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From the Director's Desk

Esteemed readers, it gives me great pleasure in presenting the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development's July to September, 2014 issue of the Newsletter. The newsletter intends to disseminate various programmes and activities being organised by RGNIYD during each quarter.

During July to September, 2014, the Institute has organised special events such as the Foundation Day Lecture on Value Education for Nation Building besides observing special days of importance such as the International Youth Day, International Suicide Prevention Day. RGNIYD during this quarter has also launched the Aakanksha – Distinguished Lecture Series where in highly accomplishing personalities in various spheres of development interact with the youth of the Institute and inspire the young minds. The Institute also has organised a programme to felicitate the young civil service achievers. Workshops on Constituency Management Systems in Local Government Institutions, Women Social Entrepreneurship Development have been organised. In order to build the capacities of the Women Managers in Higher Education, RGNIYD has conducted programmes.

To cater to the training needs of the youth functionaries and youth, RGNIYD has conducted training and capacity building programmes on themes such as Life Skill, Employability Skills, Leadership & Personality Development, Social Entrepreneurship, Career Guidance, Decentralized Governance, Gender Equity, Social Animation etc,

I hope that the newsletter will be informative to the Youth Functionaries, Youth and the Organisations working for Youth Development to get associated with the Institute in further strengthening the youth development endeavours in the country.

- Dr. Latha Pillai

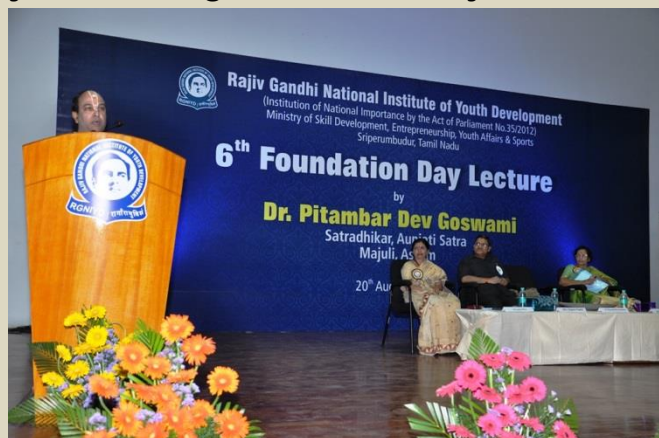
SPECIAL EVENTS

RGNIYD 6th Foundation Day Lecture 20th August 2014

RGNIYD organised its 6th Foundation Day Lecture at its campus on 20th August, 2014. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD welcomed the gathering. A renowned scholar in Value Education, Dr. Pitambar Dev Goswami, Satradhikar, Auniati Satra,



Majuli, Assam delivered a lecture on “Value Education for Nation Building”. In his address, he laid emphasis on different values associated with different aspects of life, such as material, social, cultural, spiritual and educational values. In addition, he implored the youth – the harbinger of change - to unearth positive thinking in every realm of life. Values can be reflected through one’s character. He highlighted that Swami Vivekananda alone could create a lasting impact on the youth through his advocacy of values



globally. Today, people have become self-centred and turned selfish. Added to this, is their undivided attention to materialistic pursuits. Moreover the present day syllabus emphasizes only bookish knowledge and lacks focus on values. In his concluding remarks, he requested the youth development



practitioners and fellow educators to extend equal importance to all living beings without prejudice.

Shri. Rajeev Gupta IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, launched a new outreach initiative titled Youth-Led Development Programme (YLD) to reach out the Youth through networking with Tier 2 and Tier 3 Cities of the country. He also delivered the presidential address. Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar, RGNIYD proposed vote of thanks.

After the inaugural programme, RGNIYD organised a Lecture on “Youth Leadership for National Building” by Col. Professor, Dr. G. James Pitchai, Vice Chancellor, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

Shri. Ninan Thariyan, vice President, Times of India, Chennai, Shri. S. Meiyappan, DGM, Times of India, Chennai, Prof. Dr. V. S. Vishnu Potty, Vice Chancellor, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswathi Viswas Mahavidyalaya,

Kanchipuram, Dr.R.Parthiban, Principal, Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur and Shri. Bhaskaran, Olympian highlighted the unique role played by the youth in national development. Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD presented prizes to the winners of various events of the Inter-Collegiate sports held on the eve of the foundation day at RGNIYD. About 600 students from different colleges participated in the Foundation Day lecture programme. participated in the Sports events and received prizes on this occasion.

National Youth Policy

Seminar on National Youth Policy 2014 – Actionable Areas 12th September 2014, Anna University, Chennai

The RGNIYD and the DHAN Foundation jointly organised one day seminar titled “National Youth Policy : 2014 – Actionable Areas” on 12 September 2014 at Anna University, Chennai. The objectives of the seminar were i) to disseminate information and the priority areas for action envisioned in the policy document; ii)to evolve networking mechanisms for collective action and iii) to bring in convergence of services by the key stakeholders towards achieving goals in the priority areas of the NYP 2014. The seminar was attended by various stakeholders from Government



departments, academic institutions, NGOs, practitioners and experts in youth development, besides the youth from rural, urban, tribal and coastal areas.

