 February 2012. A total of 35 Young Panchayat Presidents from Kanyakumari, Ramnathapuram and Tirunelveli Districts of Tamil Nadu participated.

In the introductory session, Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, PRIYA Division highlighted the importance of Youth in Panchayat Raj System, with reference to Planning and Development of Village Panchayats. He emphasised that there is a possibility of change in the current scenario in the performance of local government institutions in the State is possible only when there is an active involvement and participation of youth in governance.

Mr. Ganesan, Student of M.A. Local Governance introduced the salient features of 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. Subsequently, Ms. R.Arunajayamani, Lecturer, RGNIYD highlighted the important features and dimensions of Tamil Nadu Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. Ms. Sudharshana Lakshmi, Student of M.A. Local Governance handled a session on 'Grama and People Participation'. The next session was on Need assessment of Panchayats where the participants discussed in groups and made presentations. The other sessions were on Participatory Techniques, Resource Identification and Mapping the Resources, Participatory Planning, and Social Audit

Shri. Michael Vetha Sironmony, I.A.S., Director, RGNIYD interacted with the participants. He emphasised the significance of Right to Education, need for creating sports and games activities for youth, equipping them with survival skills, addressing their livelihood issues, providing them a suitable place for library and reading room in the village, sensitising them with environmental protection and sustainable development and enhancing the participation of youth in governance.

In the concluding session, Dr. K.Gireesan, highlighted the need for taking up for youth focussed and youth-friendly activities by the Village Panchayats and also requested them to take up 'Youth Budgeting' in their functional areas and the need to develop 'Youth-friendly Panchayats'.

## TOT on Capacity Building on Youth Leadership and Personality Development

**23 - 25 February 2012 Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur**

A three-day Training of Trainers Programme on Capacity Building on Youth Leadership and Personality Development was organized by the RGNIYD in collaboration with NSS-Regional Centre, Rajasthan at Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur from 23-25 February 2012.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. N. Nag, former Vice-Chancellor Rajasthan Agriculture University, Bikaner. Dr. V. Naipaliya, N.S.S. Coordinator Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur welcomed the gathering and Fr. Sojan Augustine spoke on the objectives of the training programme. Shri.S.P. Bhatnagar, Youth officer NSS regional centre Jaipur proposed the vote of thanks during the inauguration.

A total of 38 participants including NSS Programme Officers, District Youth Coordinators from NYK and representatives of Youth Work related NGOs of Rajasthan participated. Sessions on youth leadership and personality development, communication skills, motivation, positive thinking, life skills, self-confidence, self-esteem, stress management, goal setting and time management and anger management were conducted. Dr. Trivedi, Vice-Chancellor Mohan Lal Sukhadia University, Udaipur delivered valedictory address.



## Career Profiling Workshop

**24 February 2012,  
ABS, Chennai**

In continuation of the demand-driven programme, the School of Counselling, RGNIYD, conducted the second phase of the Career Profiling Workshop on 24 February 2012 at Asan Business School (ABS), Chennai. A total of 20 students and faculty of ABS participated in the programme. The results of the career assessments made during the previous session were discussed briefly. Further the workshop had sessions on self branding, employability skills, motivation, brain skills with special reference to management settings. Assessments on employability skills tests and brain dominance were performed on the staff and faculty of ABS. The entire assessments would be compiled as comprehensive career profiles and would be provided to each student during a further session and if required individual counselling help would also be rendered.

## Training on Motivation for Youth Club Members

Motivational Training for youth club members were organised by Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development (VTED), RGNIYD as detailed below:

| S.No | Date             | Venue        | No. of Participants |  |
|------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 1    | 18 February 2012 | RGNIYD       | 19                  | The programme included sessions on youth empowerment, National Youth Policy, RTI Act, Schemes and facilities offered for the youth by the Government, youth health, yoga etc and were guided to prepare annual action plan for their respective youth clubs. |
| 2    | 19 February 2012 | RGNIYD       | 25                  |  |
| 3    | 25 February 2012 | RGNIYD       | 25                  |  |
| 4    | 26 February 2012 | Kappankottur | 30                  |  |

## Linkages Established for Enhancement of Employability of Rural Youth

Shri. Sanjay Santhakumar, Programme Executive EEC has established contacts with various officials in Sriperumbudur to devise and organise various programmes to enhance employability skills of the rural youth. The details are as follows:

| S.No | Name of the officer                               | Location                                    | Date                       |
|------|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1.   | Smt.Pathmavathi,BDO                               | Panchayat Union Office, Sriperumbudur       | 14.02.2012                 |
| 2.   | Smt.Leema Rose, BDO (scheme)                      | Panchayat Union Office Sriperumbudur        | 14.02.2012                 |
| 3.   | Shri. Masood Ahamed<br>District YouthvCoordinator | NYKS, Sriperumbudur                         | 15.02.2012                 |
| 4.   | Shri. S.Kumar,<br>Inspector                       | O/o Inspector of Companies,<br>of Companies | 20.2.2012<br>Sriperumbudur |
| 5.   | Shri.Hanish Chhabra IAS<br>District Collector     | Collectrate, Kancheepuram                   | 28.02.2012                 |

## Visit of Chinese Youth Delegation to India - Facilitated by RGNIYD 25 February - 04 March 2012

A 500 youth delegation led by Ms. Luo Mei, Secretary, Secretariat, Central Committee, Communist Youth League of China, visited India between 25 February and 04 March 2012. RGNIYD was the nodal institute co-ordinating the field visits headed by Mr. Sheng Meijun with a total of 105 delegates. During the first phase of the programme, visits were



undertaken in Delhi where the the delegates visited the Parliament Museum and India Gate. The delegates had a meeting with the Honourable Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS), Govt. of India at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium after which cultural programmes were performed.

