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***Rajagiri has been accredited with
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Peer Team Visit

The Peer Team for the NAAC Accreditation visited the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on 4th and 5th March 2021 for the Fourth Cycle of Assessment and Accreditation. The Peer Team comprising of Dr Suresh Varma Penumathsa, Professor of CSE University College of Engineering, Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajamahendravaram Andhra Pradesh, as the

Chairman. Dr.Chinnathambi Devendiran, Professor, Department of Social Work ,Aizwal, Mizoram, as the Member Coordinator and Dr.H Nanje Gowda, Former principal, Yuvaraja's College (Autonomous), University of Mysore, as the member. Peer Team visited Departments, Lab and Physical facilities on the campus. They had interaction with Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Dr.Mary Venus Joseph, IQAC

All the Teaching and Administrative Staff members were present on this occasion. IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Mary Venus Joseph delivered vote of thanks and promised them that the college would expand the scope for the enhancement and follow the recommendations made by the Peer Team to enrich the quality of education.



IQAC conducted a NAAC peer visit (Internal) on 2nd and 3rd February 2021 at Kalamassery campus for the preparation of NAAC 4th Cycle. .Dr.Binoy Joseph - Principal, RCSS, Dr.Aby Abraham, Professor RCSS and Dr.Smitha Siji, Associate Professor, RCSS were the team members.

FAREWELL FUNCTION

**Rajagiri family bids farewell to Dr. Mary Venus Joseph,
Dr. Sr. Lizy P J, Ms. Bindu Antony M, Mr. Rodny Issac, Ms. Saritha Menon and Mr. Nobert M L**



Dr. Mary Venus Joseph
Dean (Research) &
Coordinator, IQAC
40 years of service with
Rajagiri College of
Social Sciences (1981-2021)

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean (Research) & Coordinator, IQAC, served as the Prof & Head, Department of Social work, (2002 -2005) Vice Principal of the College from 2005 to 2011. Upon her retirement she continued serving as the Dean & Administrator (2011 to 2016). Prior to joining the teaching in 1984, she was the founder head of the State level Training Centre for ICDS functionaries on campus (1982-1984)

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph holds a Doctorate in Social Work from M G University, Kottayam; Post graduation in Social Work from Stella Maris College, Madras; Women Studies from Alagappa University; Post Graduate Diploma in Training & Development from ISTD New Delhi; Post graduation in Ecology & Environment from IIEE, New Delhi and MBA from IGNOU, New Delhi. She has 36 years of teaching and research experience besides four years of Training experience.

As the Coordinator of the IQAC, she has been able to steer four cycles of NAAC Assessment and Accreditations very successfully.

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph was an approved PhD Guide in Social Work under MG University, Christ University, Bangalore and Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore. She has so far produced 12 PhD holders. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph was also coordinating the Centre for Doctoral Research of the college from 2002 onwards and more than 50 scholars from Social work and Management have graduated through her directions.

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph was the Zonal Advisor (South Zone – Kerala and Andhra Pradesh) - for the national study on child abuse with the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India and supported by UNICEF and Save the Children Fund, UK (2005-2006), Nodal officer for the five central districts of Kerala State for the Mapping of Child Care Institutions under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2000 (JJ Act), Ujjwala & Swadhar during 2016-2017

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph is a Member of the Internal Complaints Committee with Conduent Business Services, INDAL Co, Malayala Manorama, Kochi, Rajagiri Hospital and FACT. Nominated as the Chair, South Asia Working Group of International Council on Social Welfare (2009-2010). Received Appreciation Award from the Past President International Council of Social Welfare in recognition of excellent contribution in strengthening ICSW activities in the SAARC countries.

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph is a recipient of 2012-13 US Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar Fellow to visit selected universities in Washington, Philadelphia and New York in US. Winner of 2015-16 USIEF Alumni Award for the Proposal '*Building social entrepreneurial aptitude and skills in female college students*' Kochi, Kerala. Received Venus International Women Award-VIWA 2018 : Lifetime Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences for the initiatives and developments in the field of Social Work. National Award Recipient -Fr. T.A. Mathias Memorial Award 2007 established by All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi.