Dr. Sumanth C. Raman, Member, CSR Sub Committee, CII, Southern region, inaugurated the seminar. Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD provided insights on the important provisions of the NYP 2014. The experts and youth discussed the issues relating to youth development in the areas such as Employment, Healthy Lifestyle, Governance, Agriculture and Skill Building. The participants had group discussion on the priority areas of NYP 2014 to delineate the actionable areas and strategies for effective



implementation. Shri.M.P.Vasimalai, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation, summarized the declarations that emerged from the Policy Seminar.

A press meet in connection with the Seminar was held at the Press Information Bureau, Chennai on 10th September 2014. Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD highlighted the salient features of the National Youth Policy 2014. She also emphasized the need to address region-specific issues and concerns of young people that are not adequately reflected in the NYP-2014, keeping in view the diverse nature of the country. Each state is required to evolve its own State Youth Policy.

**Commemoration of International Youth
Day 2014
12 August 2014**

RGNIYD organised a programme on 12th August 2014 to commemorate the International Youth Day. A panel discussion on the theme of the year “Youth and Mental Health” was organized. Dr.Venkat Krishnan, Director, Yale-Great Lakes Centre for Management Research and the Director, Centre for Oneness and Transforming Leadership addressed the gathering on “Youth and Positive Engagement”. Dr. Lakshmi Venkataraman, Psychiatrist, Schizophrenia Research Foundation, Chennai, delivered a lecture on “Positive approaches to mental health issues among the youth”. Dr. Ambika Kameshwar, Director of Ramana Sunritya Aalaya Trust (RASA) and a danseuse & vocalist of International acclaim delivered a lecture on the Theatre Arts and Positive Engagement for achieving Sound Mental Health and brought out the importance of various art forms like Dance, Drama, Music, Art & Crafts and Storytelling to enhance motor, communication, social and cognitive skills through various activities. Poster and slogan competitions for the students of RGNIYD were also held during the occasion.

Another programme, commemorating the International Youth Day 2014, was organised at India Habitat Centre, Delhi in collaboration with UNDP in which the Hon’ble Minister and the Secretary (YA) participated to raise awareness on youth mental health.

**Observance of World Suicide Prevention
Day
10 September 2014**

The School of Counseling, RGNIYD organized a programme to observe *World Suicide Prevention Day* on 10 September 2014. A lecture on ‘Prevention of Suicides among the Youth’ was organized. The students of RGNIYD performed a skit and two mimes on the theme ‘Suicide Prevention: One World Connected’. The objective of the mime and skit was to spread the idea that a person who feels connected to the world through family, friends, religion and society is less likely to commit suicide than someone who feels isolated and alone. Through the skit and mime, the issues relating to unemployment, depression and HIV/AIDS were portrayed. A total of 150 students and faculty of RGNIYD participated in the programme.

**International Day of Peace,
22 September 2014**

CYPB celebrated International Day of Peace with the objective of ‘Rights of people for Peace’ on 22nd September, 2014 at RGNIYD campus. Competitions in Elocution, Poster Presentation and Essay Writing were conducted for the students belonging to different colleges and prizes were distributed.

**Felicitation Programme for Civil Service
Achievers
August 27, 2014**

Civil services achievers of the year 2013 were felicitated on August 27th 2014. Nineteen candidates participated in the felicitation programme. Dr.Latha Pillai, Director of RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur

inaugurated the function. Registrar, Dr. D. Jayalakshmi presided over the function. Mr. C. L. Ramakrishnan, former DGP was the special Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Gowthaman, Associate Professor, All India Civil Services Coaching Centre, Chennai was a special guest.

Mr. C. L. Ramakrishnan emphasized the need for devotion, integrity, honesty and dedication while being a civil servant. Further he insisted on the need to have a wholehearted commitment while serving the people. The singular goal is “working together for the welfare of the people.”

Associate Professor Dr. Gowthaman, from All India Civil Services coaching centre, Chennai explained about the schemes and allowances provided by the

Government of Tamil Nadu, for the people of different communities. In the year 2013, fifty seven candidates from this institute cleared the exams and joined the All India Civil Services as IAS, IFS, and IRS officers.

The achievers had an interaction with the students of RGNIYD. They shared their experiences and gave tips to the



aspirants and the smart techniques to crack the Civil Services examination.

While sharing the difficulties and possibilities, most of them shared that

there should be a strong determination towards the goal and consistent efforts in preparation. The biggest challenge was the long process involved. After prelims they need to wait for the mains, then for personal interview and then for the results. Altogether, it is taking almost one full year to know whether they are selected or not. It was highlighted that there are many government institutions and voluntary organisations providing training, free of cost, for civil services examination.

Swachh Bharath Abhiyan, (25th Sep 2014 to 2nd Oct 2014)



RGNIYD organized Swachh Bharath Abhiyan – Clean India Campaign from 25th September 2014 to 2nd October 2014. CYPB organized a Workshop on “Waste Management Practices”. The best practices, models and case studies were presented by model villages and NGOs in the workshop. Mr. Damodaran, Mudichur Panchayat President, Ms. Keerthi Cruz, Project co-ordinator, Hand in Hand, Ms. Sreeja student of RGNIYD were the resource persons. Also Competitions, Rally, Shramdhan and awareness programmes were some of the other activities carried out during the campaign.