The participants had the rarest opportunity of visiting the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The participating delegates paid a courtesy call to Her Excellency Pratibha Devisingh Patil, the President of India at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan .

During the second phase of the programme, the members of the delegation in the Group-II proceeded to Thiruvananthapuram and called upon His Excellency, Governor of Karnataka and Governor Incharge of Kerala. During his address, His Excellency Shri. H.R. Bharadwaj.

Further the delegate visited the anganawadi (Child care centre) at Mullassery and later interacted with Shri. G Karthikeyan the Honourable Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly. The delegates were later taken to Putharikkandam Maidanam to participate and also witness the diverse cultural heritage in the 'National Folk Dance festival' organised as part of the National Integration Camp by NYKS Kerala Zone.

The delegates visited institutions such as Mitraniketan People's College, Vellanad, Rural Technology Centre, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and College of Fine Arts, Thiruvananthapuram and interacted with the students, faculty and other staff.

The delegation was led to the Durbar Hall of the Kerala Secretariat by Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Director, RGNIYD to call on the Honourable Chief Minister, Govt. of Kerala. The Honourable Minister for Youth Affairs and Tribal Development, Govt. of Kerala, Ms. PK Jayalakshmi welcomed the delegates. Sheng Meijun addressed the gathering. Honourable Chief Minister Mr. Oommen Chandy, in his speech, expressed his hope that such youth exchange programmes would help to further the relationships between the neighbouring nations. Later the Chinese youth delegates were taken to Institution of Engineers Hall where they participated in a discussion on 'Youth and Global Opportunities' which was moderated by Mr. P.N. Venkitaraman, Career Guidance Specialist. A banquet dinner was hosted by the Govt. of Kerala in which Ms.PK Jayalakshmi, Honourable Minister for Youth Affairs and Dr. MK Muneer, Minister for Panchayats and other officials participated and interacted with the Chinese Youth Delegates .

On 02 March 2012, the Chinese youth delegation left to Bangalore and visited the historical and significant places and participated in the Banquet Dinner hosted by the Govt. of Karnataka and interacted Sri. I. R. Perumal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Youth Services and various other officials. Further they visited the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore. The session at IIM-B, one of the leading B-Schools in the country was organised by Prof. Rajeev Gowda, Chairperson, and Centre for Public Policy, IIM-B, who is a member of RGNIYD Executive Council and also a member of the Mentor group constituted by the MoYAS to convert RGNIYD into an 'institution of national importance'. Prof. Rajeev Gowda made an excellent presentation titled as 'An Indian Kaleidoscope: Political and Economic Perspectives' which enabled the delegates to have a fair understanding of the political and economic development in the country during the last many decades.



## TOT on Capacity Building on Employability

**28 February -03 March 2012,  
Swami Paramanand  
Engineering College, Chandigarh**

Engineering College present during the inaugural programme. The programme dealt with the foundational and functional skills to enhance the employability of the participating youth. In addition, sessions on leadership, team work, conflict resolution, motivation, career planning, resume writing, facing interviews and Time management were held.

RGNIYD in collaboration with the NSS Regional Centre Chandigarh organised a five-day capacity building programme on "Youth Employability" from 28 February -03 March 2012 at the Swami Paramanand Engineering College, Chandigarh. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Bhatti, Youth Officer, NSS Regional Center, Chandigarh. Dr. T.D. Sharma, Principal SPEC, Dr. Jagmeet Bawa, Associate Professor, Punjab Technical University, Dr. Jyoti Kaul Mattu, Principal, Mrs Renu Arora, other faculty members of Swami Paramanand and

## Motivational Training to Youth Club Members in Sriperumbudur Block

03-25 March 2012

The Employability Enhancement Cell of RGNIYD Organised eight training programmes on motivation for the youth club members in various villages in the Sriperumbudur Block viz., Kannanthangal, Gunagaranbakkam, Thirumangalam, Akkamapuram, Thulasapuram, Maduramangalam, Pattunoolchatram and Pennalur Villages. Through these programmes a total of 243 Youth Club Members were trained through these programmes.

## Gender Sensitization Training Programme for Prison Officers



5-7 March, 2012, RGNIYD

The GED in collaboration with Academy of prisons and Correctional Administration (APCA), Vellore conducted a Gender Sensitization Training Programme for Prison Officers at RGNIYD from 5 – 7 March, 2012.