Dr. Mary Venus Joseph has held positions of trust in society by serving as the Governing Board Member of the CHILD LINE India Foundation, Mumbai, Director-Child Line, Nodal Agency, Kochi (from 2011 onwards), National Vice President, Indian Council of Social Welfare President, ICSW, Kerala State Chapter, National Institutional member- National Action Coordination Group (NACG) for ending violence against children. Past President of CEVA (Chavara Elias Voluntary Association) during 2011-17



Dr. Sr. Lizy P. J.
Associate Professor /
Dean (Academics)
(1999-2021)

Dr. Lizy P J secured Post graduate in Social Work with specialization in Medical and Psychiatric Social Work from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and M. Phil in Social Work from Delhi University. Secured Ph. D in Social Work on the topic: A Study of Adoptive Families in Kerala" from

Mahatma Gandhi University in the year 2011. Has undertaken two UGC Minor Research Projects: (i) "Adoptive Families in Kerala" and (ii) "Relevance of Non Formal Preschool Education Imparted through ICDS Projects with special reference to Ernakulam District". Engaged in teaching in the



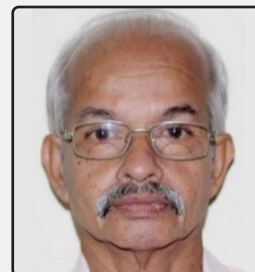
Ms. Bindu Antony M.
Assistant Professor,
Academic Coordinator & CoE.
(2014-2021)



Mr. Rodney Isaacs
Manager-Administration
(2002-2021)



Ms. Saritha Menon
Assistant Professor
(2013-2021)



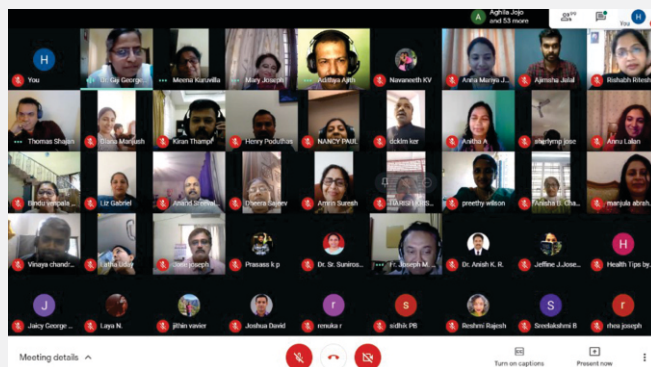
Mr. Nibert M. L.
Attender
(1981-2021)

Department of Social Work since 1999 and has 2 years' of field experience as social worker in child sponsorship project. Areas of interest include: Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, Mental Health, Geriatric Social Work, Social Group Work & Group Dynamics, Child Adoption and Community Health.

OYSTER Homecoming Day 2021

OYSTER Homecoming Day 2021 was conducted on 26th January 2021. The event was conducted online and Department wise. The event was a great success considering the participation of alumni members and the representation across the batches. Accordingly there were 130 alumni participants in Social Work, 40 alumni participants from the Department of Library and Information Science, 25 alumni participants from Department of Commerce and Professional studies, 88 alumni participants from Department of Business Administration, 26 alumni participants Human Resource Department and 60 alumni participants from department of Computer Science.

The OYSTER Executive committee express gratitude to all the Deans, Heads of various Departments and Faculty coordinators of the event.



VALLEY CAMPUS

Conferences

National Conference on New Paradigms in Management

General Management area conducted 4th Rajagiri National Conference on New Paradigms in Management on January 19, 2021 in Valley Campus. The theme was "CARVING OUT A NEW FUTURE: RESILIENCE & RECOVERY". Dr. Smitha R. Nair was the Conference Chair. The Inaugural Address was given by Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthusserry CMI, Director, Rajagiri Christu Jayanthi Public School.



International Conference in Marketing Area

The international conference in marketing was held on February 5, 2021 at Valley Campus. Conference was inaugurated by P S Sreejith, Principal, RSET. Prof. Harish & Dr. Padmanabhan were the co-ordinators. 31 papers were presented out of which 7 were internal. Vives University was the International partner and Kitchen Treasures was the industry partner. Prof. Pramod was thanked for the tie-up with Vives University, Dr. Manoj Mathew for the industry partner and Dr. Aviral Tiwari for the tie-ups with the journal

Conference – Operations Management, Systems & Business Analytics

The Operations, Systems and Business Analytics conference was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School on March 26, 2021 in association with Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru & IISE IIT Kharagpur Students Chapter, Kharagpur, India. The main objective of the conference was to deliver an exceptional and stimulating platform for researchers to share their research work and exchange ideas in the area of operations, systems and business analytics. There were 64 participants.

