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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 October to December, 2014 issue of the Newsletter. The newsletter intends to disseminate various programmes and activities being organised by RGNIYD during each quarter.

During the quarter, the Institute has organised vital programmes such as Workshops on National Youth Policy 2014 and Advocacy for State Youth Policy in Sikkim in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Sikkim Zone and Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Sikkim and Youth Development Board, Government of Sikkim. A similar workshop was organised in Nagaland in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, Govt. of Nagaland. Two lectures under the Aakanksha Lecture Series were held. The Institute organised training on important aspects like career guidance and counselling, gender equity, social entrepreneurship, social harmony, human rights, youth employability, participatory rural appraisal, disaster management and mitigation, personality development, leadership, gender legal measures and peace education besides conducting various workshops and seminars. An innovative exposure visit cum training programme on innovative practices in decentralised governance for young elected representatives of Tamil Nadu and Kerala was organised at Sikkim.

In order to expose the youth of the north-east to the rich heritage and culture of the other parts of the country, RGNIYD during this quarter organised the Inter-state Youth Exchange and Home Stay programme at Rajasthan. This programme facilitated promotion of understanding, brotherhood and unity among the youth of the different parts of the country besides sharing the culture and traditions of the duo.

Under the Youth-led Development Outreach Programme initiative of RGNIYD, various programmes were rolled out in higher educational institutions in fulfilment of the priority areas of the National Youth Policy (NYP) 2014 and to create an appropriate platform for engagement of youth in development and nation building process. These programmes aimed at raising the awareness of the youth on the objectives and priority areas of the NYP 2014 and for improving productivity of the youth through programmes targeted towards education, skilling, entrepreneurship development and health care.

RGNIYD played host for various national and international delegations and visits during the period. Another landmark effort is that the Institute has networked and delineated Possible academic collaborations were discussed during the visit of the delegation from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

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

Consultation Workshop on Dissemination of National Youth Policy and Advocacy for State Youth Policy

Gangtok, Sikkim – 01 October 2014

A consultation workshop on dissemination of National Youth Policy 2014 and Advocacy for State Youth Policy in Sikkim was organized by RGNIYD on 01 October 2014 at Gangtok in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Sikkim Zone and Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt. of Sikkim and Youth Development Board, Government of Sikkim. The programme was attended by 57 delegates including officials from different Government Departments, academicians, representatives from youth organisations, volunteers from NYKS and young entrepreneurs. During the workshop, Dr. Jaykumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Sports and Youth Affairs presented the strategic perspectives and operational modalities for youth development. Dr. Prabha Kant IRS, Director General, NYKS highlighted



the importance and role of youth and youth organisations in ushering development in the country. Dr. L.P Sharma from Land Revenue Department; Dr. Pradhan, Director, NRHM; Sri. CK Dorjee, Director, PIB, Gangtok; and Dr. Mohapatra, Associate Professor, Sikkim

University provided valuable inputs during the workshop. The workshop was attended by senior officials from National Cadet Corps (NCC) also. The delegates resolved to advocate for a pro-active youth policy for Sikkim and take forward the initiative. Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD and Mr. Nabin Kumar Naik, Zonal Director, NYKS, Sikkim Zone co-ordinated the workshop.

Training Programmes

ToT Programme on Disaster Management,

01-04th October, 2014, RGNIYD

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) jointly organized a ToT Programme on Disaster Management for the students of Institute of Disaster Management and Mitigation Studies, Dhaka University, Bangladesh from 01-04th October, 2014 at RGNIYD campus. The 20 member youth delegation (16 boys and 4 girls) led by Mr. Abdul Kalam Azad and Md. Khalid Hasan Faculties, University of Dhaka participated in the programme. The programme aimed to provide an opportunity for the participants to visit RGNIYD and to have intensive training on disaster management at NDRF, Arakkonam.. Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Director, ICD, CIRDAP delivered the inaugural address. Dr. Gopal, Director, Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai explained about the disasters and legal arrangements in Indian Constitution. Mr. P. David Paul delivered a presentation on Indian Youth Policy, Youth Development Index.

A Lecture on "Life Skills" by Ms. Shangku Hongsha, and workshop on "Career Counselling" by Ms. Subasree, lecturer were organised. On day two, the team visited the Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society (ITWWS), Thandarai, Thirukazhukundram, Tamil Nadu. The students visited Herbal Centre, Manmade Forest, Herbal nursery manned by women of ITWWS. Further the team visited the historical place Mahabalipuram which is a world historical site. The students also visited Chokkidhani, Rajastani cultural centre.

On Day three, the team visited NDRF, Arakkonam. The faculty of NDRF gave a detailed presentation of their activities, organization, experiences, challenges etc., They arranged technical exhibition on the technical instruments / tools and also provided hands-on practical session. The demonstration classes were very interesting. The dog squad performance was also one of important events. The team had an interactive session with RGNIYD students.



On the last day, the team visited L&T construction skill training institute and SEZ Industrial Park. The programme enabled the participants to realize the importance of development institutions and facilitated cross-cultural understanding.

Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling, 08-11 October 2014 at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur

The School of Counselling organized a 4-Day Training of Trainers on Career Guidance and Counselling for Career Guides of the Department of Higher



Secondary Education, Government of Kerala from 08-11 October 2014 at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur. A total of 39 teachers of higher secondary schools from various districts of Kerala attended. Shri. Natrajan, Deputy Director of Employment and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the programme. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD delivered the presidential address during the inaugural session. Training sessions were held on Career Planning, Approaches to Career Counselling, Understanding the World of Work, Career Guidance and Counselling, Career Assessments, Preparation for a Career, Employer Expectations and Individual Competencies, Career Guidance in Schools and Career Profiling. Towards the end of the programme, the participants drew action plans for implementation of career guidance programmes in their schools and districts. The Director, RGNIYD delivered valedictory address and presented the certificates to the participants.