The objectives of the programme is to sensitize the participants in various aspects of gender, to be promoters of gender equity in the society, and to be more gender sensitive enabling them to bring an element of empathy and responsibility in their profession. There were 24 Prison Officers who participated from the states/UT of Gujarat,

Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. There were various sessions throwing light on: Social Construction of Gender, Femininity and Masculinity: Identities and Images, Violence Against Women, Domestic Violence, Strategies to prevent violence against women, Representation of Women in Media, and Gender and Human Rights. Dr. A. R. Ahmed, Director APCA, Vellore, was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. The resource persons were Ms. Esther Beulah, Chief Executive, ECOMWEL, Chennai, Ms. Sheelu Francis, President, Women's Collective, Chennai and SGS faculty from RGNIYD.

## Workshop on Career Guidance for the Youth of North-East India

07 March 2012

At the request of the NYKS, Chennai Zonal Office, the School of Counselling, RGNIYD conducted a workshop on career guidance for the youth of the North-East India at the Youth Hostel, Chennai on 07 March 2012 who were participating in the exchange programme organised by NYKS.

## International Women's Day Celebration

8 March, 2012, RGNIYD

Commemorating the International Women's Day, the School of Gender Studies and Career Counselling organised a programme at RGNIYD to provide legal literacy to the participants, with special significance to laws relating to violence against women in both public and private field, and enlightening career orientations for adolescent girls and students to lead them towards empowerment. The programme was attended by 300 Anganwadi Workers, Mothers and 100 Adolescent Girls from Kancheepuram District.

One National Awardee and three State Awardees of the Anganwadi Centres in Chennai and Kancheepuram districts were felicitated during the programme in recognition of the services rendered in their respective anganwadi centres. A panel discussion on the legal aspects highlighting the rights of women, prevention of domestic violence against women, health and hygiene aspects were held in which legal professionals, women activists, social workers spoke.





Towards the end of the programme, the adolescent girls and the anganwadi workers performed various cultural entertainment programmes.

Various legal experts and social activists deliberated on issues related to violence against women, constitutional rights, intervention programme followed by a panel discussion. Concurrently, the School of Counselling organised a career guidance programme for the 10th standard dropout adolescent girls. A total of 100 adolescent girls from Kancheepuram and Thiruvallur districts participated in the programme. The participants were provided various career options, vocational training opportunities, entrepreneurship and self-employment avenues besides providing them information on various schemes, scholarships and programmes by the state and central governments for career development.

Besides the workshop, career exhibition displaying career panels on various career options was organised at RGNIYD. The participating adolescent girls, their parents, ICDS workers from Chennai, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts, youth club members from the North-Eastern states acquired information on various career opportunities.

Besides these participants, 90 youth club members from the north-eastern states who were attending the Bharat Parikrama Programme organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Zone visited RGNIYD and attended the Panel Discussion on violence against women. They were provided information on various career options, especially for the youth in rural areas. Subsequently, the north-eastern youth had discussions on the youth developmental programmes in India, Draft National Youth Policy and shared their views and experiences. The Vice-President, RGNIYD, Shri. C. R. Kesavan, Shri. P. Michael Vetha Siromony IAS, Director, RGNIYD, Dr. S. Priscilla, Faculty Head (READ Division) RGNIYD, Shri. Sadacharvel, Zonal Director, NYKS, Chennai provided information on different queries raised by the north-eastern youth.



## Training on Career Guidance and Life Skills

**10 March 2012**

The RGNIYD organised a one-day programme for the Child Development Programme Officers (CDPOs) of Integrated Child Development scheme on 10 March 2012 at the ICDS Training Centre, Taramani, Chennai. A total of 40 CDPOs from all over Tamil Nadu participated in the programme. The participants were provided inputs on the significance of life skills for adolescents, 10 core life skills, internalising life skills, career options available after 10th and +2 and the details pertaining to various scholarships. A similar programme was conducted for 40 ICDS Supervisors on 24 March, 2012.

## Training on Civics, Citizenship and Life Skills

**12-14 March 2012, Car Nicobar**

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Car Nicobar organized three-day training programme on "Civics, Citizenship and Life Skills" from 12 to 14 March 2012 at Community Hall, Perka Village, Car Nicobar. The purpose of the training was to educate and create awareness among the Tribal Youth on Citizenship education. Topics like Changing Perspectives of Indian Youth, Citizenship, Celebrating Diversity, Indian Constitution, Transparency in Governance, Democracy, Young People as Responsible Citizens, Leadership and Career Guidance were covered during the training. A total of 60 tribal youth from all the fifteen villages of Car Nicobar participated in the training. Resource persons from the various parts of Nicobar handled the sessions and participants gave positive feedbacks about the programme as this kind of programme is new to them, especially in the Nicobar region.