Student Entrepreneurship

Rajagiri Basar – A New Initiative

The launching ceremony of a new initiative “RAJAGIRI BASAR”, a handholding project for micro entrepreneurs in association with various Government agencies for rural development was held in SDG Wellness Park, near Bella vista on February 01, 2021 at Valley Campus. The program was conducted for 2 days i.e. from February 01–02, 2021.



Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI presided over the function. There were eight group of entrepreneurs associated with Kudumbasree, MPDEA, Bamboo Corporation, Honey Producer's association etc for the first edition of RAJAGIRI BASAR. The project envisages to conduct the RAJAGIRI BASAR every month in the campus.

2nd edition of Rajagiri BASAR was held from March 4th - 6th, 2021. There were 8 stalls – 1 from vanashree, 1 of seafood and 6 units from Kudumbashree. There was a live counter for snacks as well.

Rajagiri Summer School (Virtual)

Valley Campus conducted Rajagiri International Virtual Summer School in association with Coventry University, UK, from February 01 – 12, 2021. The theme was “**Managing Social Development – An interdisciplinary Journey through rich Indian Culture and Heritage**”. There were 30 participants for the program.

Rajagiri National Business Quiz (RNBQ)

The Grand Finale of the 11th edition of Rajagiri NBQ was held on February 6, 2021. Mr. Mitesh Agarwal, CTO & Director, Google Cloud was the Quiz Master. There were more than 2400 participants across three preliminary rounds. Rajagiri NBQ (11th edition) was fully virtual. The three online preliminaries were held on January 9, 17 and 20, 2021.



Rajagiri Business League (RBL)

RBL was held from February 11th - 12th, 2021. The matches were conducted in the 3's format with a duration of 10 minutes played in half-court. The venue of the matches were Rajagiri Christu Jayanthi Public School basket-ball court. Fr. Varghese Puthussery inaugurated the tournament and former basketball player Mr. Basil Philip gave away the trophies. Fragomen was the winner, Infosys the first runner-up and E & Y the second runner-up.



Student Fest – Inflore 16th Edition

INFLORE 16th Edition- Compendium of Fables, The Global Chapter - Management Fest was conducted from February 12th – 17th, 2021. All the events were live streamed. 947 participants registered that included top-tier institutions like IRMA, NIFT, Loyola, LIBA, Great Lakes, XIME to mention a few. Two universities from Germany and one each from Sharjah and Philippines have also registered for the event. RJ Shambhu inaugurated the Cultural programs.

Women's Day celebrations

Women's day celebration was organized on March 06, 2021. All our women faculty and staff members were specially invited to participate in the program. Dr. M P Antoni presented the report on the International Women's day celebrations. The women staff of the college were felicitated. Fr. Francis thanked the team of Dr. M P Antoni, Mr. Akhil, Mr. Sanjay and Dr. Susan for coordinating the event.

SDG Workshop

The SDG workshop for LSG leaders was conducted in Valley Campus on March 06, 2021. Smt. Ajitha Thankappan (Chairperson, Thrikkakara Municipality) was the chief guest along with the other guests Mr. Arun Ramachandran of UNDP, Mr. Sunny George from KILA and Dr. Minimol M C from RCSS as the resource persons. The theme for the program was "Realising Sustainable Development Goals by 2030."

**Faculty Achievements**

- **Dr Priya Alat & Dr Sitanshu Sekhar** published an article " Understanding Corona phobia" in the Asian Journal of Psychiatry which was one of the most downloaded article (90 days data) and it has been cited in a few international media (The Washington Post, Gulfnews etc.) and Times of India.
- **Prof. Rishabh Rathore** has been awarded Ph.D on the topic Modelling of Risks for Food grains Supply Chain in India by Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur on December 22, 2020.
- **Prof. Chandrima Chatterjee** has been awarded Ph.D on the topic Health Care of the Elderly in India: An Investigation of Utilization, Expenditure and Financing by Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur on December 29, 2020 .

