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VALLEY CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Faculty Development Programme

A faculty development programme on the topic "Bloom's Taxonomy" was organised for the entire faculty members of Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies on Tuesday January 5, 2016. The resource person was Prof. Satinder K. Dhiman, Ph.D, Ed. D. Associate Dean, MBA Director and Chair, Professor of Management, School of Business, Woodbury University, USA.



HR Panel Discussion

The HR Panel Discussion in association with NHRDN on the topic 'Emerging People Challenges & Opportunities in New India' was held on January 16, 2016. Lighting the Lamp and Inaugural Speech was done by Sri. Anoop Jacob, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration, Government of Kerala. The Keynote address and introduction of theme was delivered by Sri. S.Y Siddiqui, Chief Mentor, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.



Marketing National Conference

The National Conference on 'Insights in Marketing: Rethink, Reinvent & Reskill' was held on February 6, 2016. The Chief Guest for the event was the Honourable Director and Country HR leader of Amazon India Mr. Raj Raghavan. A total of 16 papers were presented in the conference. The faculty coordinator for the programme was Dr. Bejoy John Thomas.



ET in Campus Quiz

An initiative under the aegis of The Economic Times for the student fraternity across South India, organised ET in Campus Quiz on February 16, 2016 at RBS auditorium. The Quiz was hosted by the well – known quiz master Lloyd Saldhana from Greycaps (P) Ltd.



Panel Discussion on Entrepreneurship

Panel Discussion on 'Innovation Driven Entrepreneurship' organized by the Operations Domain of Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies was held on March 4, 2016.

The Moderator was Dr. Jayasankar Prasad C, CEP, Kerala Start Up Mission. The Panel Members were Mr. Arjun Pillai Co-founder and CEO, Profoundis, Ms. Aardra Chandra Mouli, Co-founder and Director Aeka Biochemicals Pvt. Ltd, Ms. Ruby Preethambaran, Co-founder and CMO, Fourth Ambit, Mr. Venkatesh Thyagarajan, CEO & Director, Cabot Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Vivek C, an alumnus of Rajagiri Business School, CEO and Co-founder Bizessence Consulting Services.



Rajagiri Horse Riding Academy

Rajagiri Horse Riding Academy (RHRA) one of the best horse-riding departments in the state was inaugurated by Rev Fr. Jose Alex CMI, Director- Rajagiri Group of Institutions on February 5, 2016 at Valley Campus.



Industry Interactions

- 1. Speaker: Mr. Roopesh Rajagopal, Cluster Head of DCB Bank Date: January 14, 2016
- Speaker: Mr. Biju Sebastian Head HR- (India Operations) Apollo Tyres Ltd - Date: February 10, 2016
- 3. Speaker: Mr. Arun Babu, Sr. Associate Lead-Talent Acquisition of Infosys - Date: February 12, 2016

- Speaker: Mr. Sarfraz Hasan, Sloan Fellow (London Business School), CEO, Ledmac Ltd. -Date: February 12, 2016
- Speaker: Mr. Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express. - Date: February 17, 2016

HILL CAMPUS

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DYUTI 2016-National Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility and Children-6th & 7th January-2016

Commodore Karthik Subramaniam, Former Chairman & Managing Director, Cochin Shipyard inaugurated the conference. Mr. Harikrishnan Nair, Chairman, CII, Kochi Chapter, Shri. Kochouseph Chittlapally, Chairman and Managing Director, V-Guard Industries Ltd, were present during the occasion. The Resource Persons for the DYUTI 2016 comprised of Directors and Professors from various Institutions and Organizations.



CATALYSIS'16 - National Social Work Students Meet

National Social Work Students' Meet titled 'CATALYSIS'15, 'Triggering Social Change' was held on $6^{\rm th}$ and $7^{\rm th}$ January 2016 at RSCC. Students from around 25 colleges within and outside Kerala participated in the Meet.



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Seventh Fr. Jose Alex Award for Excellence in Social Work 2015

Seventh Father Jose Alex Award for Excellence in Social Work 2015 was presented to Rev. Fr. Michael Vettikkat CMI, Kottayam Social Service Society, on the 6th of January 2016, during DYUTI - National conference of the School of Social Work of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The award was given to Fr. Michael Vettikkat in recognition of the multi-faceted and sustained practice of professional social work and his caring for the downtrodden in the society



Commemoration of 60 years of Social work Education & Practice

Rajagiri college of Social Sciences completed 60 years of its existence and six decades of social work education in Kerala State. Our Former Principals, Former Professors and few who have made exclusive contributions to the growth of our Institution for the past six decades honoured.