## ToT on Tribal Youth as Social Animators

**15-19 March 2012, Ooty**

The SHANU division conducted a Training of Trainers Programme on "Tribal Youth as Social Animators" for 40 Tribal Youths of Coimbatore, from 15 to 19 March 2012 at Ooty. The five days training was conducted in association with the NYKS, Ooty. The training was inaugurated by Shri. S. Nizamuddin, Superintendent of Police, Nilgiris District. Shri. C. Maheswaran, Director, Tribal Research Centre, Ooty, and Shri. K. Muthusamy, District AdiDravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Ooty were also present during the occasion. 40 tribal youth from kurumba, Irula, Baniya, Thoda.Kotha and Kattunaikar communities participated in the training programme. The resource persons from various government and non governmental organisation like Tribal Research Centre, Ooty, Social Welfare Department, Ooty, District Rural Development Authority, THADCO, Indian Red Cross Society, National Service Scheme spoke on various themes and activities of their department with reference to tribal welfare. Smt. Archana Patnaik.I.A.S., delivered the valedictory address. The Training Officer (SHANU) handled sessions on Definition of tribe - characteristic features - demographic profile, Social Animation - Meaning and Utility, Tribal policies, Programmes and Tribal Youth Empowerment and Life Skills. During the training programme the tribal youth were taken to Tribal Research Centre and Tribal Museum for an exposure visit.

## Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between RGNIYD and AILSG

**16 March 2012**

A meeting was organised on 16 March 2012 at RGNIYD towards institutionalizing the collaborations between Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) and All India Institute of Local Self Government (AILSG), Mumbai by signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between both the institutions for a period of five years.

The meeting started with a presentation by Dr. K Gireesan, FH, PRIYA Division on the major activities taken up during the last two years by the Division and School of Governance and Public Policy. Subsequently, Mr. AN Shetty, Senior Consultant and Advisor, AILSG, Mumbai gave a brief outline of the major initiatives made by the institution in the recent past. He indicated that they have established 26 Regional Centres across the country and in some places, Urban Study Centres also have been initiated, in collaboration with reputed institutions. The need for such collaborations to mutually work and support each other in areas of mutual concern and interest, by extending their coverage and depth of the programmes was highlighted during the discussions.

In his address, Sri. P Michael Vetha Siromony, IAS, Director, RGNIYD highlighted that such collaborations will enable both the organisations to multiply their productivity and reach by leaps and bounds. He highlighted that capacity building of young elected members of Rural and Urban Local Government Institutions, Programmes for enhancing youth participation in local governance, youth migration, etc. are some of the areas which could be taken up by both the institutions jointly. Director suggested to include the elements of disaster management while ranking of states/Cities in terms of governance. It was also agreed that a Conference on Urban Empowerment Initiatives will be jointly taken up during Nov-Dec 2012, keeping in view of the other engagements of AILSG. Certain tentative areas of collaboration in the Academic, Research and Training were identified during the meeting.

After carrying out extensive discussions on various aspects of collaborative assignments, MoU was signed between the Director, RGNIYD and Senior Consultant and Advisor, AILSG. Mr. MP Bhat, Regional Director, AILSG, Bangalore, and Dr. SK Sathyaprabha, and Ms. Aruna Jayamani, Lecturers from the School of Governance and Public Policy actively participated in the discussions.

## Training of Trainers (ToT) on Parenting Adolescents through Life Skills Method

**19-22 March 2012, SIPARD**

Training of Trainers on Parenting Adolescents was organized for NYKS official, NGOs and representatives of Educational Institutions of Agartala from 19 – 22 March 2012 at SIPARD, Agartala. The four days ToT was conducted with the objectives of imparting knowledge and skills to the parents for enabling them to support the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development of their teenage children. The training was conducted by Dr. Anita C. Gupta, Dr. Surojit Sen Gupta Assistant Professor (Sociology), M.B.B. College, Agartala, Tripura, Mr. Ricky Cooper Life Skills trainer. The participants were also given orientation on parenting styles, techniques, dos and don'ts of Parents. The adolescents physical and psychological issues were also addressed during the training. A total of 37 participants attended the programme.

## Special Lectures by Prof. Partha Nath Mukherji

### 19 and 22 March 2012, RGNIYD

Prof, Partha Nath Mukherji, Professor Emeritus, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi and former Director and Vice-Chancellor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai and former President of Indian Sociological Society delivered two lectures at RGNIYD on the following topics:

1. Methods and Methodologies in Social Sciences-19th March 2012
2. Land acquisition in West Bengal: The case of Singur and the withdrawal of Tata Motors - 22- March 2012

The students and the Teaching Faculty of RGNIYD attended these lectures.

## Group Career Counselling and Training on Study Skills

### 20, 21, 22 and 28 March 2012

At the request of the Joint Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai, the School of Counselling, RGNIYD organised programmes on Career Guidance and Study Skills Training in 9 Corporation Schools in Chennai as per the list given below.

| Date of the Prog. | Venue  |
|-------------------|--|
| 20 March 2012     | Corporation High School, Kodungaiyur, Chennai      |
|                   | Corporation High School, Kilpauk Garden, Chennai   |
| 21 March 2012     | Corporation High School, Old Washermenpet, Chennai |
|                   | Corporation High School, Patalam, Chennai          |
|                   | Corporation High School, Kannammampet, Chennai     |
| 22 March 2012     | Corporation High School, Vysarpadi, Chennai        |
| 28 March 2012     | Corporation High School, Kodambakkam, Chennai      |
|                   | Corporation High School, Mylapore, Chennai         |
|                   | Corporation High School, Wall Tax Road, Chennai    |

A total of 320 students were provided career guidance and were also trained on study skills techniques so as to enable them to effectively prepare for their ensuing public examinations. Group career counselling sessions were also held during which various questions of the students on career related issues were addressed.

