# RAJAGIRI highlights



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### **RAJAGIRI VALLEY CAMPUS**

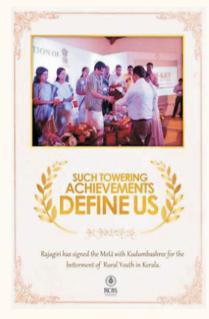
#### **Tobacco Free Campus**

Rajagiri Kalamassery was marked as Tobacco Free Campus. No smoking signages have been put up within the campus.



#### Deena Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU GKY):

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has signed the MoU with State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) for implementing DDU GKY project (supported by the Ministry of Rural Development - MoRD). During the state level inauguration Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Director and Dr. Joseph I



Injodey, Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, received the Project Sanction Order and the MoU from Dr. M K Muneer, Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat and Social Justice, Government of Kerala. Four courses recognized by the Government of India is offered by Rajagiri under this scheme with a course duration of 3 months.

#### **Hi-Impact Leadership Programme:**

Three day certificate programme in Leadership and Management was held on February 6, 7 & 8, 2015 at RBS. The facilitator was Mr. Shiv Khera, an author, Educator, Business Consultant and the founder of Qualified Learning Systems, USA. 60 students participated in this programme.



## Interactive Session on "Entrepreneurship and Incubation":

Session on "Entrepreneurship and Incubation" was held on February 10, 2015 at KRL auditorium. The resource person was Dr. K C Chandrashekharan Nair, Principal Consultant, KITCO.

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#### Assessment & Development Centre:

A competency development programme and individual evaluation of each student was conducted in the month of March for all the junior batches of MBA, MHRM& PGDM. As part of the Assessment Centre an FDP was held on March 2, 2015 and the resource person was Prof. Vijayan Pankajakshan.



#### **OYSTER Day:**

The alumni meet of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences was held on January 26, 2015 at Rajagiri Valley campus.



#### Golden jubilee celebration:

Golden Jubilee celebration of Rev (Dr.) Jose Cletus Plackal CMI, Provincial, S.H. Province, Kalamassery and Rev. Fr. John Therezhath CMI, Administrator, was held on February 10, 2015, at Chavara Hall.



#### **Birthday Celebrations:**

Birth Day of Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions, was celebrated on March 26, 2015.



Birth Day of Dr. Joseph I Injodey, Executive Director, RBS was celebrated on February 25, 2015 at RBS Auditorium.



#### **Flute Recital:**

RCBS in association with SPIC MACAY, conducted a 'FLUTE RECITAL' session by Mysore Chandan Kumar on January 07, 2015 at RBS Auditorium.



#### **Industrial Interaction:**

The last session of SHRM training was held on January 17, 2015 and the module was 'Personal Branding'.



#### Vanavasam:

The junior students of MBA & MHRM went for the Vanavasam programme in the month of February 2015. The venue was Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodikkanal.



#### **Faculty Visit:**

Prof. Abhilash G. Nambudiri visited Denmark, Germany, France, Belgium & Spain from January 18 to February 04, 2015 and he presented a paper at Denmark.



**Transcend** 

#### **Chavara Education Sponsorship Project:**

As a part of the CHAVARA YEAR CELEBRAT-IONS, RCBS initiated a new project for supporting HIV/AIDS infected children in Ernakulam District. The project was inaugurated on January 03, 2015. Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions, distributed the scholarships to 25 children. Dr. Joseph I Injodey, Principal, RCBS presided over the function. Beneficiary children and their family members were present on the occasion.



#### Ashadeepam:

Ashadeepam is an initiative that consists of a series of interventions at schools wherein Transcend plans to holistically develop the quality of the students in the long run. The interventions are focused on addressing factors affecting children like self-hygiene, clean environment, academic environment, social environment, etc. 110 students were participants of Ashadeepam-2015 held on January 11, 2015 and 30 students from RCBS were involved as mentors of the programme.



#### CRAYONS-2015:

CRAYONS '15, the third annual get together of children from foster homes (Child Care Institutions) was held on January 25, 2015. Around 500 children in the age group of 5 to 18 years from 21 Child Care Institutions in Ernakulam and Alapuzha districts participated in the celebration. CRAYONS '15 was inaugurated by Sri. Kochouseph Chittilappilly. Film Director Renjith Sankar and Cine Artist Ms. Srinta were chief guests of the fest.



#### Lanterns-2015:

Lanterns '15, a one day mentoring camp for a group of under privileged childrenwas held on March 07, 2015 at Chavara hall. The objective of the programme is to help the children to recognize that they have the power to be what they wish to be and comprehend the attributes and qualities required to become a positive personality which will ultimately lead to their holistic development. 100 children who are being sponsored by RCBS were the participants.