HILL CAMPUS**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK****Groom and Grow**

MSW I Year students initiated the "Groom and Grow: No Shave No Saloon" November Campaign as part of the No Shave November campaign observed globally every year. The students raised ₹ 17,750/- through the one month campaign and distributed a gift box including mask, smiley ball, Tiffin box and Steel water bottle to 100 Pediatric cancer patients in association with Ms. Sumki Begum of Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer at Bengaluru on 24th December 2020.

**Patheyam – The Food for the Needy program**

MSW I Year students initiated "Patheyam – The Food for the Needy" program under Luminae for celebrating Christmas by spreading the light of love on those who need it most. The students saved two rupees a day from 1st December to 25th December and distributed 62 food packets in and around Ernakulam on 26th December 2020.

Esperanza"- webinar on cancer awareness

Youth Red Cross club and Junior SWARAJ conducted " Esperanza", a webinar on cancer awareness on 8th February 2021 and Dr. Anwar Hussain, Palliative Care Physician and Director of Institute of Palliative Medicine, Calicut was the resource person.



DYUTI 2021- National Conference

The 21st edition of DYUTI 2021 was on the theme *Response to Covid 19 Pandemic: Social Work Engagements and Challenges* was held on 25-26th February 2021 through online platform. Dr. Rajeev S. P. and Dr. Giji George were the co-ordinators for DYUTI 2021. Liz Forsyth, Global Lead: Human and Social Services, KPMG, delivered the keynote address.

World Radio Day

As part of observing World Radio Day, Junior SWARAJ organised an interdepartmental online radio jockey competition titled 'Let's Talk On-Air Season 2' on the topic 'Self Introduction in an attractive way' on 14th February 2021.

National Productivity Day

As part of observing the National Productivity Day, the NSS Unit along with Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association conducted a contest titled "OUTPUT" - Don't be busy, just be productive! on the theme "How you made your Covid19 lockdown productive" on 13th February 2021.

International Women's Day

- Youth Red Cross in collaboration with other student clubs and Gender Equity Cell organised a webinar, "WO-MEN- A Talk on Gender Sensitization" as part of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2021 and Dr. Kochurani Joseph was the resource person.
- Student clubs of the Department of Social Work in association with Gender Equity Cell and Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association celebrated Women's Day on 9th March, 2021. The programme was named as, "WO-MEN". Ms. Nisa Badharudheen, an inspiring woman entrepreneur, was the chief guest of the programme. On this occasion, An inter-college photography competition was conducted.

**World Social Work day**

SWARAJ organized World Social Work day celebrations in association with University of Johannesburg and Edinburogh University on 16th March 2021.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Department of Computer Science conducted an employability and skill development programme for MCA and MSc Data Analytics students.

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE****Online Webinar on Grammarly, March 26th 2021**

Department of Library and Information Science and Fr. Moses Library jointly organized an Online Webinar in Collaboration with Bridge People on "Grammarly" (The World's No.1 Research Writing Software) "on March 26th 2021. Mr. Ratish Iyer, trainer, Bridge People Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd was the resource person. This session was exclusively for the users at Rajagiri Group of Institutions.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**Webinar on "Block chain for Commerce: Beyond Bitcoins"**

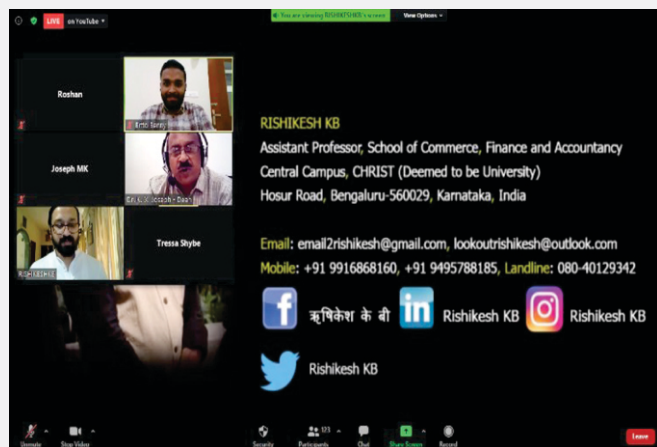
The Department of Commerce and Professional Studies organised a webinar on "Blockchain for Commerce: Beyond Bitcoins" in association with IQAC on 16th January 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal RCSS inaugurated the programme. A total of 567 participants from India and abroad registered for the programme, representing more than 7 countries.