Training of Trainers on Gender Equity For NYKS Youth Club Leaders

13th - 15th October 2014, RGNIYD

The Department for Tribal & North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Meghalaya Zone, Shillong organized Training of Trainers on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders from 13th October to 15th October 2014 at Youth Hostel, Shillong, Meghalaya. A total of 43 Youth Clubs Leaders (27 male, 16 female) from all the NYK Districts of Meghalaya participated in training programme. The training programme was inaugurated on 13th October 2014 by Shri. RPS Thakur, Zonal Director, NYKS, Meghalaya Zone. The resource persons



were drawn from different departments and agencies working for Gender Equity such as Meghalaya State Women Commission, Legal Rights Forum, Impulse NGO and Gender Consultant Forum. Various methods such as lecture, discussion, group exercises, role play etc., were used during the training programme and the participants were provided with hand-outs on Gender Equity. At the end of the training programme the participants were encouraged to network with each other through the use of social media.

Training of Trainers on Life Skills and Personality for the NCC Officers

Venue: RGNIYD

Date: 27 – 31 October 2014

The School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony (SLSESH), RGNIYD in collaboration with NCC, Head Quarters, New Delhi organized a five day residential "Training of Trainers on Life Skills and Personality Development" at RGNIYD from 27 – 31 October 2014. The intention of the training programme was to impart life skills education for the capacity building and enhancement of personality, make the trainees to internalize and introspect the importance of life skills for happy and healthy life and to facilitate the NCC officers to become self-reliant trainers in life skills, personality and leadership development. A total of 30 NCC officers (24 male and 6 female) of different ranks across the country participated in this programme. Dr. C. L. Ramakrishnan, former Director of Vigilance & Anti-corruption, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, started the training with a session on Introduction to Life Skills and other facilitators conducted on ten core life skills.

TOT on Social Entrepreneurship

28th October to 3rd of November 2014,
Veterinary college campus Khanapara,
Assam

DTO department of RGNIYD organized TOT programme on Social Entrepreneurship at Veterinary college campus Khanapara, Assam from 28th of October 2014 to 3rd of November 2014. A total of 40 Degree students including 20 boys and 20 girls from four different colleges located in Kamrup (Metro) District Assam successfully underwent the training. Shri.Parthapratim Goswami president of Yes Bank inaugurated the

programme and Dr.Parag Sharma from Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship felicitated the programme. The students developed confidence to start their own venture and were also positive in building the capacity of their peers to take up social Entrepreneurship as their career.

Training of Trainers on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Palakkad District, Kerala, 30 Oct – 04 Nov 2014

Department of Training and Orientation of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) organised Training of Trainers programme on Disaster preparedness and Risk Reduction in partnership with Kerala State Youth Welfare Board at Palakkad during 30 October - 04 November, 2014. About 70 SC youth participated in the programme. Resource persons from National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Revenue department and Kannur University handled theoretical sessions, while the Department of Fire safety organised two days demonstration and First Aid training for the participants.

ToT on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Date: 03-09 Nov. 2014, Nalbari District, Assam

ToT on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction was organised at Nalbari College, Nalbari District, Assam from 3rd – 9th November, 2014. The programme was supported by NSS Nalbari College Unit, District Disaster Management Authority, State Disaster Response Force and Fire Service unit. A total of 45 participants attended the programme representing various colleges across Assam. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.

Dipak Goswami, Principal, Nalbari College.

TOT on Social Harmony and National Unity,

6-10 November, 2014, Chandigarh

A 5 - day 'Training of Trainers on Social Harmony and National Unity' was organized by CYPB for the NSS programme officers of various colleges and universities of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi during 6 – 10th November, 2014.

It was aimed to develop the capacity of NSS Officers on Social Harmony and National Unity (SHANU). The ToT benefited the participants to develop knowledge and skills for conflict resolution



in a non-violent way. The programme highlighted the importance of Socio-Cultural Values and Communal Harmony. Experts from diverse areas have used diverse methodologies such as presentations, Role Play, Experience Sharing, Film Shows etc.

Major topics covered in the workshops were Understanding Peace, Art of Living, role of Youth in peace building, Gandhi and Nation Building, Challenges of Maintaining Harmony and National Unity, Media and National Integration, Non-Violent Communication, Communal Harmony, Gender equity and social harmony, unity in diversity, discrimination

against SC, STs, caste based violence etc. Forty NSS programme officers including 26 male officers and 14 female programme officers participated.

TOT on Gender Equity For NYKS Youth Club Leaders

Date: 11- 15 November 2014 Venue:
Nature View Guest House, Gangtok,
Sikkim.

ToT on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders was organised by the Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in collaboration with NYKS, Sikkim Zone Gangtok, during 11- 15th November 2014 at Nature View Guest House, Gangtok, Sikkim. The programme was inaugurated by Mr Anil Mahindra IAS, Principal Secretary, Skill Development, Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Sikkim in the presence of Shri. V. B. Mahendra, Consultant, Energy & Environment, UNDP, New Delhi, Dr Nipa Das, Consultant, Energy Medicine, Dr Bhavna Barmi, Specialist, Stress management & Emotional Freedom Technique, ESCORT Hospital, Delhi and Mr. Nabin Kumar Naik, Zonal Director, NYKS Sikkim Zone. The training programme was interactive & participatory in nature. Shri. Khem Prasad Dahal, Chairman, State Youth Development Board, Govt. of Sikkim was the chief guest for the valedictory function. There were 41 participants from different districts of Sikkim.

ToT on Life Skills and Personality Development

Venue: Officers Training Academy (OTA),
Kamptee

Date: 11 – 14 November 2014

The Department of Training and Orientation (DTO), conducted ToT on Life Skills and Personality Development for 251 Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) across India at Officers Training Academy (OTA), Kamptee during 11 – 14th November 2014. The training was aimed at familiarizing the ANOs with the Ten Core Life Skills which are part of the Life Skills and Personality Development Capsule. In addition topics on values and code of ethics, Leadership traits, Group Strength and Time Management were also included. The method of instruction was interactive in the form of group discussions, skits, exercises, case studies & role plays. The course was conducted by a team of professionals from RGNIYD and NCC officers.

ToT on Social Harmony and National Unity

19-23 December 2014

Gujarat Vidhyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

CYPB organised Training of trainers on Social Harmony and National Unity during 19 - 23 December 2014, at Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. In this 5 day residential programme 40 NSS programme officers of Gujarat and Rajasthan participated. Regional Centre of National Service Scheme, Gujarat co-ordinated this programme with RGNIYD

ToT on Social Harmony and Human Rights,

19-23 November, 2014, Ahmad Nagar, Maharashtra

CYPB division organised ToT on Social Harmony and Human Rights from 19 –



23rd November, 2014 at Empanel Training Institute, Ahmad Nagar, Maharashtra, for NSS Programme officers of Maharashtra. A total of 39 programme officers participated in this programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R.J. Barnabas, Principal, Ahmad Nagar College, and delivered the key note address. Important sessions handled during the training programme were Rights of SC/ST people, Women empowerment, Rights of physically challenged, Right to food, health, shelter and education.

