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## INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) has been awarded “The Higher Education Minister’s Excellence Award” by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala for securing A++ grade with CGPA of 3.83 on 4 point scale in its fourth cycle of NAAC re-accreditation.
- The MBA programme of RCSS has been accredited by The National Board of Accreditation (NBA), with effect from July 2023 to June 2026
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has bagged the “Green Nature Award” constituted by Christ College, Irinjalakuda considering the remarkable extension activities of the college under Green Initiatives.
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been ranked 10th in the Country and 1st in the State in India’s Top-Ranked Private Autonomous Colleges by Education World India Higher Education Rankings 2023-24.

## INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

### Excellentia’ 23



Rajagiri College hosted Excellentia’ 23, the symposium on NAAC accreditation organized by the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Various colleges in Kerala that have been accredited by the NAAC with A++ or A+ grades were specially invited to receive “The

### CONGRATULATIONS...

Rev. Dr. Saju M D CMI, Associate Director and Vice-Principal, RCSS has been appointed as an Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh.



Higher Education Minister’s Excellence Award” which was distributed during the inaugural session of the symposium.

Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Fr. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director, and Fr. Dr. Saju M D CMI, Associate Director and Vice Principal received the honour on behalf of the college from Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, Chairman- NAAC and Dr. R. Bindu, Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice.

### Golden Boot Award Ceremony



The Golden Boot Award Ceremony was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Valley Campus. Shri.Anurag Thakur, the-Honourable Union Minister for Sports, Youth Affairs, Information and Broadcasting was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. The minister honoured a group of Former and Current National & International players with the Golden Boot award. Minister presented the awards to Ms. Mercy Kuttan, Mr. C.C Jacob, Ms. Leelamma Thomas, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. K Jayaraman, Mr V. Srinivasan and Ms. A Radika Suresh. Rev. Dr. Saju M.D. CMI, Secretary for Education, SH Province, CMI Congregation honoured the Central Minister with a memento. The Minister also inaugurated the new Stag Table Tennis Academy on this occasion. Dr. Fr. Francis Sebastian CMI, Assistant Director Valley campus proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal RCSS, Smt. Padmaja S. Menon, President, Kerala Table Tennis Association and Smt. Saji Varghese, Principal, Rajagiri Christu Jayanti Public School were also present at the occasion.

### Pre- Bodhi 2023 Sessions

Pre Bodhi 2023 , the curtain raiser program was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan, the Chairman of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was the Keynote Speaker and he addressed the faculty members of both Rajagiri College Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School. He focused on the three dimensions of autonomy; research, curriculum and the ability to attract international students and faculty.



The second Pre- Bodhi 2023 for the faculty members was organized on February 27<sup>th</sup> at RBS Auditorium, Valley campus. Prof. (Dr). Sabu Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University was the Chief Guest and he narrated the importance of developing Research-oriented education in Higher Education institutions based on his professional journey.

The third Pre Bodhi session was graced by the-Honourable Union Minister for Sports, Youth Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Shri.Anurag Thakur on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.



The fourth Pre-Bodhi session was hosted online on April 1<sup>st</sup> at valley campus. The Chief Guest Dr. N. Gopukumar, Joint Secretary, UGC led the session on “Transition from a College to University - UGC Perspective”. All faculty Members from both campuses participated in the session.

### Rajagiri Research Day 2023



Rajagiri Research Day 2023 was organised by Rajagiri Research and Development Cell (RRDC) in association with the Department of Biosciences on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Carmel Hall, RCSS. The Chief Guest was Prof. Alison Baker, University of Leeds, UK. Prof. Alison delivered the Lecture on “The Phosphorus paradox. Why it matters and how plants can help us solve it”. Prof. Alison presented the Research Awards to the research scholars for their significant contribution to the research publications during the period of 2022-23.

### Research Award Ceremony



The Research Award Ceremony was organised on February 27<sup>th</sup> by IQAC and Dept. of Biosciences at RBS

Auditorium, Valley campus. Prof. (Dr). Sabu Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University was the Chief Guest. Awards of Achievements were distributed to the faculty members in appreciation of their Scopus and Web of Science-indexed research publications for the period of 2022-23.

**Drive to Life**



Rajagiri TRANSCEND & Rajagiri Business School organized the closing ceremony of Road Safety Week “Drive to Life” in association with Government of Kerala on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023. “Drive to Life”, a unique initiative by Rajagiri students to develop a new responsible driving culture on Kerala roads. The project intended to ensure safety on the road through sensitization, retraining and other various advocacy initiatives. Sri Pinarayi Vijayan Honourable Chief Minister, Kerala, Sri Antony Raju Minister, Road Transport and Sri P Rajeev, Minister of Industries, Law and Coir have graced the occasion with their presence.

**Republic Day Celebration**

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with full patriotic fervour at the campus. Fr. Dr. Saju M D, Associate Director and Vice Principal hoisted the flag on the Campus. The RCSS students actively participated in an anti-narcotic awareness programme called ‘Lahariyilla Theruvu’ (Drug free street) which brought an end to the second phase of the anti-drug campaign conducted by Ernakulam district administration in association with Vimukthi Mission and Excise Department as part of Republic Day.

**European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Peer Team Visit**



The Peer Team of “The European Foundation for Management Development” (EFMD), visited the Campus on March 8th and 9th for the assessment of PGDM Programme. Dr. N.R. Parasuraman, LLB, FCS, FICWA, DBF, Ph.D. - Director,

SDMIMD, Mysore, Member, EPAS Accreditation Board, EFMD, Mysore, Karnataka, Prof.Susan Dann - Head of School and Professor, Greater Brisbane Area, Australian Catholic University & UQ Business School and Lee Dalgleish - Independent Business School Accreditation Consultant and Former HR Executive, Selsey, England, United Kingdom were the peer team members. Prof.Mohamed DERRABI (Chair) - Director Général – Dean , Casablanca campus at Toulouse Business School, Casablanca-Settat, Morocco was the chair of the team.