Webinar on Envisioning the Academician for the 21st Century

Department of Commerce and Professional Studies, in association with IQAC has organized webinar on Envisioning the Academician for the 21st Century on 20th February 2021 from 10:00 am to 12: 00 pm. The resource person for the programme was Dr. S Kumar Chandar, Associate Professor, School of Business and Management, CHRIST (Deemed to Be University), Bangalore. The main aim of the webinar was to provide knowledge on the field of technology-oriented teaching for the academicians.

Webinar: Filter Bubbles and Echo Chambers

Department of Commerce and Professional Studies, in association with IQAC has organized webinar on Filter Bubbles and Echo Chambers on 30th January 2021 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The resource person for the programme was Prof. Rishikesh K B, Assistant Professor, School of Commerce Finance and Accountancy, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. The main aim of the webinar was to create an awareness on the fake news and security measures that an individual should take care while using the internet.

**Financial Supply Chain Management**

The Department of Commerce and Professional Studies organized a session on “Financial supply chain management” that was effectively coordinated by Prof. Nufail Naleem and Varghese Joy. The session commenced on February 13, 2021 at 2.00 pm streaming through Zoom platform and all the students were timely presented. Mrs. Heeral Wangnoo was the resource person.

IDEA DAY - Organised by ED club and Yi

The innovative product idea competition 'Idea Day' was jointly organized by Entrepreneurship Development club and Yi for the first year B.Com /BBA students on 23rd February 2021. The main objective of the event was to promote the innovative thinking and entrepreneurial skills of the first year students. The innovative product ideas of the students included product ideas related to health care, Automobile, IT and hollow gram projections. The students were able to relate to the need of the society and bring out product ideas that would be able to develop realistic and innovative ideas.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**Rajagiri International Virtual Summer School (RISS)**

Rajagiri International Virtual Summer School (RISS), was a combined effort of offices of International Relations

(Kakkanad and Kalamassery) as well as Management and Social Work departments along with Coventry University, UK which was supported by UKIERI. There were two separate courses from Feb 1 to 12. 24 students from Coventry and 60 students of Rajagiri (MSW, MBA, MHRM, PGDM) participated in the programme. The broad theme was 'Managing Social Development - An interdisciplinary journey immersed in rich Indian Culture and Heritage'. Social Entrepreneurship Business Development Plan making competition was conducted in groups and there were group presentations of Business Plans by all students on the last day and evaluation was done by a panel having faculty members from Coventry and Rajagiri.

**Orientation Session for the International students**

Orientation Session for the International students joined in the academic year 2020-21 was held on 26th February 2021. The students are from Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Nepal.



- ❖ Dr. M.K. Joseph, CMI, and Dr. Kiram Thampi of the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) attended a virtual meeting on 22nd March, 2021 with Dean of BUCSSP, Atty. Alex B. Nepomuceno, Ph.D., the Faculty Members of the BUCSSP Social Work and Psychology Departments. The meeting was facilitated by Prof. Dimson Rivero, the Director of the International Relations Office of Bicol University, and was conducted to explore areas of cooperation and collaboration between BUCSSP and RCSS.

COLLEGE- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS through our “CAMPUS LIVE LABS ”

RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

National Webinar supported by National Commission for Women, Government of India

Rajagiri outREACH had organized the National Webinar on “Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing” with the Support of National Commission for Women, on 14th and 15th December 2020 and final report was submitted to NCW on 06.01.2021.

Programmes for Children and Education

Educational Fund was distributed to the sponsored children of Manjilas Food Tech (Double Horse), Kinder for Kinder – A Project of KELI, Switzerland, Viswajyothi CMI Public School, Angamaly. Food and Health Hygiene Kits were distributed to CUMI Sponsored children during January to March 2021.

Books and Bag Distribution at Rajagiri outREACH

Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH, had distributed books and bag to the mothers of sponsored children of Kalamassery on 11.03.2021 at 11.25 am at Rajagiri outREACH Office, Kalamassery.