### **RAJAGIRI HILL CAMPUS**

#### **Department of Social Work**

#### Dyuti 2015 - International Symposium on evidence in Global Mental Health

Dyuti 2015 was held at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad from 7th to 9th January 2015. Sri. T.P. Sreenivasan, Vice-Chairman and Executive Head, Kerala State Higher Education Council was the Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony. International delegates from various countries such as USA, Australia, UK, Belgium, and national social work practitioners participated in the symposium.



#### **World Social Work Day**

World Social Work Day was observed by the Department of Social work on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 by conducting Human Dignity Walk which started from Marine Drive, Ernakulum and ended at Aashir Bhavan, Kacheripady. The programme was organized in collaboration with the Social Work colleges in Ernakulam district, Association of Schools of Social Work in Kerala (ASSK), Kerala Association of

#### **RAJAGIRI** outreach

#### Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam – Pada Yatra

Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam–Pada Yatra was held in association with Mithra dham and Sahrudaya Services and Charities dated from January 1 -15, 2015. This was in co–operation of Suchitwa Mission and various Local Self Governments in support of Noel. The 15 days Padayatra commenced from Aluva to Kakkanad had a reach of 20 educational institutions and Grama Panchayaths, Municipalities and Kochi Corporation. The Padayatra aimed at creating awareness among the people to protect nature through waste management. Mr. Joshy Varghese and Mr. Ranjith K. U. of RAJAGIRI outREACH coordinated the programme.



**Scholarship Distribution** 

A total of 49 students were honoured with scholarship awards under SRAMPAUT Scholarship Scheme held on January 21, 2015. Ms. Mariya Pelach Paniker, Treasurer of SRAMPAUT, distributed the scholarship to the students. Mr. Ranjith K. U. Sr. Development Officer KSM co-ordinated the whole event and Mr. M. P. Antoni, Project Director, RAJAGIRI outREACH was present during the occasion.



#### **Sponsor Visit and Theatre Workshop**

Ms. Kathleen Mulligan and Ms. Sarah Hebert Johnson from New York paid a visit to their sponsored student and her family on January 26, 2015. They also organized a theatre workshop in association with RAJAGIRI outREACH on February 6, 2015 for the outREACH staffs and volunteers on 'Theatre of the Oppressed'. Around 20 staff members participated in the event.



#### **Rotary Vocational Excellence Award -2015**

Mr. M. P. Antoni received the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award-2015 for Social Work from Rotary Governor Mr. Venugopal Menon at IMA Hall, Kaloor on March 18, 2015. The Governor also paid a visit to Karmakendra to understand the club activities organised.



#### Inauguration of Project 'U'

Inauguration for the Project 'U' units of Kodakara and Kalamassery sponsored by Apollo Tyres were held on March 17 and 19, 2015 respectively. The programme was inaugurated at Kalamassery and Kodakara by the President and Chairman respectively, also present at both the occasions was Ms. Harshitha Pande, CSR Head of Apollo Tyres Foundation. Mr. M. P. Antoni, Project Director, RAJAGIRI outREACH felicitated the event. Ms. Lissy Jacob, Co –ordinator for apollo Project 'U' assisted the whole event.

#### **RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

## Awareness Camps for Women Working in the Unorganised Sector

The Research Institute, in association with the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India organized one day awareness camps for the women workers in the unorganized sector at seven different locations of Ernakulum district viz. Kalamassery, Malayattoor, Vellarapilly, Ponnurunni, Kanjoor, Parakkadavu, and Sreemoolanagaram. Dr. Eugene Gomez, Asst. Labour Commissioner and many other prominent personalities from the political and social welfare fields formed the array of dignitaries. More than 700 women benefited from the technical sessions.

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Professional Social Workers (KAPS) - Ernakulam Chapter, Indian Council of Social Welfare (ICSW), Kerala State Branch and various organizations in Ernakulam.



#### Department of Computer Science IT Euphoria 2k15

IT Euphoria 2k15 is a national level inter collegiate IT Fest conducted by CSTAR, Computer Students Association of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. IT EUPHORIA 2k15 progressed through two days and was conducted on January 22 and 23, 2015. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sudheer Mohan, Director-Advanced Technologies and Solutions, Wipro Technologies. 63 colleges attended the fest and 444 students were a part of this mega event. It included technical and non technical events such as Coding, Paper Presentation, IT Quiz, Web Designing, Hacking, Best gang, Live Gaming, Photography, Videography and Dance.



The valedictory function on 23rd January 23. 2015 was presided over by Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI, Director, Rajagiri group of Institutions. Mr. Sunil Balakrishnan, Global Head for Development Center Operations and Ms. Rekha Mathews-Head, India Campus Relationships & Recruitment were the chief-guests.