## Students Exchange Programme

### 20 - 22 March 2012, RGNIYD

A three day workshop cum student exchange programme was held for two days in the RGNIYD campus and for one day in the Sacred Heart College Campus. In this workshop the Final year students of RGNIYD and Sacred Heart College participated in this exchange programme. The participants were trained by Dr. Henry Rosario, Faculty MSW Dept. Sacred Heart College and Katy Langham, Restless Development, London, UK, Dr. V. Reghu, Controller of Examination, RGNIYD, Mr. D. John Robert, HR ITC Ltd. Hosur, A.J. Christopher, Associate professor and Mr. Chisty Anandan, Assistant Professor of Sacred Heart College on writing project proposals, budgeting, fund raising and talent management, Human Resource Management and Monitoring and Evaluation. The Principal of Sacred Heart College Rev. Dr. A. Maria Soosai SDB gave the valedictory addressed.



## Training of Trainers on Peer Education and Civic Citizenship

**20 – 24 March, 2012, Shanti Tuberculosis Society, Pailan, Kolkata**

The RGNIYD organised a Training of Trainers programme on Peer Education and Civic Citizenship from 20-24 March 2012 at the Shanti Tuberculosis Society, Pailan, Kolkata in which 41 Master Trainers of the Child in Need Institute who work in different projects and Peer Educators took part. The training was imparted as per the training modules developed by RGNIYD. Shri. Rajib Halder, Additional Director of Child In Need institute shared the importance of the training programme to the participants and encouraged them to evince optimum



interest to acquire the knowledge being imparted. Sessions on ten core life skills and the imperative aspects of civic citizenship were held. Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya, Assistant Director, CINI delivered the valedictory address.

## Training of Trainers on Gender Equity

**21 – 23 March, 2012, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam**

A three day Training of Trainers on Gender Equity was organised at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam. A total of 38 participants attended this training program. Though the target population of this training program were expected from all the North East states including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura a vast majority of the participants were from Assam and a few from Mizoram.

The main objective of the training of trainers was to train key youth functionaries as Master Trainers in the field of Gender Equity. The target participants for this training were the NYKS officials, Academic, NGOs, Government officials, Members of Panchayat Raj Institutions.

Mrs. K. Ghohain, ACS., Registrar, Assam Agricultural University was the Chief Guest and Dr. B.C. Bhowmik, Former Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University was the Chairperson for the Inaugural ceremony. Dr. Rana Pratap Bhuyan, Director, Student's Welfare & NSS Programme Coordinator, Assam Agricultural University, was the Chief Guest, and Dr. P. K Neog, Director, Extension Education Institute, (Regional level training institute under Govt. of India ) Assam Agricultural University was the chairperson for the valedictory.

Leading resource persons from various Universities, Colleges, Government Organisations and NGOs trained the participants. The training involved sessions on Gender, Gender and Work/Family/Sexuality/Human Rights/Violence/Media.

## Consultation Meeting on Manipur State Youth Policy and Two-Day Seminar on Youth, Peace and Development

**21- 23 March 2012, Manipur University**

The SHANU division conducted a two day seminar on National Seminar on Youth, Peace and Development from 22nd -23rd March 2012 at Manipur University in collaboration with NSS Cell, Manipur University. Alongside, one-day consultation meeting on devising Manipur State Youth Policy was also conducted on 21 March 2012. Deliberations on reviewing/formulation of Manipur State Youth Policy was done by the experts in the field of youth and peace development.

## Capacity Building on Life Skills, Civics, Citizenship and Peer Education for the Youth of North Eastern States

25 – 31 March 2012, DBI, Guwahati



The AHDD has organized a week long capacity building programme on Life Skills, Peer Education and Civic, Citizenship for the 302 youth of North East region viz., Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland and Mizoram at Don Bosco Institute (DBI), Guwahati, during 25 - 31 March 2012. The 302 youth participants were nominated by NYKS. They were divided into 8 mixed groups and imparted comprehensive knowledge and skills on various key issues such as life skills, peer education, civics, citizenship, personality and leadership development. The youth were also given opportunities to bring out their potentials to enhance their

positive behaviour and attitude for holistic development through this programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Gaurav Bothra, the Director, Department of Sports and Youth Welfare on 25th March 2012 at 10.05am at DBI in which he emphasized on positive attitude of the youth for nation building. The valedictory programme was organized on 31 March 2012. Dr. A. Radhkrihnan Nair, Faculty Head AHDD gave valedictory address and gave away the certificates to the participants.



## Colloquium on Women's Movement in North East India.

26-27 March 2012, Tezpur University

A three day Colloquium on Women's Movement in North East India was held at Tezpur University, Assam. The programme was attended by 80 participants. The objectives of the programme were: to celebrate the spirit, achievements and strengths of non-violent struggle which the women's movement embodied and unravelling its roles, risks, gaps and challenges; to highlight the sustainability of the existing networks beyond individuals, groups, and boundaries for a social cause through grassroots mobilization; and to encourage collective reasoning and discourse, and document shared experiences, histories, opportunities seeking to draw meaning for all people: activists, academicians, researchers, NGOs, leaders, students, community, etc.