Former Principals - Dr. A. Moses, Fr. Jose Alex, Dr. Antony Kariyil, Dr. Joseph Injodey;

Former Social Work Professors - Prof. V. J. Papoo, Dr. Thankam Jacob, Dr. Sr.Kochutheresia, Dr. Varghese K.V., Dr. Sebastin Rupert Mampilly, Dr. Lizy James, Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dr. Johnson Palackapillil;

Exceptional contributors in the field of Social Work Practice, Research & Training - Mr. P. K. Mohammed (NSS Training & Orientation Centre), Mr. M. P. Antoni (Executive Director, Rajagiri out REACH), Mrs. Mary John (Principal, Middle level Training Centre for ICDS functionaries), Dr. Celine Sunny (Executive Director, Research Institute), Mr. I. V. Soman (Coordinator, Empanelled Training Institute) and Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla (Former Head, Adoption Coordinating Agency).



SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Alumni Interaction

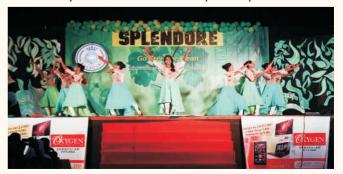
Mr. Praveen C.V, alumni who is currently the Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank interacted with the MCA students on 12th January, 2016 at the RCSS Golden Aureole. He spoke about the current opportunities in the banking sector and about the various posts and allowances entitled to a bank employee.



SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

SPLENDORE 2 K 16

Graduate department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS)organized' SPLENDORE 2K 16 Grad Fest' on 15th and 16th January 2016 for plus two and graduate students in and around Kerala to showcase their talents with the theme 'Go Green And Be Clean.' The fest was inaugurated by cine artist Mr. Siddique. Around 258 students from different schools and colleges participated in the fest. ST.Peter's college, Kolenchery won the Overall Championship.



Industrial Visit

The School of Commerce organized one day industrial visit to 'TATA Tea Museum' and 'SRISHTI' (Subsidiary unit of TATA-A Welfare Center for the Differently Abled) Munnar on 27th February 2016. The visit was successful in providing students with an opportunity to know how tea industry developed in Munnar and History of Munnar.



Commerce Fest 2 K 16

Association of Commerce Students of Rajagiri (ACSR) organized the Valedictory function of 'Commerce Fest' on 1st May 2016. The toppers of the Semester Examinations as well the young achievers of the year were recognized during the Fest. The ceremony was inaugurated by Director, Rev. Fr. Jose Alex CMI and presided over by Executive Director, Dr. Joseph I.Injodey.



CENTRE FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Bi-annual Meeting of Doctoral Scholars under Social Work was held on 28th January 2016 at Kalamassery campus. 16 scholars attended the above meeting. Research Progress Presentation was made by each Scholars.



RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

Career Guidance Camp RYLA @ Thrissur

RYLA Camp, Career Guidance for SSLC students were held for 29 students in Thrissur region on 24th January, 2016 on career guidance, time management and exam tips which was handled by Mr. Deepu, Marketing Manager, HDFC, Palakkad and Ms. Lissy Jacob, Project Officer, Entrepreneurship.



'Energy Saving' by Urjja Kiran

As part of the project of the energy management cell of Urjja Kiran, an awareness session on 'Energy Saving' arranged at Kunnathunadu region on 16th of February, 2016 and 135 members participated.



K. P. Paul Foundation @6th Phase

Official launch of the 6th phase of CSR initiatives under K. P. Paul Foundation was held on 25th of February, 2016. 24 new beneficiaries were added to the existing beneficiaries and project expanded to 140 beneficiaries.



State level Trainers Training Programme

State level trainers training programme on 'Financial Literacy for students' was conducted at Kakkanad in association with Kudumbasree Mission on Feb 4^{th} and 5^{th} of 2016. Balasabha Co-ordinators of each District were the participants.



KITCO Ltd. - CSR Initiative

A new entrepreneurship project has been launched under the CSR initiative by KITCO Ltd. in three Tribal Villages at Kuttampuzha Grama Panchayath, Ernakulam for Apiculture and Bamboo Handicraft items. 30 beneficiaries were selected for the implementation of the various projects. The project visualizes the sustainability of livelihood activities of Tribals in the target area through the marketing and value addition of products. Tribal Promoters Training also included in the project of KITCO.



RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Research Methodology Course for PhD Scholars in Social Sciences

A ten day ICSSR sponsored Research Methodology Course for PhD Scholars in Social Sciences, organized by the Research Institute from 25th February – 5th March 2016 was inaugurated by Dr.Dileepkumar, Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady in the presence of Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS), Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean and Administrator, RCSS, and Dr. Karen Coelho, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies. Eminent resource persons from within and outside the state of Kerala, including the ICSSR panel of experts, led the sessions on the topics related to qualitative and quantitative research for the 30 participants who are pursuing their doctoral degree in the various universities of the country.