आकांक्षा –Akanksha Distinguished Lecture Series 04th August 2014

The lecture on ‘Making Democracy Work’ under the आकांक्षा - Distinguished Lecture Series was organised by RGNIYD on 4th August 2014. Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Frank Rhodes Professor, Cornell University, USA & the Founder, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysore



spoke on democracy and its implementation. Quoting facts and figures from various sources on the access to various amenities to disadvantaged sections of the country, particularly the rural and tribal people, he called for austere implementation of the provisions of Indian Constitution to address the developmental gaps. Towards making democracy work, he underpinned the need for participatory democracy (electoral participation), particularly among the youth by voting intelligently. He further added that the spirit of questioning and the concern for others are pivotal to put democracy into action.

He called for greater transparency, accountability and participation (TAP) in all walks of life and democratic process in particular. He exhorted the participating youth to contribute immensely to the development of the country by having a clear vision and engagement in social activities. He cited the 3Hs of Swami Vivekananda, the great youth icon of India

– ‘Heart to Feel’, ‘Head to Think’ and ‘Hands to Work’ which are essential components for social transformation.

'आकांक्षा'-Akanksha Lecture Series 5th September 2014

CYPB organised a lecture on ‘Ethical Leadership and Transformational Change’ on 5th September, 2014 at RGNIYD campus. Ms. Shobana Radhakrishna, Chief Functionary, Gandhian Forum for Good Corporate



Governance, Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises (SCOPE), New Delhi delivered the lecture. As part of the lecture, she pointed out that the new generation should understand Mahatma Gandhi in a better way. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and principles are most relevant in the present day context and should be followed with reference to time management, sincerity, truthfulness and efficiency by the youth in order to transform our Nation. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD delivered the welcome address and, Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar i/c delivered the vote of thanks. Staff and students of RGNIYD participated in the lecture.

Lecture on Gender Equity and Self-reliance by Ms. Shobana Radhakrishna
Date: 6th Sept 2014, Venue: M.O.P
Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai

The School of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in collaboration with M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women organized a lecture on “Gender Equity and Self-reliance” by Ms. Shobana Radhakrishna at MOP Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai. In her lecture, Ms. Shobana spoke at length about Gandhian ideology and discussed elaborately how Gandhiji’s blend of sincerity and efficiency facilitated bringing about positive change in the society.

Besides, she also discussed the importance of truth, Satyagraha, and ethical leadership; conflicts resolution; Gender Equity and Self-reliance. . The faculty and students of RGNIYD and MOP Vaishnav College for Women attended the lecture.

Interstate Youth Exchange and Home Stay Programme,
15-24th July 2014, Kozhikode, Kerala

Centre for Youth and Peace Building RGNIYD organized Inter-state Youth Exchange and Home Stay Programme at Calicut, Kerala from 15-24th July 2014. NYKS Volunteers from North Eastern States i.e Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, Manipur and Nagaland along with Kerala, totally 80 volunteers, participated in this 10 day programme. The programme was inaugurated by the District Collector Ms. C.A. Latha. The programme comprised of youth seminars, discussions, competition



and cultural programmes, besides, homestay. During the homestay, they were grouped with youth clubs in Chelannur, Balussery, Kannancherry and Kunnammangalam and presented the traditional dances of their Region.

They interacted with the members of the community. Lepcha, Bhutia, Nepali, and Tamang youth were among the participants. The programme had a wide media publicity in the regional and national news papers as well as Doordarshan and National TV channels. The programme was co-ordinated by NYKS, Kerala Zone.

SAARC Youth Leadership Summit – 2014,
29-30 September, 2014, Chandigarh

RGNIYD and YUVA SATTA jointly organised this programme for the Youth of SAARC member countries. The theme of the programme was “Youth Led Development”. Six students from RGNIYD attended the SAARC Youth Leadership Summit and participated in the International Youth Peace Festival.

Youth-led Development programme on Leadership and Participation –
‘Model United Nations’

Date: 5 – 7 September 2014, Venue: IIT
Guwahati

The Department for Tribal & North-eastern Youth Development DTNEYD in collaboration with IIT, Guwahati organized a Youth-led development programme on Leadership and ‘Model United Nations’ at IIT Guwahati during 5 – 7th September 2014 to promote Youth Leadership. The nature of the programme revolved around the Model of United Nations with an objective to encourage and motivate the youth towards professional leadership through Youth-led development agenda.

The programme was participatory in nature where in delegates representing different UN member countries deliberated and debated on the issues of

international importance with a focus on Disarmament and International Security and the Tehran Convention. There were 175 participants from across the country including International participants from Bangladesh.

**Consultation Workshop for Developing Guidelines for the Youth-led – Development Programme through Linkage with Colleges
11 August, 2014**

A Committee was constituted to frame guidelines to conduct various training Programmes through affiliated colleges. The Committee met on 11th August 2014 at RGNIYD and framed guidelines. The programme, under the banner of Youth-led Development Outreach Programme (YDP), was launched by the Secretary to Government of India, Department of Youth Affairs at RGNIYD on 20th August, 2014 through which youth in tier 2 and tier 3 cities are to be reached through 250 colleges.

**Consultation Workshop with SPIC MACAY, Tamil Nadu and NEIWAC
Date: 28 August 2014**

The Department of Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development conducted a Consultation Workshop with the representatives of SPIC MACAY, Tamilnadu and NEIWAC (North-eastern India Welfare Association, Chennai) on 28th August 2014 at RGNIYD. The main objective of the programme was to deliberate on delivering meaningful Youth-led development programmes through the promotion of arts and crafts and similar programmes to foster a better understanding, harmony and sense of national integration among the young people and further enhancement of these aspects through the coordination and support of stakeholders such as SPIC MACAY and NEIWAC. A four member delegation each from SPIC MACAY (4)

and NEIWAC (4) participated in the programme.