ToT ON YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY

24th to 28th November, 2014

Training of Trainers Program on Youth Employability for SC students of Kerala, Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Karnataka was organized jointly by PG & Research Dept. of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur and School of Development Practice, from 24th to 28th November, 2014 at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur.

The ToT program was inaugurated on 24th November by Rev. Dr. C. M. Varghese, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. Dr. J. Henry Rozario Head, Department of Social Work welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Paul Raj the Coordinator of this program presented the program schedule briefly to the participants. The ToT program employed the innovative methods such as role plays, group activities, discussions, simulation games, thematic videos, case studies, and others. This ToT program has trained the participants to be trainers in youth employability skills.

ToT on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders

Date: 27- 29th November 2014

Venue: Tripura State Cooperative union, AD Nagar, Agartala

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with NYKS Tripura, organised a Training of Trainers on Gender Equity for NYKS Youth Club Leaders during 27- 29 November 2014 at Tripura State Cooperative union, AD Nagar, Agartala Tripura. The training involved various sessions on Gender and Work/ Family/ Sexuality/ Human Rights/Violence/ Media, etc with a great level of interaction and discussion. Forty three participants (25male, 18female) hailing from six districts of Tripura participated in the programme.

TOT on Social Entrepreneurship

15-21 December 2014, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, Agartala

DTO department of RGNIYD organized TOT programme on Social Entrepreneurship at Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, Agartala from 15 to

21 December 2014. A total of 40 unemployed tribal youth including 27 boys and 13 girls from different part of Tripura participated in the programme. Shri.Naresh Jamatia, Hon'ble Minister, Forest, Rural Development (excluding Panchayat), Department of Tripura, inaugurated the programme. Other Guests for the inauguration were Shri. Subrata Debbarma, Chairman, Transport Authority, Tripura, Dr.Sreelekha Ray, Executive Director, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, Shri. Himadri Prasad Choudhury, Joint Director, Industry and Commerce Department, Tripura and Member Secretary, Society for Entrepreneurship Development, Tripura.

Five Days ToT Programme on Youth Employability

Venue:RGNIYD, Date: 27-31, October 2014

The School of Development Practice organized a Five Day ToT Programme on Youth Employability at RGNIYD from 27-31 October 2014. Students from Bharathiar University and Bharathidasan University participated. The basic objective of the programme was to enhance employability among the young graduates. The training sessions were conducted based on the training manual on Youth employability developed by RGNIYD.

Workshops

Workshop on "Teachers for Peace", 1st October, 2014, RGNIYD

CYPB organised one day Workshop on "Teachers for Peace", in commemoration of 145th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 1st October, 2014.

The programme started with a floral tribute to the Father of the Nation by the participants and resource persons.



Dr.Kulandaisami, Secretary, Gandhi Peace Foundation and his team of volunteers from Stella Maris College were the resource persons. Mr. Nils C. Reubke, an expert in Peace Policy from Berlin interacted with the participants. The workshop covered the major topics like exploring the meaning of Peace Education, Methodology of imparting it, Empowerment of teachers for peace, and Lesson making for Peace. It was based Gandhian Way to Peace with Skits, Stories, Songs, Bajans, Quiz, Quotes, Anecdotes and Illustrations. The programme was organised for the teacher training students and 46 students participated in this programme.

One day workshop on substance Abuse,

8th October 2014 at RGNIYD

The SYSE organized one day workshop on **Substance Abuse** at RGNIYD on 8th October 2014 to create awareness on the ill effects of alcoholism and drug abuse. The sessions were handled by Dr. V. Thirumagal, Programme Consultant in T.T. Ranganathan Clinical Research Foundation, Chennai.

Awareness Programme on Gender Sensitive Legal Measures

Date: 17th October 2014

Venue: Youth Hostel, Shillong, Meghalaya

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD conducted a one day awareness programme on Gender Sensitive Legal Measures at Shillong, Meghalaya on 21st September, 2014 in coordination with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Shillong, Meghalaya. A total number of 101 women Domestic Workers under the banner of Northeastern Region Domestic Workers Movement, Shillong took part in the Awareness programme. The topics discussed during the programme were, Free Legal Aid, First Information Report etc. The sessions



were delivered by Adv. B.Hynniewta, Legal AID Council from Meghalaya State Legal Services. Smt. Rosana Lyngdoh from Impulse NGO Network, Shillong extensively discussed about Human Trafficking & Immoral Traffic (Prevention Act). Sexual Harassment at Work Place issue was taken up by Smt. Wanpynhun Kharsyntiew from Northeastern Region Domestic Workers Movement, Shillong. She said the domestic workers are vulnerable and everyone should remain vigilant on the matter. The Domestic Violence Act & its relevant issues were discussed by Smt. Annie, Coordinator of Meghalaya State Women Commission who informed about the existing Law of

domestic violence against women. Shri.Kitboklang Nongphlang (National Youth Awardee) who is also the Para Legal Volunteers of the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority moderated the sessions. In the valediction, Shri. R.P.S. Thakur, Zonal Director NYKS, Meghalaya Zone, Dr. Salam. D. Singh, District Youth Coordinator NYKS, Shillong motivated the participating women to open Bank accounts under the Prime Minister Jan DhanYojana to get its benefits.

"Learning Exchange & Youth Leadership Workshop for Eco &WaSH Futures"

Date: 20 October 2014

Venue: Centre for Water Resource Development and Management (CWRD&M), Kozhikode,

The Department of Livelihood Development (DLD), RGNIYD in collaboration with National Council for Science & Technology Communication (Department of Science & Technology, M/O Science & Technology, GOI) organized one day workshop on "Learning Exchange & Youth Leadership Workshop for Eco &WaSH Futures" on 20th October 2014 at Centre for Water Resource Development and Management (CWRD&M), Kozhikode. The aim of this workshop was to share the experience from projects on Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH). The programme was specifically aimed at harnessing youth potential for their capacity building as future water educators. A total of 130 (71 male and 59 female) student volunteers, officers from NSS, NCC and representatives from NGOs from three states viz., Kerala, Karnataka and Tamilnadu participated in this programme. Shri. M. K. Raghavan, Honorable Member of Parliament, Kozhikode inaugurated the

programme. Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD delivered key note address in which she urged the youth to sensitize their peers and people at grass roots on the issues of water, access to sanitation and personal hygiene to achieve millennium developmental goals. Mr. S. Kumaravel, Training Officer, RGNIYD gave a talk on "Water Trainers as Youth Leaders".