COVID-19 Relief Food and Hygiene Kit Distribution to CUMI Sponsored Children at Ernakulam

Rajagiri outREACH in association with Carborundum Universal Ltd., had distributed Food and Health Hygiene Kits to 50 sponsored children of Carborundum Universal Ltd. (CUMI) on 29.03.2021 Dr. Binoy Joseph, CEO of Rajagiri outREACH and Principal of RCSS, had inaugurated the distribution. Mr. Gigin P.S. and Mr. Albin Noble had coordinated the programme.

Distribution of Higher Education Scholarship Fund to the Students sponsored by Prof. Fons Vandormael, Belgium

Higher Educational Scholarship fund was distributed to 16 students under the sponsorship of Prof. Fons Vandormael, Belgium on 26.03.2021. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Binoy Joseph, CEO of Rajagiri outREACH & Principal of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Mr. Ranjith K.U., Development Coordinator, coordinated and gave the opening speech.

K.P. Paul Foundation – “Creating an Entrepreneur” – 13th Phase Women Beneficiaries – Nadathara Grama Panchayat, Thrissur District

Rajagiri outREACH Staff Mrs. Ligi V.E and Mrs. Divya Rajesh had conducted house visits during the month of January 2021

for the selection of new women beneficiaries for the 13th Phase of “Creating an Entrepreneur” K.P. Paul Project at Nadathara Grama Panchayat, Thrissur District. A total of 96 applications were received.

Parent Management Training

On 24th March 2021 KAVAL, Thrissur team had conducted parent management training programme for 6 parents. Through this programme orientation was provided about the family boundaries and also the situations of the families.

Life Skills Education

The KAVAL team had conducted life skill education session on 28th March 2021. 8 Children had actively participated. The children received awareness on of life skills and the importance of life skills in everyday life. Topics covered were Self awareness, Empathy, Problem solving, Decision making, Interpersonal relationship, Communication, Creative thinking, Critical thinking, Coping with emotions and Coping with stress

Staff Achievements

- i. Rajagiri outREACH Staff Mr. Ranjith K.U., has been nominated as a member of Green Protocol Assessment Committee of Njarackal & Edavanakkad Grama Panchayats, Ernakulam District to assess the Green Protocol status of all government offices and educational institutions under the jurisdiction of Njarackal & Edavanakkad Grama Panchayats.
- ii. Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH, had attended a live discussion on Asianet TV Channel at 2.30 p.m. on 13.01.2021 on the topic “**Death of a child who was a victim of POCSO case residing in a Child Care Institution, Ernakulam**”.
- iii. Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH, had taken a live session for the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Kerala, on YouTube from 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on 30.01.2021 on the topic “**Surakshitha Kaumaram - Rakshithakal Ariyendathu**”, as part of ICPS (Kerala) parenting campaign.
- iv. Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH, had conducted an online session on the topic “**Activities of Rajagiri outREACH**” at 2.30 p.m. on 09.02.2021 as part of the summer school programme The 60 participants were from Coventry University, United

Kingdom and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery.

- v. Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director and Ms. Devipriya R. Dharan, ODIC ORW, Rajagiri outREACH had conducted training for the staff and children of Government Children's Home for Girls at Maithra, Alappuzha on 10.02.2021. Sessions were given on the topic "Life skills, Parent and Children Management, Preparation of Individual Care Plan". The event was supported by Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Kerala and District Child Protection Unit, Alappuzha. Participants were 23 children, 15 staff and the team members from District Child Protection Unit, Alappuzha.



THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Road Safety Advocacy Programmes – 2021

Road Safety Advocacy Programmes 2021, sponsored by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Govt. of India launched with an awareness camp for college students. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS inaugurated the camp held on 23rd March 2021 at Carmel Hall, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. Shri. Shaji Madhavan, RTO, Enforcement, Ernakulam delivered the keynote address, and more than 100 social work students attended the programme.



Study on Impact of Covid-19 on the Persons with Disabilities in Kerala

With the outbreak of Covid-19, the persons with disabilities have been facing tougher challenges than in regular times. They are exposed in many ways to the crisis such as struggles in accessing support services, education, income support and economic empowerment, rehabilitation and assistive devices. While there are very legitimate COVID related health concerns specific to persons with disabilities – particularly those with physical disabilities that affect the immune system, lung function or other related factors that can put them at higher risk for serious complications. It is in this context, the Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala has decided to conduct a research study titled "Impact of COVID – 19 on the Persons with Disabilities in Kerala" in association with the Research Institute, RCSS.