Consultation Workshop on Constituency Management System in Local Government Institutions KILA, Thrissur, Kerala – 01 Sep 2014



A consultation workshop on Constituency Management System in Local Government Institutions (LGI) was jointly organized by the Centre for Policy and Action Research/ School of Governance and Public Policy of RGNIYD and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), an autonomous organization of the Government of Kerala. The workshop was held at the KILA campus, Mulamkunnathukavu, Thrissur in which elected members and officials of Local Government Institutions, Academicians and Researchers took part, in addition to the faculty members from the KILA and RGNIYD. Dr. P.P. Balan, Director, KILA inaugurated the workshop. He appreciated the uniqueness of the initiative and hoped that this will be of great benefit to the elected members at various levels when put into practice. Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD gave a brief overview of the initiative in which he highlighted the background, rationale, objectives and methodology of the exercise. He mentioned that the pilot study was carried out primarily to ascertain the current status of constituency management by the elected

members of LGIs and then to put up a viable method to carry out that. It was followed by a presentation of the pilot study report which was jointly carried out by the RGNIYD and KILA in the select areas of Thrissur District, Kerala. Two alumni of RGNIYD who were part of the pilot study presented the report, which was supplemented by the Faculty Head, RGNIYD. All the participants, especially the elected members of LGIs, gave their views, comments and suggestions on the project initiative and the pilot study report. It was suggested that such an initiative need to be followed up by RGNIYD and KILA by taking up action research projects in the selected LGIs of the State towards evolving a model for the country. Dr. Peter M Raj, Associate Professor, co-ordinated the pilot study and the workshop, representing KILA.

Capacity Building Workshops

Workshop for Women Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme 15-17 July 2014, RGNIYD

A three day workshop on Women Social Entrepreneurship Development was jointly organized by Gender Equity Division, RGNIYD and British Council at RGNIYD during 15 – 17th July, 2014.

The objectives of the training programme were to create awareness, motivate and train young women on Social Entrepreneurship and to promote a community of Social Entrepreneurs committed towards a social cause. Dr. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar, RGNIYD in her welcome note at the inaugural function emphasized that the purpose of the training is to empower rural women through social entrepreneurship. Smt. Seetha Lakshmi, Manager, Canara Bank, Sriperumbudur inaugurated the programme. In her inaugural address, she highlighted the schemes offered by

Canara Bank supporting women entrepreneurs and welcomed proposals from women entrepreneurs.

The valedictory address was delivered by Shri. H.A.P Rao, Deputy General Manager, NABARD, Tamilnadu. He underlined the five core principles necessary for a successful enterprise such as Competency, Confidence, Co-ordination, Credibility and a good rapport with the people. He also highlighted the various programmes of NABARD reaching rural women across the country.

Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD in her welcome address at the valedictory function highlighted the unique feature of RGNIYD as an academic and training institution and stated how the institute is committed towards empowering people through its various training programmes and is open to collaborative ventures. The participants had the unique opportunity to share their experiences through the Community Radio Station of RGNIYD besides a discussion with the students of RGNIYD and visual recording. The participants were women from start – up enterprises, SHGs and community representatives from grassroots organizations. The programme was well received and a total of 60 women drawn from different parts of Tamilnadu participated in the training programme.

Workshop on Social Inclusion in Higher Education 27-29 August 2014, Loyola College, Chennai

The DSEDY, RGNIYD conducted a three day workshop on Social Inclusion in Higher Education from 27-29th August 2014 at Loyola College in association with Department of Social Work, Loyola College. There were 50 participants which includes Deans, Heads of Departments, Placement Officers, Student Counsellors, Activists and PhD scholars who were doing research on

Social Inclusion in Higher Education from reputed institutions like Loyola College, VIT, MIDS and Anna University. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr.T.K. Rangarajan, Member of Parliament (RajyaSabha) and it was inspirational and thought provoking. Rev. Fr. A.M. Francis Jeyapathy, S.J.Principal, Loyola College, Rev. Fr. Dr. Albert



William, S.J., Secretary, Loyola College felicitated.

The three day workshop had different themes which highlighted the present education system in India and the significance of inclusive and equitable education, problems and challenges in Higher education to the SC and ST students besides the need for skill development and values in Higher education in India. The workshop aimed at formulating strategies to promote social inclusion in Higher education. The workshop outcome will be disseminated through a monograph. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof.Jandhyala B.G. Tilak, Professor and Head, Department of Educational Finance, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi on 29th August 2014. Dr.LathaPillai, Director, RGNIYD felicitated.

Workshop on Career Assessment 17-19 September 2014

The School of Counselling, RGNIYD organized a workshop on Career Assessment tools from 17-19th September 2014 at RGNIYD Campus. A total of 22 participants (Female: 06 and Male: 16) comprising of students and professionals engaged in psychological and career related services participated in the workshop. The participants were acquainted with administration procedures of various career related tools, besides providing inputs on preparing career profiles and career assessment reports.