The programme was chaired by Dr.Pamposh Kumar Member Secretary, TAC (Eco & WaSH Futures), NCSTC, New Delhi and it has anchored by Dr.Kamlam Joseph, Centre for Water Resource Development and Management, Kozhikode.

Workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal

24-26 Oct 2014, RGNIYD

A Workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was organized for the students of M.A. Local Governance, M.A. Development Practice and M.A. Youth Empowerment at RGNIYD during 24 – 26 October 2014. Theoretical and practical sessions on various participatory mapping and ranking methods were provided during the workshop. The field activities of PRA were conducted at Valasavattikkadu Village Panchayat, Kadambathur, Thiruvallur District. Dr. N Narayanaswami, Professor, Extension Education, Gandhigram Rural Institute provided the resource support for the workshop.

Two day National Workshop on Interface between Dalit Literature and Development

29th and 30th October 2014 at RGNIYD

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) and

Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), jointly organized two day National Workshop on "Interface between Dalit Literature and Facets of Development", on 29th and 30th October 2014 at RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Bhalachandra Mungerkar, Former Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University, Member of Parliament. Presidential address was delivered by Prof. M.N. Panini, Professor (Rtd.), Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The valedictory address was given by Prof. Sarankumar Limbale, acclaimed Dalit



writer, critique, social activist, Professor & Director, Regional Centre, Y.C.M. Open University, Solapur, Maharashtra. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD welcomed the gathering and highlighted the rationale of the workshop. Prof. Prof. Shashanka Bhide, Director, MIDS, chaired the valedictory session. Dr. C. Lakshmanan, Assistant Professor, MIDS presented concept note and Dr. S. Lalitha, presented workshop report. A cultural program including a street play, dying folk art forms of Tamilnadu, which forms a part of the rich cultural legacy of Dalits, interwoven with discussions was performed by Dr.Kaleeswaran's troupe, Loyola College. There were 110 participants including academicians, research scholars, dalit writers, special invitees and civil society organizations

participated in the programme. The participants represented seven states viz., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, New Delhi, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu.

Awareness Programme on Gender Sensitive Legal Measures

Date: 17 November 2014

Venue: Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with the Women's Studies & Research Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, conducted an awareness programme on Gender Sensitive Legal Measures on 17th November, 2014. The objective of the programme was to create awareness on the provision of various Gender Sensitive Legal Measures and the sessions revolved around Human Trafficking & Immoral Trafficking, Sexual Harassment at Work Place, Legal Aid, and Domestic Violence. A total number of 150 girl students from Government Colleges and Rajiv Gandhi University attended the programme.

Workshop for Advocacy for the Policy on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Kohima, Nagaland, 20 November 2014

RGNIYD organised a workshop for Advocacy for Policy on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction in collaboration with the Administrative Training Institute, Kohima, Govt. of Nagaland. During the workshop, sessions on Nagaland State Disaster Management Policy, role and significance of empowering Local Government

Institutions and youth organisations in disaster preparedness and risk reduction, etc. were discussed. Sri. Neithu C Thur, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland and the Director, ATI delivered the key note address. Ms. Lithringle G Chishi, IAS, Secretary (Home) and Addl. Director (Admin.), ATI chaired the inaugural session.

Functionaries of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), officials from various State Government Departments and elected members/officials of Local Government Institutions took part in the workshop. In addition, officials/functionaries of the Directorate of Youth Resources and Sports, Govt. of Nagaland, National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Non-Government Organisations, etc. also participated in the workshop. Thirty two delegates drawn from different parts of Nagaland participated in the workshop. Mr. Johnny Raungmai, Officer on Special Duty, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority and Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD provided the major inputs to the workshop. The workshop concluded with the following suggestions: Formation of a core team by the NSDMA to take forward the initiative for the formulation of a 'Policy on Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction'; organising Training of Trainer (ToT) programmes and Capacity building programmes on disaster preparedness and risk reduction for the functionaries of youth organisations and Local Government Institutions by RGNIYD and ATI; and, taking up collaborative action research projects by RGNIYD and ATI in selected villages of the State for gathering field-specific inputs for policy formulation. Dr. Hovital N Sothu, State Co-ordinator,

Disaster Management Cell, ATI was the co-ordinator of the workshop.

**Workshop for Dissemination of
National Youth Policy 2014 and
Advocacy for State Youth Policy**

Kohima, Nagaland, 21 November 2014

A workshop for dissemination of National Youth Policy 2014 and advocacy for State Youth Policy was organised by the RGNIYD in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources and Sports, Govt. of Nagaland at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on 21 November 2014. Functionaries of the Directorate of Youth Resources and Sports (DYRS), Govt. of Nagaland, Officials from various State Government Departments, National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Non-Government Organisations, etc. participated in the workshop. Thirty eight delegates drawn from different parts of Nagaland participated in the workshop.

During the workshop, presentations on National Youth Policy 2014 and the draft State Youth Policy of Nagaland were made. In addition, group discussions on 'Needs, concerns, issues, problems and priorities of youth' and 'Initiatives and interventions for youth development' were organised. Sri. Menukhon John, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland, Department of Youth Resources and Sports, inaugurated the workshop. Dr. K Gireesan, Faculty Head, RGNIYD highlighted the significance of the workshop in his introductory remarks. Mr. Keliz Zeliang, Director, Directorate of Youth Resources and Sports, Govt. of Nagaland delivered the welcome address.

Mr. C Theyo, State Liaison Officer, National Service Scheme, DiYRS and Dr. K Gireesan, provided the major inputs for the workshop. The following suggestions emerged during the plenary session: Formation of a team by the DYRS including representatives from all major stakeholders to take forward the initiative for formulation of a 'Youth Policy' for the State; organising district level workshops by the DYRS to gather field-specific inputs from the youth and other stakeholders; and, formulation of draft policy document incorporating inputs from the field, by drawing a definite time line. It is expected that the policy document will be ready within a period of 8 to 9 months by following the due process and giving sufficient time for receipt of inputs and suggestions. Mr. Libemo Jami, District Youth Resources Officer and Public Information Officer, DYRS was the co-ordinator of the workshop.