Sessions on Women's Movement in Northeast India, Women's Leadership, Ideology and Activism in Northeast India: Gaps and Challenges, Role of State and Civil Society towards Mobilisation of Women's Movement in Northeast India, Women's Movement Issues in Northeast India and Northeast Women and Resource Mobilisation were held.





## ToT on Tribal Youth as Social Animators

**26 - 30 March 2012, ITWWS, Chenglepet**

The SHANU division organized TOT on Tribal Youth as Social Animator for 40 Irula tribal women from 26 -30 March, 2012 at Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society, Thandarai Village, Chenglepet. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Rajkumar, Programme Advisor, Employment Enhancement Cell, RGNIYD. Shri. Rajendran, Director, Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society during the inauguration spoke about the objectives and the importance of the programme. Smt. S. Lalitha, Training Officer, SHANU, briefed about the programmes and the activities of RGNIYD. The participants were trained on Tribal welfare Schemes, Rights and Policies, Social animation, Communication, Leadership, Entrepreneurship, political participation and Higher education. During the training programme they were brought to RGNIYD for an exposure visit and were given input session on self-employment. Dr. Ramulus Whitaker, Founder of Guindy Zoological Park and Irula Men's Society presided over the valedictory session. Dr. Kaliaperumal, Consultant, RGNIYD, and Director, Action Aid were also present during the valedictory.



## Livelihood and Skill Enhancement Training Programme for Young Women

**28-30 March 2012, DAN Dimapur**

A three day Livelihood and Skill Enhancement Training Programme for Young Women is going on at DAN Dimapur with a total of 40 participants. The objective of the training programme was to train young women for

self-sustenance by training them in manual/simple craft skills which will enable them to sustain themselves as well as make them trainers and train other women. The programme was attended by 40 young women from different areas of Nagaland (Kohima, Dimapur, Peren, Tenning, Jalukie). The participants were trained in simple handicraft products making such as paper bags, plastic bags, cards, artificial flowers, decorative designs on clay pots, coasters, basket/bag making, etc.



## Training on Peer Education

**28-31 March 2012, Uttarakhand**

RGNIYD organised 4-day training programme on peer education from 28-31 March 2012 at Hotel River View Naugaon, Uttarakshi, in which a total of 40 adolescents participated. The training programme started with welcome address by Shri. Yogesh Bandhani, Secretary Formation for Society, Naugaon. Ms. Rekha Singh DC, MSS explained about Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development and about its role in the development of youth and adolescents in India. She also introduced peer education training programme and its objectives. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Anoop Dimri, Medical Superintendent, Community Health Center, Naugaon Uttarkashi. The training included modules on Understanding adolescents, peer education, life skills, training methodologies and facilitation and organising peer education activities. The participating adolescents were given practice on educating their peers.





## Capacity Building for the Tribal Youth of Ooty and Coimbatore on Career Guidance and Leadership

**28 March - 01 April 2012, RGNIYD**

At the request of the District Collector, Nilgiris and based on the need of the tribal youth of Tribal youth of Ooty (got training in the year 2010 and 2012) a capacity building training programme on career guidance and leadership was conducted at RGNIYD from 28 March to 01 April 2012. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. . Rajendran, Director, Irula Tribal Womens Welfare Society, Chenglepet. Shri.Sundar Fernando, Deputy Director, NYKS, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, Panchayat Presidents of Sriperumbudur and Pennnalur were invited as special guests. Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar, RGNIYD, presided over the programme. Dr. PitabasaSahoo, Faculty Head, SHANU, highlighted the importance of the programme. A total of 46 tribal youth participated in the training programme. These participants were trained on, Entrepreneurship Development, career guidance, leadership, tribal welfare schemes, youth club formation and youth development, communication, modern agricultural methods, computer skills, use of library, higher education, vocational training and employment opportunities etc. During the training, the participants were taken to the Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society for an exposure visit. Sports like, volleyball and throw ball were conducted. The volleyball match was held between three teams viz., tribal youth team, RGNIYD team and NYKS teams. The tribal team won the match. Shri. P. Michael VethaSiromony, I.A.S., appreciated the tribal culture, way of life and their unique characteristics. He highlighted the youth policy. He motivated them to climb the ladder of success through by ensuring their enthusiastic participation in sports, culture, academic and vocational fields. Dr. Reghu, Controller of Examination, RGNIYD gave Valedictory address. The participating youth shared their success stories of initiating community developmental activities. Towards the end of the training the participants evinced keen interest to venture into self-employment activities, pursue higher education and prepare for various competitive examinations for securing employment.

### Capacity Building on Youth Leadership and Personality Development

**29 - 31 March 2012, Bhubaneswar**

RGNIYD in collaboration with the NYKS Bhubaneswar organised the Capacity Building Programme on Youth Leadership and Personality Development from 29 to 31 March 2012 at Centre for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar. A total of 40 NYKS Youth Club Members and the members of the NGO attended the programme. The programme was inaugurated by the Chairman, CYSD and Prof. Radha Mohan, Eminent Environmentalist. Shri. S.P. Pattnaik, Zonal Director, NYKS also addressed the participants. Dr. Pradeep Patjoshi (Social Development), Ms. Amita Bose, Expert (Youth and Women Development) and faculties of CYSD and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences served as resource persons. The participants were provided vital inputs on leadership and personality development based on the training manual developed by RGNIYD. Shri. Jagadananda, State Information, Commissioner, Odisha presided over the valedictory and spoke on various dimensions of youth leadership.