CIRDAP – RGNIYD Workshop on ICT Based Rural Women Entrepreneurs in India Based on Best Practice in Bangladesh, 23-27th September, 2014

RGNIYD AND CIRDAP jointly organised a five day Workshop on ICT Based Rural Women Entrepreneurs in India based on Best Practice in Bangladesh, from 23 to 27th September, 2014, at RGNIYD



campus. Around 37 participants from various organisations attended the programme. Shri. Mohammad Mosharrof Hossain, Former Country Director of Spreeha Foundation, USA and Founder Director of e-SheBee Bangladesh and Dr.Vasanthi Rajendran, Director, ICD CIRDAP moderated the programme. ICT information and technologies for young

rural women development in the field of health, education and employment formed the core area of the programme. This programme enabled the young rural unemployed women to become entrepreneurs. The Info Lady Programme is one of the success models in Bangladesh. During the programme, the participants accepted this model and wanted to replicate in their respective institutions. The programme has been named as E-Akka in Tamil Nadu.

Capacity Building Training programme on Women Leadership and Participation
Date: 1-2 August 2014, Venue: AAC, Karumathur

The Gender Equity Division organized a two day Capacity Building Training programme on Women Leadership for selected women panchayat presidents on 1st and 2nd August, 2014 at AAC Madurai on 'Funding sources for PRIs' as a focus area.

Totally 21 Women Panchayat Presidents from 13 unions participated. Additional Director Panchayat, Ms.Madhumathi inaugurated the training and she encouraged the women to participate in Capacity Building Training programmes organized by various academic institutions and gave assurance to support them in implementing the development programmes in their respective panchayats. The sessions focused on planning and obtaining funds from different sources for panchayats. Right to get information about fund availability was also discussed and a printed version of guidelines in local language was distributed to the participants. The sessions concluded with a request from the participants to have regular follow-up programmes.

Two-Day Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation For Women Panchayati Raj Institution Functionaries

St. Agnes College (Autonomous), Mangalore, Karnataka, 25-26 August 2014

A Two-day Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership for the Women functionaries of Panchayathi Raj Institutions in coordination with the NSS Cell, ST. AGNES COLLEGE was held at ST. AGNES COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), MANGALORE, KARNATAKA. The programme was presided by Dr. Sr. Prem D'Souza, A.C., the Principal, St. Agnes College and Ms. MamathaGhatti, former President of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat was the chief guest. In their speeches they exhorted the participants to be the leaven in transforming the society especially by raising the status of women in their Gram Panchayats.

The sessions threw light on Social Construction of gender, gender discrimination, problems in the lives of women due to gender bias, need for Gender equity, Women Leadership and Participation, Dynamics of Decision Making, Role of Women Leaders in Good Governance, Women Empowerment, Development Planning and Budgeting, various opportunities available to women to raise their voices in order to make a real change in the society, Importance of willingness to be the change agents etc. A special note was mentioned that one woman PRI leader trained at such a programme is equal to a minimum of four hundred women being empowered.

Ms. Shailaja Bhat, former president of D. K. Zilla Panchayat was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. In their feedback, they requested for more programmes of such kind especially right after the Panchayat elections for newly elected members to effectively discharge their duties. The programme was attended by 40 women from the

panchayats in Dakshina Kannada. In addition 6 persons from an NGO 'Padi' attended.

Capacity Building Programme On Women Leadership And Participation
27-28, August 2014, Venue: Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram.

The Department of Tribal and Northeastern Youth Development, RGNIYD and the School of Social Sciences, Mizoram University jointly organized a Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation in Mizoram University campus during 27-28th August, 2014. The objective of the programme was to enhance the leadership capacity of young women with a thrust on effective leadership and civic education on gender equality. The participants were Young Women Leaders of Mizoram including those from Civil Society organisations, NGOs, Self-help groups etc. Prof. R. Lalthantluanga, Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University inaugurated the programme. There were a total of 30 participants.

Capacity Building Training on Employability Skills
Venue: Youth Hostel, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telengana, Date: 02 – 04 September 2014

With the objective of imparting skills on employability such as communication, team building, problem solving and to prepare the youth to face challenges of today's job market, the Department of Livelihood Development (DLD), RGNIYD in collaboration with NYKS, Warangal organized a three day residential "Capacity Building Training on Employability Skills" for the 43 NYKS youth belonging to Scheduled Caste at Youth Hostel, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telengana from 02nd – 04th September, 2014. The training programme was inaugurated by Prof. P NarasimhaRao, Public Administration Department,

Kakatiya University. Mr. N.S. Manoranjan, the District Youth Coordinator, NYKS coordinated the programme.

"Capacity Building Training on Youth Entrepreneurship"
Venue: MatriMandir, Dey Market, Kishanganj, Bihar
Date: 21 – 23 September 2014

The Department of Livelihood Development (DLD), RGNIYD in collaboration with NYKS organized three days residential "Capacity Building Training on Youth Entrepreneurship" at Matri Mandir, Dey Market, Kishanganj, Bihar from 21 – 23rd September 2014. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Umesh Narayan Singh, Secretary Red Cross Society, Kishanganj. Among other dignitaries present for the inauguration was Dr.Sajal Prasad Head,, Hindi Department, Marwadi College, Kishanganj. A total of 43 youth participants from NYK & NGO's who belong to SC/ST participated in this programme.