Workshop on Youth Entrepreneurship

10th December, 2014

Venue: Shillong College, Meghalaya

DTNEYD in association with Shillong College organized a Two-Day Workshop on Youth and Entrepreneurship which was inaugurated on 10th December, 2014 by Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh Minister of Labour, Urban Affairs and Municipal Administration, Government of Meghalaya at Shillong College, Meghalaya. The function was presided over by Dr. K D Ramsiej, Principal Shillong College and Dr. S Sarma, Joint Co-ordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr. E Kharkongor, programme co-ordinator delivered the concept note. She reflected that the Indian Economy is market driven and, hence the entrepreneur plays a crucial role. Emphasizing on the country's favorable demographic profile for attaining

and sustaining higher economic prosperity, she highlighted that higher educational institutions must become agents of change to provide an effective platform and evolve strategies to develop entrepreneurs and create a productive workforce. Dr. K. D. Ramsiej, Principal and Chairperson, emphasized on the role of the Entrepreneurship Development. North Eastern Region which remains



underdeveloped despite its rich resource potential. He highlighted on the need to create the necessary support system that is needed to develop entrepreneurs. The Chief Guest while delivering the inaugural address stated that Meghalaya should take up the challenge of becoming a doing state rather than only a taking state. She emphasized that the need of the hour is to be able to tap into the potential of the angry youth force and turn this into a positive contributing work force. She highlighted the vast entrepreneurial opportunities in the State such as Tourism, organic products, Power Projects and others. The programme ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Shri. S. Lyngskor.

The main objectives of the workshop were:

1. To facilitate attitudinal and behavioral changes in confidence building.
2. To sensitize, motivate and encourage the development of entrepreneurial competencies

3. To create awareness about the vast entrepreneurial opportunities available
4. To enable sharing of ideas and experience that will facilitate their capacity building.

Shri F R Kharkongor, Secretary Education and Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function. In his address he encouraged the youth to instil in them the spirit of entrepreneurship and achieve higher levels of productivity. Participants commented that such workshops are the need of the hour and suggested for a longer duration for hands on training. About 172 students (94male, 78 female) participated in the workshop.

Capacity Building Programmes

Capacity Building Programme for Women Managers,

7th – 12th October 2014, RGNIYD.

The workshop on Capacity Building for Women Managers in Higher Education was organized by the department of socially and economically disadvantaged Youth (DSEDY) from 7th – 12th October 2014. The target group comprised of Twenty two participants from Scheduled Caste women academicians from



Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka attended the programme. The

objective of the programme was to motivate and enhance the managerial skills in educational administration. Prof V. Vasanthi Devi, Women Activist, Former Chairperson of the Institute of Human Rights Education, Tamil Nadu and Former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu was the chief guest and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. R.M. Ramaathal, Former member, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and Former chairperson, Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women was the chief guest and delivered the valedictory address.

Training on Life Skills and Personality Development

Venue: Kakinada

Date: 11 – 12 October 2014

With the objective of imparting knowledge on life skills and enhancing life skills and personality development, the School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony (SLSESH) in collaboration with NCC, Head Quarters, Kakinada organized a two day "Training Programme" for the 300 NCC cadets. The training programme was inaugurated by Col. Sathishm Prabhu, the Group Commander, NCC, HQ, Kakinada on 11th October 2014. Mr. S. Kumaravel and three other facilitators of life skills enlightened the NCC cadets on life skills and personality.

Capacity Building Programme on Leadership and Personality Development for Youth

Venue: Pongkung Community Hall, Mawsnyram, Meghalaya

Date: 31stOctober 2014

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD conducted a programme on

Leadership and Personality Development for Youth on 31stOctober 2014 at Mawsnyram, Meghalaya in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Shillong, Meghalaya. A total of 80 youth from different parts of East Khasi Hills,



Meghalaya participated in the programme.

Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation

Venue: Nature View Guest House, Gangtok, Sikkim

Date: 8- 9 November 2014

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with NYKS Sikkim Zone conducted a Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation for women leaders from grassroots organizations during 8- 9 November 2014. It was held at Nature View Guest House, Gangtok, Sikkim with 35 women from SHGs, PRIs, and Mahila Mandals affiliated to NKYS. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K Jayakumar IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare, Government of Sikkim. Also present were Mr. Anil Mahindra IFS, Principal Secretary, Skill Development, Youth Affair & Sports, Govt. of Sikkim, Mr.Nabin Kumar Naik, Zonal Director Nyks Sikkim Zone, Mr.Puran Chettri, YC NYK, Gangtok, Mrs.Seema Mishra, Director, North East Sikkim Project ITFT, Mr. A.D.

Mishra, Regional Manager, TRIFED Sikkim, Associate Prof. S. S. Mahapatra, Sikkim University, Mr. M. S. Sodhi, Trainer and Mr. Debi. Prasad Mishra, Entrepreneur. There were various sessions on Gender Roles, Women's Leadership and Participation, PRI and Women in Local Governance, Women's Rights, Conflict Management and Problem Solving, Development Planning and Budgeting, Women in Decision Making, etc. Mrs. Indra Pradhan, Chairperson, State Welfare Commission as chief guest for the valedictory programme shared her experiences and distributed the certificates to the participants. The programme was a good exposure to the participants and at the end of the programme every participant was able to share their experiences with great confidence.

Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education

Venue: Gauhati University

Date: 12-17 November 2014

The School of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in association with Gauhati University organized a six-day Capacity Building Programme for Women Managers in Higher Education with an objective to build a cadre of Women Managers and provide them opportunities to gain skills, self-confidence, and take the reins of leadership positions, and to help women managers reap the opportunities. It was held at the Department of Economics, Gauhati University from 12th to 17th November 2014. Dr. Mridul Hazarika, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University inaugurated the programme. In his inaugural speech, he emphasized the need for capacity building of women. He observed that women had very low

participation in different spheres of public life although they were highly active in the private sphere and cited relevant statistics related to women's participation in different fields. Dr. Suresh Kr. Nath, Registrar, Gauhati University, in his brief speech at the inaugural session, highlighted that in spite of the increase in the number of girl students in the colleges and universities, the number of women teachers and employees in higher educational institutions was very low and therefore these workshops are very useful and expressed his gratitude to RGNIYD for such an initiative. The programme is based on the UGC Module 'Capacity Building Programme for Women Managers in Higher Education' and revisits the crucial role of Women Managers in ascertaining women's access to justice, leadership and women's rights. It revolves around understanding perspectives from Women's Studies, Women and Governance, Women and Academic Leadership, Managing Personal and Professional Roles, and Research Studies. Twenty one women faculty from various institutions from both the upper and the lower Brahmaputra valley of Assam participated in the programme.

Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme

Date: 18 – 20 November 2014

Venue: IIE, Guwahati, Assam

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati conducted a three day Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme during 18-20th November 2014 at IIE, Guwahati, Assam. A total of 32 women entrepreneurs from Assam,

Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh took part in the programme

Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation

Venue: Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam

Date: 27-28 November 2014

The Department for Tribal and North-eastern Youth Development (DTNEYD), RGNIYD in association with the NSS cell and Centre for Women's Studies conducted a Capacity Building Programme on Women Leadership and Participation during 27-28th November 2014 which was held at Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam. The sessions covered the areas of Women Leadership and Participation, PRI and Women in Local Governance, Women's Rights, Conflict Management and Problem Solving, Development Planning and Budgeting, Women in Decision Making, etc. There were 36 women participants from Napaam Panchayat, Sonitpur district, Tezpur sub-division, Assam.

Capacity Building Programme on Life Skills for Youth

Date: 10-12 December 2014

Venue: RGNIYD



A three day training programme on Life Skills for Youth was conducted from 10-12th December, 2014 at RGNIYD campus 49 for NSS & NYK participants (Male: 35, Female: 14) from Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala. The sessions on 10 Core Life Skills, Life Skills in practice, personality and leadership development, were handled by RGNIYD faculties and they

motivated the participants to practice life skills for their development.

Capacity Building Training on Life Skills

Venue: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK),

Kishanganj, Bihar

Date: 12th - 14th December 2014

The Department of Training and Orientation (DTO) and School of Life Skills Education and Social Harmony (SLSESH) of RGNIYD organized a three day residential Capacity Building Training on Life Skills from 12th to 14th December 2014 with the support of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kishanganj, Bihar at Krishi Vigyan Kendra. A total of 41 youth of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (20 Girls & 21 Boys) were trained on ten core life skills recommended by World Health Organization. The training was inaugurated by Mr. S. Pandey, District Youth Coordinator, NYK, Kishanganj and Dr. K. M. Singh, Project Coordinator,



Krishi Vigyan Kendra delivered key note address. Dr. Shah & Dr. M.B. Miraj were other dignitaries who ignited the minds of youth. This training was facilitated by Ms. Rekha Singh, freelance life skills trainer, Delhi & Ms. Swati Sindhu, District Project Officer, AHDP, NYK, Purnia, Bihar. The logistics arrangements of training were made by Mr. S. Ansari, Accountant, NYK, Kishanganj and his team. The training ended with successful note as the trainees gave a positive feedback of the training.

Youth Connect Programme

Bhatter College, Dantan,
West Bengal
19th December 2014.

CYPB co-ordinated Youth Connect programme – creativity writing as a means of preserving the oral Tribal Culture for Scheduled Tribe Students at Bhatter College, Dantan, West Bengal on 19th December 2014. The programme was presided over by Prof. Sakar Prasad Sinha, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, VidhyaSagar University. “Pre-historic Tribal Heritage of Madinipur”, “Crisis of Tribal Language”, “Preservation of Tribal Heritage”, and “Role of Sahitya Academy in preserving and promoting Indian Culture” were some of the important topics for the session and discussion. In this wonderful programme 61 male and 39 female, Totally 100 ST students participated and learnt the significance of preserving the local culture and heritage through creative writing. They also learnt the avenues available through Sahitya Academy for publication of their creative output.

Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

2nd October, 2014, RGNIYD



On 2nd October, in commemoration of the Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, pledge on Swachh Bharat was administered for the staff and students of RGNIYD by the Director, RGNIYD.

Special Programmes

Aakanksha lecture series –October

10 October 2014

As part of the Aakanksha lecture series, Dr.Sumanth Chakravarthy Raman, Senior Consultant, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. delivered a lecture entitled *The Future of Health Care in India* on 10th October 2014. The welcome address was given by Dr.Latha Pillai, Director, RGNIYD. Dr. Sumanth, in his lecture, highlighted the significance of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) for better accessibility and availability of quality health care services. He enlightened on IT applications such as Hospital Information System, Clinic Management Software, ICU Management System, Lab Information System, Radiology Information System, Clinical Decision Support System, Electronic Medical Records, Patient Monitoring System and Telemedicine system. He insisted on the need for empowering people by promoting IT enabled health care delivery at home.

Aakansha Lecture Series - November

07 Nov 2014, RGNIYD

Aakansha Lecture titled 'Building Role Models' was organised by RGNIYD on 07 Nov 2014. Sri.Rangasamy Elango, Former President of Kuthambakkam Village Panchayat and Founder, Trust for Village Self Governance delivered the lecture. Dr.LathaPillai, Director, RGNIYD introduced the speaker to the audience. Sri.Elango narrated his journey from a scientist of chemical engineering to a social activist in local governance. During his talk, Sri. Elango highlighted his experiences of transforming Kuthambakkam, an unknown village with issues like alcoholism, caste differences, domestic violence, unemployment, etc. to

that of a village which made significant strides towards achieving self-reliance and sustainable development.

He has narrated the efforts made to develop a 'village-based network growth economy model' to scale up the good initiatives and interventions experimented in the village to other parts of the state and the country.

The inspiring lecture was followed by an interactive session in which many students took part. School of Governance and Public Policy co-ordinated the programme in which the students, faculty and staff of RGNIYD actively participated.

Akankanksha Lecture Series - December

Dr.Jayanti S. Ravi IAS on 12 December
2014 at RGNIYD.