#### Alumni interaction

#### Robin Mathew - February 3, 2015



Mr. Robin Mathew, Group lead TCS and alumnus of the second (2002-2005) batch MCA.

#### Noble Job - March 27, 2015 (2014-07)



#### **Department of Library Science**

Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences undertook a two weeks Project of the renovation of the Kedmangalam Pappukuty memorial library at North Paravur.





#### Down fell the Curtain...Women Empowerment Programme - We Rise and Fly High

The curtain came down on the one year long Women Empowerment Programme - 'We Rise and Fly High' - a joint initiative of the Federal Bank Ltd. and the Research Institute, with the conduct of its 13<sup>th</sup> programme at Kannur district on February 20, 2015. The last three programmes in the series were organized in the districts, of Palakkad, Kozhikode and Kottayam on 2015 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> respectively. Around 100 women employees of Federal Bank Ltd. have participated in these programmes. Shri. Rajilan, International Certified trainer, Shri.Anupkumar, Mind Power trainer and Psychiatrist, Wellness Hospital, Ernakulam, Adv. Seena Rajagopal, District Court, Thrissur, and Adv. Vinod Battathiripad, District Court, Kannur, led the technical sessions.



## State Level Workshop for the Janamaithri Beat Officers

Dr. Celine Sunny, Executive Director, Research Institute addressed the Janamaithri Police Personnel during a course evaluation of the two days workshop on 'Role of Janamaithri Police in preventing crimes in tribal colonies' for the Beat officers of Janamaithri Suraksha Project. The Workshop was organized by the Home Dept., Govt. of Kerala on February 20 and 21, 2015, at the Kerala Police Academy (KEPA), Thrissur.



## Workshop on Adolescent Counselling and Health Care

The Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala in association with the Research Institute, organized a Workshop on 'Adolescent Counselling and Health Care' on February 26 and 27, 2015 at the Rajagiri College, Kalamassery. Eminent mental health specialists - Fr. Saju M.D and Dr.Anish K.R. from the Dept. of Social Work, Rajagiri College led the sessions focusing on: Adolescent Psychology, Therapeutic Models and Assessment, Couselling Process, Skills, Self Awareness and Counselling Ethics. Smt. P.M. MAYA, Regional Deputy Director, Ernakulam was the Chief Guest for the valedictory function.



#### Introductory Training for New Souhruda Coordinators of 4 Districts.....

The Research Institute, in association with the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala organized an 'Introductory Training for New Souhruda Co-ordinators' of 4 Districts at the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The programme held on February 5 and 6, 2015, was inaugurated by Shri.Aseef Reju, Convener, Adolescent Counseling and Health Care Programme, Govt. of Kerala.



### Food habits of women in Kerala – a matter of concern.....

The Women's Division, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), in association with the Research Institute, organized a one day awareness programme on 'Nutrition and Food Habits' for the different categories of women in Ernakulam district. The experts on

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health care viz. Dr Santhakumari, RCH Officer, District Medical Office, Ernakulam, and Ms. Asha Scaria, Nutrition Specialist, MLTC, handled the various sessions.



#### **EMPANELLED TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME**

The last Orientation Course for the academic year 2014-15 by the Empanelled Training Institution for National Service Scheme was organized from January 15 to 21, 2015. 32 Programme Officers participated in this course. During the academic year 2014-15, the NSS ETI has trained a total number of 452 Programme Officers selected from various Universities and Directorates in the state.



## STATE ADOPTION RESOURCE AGENCY (SARA)-KERALA

A state orientation programme on Adoption and noninstitutional care was held on January 15, 2015 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery.

Mr. V.N. Jeethendran, Director of Social Justice Department, and Mr. Binod Kumar Sahoo, Dy. Director, CARA were the dignitaries present for the programme



## Training Programme on CARINGS for DCPU& Functionaries of SAAs in Kerala

One day Training on CARINGS (Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance system) was conducted on January 16, 2015 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences Kalamassery. Social workers and IT professionals from 18 specialized adoption agencies and Protection Officer- Non Institutional Care- DCPU were the participants.



#### **ICSW - NGO SANGAMAM**

Every year ICSW Kerala State Branch organizes NGO Sangamam as a get together of voluntary organizations in Kerala since 1998. This year NGO Sangamam was organized at Kasargod on January 31, 2015. The theme chosen for Sangamam was Palliative Care – Role of NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations) and CSOs (Civil Society Organizations).



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Ms. Sharon Ann Sabu, Ms. Athira Kishore, Ms. Blessy Grace Antony and Mr. Tony James, Bachelor of Social Work students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery along with Dr. Giji George, Faculty member visited Vives University College, Belgium from 6<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015.



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