Training Tribal Youth as Social Animators,
01-05 Aug. 2014, Raipur

CYPB organised a 5 day Training of Tribal Youth as Social Animators at NAWAPARA, Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 1 – 5th September, 2014. About 40 Tribal youth belonging to various districts of Chhattisgarh participated in this programme. The programme was organised in collaboration with NYKS, Raipur zone. Socio-economic conditions, Health issues, Constitutional safeguards, Leadership issues among the tribes of Raipur were some of the important topics discussed during the sessions.

**Training Tribal Youth as Social Animators,
02-06 Aug. 2014, Gangtok, Sikkim**

YPB organized Training of Tribal Youth as Social Animators from 2-6 August 2014, at



Gangtok, Sikkim. Forty Tribal Youth (22 male and 18 female) from 4 districts of Sikkim participated in this programme. The programme was formally inaugurated by Shri. R.B. Subba, Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Sikkim. Dr. JayKumar IAS, Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Sikkim was one of the resource persons who interacted with the participants. During the valedictory session on 6th August, Mrs. Tulshi Devi Rai, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and PHE, Govt. of Sikkim was the chief guest. Shri G.P. Upadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary of Social Justice and Welfare Department, Govt. of Sikkim also participated.

**Gender Sensitization Programmes for
Prison Officers**

**Date: 7-8 August 2014, Venue: APCA,
Vellore**

The School of Gender Studies conducted Gender Sensitization programme for Twenty one Prison Officers (2 women, 19 men) from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh held at APCA, Vellore during 7-8th August 2014. The highlights of the programme are Gender – a social construct, Gender Discrimination in the society, Gender and Media, Problems of Transgenders and the role of law

enforcing agencies to promote Gender Equality.

Gender Sensitization for Police Officers

**Date: 25-26 August 2014, Venue: Police
Training College, Chennai**

The School of Gender Studies conducted Gender Sensitization programme for 36 Police Personnel during 25-26 August 2014 at Police Training College, Chennai. The sessions focused on the concept of Gender – a social construct, Gender Discrimination in the society, Gender and Media, Problems of Transgenders and the role of law enforcing personnel in promoting Gender Equality. The sessions were interactive in nature and it was well received by the participants.

**Awareness Programme on Gender
Sensitive Legal Measures**

**Date: 21st September 2014, Venue:
SIPARD, Agartala, Tripura**

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development DTNEYD, conducted One day awareness programme on **Gender Sensitive Legal Measures** at State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development, A.D. Nagar, Agartala, Tripura on 21st September, 2014 in coordination with Nehru Yuva Kendra, West Tripura, Agartala. The Programme was inaugurated by Ms. Purnima Roy, Chairperson, Tripura State Commission for Women. She underlined the importance of such programmes especially for rural women who need information with regard to various issues. Shri. Sayed Ali, Zonal Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Tripura highlighted the objective of the programme. Mr. S.G. Chattopadhyaya, Secretary Tripura Legal Services Authority spoke on Ten Legal Rights; Mr. Sanjoy Roy, TPS, Superintendent of Police (CID), Tripura spoke on Human Trafficking & Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act; and Ms. Sankari Das, Deputy Secretary Law Department, Govt. of

Tripura, spoke about Sexual Harassment at Workplace and Domestic Violence. The participants benefited a lot and felt informed about the services provided by the government and the strength of such legal measures. There were a total of 89 Participants hailing from different villages of Tripura. The programme finally concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. D. Rapsang, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, West Tripura, Agartala.

Orientation Programme

Orientation Programme for the PG students of 2014-2016 Batch

The orientation programme for the fresh batch of post graduate students of the 2014-2016 batch was held at RGNIYD from 02-05 July 2014.

Orientation programme for youth functionaries from Kerala on Decentralized Governance and Youth Development 04-05 August 2014, RGNIYD

RGNIYD organized a two day orientation programme on Decentralized Governance and Youth Development for NSS volunteers and Programme Officers from Kerala on 4th & 5th August, 2014. Shri. L.Nagarajan, Chairman, Thakkolam Town Panchayat, inaugurated the programme. Forty one youth participated in the programme. The main objective of the programme was to impart working knowledge on basic principles of decentralized governance to the youth functionaries and programme officers of Youth organisations. Sessions on Constitutional Status of Decentralization in India, Youth and Decentralized Governance, Youth and Disaster Management, and Project Management in Local Government were held.

Two day orientation programme on Financial Management and Raising Capital for SC/ST youth, Tamil Nadu 29th & 30th July 2014, RGNIYD



The DSDDEDY, RGNIYD conducted a Two day orientation programme on Financial Management and “Raising Capital for SC/ST youth, Tamil Nadu” from 29th to 30th July 2014. The objective of the programme was to highlight the significance of entrepreneurship among SC/ST youth and to motivate them to desire for entrepreneurship. There were 31 SC/ST youth (7- female, 24-male) who were pursuing, PG and M.Phil., and PhD programmes. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.Christudoss Gandhi I.A.S (Rtd.,) Former Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu.

Training of Trainers

Capacity Building on Youth Employability Skills

Venue: YMCA, Aluva, Kerala,
Date: 1st and 2nd July 2014

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development conducted two days orientation programme on 'Youth Employability Skills' at YMCA, Aluva, Kerala in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) and NSS Regional Center, Kerala on 1st and 2nd July, 2014. A total of 41 UG students including 24 Girls and 17 boys attended the programme.