The RGNIYD Akankanksha Lecture on Social Enterprise on Human Development was delivered by Dr.Jayanti S. Ravi IAS on 12.12.2014 at RGNIYD. She highlighted the indicators of Human development elaborately and said that India ranks 135th place in the Human development index. She emphasized on various ways and means to develop the human potential and how to engage young minds towards a positive thinking. The key focus of her lecture was on the role of each individual to contribute for nation building for the development of nation.

Events

Vigilance Awareness Week

27th October -1st November, 2014,
RGNIYD

CYPB observed Vigilance awareness week from 27th October -1st November 2014. Director, RGNIYD administered the pledge of vigilance awareness to the staff and students of RGNIYD. As a part of the observance, a lecture on COMBATING



CORRUPTION - TECHNOLOGY AS AN ENABLER was delivered by Prof. G. Koteswara Prasad, Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras. The speaker brought out the impact of corruption and suggested the need for e-governance and transparency to combat corruption. In addition, best practices for prevention of corruption at international level were also demonstrated. Prof. D. Jayalakshmi, Registrar i/c presided over the function. Staff and students of RGNIYD participated in this programme.

"QaumiEkta Week",

25th November, 2014, RGNIYD

CYPB observed "Qaumi Ekta Week" on 25th November, 2014. A talk on weaker section of the society and conservation of environment was given by the faculty

members of RGNIYD for the Community Radio, Ilanthalir Samudhaya Vanoli.

National Unity Day- Run for Unity

31 October, 2014, RGNIYD

CYPB observed Rashtriya EktaDiwas to commemorate the 139th Birth Anniversary of the former Deputy Prime Minister SardharVallabhai Patel. Dr.LathaPillai, Director of RGNIYD administered the pledge for the staff and students of RGNIYD.



As a part of the observance, 'Run for Unity' was also organised. Col. Shekawat addressed the youth on "Unity and Nation building". In his speech, he emphasised the role of Sardar Patel in freedom struggle and Nation's Unity. He flagged off the "Run for Unity" in which around 460 youth from various schools and colleges including students and staff of RGNIYD participated.

World Toilet Day ,

19th November, 2014, RGNIYD

CYPB division observed World Toilet Day on 19 November 2014. Ilanthalir Community Radio, RGNIYD broadcasted a talk on the importance of cleanliness, causes of unhealthy toilet practices, impact of poor sanitation, ways to improve the toilet facilities, impact of open defecation etc.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Date: 25th November 2014

Venue: Police Training College, Ashok Nagar, Chennai.

In commemoration of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the School of Gender Studies, RGNIYD in association with Feminist Association for Social Action (FASA) and Police Training College, Chennai organized a Gender Sensitization programme for Police Personnel on 25th November 2014 at Police Training College, Ashok Nagar, Chennai. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. K. Periaiah IPS, DIG of Police, Training. The resource person for the occasion was Ms.Sudha Ramalingam, Advocate, Madras High Court. The session started with a positive note on the contribution of law enforcing agencies towards curbing violence against women and underlined the important role of the Police towards ensuring justice to the women victims without succumbing to patriarchal ideologies. She stressed upon the recommendations made by the Justice Verma Committee in addressing violence against women which would mutually benefit the victims and the law enforcing agencies. She encouraged the participants to rise to the occasion and to have a spirit of scientific temper which is a prerequisite for justice. A total of 47 police officers (14 female, 33 male) from various parts of Tamil Nadu participated in the programme.

Faculty Development Programme

22nd -24th December, 2014, RGNIYD

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) organised three day Faculty Development Programme for the holistic development of its teaching fraternity from 22-24th December, 2014 at RGNIYD. Prof. Lata Narayan and Dr.Lata Das from Centre for Life Long Learning, TISS facilitated the sessions. The Programme covered major aspects like Curriculum development, learning outcomes and pedagogical methods. All the sessions were based on experiential learning. All the participants felt that the programme was relevant and highly appreciated the trainers as resourceful, creative and committed.

Youth Exposure Visit to RGNIYD,

01-04th October,2014, RGNIYD

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) jointly organized the Youth Exposure Visit to RGNIYD for the Students from Daffodil University, Bangladesh from 01-04th October, 2014 at RGNIYD campus. The 11



member youth delegation was led by Mr.Md. Ejaj-Ur-Rahaman, Research & Counselling Officer, Daffodil University. The programme aimed to provide an opportunity for the participants to visit

different development institutions / organisations and to have interaction with the experts. Dr.Vasanthi Rajendran, Director, ICD, CIRDAP delivered the inaugural address. Dr.Gopal, Director,

Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai explained about the disasters and legal arrangements in Indian Constitution. Mr.P.David Paul delivered a presentation on Indian Youth Policy, Youth Development Index.

Seminar on "Life Skills" by Ms.Shangkhu Hongsha, and workshop on "Career Counselling" by Ms.Subashree, lecturer were conducted. On the second day, the delegation team visited Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society (ITWWS), Thandarai, Thirukazhukundram, Tamil Nadu. The details of the mission and contribution of ITWWS have been narrated by K.K. Rajendran, Chief Executive Officer, Irula Tribal Women's Welfare Society. After the session, students visited the Herbal Centre, Manmade Forest, Herbal nursery managed by women of Irula Tribal Society. ITWWS main objective through this project is to empower the tribal women through economic and social programmes. Further, the team visited the historical place Mahapalipuram, where the group of monuments have been classified as UNESCO World Heritage Site. Director, RGNIYD hosted a special dinner at Chokkidhani for all the delegates and interacted with them. Rajastani Cultural performance and dinner was enjoyed by participants. On Day three the team visited Indian Institute of Technology (Madras), where the student council members hosted the programme. They visited Technology Incubation centre, Student satellite Project, Techno Park and interacted with students. In the afternoon, the team visited M.S.Swaminathan

Research Foundation, Taramani, Chennai. Dr.Sanjeevi from Anna University handled a Session on Geo-Informatics System. Dr.Madha Suresh briefed about the technological development in space satellites and geo-information for development. The team had an interaction with RGNIYD Students.

On the last day, the team visited L&T



construction skill training institute.

Mr.Venkatesan, Principal, CSTI briefed about their programme and course details. The

participants visited all the training sheds,

labs etc. and also interacted with trainees. The delegation visited SEZ Industrial Park, Rajiv Gandhi Memorial, Ramanujar Temple, Brahmakumari Centre etc. This programme provided a cross cultural understanding among the participants.