Road Safety Awareness Programmes for the TT **Crew of IOCL**

The Road Safety Awareness Programmes – 2015-16 of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for its Tank Truck Crew organized by the Research Institute has came to its conclusion with the conduct of 7 programmes in the months of January and February, 2016. Eminent resource persons like; Shri. Sadik Ali, Joint RTO, Kasaragod, Shri. Adharshkumar, Joint RTO, Muvattupuzha, Sri. Jaganlal A.M.V.I, Thripunithura, Shri. Dileepkumar, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Ernakulam, Dr. K.G. Radhakrishnan, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur and Dr. Asha Vijayan, Primary Health Centre, Vadavucodu, Ernakulam handled the sessions on 'Road Safety' and 'First Aid'.



Concept, Pattern and Incidence of Gender Violence - Research study to unearth the situation of Women victims of violence

The increasing trend of gender violence in our country, emphasize the need for unearthing the pathetic situation of women victims of violence and to formulate appropriate policies/programmes for preventing such incidences in the future and for improving the life situations of women victims. With this objective, the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi decided to conduct a research study on Concept, Pattern and Incidence of Gender Violence in Public and Private (family) spheres of life in association with the Research Institute. The study will cover 1400 women victims of gender violence in the 14 districts of Kerala. The preliminary works on the study has commenced.

EMPANELLED TRAINING **INSTITUTION (ETI) FOR NSS**

The ETI has organized six Orientation Courses during the period from January to March. 201 Programme Officers from various Universities and Directorates in the state attended the residential Orientation Courses. .



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean and Administrator, US Fulbright Awardee (2012-13) was selected for the 2015-16 USIEF Alumni Award. (Photo attached)



Aby K Abraham, Asst. Professor of Rajagiri Business School successfully completed his course work for the 4year doctoral programme in Fellow Programme in Management from XLRI Jamshedpur. He has successfully defended his thesis on February 22, 2016 on the topic "Exclusivity: Its Existence and Role of Possessions".



Shiju Thomas M.Y., completed M.Tech Computer Science with Specialization in Embedded System from the department of computer science, Cochin university of Science and Technology with a CGPA of 8.94/10 secured second rank in the university.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

International Professor and students with School of Social Work

Nazareth College of Rochester

Prof. Jed Metzger, Associate Professor in Social Work, New York from 7th January to 6th March 2016



Megan Paris and Michelle Roberts, final MSW students from January 2016 to April 2016



Vives University College, Kortrijk, Belgium,

Jolien Vermeulen and Lila Naert, students Bachelor Applied Psychology from February 2016 to June 2016 at **Kalamassery Campus**



Institute Social de Lille, France

Ms. Lucius Quitterie Pascale Marie Social work student at from January 2016 to July 2016



Rajagiri Students Overseas exposure

Ms. Susan George, Lisma Joshwa, Nahana Hussain and Ms Traicy Thomsan visited Vives University College, Belgium from 22nd January 2016 to 24th February 2016 for internship programme.



Mr. Suhail Rasheed, Mr. Abel Isaac, Ms. Nikitha Ugin, Mr. Presila Antony, Ms. Aishwarya, Ms. Irene and Mr. Sainul accompanied by Mr. Anil John, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, visited Foundation of Goodness, Srilankan School of Social Work and National Peace Council, Srilanka during February 2016.



Rajagiri Faculty Overseas Exposure Programme

Dr. Joseph M.K, Department of Social Work visited the Australian Catholic University in February 2016 as part of the collaboration between ACU & RCSS. He visited the ACU campus in Canberra and Strathfield. Dr. Joseph also visited Charles Sturt University campus in Wagga-Wagga. This visit has facilitated mutual exchange of social wok students.



RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Hair Donation Awareness Programme:

The Awareness programme was conducted jointly by Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association [RSWA] and Rajagiri Students Union on 25th January, 2016. The session was led by Ms. Nisha Jose, Social Enabler. RSWA members and senior students from MSW and MCA students participated in this programme



Bone Density check-up:

Organized by RSWA, on 5th February, 2016. All staff members from RCSS availed this opportunity. Dr. Prathap Kumar, Head of Shoulder & Upper limb unit and Sports Injury Specialist from Sun Rise Hospital, Kakkanad led this medical campaign followed by an informative session.



Food Fair

The RSWA celebrated Women's Day on 8th March 2016. All members of the RSWA actively participated in the food fest organised as part of the celebration. A book on "Cooking Techniques" written by Dr. Celine Sunny was released on that day. Different delicious dishes prepared by the women members were exhibited and sold out.