"ToT on Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Skills"

Venue: Hotel High Ponte, Date: 25 – 28 July 2014

The Department of Livelihood Development (DLD), RGNIYD, organized a four day "ToT on Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Skills" at Hotel High Pointe, Jodhpur, Rajasthan from 25 – 28 July 2014. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Arun Kumar Purohit (RAS), Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zila Parishad. A total of 40 participants from NYK & NGO's from five districts of Rajasthan (Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Badmer and Pali) participated in this programme. Mr. S.S. Joshi, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Jodhpur coordinated this programme.

ToT on Social Harmony and National Unity,

26-30 July, 2014, Circuit House, Dimapur, Nagaland.

Centre for Youth and Peace Building RGNIYD organized TOT on Social Harmony and National Unity for 36 (Arunachal Pradesh-3, Assam-7, Manipur-5, Meghalaya-3, Mizoram-2, Nagaland-15,

Tripura-1) NSS programme officers of North Eastern Region at Dimapur, Nagaland. The important topics covered were: Communication and social harmony, Victims of communal and caste violence, Communal harmony and ethical issues, Problems of Tribes-A Human rights perspective etc. The programme was co-ordinated by NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati.

ToT on Social Entrepreneurship

Date: 18th to 24th of August 2014, Venue: Dairy Science College, Hebbal

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development organized a TOT programme on Social Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU) at Dairy Science College, Hebbal from 18th to 24th of August 2014. A total of 45 Final Year B.Tech. students participated in the programme including 33 Boys and 12 Girls.

The objective of the programme was to motivate students to address social issues in an entrepreneurial way, take up social entrepreneurship as a means for Social/National development and equip young people with adequate knowledge and skills in social entrepreneurship. The experience shared by resource persons Dr. Balakrishna, Extension officer of Indian Institute of Horticultural Research and Mr. Mallinath a Social Entrepreneur stood as role models for the trainees aspiring to be a Social Entrepreneur. The Exposure visit and Pilot test has helped the students analyse the social problems and devise effective interventions to address them.

ToT on Life Skills

Venue: Manipur University, Date: 21 – 27 August 2014

The School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony of RGNIYD organized a 7 days TOT on Life Skills Education for the 46 P.G students of Manipur University which was held at the Department of Commerce, Manipur University from 21st August to 27th August 2014. On 21st August 2014, the programme was inaugurated and it was attended by Dr. R.K. Yaiskul Singh, Deputy Director, Directorate of Education (HE) Government of Manipur, Dr. M. Abhiram Singh Deputy Director, Manipur AIDS Control Society, Government of Manipur and Dr. A Rajmani Singh Head & Training Co-ordinator Manipur University. Altogether twenty two sessions were conducted on ten core life skills.

On 27th August 2004, valedictory function of the training programme was held at 2.00 pm at the conference hall of the Department. Prof. H.N.K Sarma, Vice Chancellor, Manipur University, Prof. E. Bijoykumar Singh, Dean, School of Social Science, Manipur University, Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, Registrar, Manipur University, Prof. G.P Prasain, Professor Department of Commerce, MU and Dr. A. Rajmani Singh, Head & Training Co-ordinator Manipur University were the Chief Guest, President, Special Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. During the programme the students felt that the life skills training made them to unleash their hidden potential and these skills would be of great help in getting employment. The participants were given certificates at the end.

ToT on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Venue: ASHA, Holy Cross, Lambucherra, Agartala, Date: 25th – 31st August 2014

The Department of Training and Orientation, RGNIYD organised a 7 day ToT on “Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction” at ASHA, Holy Cross, Lambucharra, Tripura from 25th – 31st August 2014. This programme was supported by Revenue Department, Government of Tripura and Directorate of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Tripura.

It was inaugurated by Sri. Naresh Chandra Jamatia, Hon’ble Minister (Forest and Rural Development excluding panchayat) in the presence of Sri. SubrataDebbarma, Chairman, Transport Authority, Government of Agartala, Sri.BiswarathDebbarma, Additional Director, Directorate of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of Tripura, Dr. Sarat Kumar Das, State Project Officer, Tripura Disaster Management Authority, Revenue Department and Sri. Ramendra Reang, Youth Organizer, Directorate of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of Tripura. A total of 43 (7 female, 36 male) participants attended the programme representing youth clubs, Mahilamandal and NGOs across Tripura.

ToT Programme on Youth Leadership and Personality Development

Venue: RGNIYD, Date: 27th to 29th August 2014

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development organized a three day TOT Programme on ‘Youth Leadership and Personality Development’ for the selected NSS Programme officers from Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh at RGNIYD campus during 27 -29 March 2014. The objective of the programme was to develop a team of professionals in Youth Leadership and Personality Development. A total of 32 people



representing Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu participated in the TOT programme. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director of RGNIYD interacted with the participants and emphasized the participant's role of conducting similar training programmes in their respective States.

ToT on Social Entrepreneurship

Date: 8th to 14th September 2014, Venue: LNML Dharmsala, Badoda Road, Sheopur (M.P.)