'RGNIYD Youth- led Outreach Development Programme "

Youth Conclave

5-6 December 2014

Venue: Union Christian College Meghalaya

RGNIYD in association with Union Christian College, Meghalaya conducted a Youth Conclave through a two day workshop. It was organized at Union Christian College during 5th-6th December 2014. The workshop saw the active participation of 150 student and youth activists from Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools in the region. The aim of the workshop was to empower young people to be at the forefront of global change and innovation and be key agents for development and peace. The workshop

focused on personality development, career counselling and skills enhancement, awareness about entrepreneurship and value education.

Learning cum Exposure visit for the Functionaries of

Block Panchayat Association, Kerala

28-29 October, 2014, RGNIYD

To provide inter-state exposure to the block Panchayat Presidents from Kerala, KILA in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development organized an exposure visit to various Block Panchayats of Kanchipuram district. About 28 (23 Male 5 Female) delegates attended the two day programme. During the programme, Block Panchayat Presidents from Kerala interacted with their counterparts from Uttiramerur block, Sriperumbudur block and Mudichoor village panchayat(Best Panchayat in Kanchipuram). On the whole, the programme was useful to the block panchayat presidents from Kerala.

Interstate Youth Exchange and Home Stay Programme,

29.10.2014 - 07.11.2014. Sri Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan

Centre for Youth and Peace Building organized an Interstate Youth Exchange and Home Stay Programme at Sri Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan in collaboration with NYKS, Rajasthan Zone from 29 October to 7th November 2014, for the youth of NYKS of the 8 North eastern States viz., Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland as well as Rajasthan. In total – 113 youth participated in this 10 day programme. The programme comprises of youth seminars, discussions, competition and cultural programmes

besides homestay. The important topics covered in this programme were Empathy Interpersonal Relationship, Leadership and Personality Development, Social Harmony and National Unity, Life Skills, RTI, Youth Issues and Challenges, Self – Confidence, Positive attitude, Goal setting and time management, Gandhian Principles and Conflict, Constitution of India, Duties and responsibilities of Citizens, Promotion of Peace, Harmony etc.

**Exposure Visit cum Training
Programme on Innovative Practices in
Decentralised Governance for Elected
Representatives of
Tamil Nadu & Kerala**
3-7 November 2014, Venue: SIRD, Sikkim

Department of Training and orientation organised Exposure Visit cum Training Programme on Innovative Practices in Decentralised Governance for Elected Representatives of Tamil Nadu & Kerala at SIRD, South Sikkim from 3-7 November 2014. The Programme was supported by SIRD, South Sikkim and 29 male and 3 female participants the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Suchitra Rasaily Director, SIRD Sikkim. Participants were exposed to various good governance practices such as paper less administration, e-governance & Panchayati Raj Institutions, Organic Farming and organic relation between Village Panchayat and District Panchayat. The feedback received from participants revealed that the programme was useful to them and enriched their knowledge about working of Local Government system in small states like Sikkim.

**Career Guidance and Exhibition for
School Students**

14th November, 2014, Government Girls
Higher Secondary School,
Sriperumbudur, Kanchipuram District

The School of Counselling organized a Career Guidance and Exhibition for School Students to create awareness among High and Higher Secondary Students. The programme was held at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Sriperumbudur, Kanchipuram District On 14th Nov 2014. Two hundred and forty girl students of 9th and 11th standard attended the programme. The Chief Guest and Speaker of the day, Mr. Jaya Prakash Gandhi, leading Career Expert and Educational Consultant delivered a motivational talk and provided detailed Career Guidance by articulating the importance of current trends in the industry to enter the world of work. He also disseminated the various options available and its scope for Higher Secondary Students. Further the faculty members of School of Counselling explained about the importance of Career Planning and Career Decision Making at the right age for 9th standard students. The students of School of Counselling coordinated the programme and exhibited the career panels. The programme concluded with the expert's interaction with students and clarification of doubts related to career choice by observing panels.

Indian Youth Delegation Visit to China

25th November, 2014 to 2nd December,
2014, China

Two RGNIYD students, Ms.Aathira and Mr.Mangesh Munde participated in the



Indian Youth Delegation Visit to China. This programme enabled them to understand the international brotherhood, peace and harmony, developmental issues, higher education system and economic development of China. They visited many important places like China Great Wall, Confucius Temple, industrial parks, Science centre etc. The participants made a presentation of the programme and shared their experiences with RGNIYD students and faculties.

Academic collaboration with National University of Ireland

2nd December 2014

A team lead by Dr Anastasia Crickley, Professor and Head of Department, National University of Ireland, Maynooth visited RGNIYD and other members on 2nd December 2014 at RGNIYD. The basic purpose of the visit was to explore academic collaboration between RGNIYD and National University of Ireland. During the interaction it was decided to jointly organise a colloquium on National Youth Policy Framework. The other aspects of academic collaboration including student

and faculty exchange programmes were also discussed.

Visit of the Media Team from Shillong

14 December 2014, RGNIYD

RGNIYD conducted an awareness programme for 10 Media Personnel (9 Male and 1 Female) from Shillong Meghalaya representing various media organisations in Meghalaya on its campus on 14 December 2014. The media team was deputed by the Press Information Bureau, Southern Region, Chennai (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India).

The media personnel were oriented on the youth development programmes in the



country, activities of RGNIYD and were also sensitised on the National Youth Policy 2014. They later interacted with the students of North-East pursuing PG programmes at RGNIYD.

Visit of International Official Trainees of NITTTR to RGNIYD

Date: 26th December, 2014, Venue: Mini Conference Hall, RGNIYD

A ten-member delegation led by Prof. Shanha Kumar, NITTTR visited RGNIYD on 26th December 2014. The delegation consisted of members from Bangladesh, Sudan, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Syria, South

Africa, Cameroon and Zimbabwe. Dr. Latha Pillai, Director welcomed the delegates and the faculties oriented them on the academic, training and research activities of the Institute. The delegates visited community Radio Station and Central Library.



Youth-led Development Programmes

As part of Youth-led Development Outreach Programme (YDP) in Higher Educational

Institutions in consonance with the National Youth Policy 2014, six programmes were



organised by RGNIYD in collaboration with various colleges in Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Tamil Nadu during the period under report.



Through these programmes 720 scheduled caste students were reached out. The participants were oriented on the of the National Youth Policy 2014 besides significant provisions providing training on various youth related topics.