Evaluation of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts in Kerala

There are a number of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA's) being run by the State Government and Voluntary Organizations, functioning in the State of Kerala for identification, treatment, education, after-care, rehabilitation, and social reintegration of addicts. The Social Justice Department, Govt. of Kerala intended to evaluate the IRCA's in the State in order to develop a quality model of IRCA's which could deliver services at a minimum standard. Accordingly, the Research Institute was entrusted by the Social Justice Department with the task of conducting Performance Assessment of the selected IRCA's in the state.

RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

Commencement of three new batches of Yuvakeralam Project at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences Campus.

Training was started for three new batches of students under Yuvakeralam Project of Kerala Kudumbashree Mission. The training was offered for three different courses namely Accounts Executive, Housekeeping Supervisor and Retail Sales Associate. Currently 57 trainees are undergoing training at Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development in these three different courses. Training for Accounts Executive batch started on 2nd February, 2021 and for Retail Sales Associate batch, started on 8th February, 2021. Training for Housekeeping batch commenced on March 1, 2021.

Mushroom cultivation Training for Women

Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development (RCSD) and Rajagiri Centre for Sustainable Livelihood (Department of Biosciences, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences) in association

with Kudumbashree District Mission, Ernakulam had conducted the mushroom cultivation training program from March 15, 2021 to March 19, 2021. 100 women participants from 20 CDS of Ernakulam District had been provided training for mushroom cultivation in 5 different batches. The participant women were trained to cultivate and harvest mushrooms, throughout the year, by using scientific methods of cultivation, processing and marketing.

Training in Tailoring & Fashion Designing for Women

32 day's training program on tailoring by Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development in partnership with Kerala Kudumbashree Mission commenced on 5th March, 2021 at Kanjoor. The training started with a mission to train 27 women in tailoring job and promote them as entrepreneurs. Materials required for training like sewing machines, cloth, scissors etc were provided to the participant trainees free of cost. An expert trainer was hired to conduct classes for the participants. The training will be completed on April 27th, 2021. On successful completion of the training, a participation certificate will be awarded to the participants.

Session on Self-Defence Practices for female trainees of Yuvakeralam Project

A self defence session was conducted on 12th February 2021 to give the students better understanding about the surroundings and train how to defend themselves against attackers, under the leadership of PGDCSW students (Anju Benoy, Anju V.K, Anjali, Sreelakshmi B) as part of their field work practicum. The programme was organised in collaboration with Vanitha Cell, Kochi and RCSD staff.

Cyber Cell Awareness Program

The PGDCSW students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences had organised a Cyber Cell awareness programme on 13th January, 2021 as part of their field work practicum. The programme was conducted in cooperation with Cyber Cell DOM, Kochi and RCSD staff. The resource person for the awareness class was Mr. Binoy Joseph.

Training Completion & Placement of first batch of Yuvakeralam Project

The first two batches of Yuvakeralam project completed their training in February, 2021. The training was completed for Accounts Executive batch on February 24, 2021 and the Housekeeping Supervisor batch, completed on February 25, 2021. A total of 39 students completed their training at Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development in February, 2021. Out of

19 students in Housekeeping batch, 16 are appointed and out of 20 students in Accounts Executive batch 14 are appointed. The trained students are appointed in reputed firms like Aster Medicity, Grand Mall, Lulu Mall, Reliance Retail etc. The placement team is making efforts to place the remaining candidates soon.

On the Job Training for DDU-GKY students of Xth Pius campus

RCSD'S training programs after lockdown started with DDU-GKY batches of Front Office Executive and Retail Store Manager courses. After 6 months of classroom training they are now undergoing On the Job training in different organisations like Popees Baby care, Future Retail Limited, Lulu Mall, South Indian Bank, Bharat Matrimony, Rajagiri Hospital etc

Happiness Day Celebration

Separate classroom sessions were arranged for students of Yuvakeralam Project in as part of Happiness Day Celebration on 20th March, 2021. Individual sessions were conducted for three batches. A "smile selfie" contest was conducted and prizes were distributed for the best smile selfies. Moreover, students were asked to draw emojis based on their emotion towards the training received at RCSD. Happiness was expressed by 95% of the students. In addition, students were asked to talk about things that made them happy.