## Inter-State Interactive Experience Sharing of Leaders of Tribal Autonomous Councils from North-Eastern States

**30 – 31 March 2012**

A maiden effort to document the experiences about the functioning of Tribal Autonomous Councils was made by RGNIYD through a programme titled as 'Inter-State Interactive Experience Sharing of Leaders of Tribal Autonomous Councils from North Eastern States' during 30 – 31 March 2012. The programme was organized at the Rural Resource and Training Centre (RRTC), Umran, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya. Leaders from Autonomous District Councils (ADC) and Village Councils (VC) from the States of Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland participated in the programme.

The programme started with sharing of experiences by the delegates from each State was made. Leaders from Khasi and Garo ADCs of Meghalaya, Karbi Anglong ADC and Mishing Tribal Autonomous Councils of Assam, and VCs of Nagaland shared their experiences which gave a 'bird's eye view' to the current status and functioning of these institutions in the respective states. Number of theoretical positions and operational dimensions were highlighted by the leaders and the session was

moderated by the Faculty Head (FH), PRIYA Division. During the programme, delegates were given inputs on the local government system in India, uniqueness and features of the ADCs in the context of 6th Schedule of Indian Constitution, Tribal autonomous councils – Retrospect and Prospects, Right to Information, Significance of participatory structures at the local level and youth participation in local governance. Dr. S Umdor, Dr. AK Baruah and Dr. B Mishra, Mr. Phyobemo Lotha and Mr. Naba Narayan Taye have handled the sessions. The delegates made a visit to the Uman Village and interacted with Mr. Hoping Kurbah, Headman and other key functionaries. Functioning of Khasi Durbar with specific measures of transparency and accountability practiced in the institution was highlighted during the interactions. The need for enhanced women participation in the decision making of Khasi village councils was noted in the context of the matriarchal system being practised. The need for carrying out a 'Youth status study' in their respective areas and taking up 'Youth Budgeting in local governance' was suggested by FH, PRIYA towards analyzing the investments made for youth development. The need for a 'Youth Policy' in all the respective States was also emphasized.

The need for taking up state-wise workshops involving all the stakeholders and capacity building programmes for the young leaders of the tribal autonomous councils have been made. The programme brought out expression of a renewed vigour and commitment by all the participants towards enhancing the functioning of the tribal autonomous councils by enhancing youth participation in local governance. Mr. Sunil Kumar Basumatary, Head, NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati inaugurated the programme and Dr. Biswambhara Mishra, Head, Dept. of Economics, NEHU delivered the valedictory address.

## Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development Activities

During the month under report the following activities were undertaken by the Employability Enhancement Cell of RGNIYD:

1. Employment Vacancies in respect of 89 organizations (Government and Non- government) were collected through print media and were provided to "Ilanthir Community Radio Station" for dissemination and broadcasting for the benefit of the youth.
2. A meeting was organized on 25 January 2012 at the Block Development Office, Sriperumbudur under the chairmanship of the District collector, Kancheepuram District regarding "Sriperumbudur Town Development Plan". Prof. Dr. M.P. Kaliaperumal, Consultant, RGNIYD highlighted certain basic issues to be addressed by various authorities to be under taken in Sriperumbudur Town.
3. Steps were undertaken to organize two skill development courses for the rural unemployed youth viz., Training in Therapeutic Massage and Training in Security Management to be held in RGNIYD during the ensuing period.
4. Steps were taken to establish contacts with the Director, District Employment Office, Kancheepuram for arranging Job Mela in the Month of February 2012.
5. Discussions were held with Shri L.R. Bhaskaran, Principal Consultant, KITCOLTD on 23 January 2012 to explore the possibilities of arranging Training Programmes for unemployed youth at RGNIYD.

## Programmes of Adolescent Health and Development Project

| S. NO | PROGRAMME TITLE   | DATE                   | Venue  | No. of Beneficiaries          |
|-------|---|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1     | One Day Training Programme on Life Skills for the B.Ed Students at Vishwakshena College of Education        | 31st January, 2012     | Pollivakkam, Thiruvallur, TN.                          | 85 College Students           |
| 2     | One Day Training Programme on Life Skills for A.C Krishna Rao Community College students of ICCW, Tamilnadu | 3rd March 2012         | Anna Nagar, Chennai                                    | 31 Community College Students |
| 3     | One Day Training Programme on Life Skills for ICDS Beneficiaries,   | 28th - 30th March 2012 | Pudhuperu, Kachipattu, Santhavellore, Molachur, Kunnam | 297 ICDS Adolescent Girls     |

