

World Social Justice Day

20th February, 2023

The Centre for Dalit and Subaltern Studies(CDSS), RGNIYD observed World Social Justice Day by organizing a special invited lecture on the theme of the year “Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice” on 20th February, 2023 at RGNIYD. Dr. S. Lalitha, Coordinator, CDSS delivered welcome address. Prof. Sibnath Deb, Director, RGNIYD delivered key note address.



In his speech, Prof. Deb underlined the need for each person to make sure that social justice is upheld in their daily acts. Injustice is caused by selfish, greedy, and prejudiced behaviour. Social justice is a result of compassion and empathy. Social Justice is sought through social morality and constitutional means. Decentralization of power and democratic engagement are both demonstrated well by the Panchayat Raj system. With its inclusive approach in letter and spirit, a country can accomplish social development. The G20 and Sustainable Development Goals are centered on meeting people's basic needs, and everyone's responsibility, both individually and collectively, is crucial to their realization.



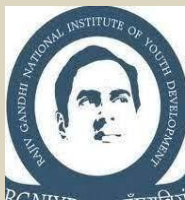
Followed by Mr. R. Elango, Founder, Panchayat Academy, Kuthambakkam Village and Creator of a model village called Samathuvapuram - *A place for equality* delivered special lecture on the theme of the day. In his address, he discussed his transition from an engineering graduate to a social change maker. He was motivated to serve the community by the beliefs of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi , Dr. Ambedkar and Jawaharlal Nehru, for

which he willingly gave up his government position job. He urged the youth to engage on a social responsibility and get prepared to transform society, especially for the downtrodden. He discussed the SDGs Tracker's household implementation, which he developed. He stated that, a community is made up of families, so any changes made at the family level will have a significant impact on the community as a whole. Young people should be prepared to work at the community level to comprehend social reality and develop context-specific methods to affect social change.



Later, after students asked him questions and got clarified their doubts, STEPS members performed a mime on social justice. Dr. Selvi Nithya, Guest faculty, DSW proposed vote of thanks.





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Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu 602105

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Time 3.00 pm to 4.15 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall NAB1

Invited Special Lecture on the

Theme of the Year

“Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice”

Programme Schedule

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| 3.00 p.m. | Invocation |
| 3.05 p.m. | Welcome Address: Dr. S. Lalitha,
Coordinator, CDSS |
| 3.10 p.m. | Key note address: Prof. Sibnath Deb
Director, RGNIYD |
| 3.20 p.m. | Special Lecture : Mr. R. Elango
Founder, Panchayat Academy,
Kuthambakkam Village and
Creator of a model village called
Samthuvapuram - <i>A place for equality</i> |
| 4.00 p.m. | Interaction with the participants |
| 4.10 p.m. | Mime by STEPS, RGNIYD |
| 4.15 p.m. | Vote of Thanks : Dr. Selvi Nithya
Guest Faculty, DSW |
| | National Anthem |

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CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, is an Institute of National Importance by an Act of Parliament No. 35/2012 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. It was set up in 1993 under the Societies Registration Act, XXVII of 1975. It functions as a vital resource centre with its multi-faceted functions of offering six academic programmes at under graduation, post-graduation and diploma levels encompassing various dimensions of youth development, engaging in seminal research in the vital areas of youth development and coordinating Training Programmes for state agencies and the officials of youth organisation, besides the Extension and Outreach initiatives across the country. It is fully responsive to the national agenda for inclusive growth, and the needs and aspirations of young people of the country to realise their potentials to create a just society. In view of fulfilling its obligations to the disadvantaged youth the RGNIYD conducted capacity building/ skills development programmes with a prime objective of enhancing Leadership,

knowledge and entrepreneurial skills among SC/ST youth across the country. Programmes like TOT on Employability Skills, TOT on Youth Leadership and Personality Development, TOT on Environment and Sustainability and skill development programme on Financial Management and Raising Capital, capacity building programme for SC women managers in higher education and workshops on Interface between Dalit Literature and development and Academic writing for SC/ST Ph.D., scholars are conducted by RGNIYD for the empowerment of SC/ST youth and women across the country.

RATIONALE

The Centre for Dalit and subaltern studies, RGNIYD is committed to undertaking training, research and developing training manuals on the theme of social inclusion to empower disadvantaged and marginalized communities and promote inclusion and social justice as stated in the National Youth Policy, 2014. In order to create awareness of the significance of world social justice day and to sensitize youth and staff members of RGNIYD, the Centre has committed to observing it on its campus on 20th February, 2023, through an invited special lecture on the theme of the year titled ***“Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice”***

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BACKGROUND

The World Summit for Social Development was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1995 and resulted in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action.

During the summit, there were more than 100 political leaders pledged to make the conquest of poverty and full employment, as well as stable, safe and just societies, their overriding objectives. They also agreed on the need to put people at the center of development plans and the UN world day of Social Justice is annually observed on 20th February, to encourage people to understand the implication of social justice on poverty eradication.

It also focuses on achieving full employment and support for social integration. Later, the UN's member states reviewed the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action when they gathered at a session of the Commission for Social Development in New York in February 2005. They also agreed to commit to advance social development. On November 26, 2007, the UN General Assembly named February 20 as the annual World Day of Social Justice. The day was scheduled to be first observed in 2009. The World Day of Social Justice is a global observance and not a public holiday

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

World Social Justice Day has been observed since 2009 to generate awareness on various aspects related to social justice in society; to provide a forum for discussion and deliberate to take necessary steps towards a just society; and to promote best practices. The RGNIYD has been observing world social justice day for several years.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

Students and Faculty from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development and other invited participants from Development Sector, and Students from nearby college/institutions will take part in the program.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Participants will gain an understanding of social justice practices and efforts to ensure social justice as well as ways to protect marginalized sections of society with the aim of providing a just society.

A BRIEF PROFILE OF THE CHIEF GUEST

Mr. R. Elango founder of Panchayat Academy, Kuthambakkam, and creator of the model village Samthuvapuram - A place of equality.