DTO department of RGNIYD organized TOT programme on Social Entrepreneurship at LNML Dharmsala, Badoda Road, Sheopur (M.P.) from 8th to 14th September 2014 in collaboration with NYK Sheopur, M.P. A total of 40 Mahilamandal and Youth Club functionaries of Sheopur (M.P.) participated in the programme. Dr. BipinBihari Sharma, Shri. Manoj Diwedi, Lec.Hr. Secondry School, Shri Ramji Saran Rai, Shri. Kailash Parashar Socialist, Dr.Dwijendra Vaidya and Shri M.K. Prajapati, Lead Bank Manager were the Resource persons for the programme.

ToT on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders

Date: 28 – 30 August 2014, Venue: Institute of Leadership Development, Jaipur

The Gender Equity Division organized a Training of Trainers on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders during 28 – 30th August, 2014 at the Institute of Leadership Development, Jaipur with an

objective to sensitize and train youth leaders on various aspects of gender, gender inequality and its ramifications. A total of 40 NYKS Youth Club Leaders from various parts of Jaipur and the surrounding areas participated in the programme.

ToT on Disaster Preparedness & Risk Reduction (DPRR) for Youth Club Functionaries of Odisha

22 – 28 September, 2014, Bhubaneswar

RGNIYD in collaboration with Center for Youth & Social Development (CYSD), Bhubaneswar organized a seven-day Training of Trainers programme on Disaster Preparedness & Risk Reduction (DPRR) for 43 NYKS Volunteers of Ganjam, Puri & Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha. Shri. Jagadananda, Former Information Commissioner, State Information Commission, Odisha inaugurated the programme. Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda, Programme Officer, UNDP, Odisha Office, Shri. Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, Chairman, CYSD and Dr. Pramod Kumar Prusty, Block Development Officer, Sergarh, Ganjam were present during the inauguration. The participants were provided hands on training on Disaster Contexts and classifications, Impact of Disasters, Disaster Management Act, National & State Disaster Management Policies, Role and functions of District Disaster Management Authority, Natural Disasters in the State, Role of LGIs in Disaster Management, Role of Youth Organisations, Resource Mapping, Sessions on First Aid, Mock drills, Transect Walk through disaster affected areas, Vulnerability Mapping etc.

ToT on Youth Employability Skills
1-5 July, 2014,
Venue: Manipur University, Imphal



The DTNEYD organized a **Training of Trainers on Youth Employability Skills** at Manipur University, Imphal during 1-5 July, 2014. **Prof. N. Deva Singh**, Dean, School of Human and Environmental Sciences was the Chief Guest, **Mr. Vaskar Mutum**, Faculty, **RGNIYD** delivered the key note address and **Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh**, Programme Coordinator, **NSS Cell**, Manipur University presided over the function.

Major issues discussed during the training were: employment, employability, communication skills, team work, problem solving skills, decision making, conflict resolution, positive attitude, lifelong learning, confidence building, personal responsibility, manners and etiquettes, task management, career planning, job analysis, self-analysis, resume writing, interview tips and cover writing, etc. The different sessions were delivered through lectures, simulation exercises and group discussion.

Altogether 50 NSS volunteers comprising 26 female and 24 male participated enthusiastically in the training. **Prof. Ch. Yashowanta Singh**, Head, Department of Linguistics, Manipur University was the Chief Guest for the valedictory Function.

Five Days ToT on Youth Employability Skills
21st – 25th July 2014, RGNIYD

A five day ToT programmes on Youth Employability Skills for the NSS Volunteers of Tamil Nadu was organized by Training and Orientation Department of RGNIYD at Seminar Hall, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur from 21st July – 25th July 2014. A total of 40 participants representing Bharathidasan and Periyar Universities attended the programme. It was based on the training manual developed by RGNIYD which seeks to address the concerns pertaining to employability which are as important as academic skills for young people to prepare themselves to face the emerging challenges in the job market. The programme was inaugurated by **Dr. Vijayalakshmi**, Chief Education Officer (Retd), Thiruvallur.

TOT on Employability for 40 ST youth Club Leaders,
Bhubaneshwer, Odisha, 17th July 2014 to 21st July 2014



The DSEDY, RGNIYD conducted TOT on Employability for 40 ST youth Club Leaders, Bhubaneshwer, Odisha from 17th July 2014 to 21st July 2014 at Conference hall of Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar in association with NYKS Zonal Officer, Bhubaneshwar.

The participants of the programme were drawn from 19 districts of Odisha.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri.BalabhadraMajhi, MLA, & Ex-Minister, Govt. of Odisha and special address was given by Shri.RamaKanta Mishra, Retd. Commissioner, ST/SC Development Dept. Govt. of Odisha. The Director, Project & Research, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Mr. U. Daniel, Aide et Action, South Asia, Bhubaneswar and Sh.P.V. Rao, Deputy Director, NYKS Odisha Zone, Bhubaneswar graced the occasion.

ToT Employability Skills through Life Skills Approaches

Venue: Sathyabama University, Chennai

Date: 19th – 23rd September 2014

The Department of Livelihood Development (DLD), RGNIYD in collaboration with NSS Regional Centre and Sathyabama University, Chennai organized a five day residential “**Training of Trainers Employability Skills through Life Skills Approaches**” at Sathyabama University, Chennai from 19 – 23 September 2014.

The objectives of this ToT are to impart methods and approaches of life skills to enhance the employability skills to the participants in order to prepare the college youth to get better employment. A total of 41 NSS programme officers across Tamil Nadu participated in this programme.