CHILDLINE, KOCHI –NODAL AGENCY

Child rights awareness for Adults

CHILDLINE Ernakulam had organised a session on CHILDLINE services and child rights for the kudumbashree members who are part of the DDU GKY project of Ministry of Youth Affairs on 20th January 2021 from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. The session was handled by Mr. Jithin Xavier, City Coordinator, CHILDLINE. There were 20 participants for the programme.. The programme was presided by Mr. Rajeev, Programme officer, DDUGKY of Rajagiri unit.

Sensitisation Programme for CDPO, ICDS Supervisors & Anganwadi Teachers**• Angamaly ICDS Additional Project**

CHILDLINE Kochi in association with Angamaly ICDS additional Project, organized a Sensitization Programme for CDPO, ICDS supervisors and Anganwadi teachers of Kanjoor, Kalady, Thuravoor Panchayats and Angamaly Municipality on 29th January 2021 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm through Google meet on topic ' Basic child rights, child related programmes and policies. The session was handled by Shri. Jithin Xavier, City Coordinator CHILDLINE Kochi. There were 96 participants for the programme.

• Manjapara Panchayat, Iyampuzha Panchayat & Karukutty panchayat

CHILDLINE Kochi in association with ICDS Angamaly Project, organised a Sensitisation Programme for ICDS supervisors and Anganwadi teachers of Angamaly ICDS Project (Manjapara Panchayat, Iyampuzha Panchayat & Karukutty panchayat) on 21st January 2021 at 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm through Google meet on topic ' Basic child rights, child related programmes and policies, Child protection mechanism, VCPC. The programme was officially inaugurated by Smt. Devi N., CDPO, Angamally ICDS The session was handled by Shri. Jithin Xavier, City Coordinator CHILDLINE Kochi. There were 68 participants from Angamaly Municipality, Izhikkara Panchyat and Karukutty panchayat under the ICDS Angamally project.

• Malayattoor panchayat and Mookanoor Panchayat.

CHILDLINE Kochi in association with ICDS Angamaly Project, organised a Sensitisation Programme for CDPO, ICDS supervisors and Anganwadi teachers of Angamaly ICDS Project on 21st January 2021 at 11 am to 1 pm through Google meet on topic ' Basic child rights, child related programmes and policies, Child protection mechanism, VCPC. The programme was officially inaugurated by Smt. Devi N., CDPO, Angamally ICDS The session was handled by Shri. Jithin Xavier, City Coordinator CHILDLINE Kochi. There were 65 participants from 2 panchyats (Mookanoor panchayat and Malayattoor panchayat) under the ICDS Angamally project.

Training Programme for Community Counsellors of District Kudumbashree Mission, Ernakulam

CHILDLINE, in association with District Kudumbashree Mission, Ernakulam took a lead to build up a child friendly

society therefore initiated a training programme for Community Counsellors of Kudumbashree mission on 28th January 2021 at 10.30 am through Google meet on topic Child & Laws in India. The aim of the programme was to create awareness among the general public about the problems faced by children at various spheres of life and to make a safe and secure environment in the society for them to live their lives happily. 35 participants attended the training session. The session was handled Mr. Jithin Xavier, City Coordinator of CHILDLINE.

Capacity Building Programme for CHILDLINE Team

CHILDLINE Kochi conducted a capacity building programme for the staff members of CHILDLINE KOCHI on "Documentation and Report writing "on 12th March 2021 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Team members from both Collaborative organization and Railway Childline Help Desk actively participated the whole session.

The session started with welcome address delivered by Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (Director Childline Nodal) Followed by the informative speech of Mr. Manoj Joseph (State programme head CIF, Southern Region). Then the training need assessment form was distributed to all the participants which helped to understand the future training needs of the team members. The capacity building programme was handled by Mr. Jithin Xavier (Project Assistant, Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala). The session included numerous documentations of childline programmes, intervention related documentation and report writings of various meetings.

**4th Quarter Directors' Meeting**

4th quarter CHILDLINE Ernakulam Directors' meeting was held on 27th March 2021 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences at 3.30 pm. Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (Director of Childline Kochi Nodal), Fr. Jenson Variyath (Director of Collaborative organisation Childline Kochi) Fr. Jose Kolluthuvellil (Director Railway Childline Kochi) and coordinators actively participated in the review meeting.