## Activities of Ilanthalir Community Radio

| Sl. No | Title and Date   | Guest Speaker   | Topics Covered   |
|--------|--|---|--|
| 1      | Road Safety week (1-7 January 2012)<br>06 January 2012   | Shri. Gajendran, DSP,<br>Sriperumbudur  | Awareness on Road Safety   |
| 2      | National Youth Day<br>16 January 2012  | Mr. Masoodh Ahmed, District Youth<br>Coordinator, NYKS, Kanchipuram District  | Importance of National Youth Day,<br>Formation and Activities of Youth Club  |
| 3      | Ilanthalir Neram- Adolescent Time<br>24 January 2012   | Students, teachers from Chellammal<br>Vidyalaya Matriculation School,<br>Melnallathur Village   | Women Education, Global Warming,<br>Career Counseling, Tree Plantation,<br>Life Skills Education                                 |
| 4      | World Cancer Day<br>2 January 2012   | Dr.Manikavasagam, Govt. Arignar<br>Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, & R.I.,<br>Kancheepuram   | Prevention and treatment of cancer   |
| 5      | Ilanthalir Neram- Adolescent<br>03 February 2012   | Lecturers and Teacher Trainees of Raja<br>Lakshmi College of Education  | Deforestation, Science and<br>Technology, Cultural Values  |
| 6      | IAS Latchiyam Programme Career<br>Guidance on Civil Services<br>09 February 2012                             | Mr.Palanichamy IIS, Director (News),<br>All India Radio, Chennai  | Preliminary information on Civil<br>Services, Eligibility and Examination<br>Details, Selection of Subjects,<br>Preparation Tips |
| 7      | World Science Day<br>16 February 2012  | Dr. Soundararaja Perumal,<br>Joint Director, Tamil Nadu Science and<br>Technology Centre, Chennai   | Awareness on science and theme of<br>the World science Day   |
| 8      | Ilanthalir Neram- Adolescent Time<br>17 February 2012  | Teen Club Members from<br>Sriperumbudur Block   | Scientific facts on Solar System   |
| 9      | National Science Day – Coverage of<br>Science Exhibition organized by Teen<br>Club Members, 28 February 2012 | P.U.M school, Valasaivettikadu Village  | Functions of vital organs of human   |
| 10     | Saadhanai Pengaladi Boomikku<br>Kangaladi<br>5 March 2012  | Ms. Lakshmi – Voluntary Health Nurse,<br>Thandalam village<br>Ms. Sيريapushpam – Head Master,<br>Nemili Village<br>Ms. Kala – X Village President<br>Kaduvanchery Village<br>Ms. Bahitha – CDPO and<br>Ms. Pathmavathi, ANW, ICDS,<br>Sriperumbudur | Accomplishments of Women in the<br>coverage area of Ilanthalir<br>Community Radio  |
| 11     | International Women's Day -Live<br>Broadcast 8 March 2012 March  | Self-help Group and Tribal Women<br>from Ilanthalir Coverage Area   | Violence against Women and<br>Lifestyle of Tribal Women  |
| 12     | Ilanger Neram World Disability Day<br>15 March 2012  | Mr. Joseph D Ravi, District Disability<br>Rehabilitation Officer, Thiruvallur   | Schemes and Employment<br>Opportunities for Physically<br>Challenged Youth   |
| 13     | Live Phone in Programme<br>(World Health Day)<br>30 March 2012   | Mr. E. Mani, District Extension<br>Educator, Department of Family<br>Welfare, Kanchipuram district  | Adolescent Health and Ageing   |
| 14     | Teen Club Formation  | 19 Teens Clubs were formed during the period under report   |  |



## One day Workshop on ICT for Development at IIT Madras and a visit to MS Swaminathan Research Foundation

**31 March, 2012**

One day work shop on ICT for Development was organised by the Indian Institute of Technology (Madras) on 31 March 2012 exclusively for the students of the School of Youth Studies and Extension, RGNIYD. Dr John Bosco Lourdosomy, Faculty of the Department of Humanities and Social Science delivered a lecture on ICT and Rural development. He highlighted the evolution of ICT and its uses in different sectors like in education, medicine, commerce, agriculture, disaster management, civil society management, culture etc. Later, the students witnessed various ICT based developmental initiatives undertaken by IIT(M). Shri. Raghav Krishna, Project Associate for the Speech Group project demonstrated the method of typing with voice and voice recording. Ms. Mohana Indumathi, Project Staff, highlighted the online Tutorial system for the CBSE examination in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharastra, Gujarat. Shri. Murali from IFMR gave a lecture on the role of IFMR in rural finance in the present scenario area and also explained about the IFMR project in rural areas.

Following which, the students proceeded to the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation where their staff provided details on the Village Resource Centre and Village Knowledge Centre and their initiatives to bring together experts and grassroots level communities in two-way communication with the objective of making knowledge accessible to every home and hut.

## Workshop on Career Choices and Higher Studies

**31 March and 01 April 2012**

The School of Counselling organised one-day Workshop on Career Choices and Higher Studies on 31 March 2012 at Chennai in collaboration with the Ma Foi Foundation. Group career counselling sessions were held and the students were provided information on selecting an appropriate career and the steps to press towards their career choice. They were provided a range of career options through the career panels prepared by RGNIYD. A total of 120 students from Government Higher Secondary Schools participated in this programme.

On 01 April 2012, 120 higher secondary students who have appeared for +2 examinations from 90 high-performing government school in chennai were brought to the venue and career assessments for these students were done. The career interests, 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.

*"Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work"*

– Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam

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