**Annual OYSTER Christmas Sale**

Annual OYSTER Christmas Sale conducted at the College in association with Rajagiri Business School and OYSTER on 3rd January. Dr Binoy Joseph inaugurated the sale. Dr. Fr Shinto Joseph, Asst Director, RCSS; Dr. Kiran Thampi, Secretary of OYSTER; Dr Ann Baby, Dean Student Affairs; Dr. Jaya Vijayan, Assistant Professor were present at the Inaugural ceremony along with the alumni and students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Products like cakes, cupcakes, honey, eco-friendly bags, pots, clothes, and air masks were on sale.

**Velicham**

National Service Scheme of Rajagiri College organised 7 days Special Camping Programme – ‘Velicham’ for 2022-23 at KRIPA Special School, Chunangumveli- Aluva. On 23rd January, with the theme “SAY NO TO DRUGS”, the camp was inaugurated by Smt. Sathi Lalan, President, Keezmadu Grama Panchayath and Fr. Dibin Mangalath CMI, Director, KRIPA presided over the programme.

**NBA Peer Team Visit**



NBA Peer Team Visits for the MBA programme and PGDM programme were held from January 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> and also on March 17th to 19th respectively at the Valley campus. Dr. M P Gupta, Chair Professor, IIT Delhi, Department of Management Studies, Prof (Dr) Namita Rajput, Professor Department of Commerce, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi and Dr.

Satish Modh, Director, Vivekanand Education Society, Institute of Management were the Peer Team Members for MBA Programme. Dr. Arun Mohan Sherry - Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) – Lucknow, UP, Prof. Suresh Kumar Dhameja – Professor, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research, Chandigarh (NITTTR) and Dr. Madhu Vij – Former Professor of Finance at the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi were the peer team members for PGDM programme.

### Academic Proficiency Award Ceremony



The Academic Proficiency Award Ceremony for the academic year 2021-22 for Semester toppers and Subject toppers for each batch was conducted on 9th March at Rajagiri Sports and Cultural Centre, Hill Campus. Fr. Dr. Saju M D CMI, Associate Director & Vice Principal and Fr. Dr. Joseph M K, Head, Dept. of Social Work distributed the prize money and achievement certificates to the award winners. Dr. Bindiya M Varghese, Dean, Dept. of Computer Science and Additional Coordinator IQAC welcomed the gathering and Dr. Ann Baby, Dean, Student Affairs rendered the vote of Thanks.

### Rajagiri Basket Ball League (RBL) 2023



The Fifth edition of the Rajagiri Basket Ball League (RBL) 2023, was conducted from February 20th to 23rd at the Basket Ball Court of the Hill Campus. Masaco Global, Miles Education, Muthoot Fincorp, Decathlon, Vedhik IAS Academy, Maptho Printers, Quality Bakers and Redbull were the major sponsors of the event. A total of nine teams have participated in the League. Sree KeralaVarma College Thrissur won the championship against S B College, Changanacherry. RBL 2023 also promoted and witnessed the wheel-chair basketball exhibition match for differently abled people as part of social sensitization. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Shihab Neerungal, President, Ernakulam District Basketball Association. Fr. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director, Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Fr. Dr. Saju MD CMI, Associate Director & Vice Principal, Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, Fr. Angelo Baby CMI, Assistant Professor & Sports Incharge,

Dr. Ann Baby, Dean Student Affairs and Dr. Santhosh Kuriakose K, Professor, Dept. of Physical Education were present at the occasion.

### UN 2023 Water Conference



Rajagiri Delegates Dr. Binoy Joseph, Dr. Manoj Mathew and Prof. Saji George attended the UN 2023 Water Conference organized from March 22nd to 24th at UN headquarters in New York and they also visited Seton Hall University, USA.

### CPR Training Session



Rajagiri College in association with The Health Care Foundation of India and Bharat Petroleum Cooperation conducted a CPR training session-Phase 1 on 21st of February. Ms. Limi Rose Tom, Chief Operating Officer of Heart Care Foundation, gave a brief orientation about the “Save A Life, Save A Lifetime” project. Mr. Kiran N M, Director of Basic Responders, briefed about the impact of cardiac arrest globally and in India and addressed the importance of hands-only CPR training to the participants.

120 undergraduate students participated in the CPR training-Phase 2 on 28th February and got hands-on experience in performing CPR. Dr. Jo Joseph, senior interventional cardiologist, Lisie Heart Institute, Ernakulam was the chief guest. Mr. Kiran NM, gave practical experience in giving CPR. On completion of both the practical session and the objective test, certificates were distributed.

### ‘Ethnic Day’ Celebration

Students celebrated ‘Ethnic Day’ on 23rd February at RCSS, with the autonomy to choose and dress according to ethnicity and culture. The official function was conducted at the basketball court of Hill Campus. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Fr. Dr. Saju M.D, CMI, Vice-Principal and Asso. Director, Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, and Dr. Ann Baby, Dean,



Student Affairs were present for the function. It was followed by various dance and music performances by the students. It was a platform for the students to express themselves and their ethnic culture.

### Rajagiri Cricket League – Season 2



Rajagiri Cricket League (RCL) was the first ever specially-abled cricket league conducted in a B-school as recognized by Kerala Cricket Association was conducted on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Kasargod Team won the finals out of six participant

teams.. Cricketer Mr. Sachin Baby was the Chief Guest of the Valedictory function held on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Rajagiri Business League (RBL)



7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Rajagiri Business League (RBL) was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the basketball court of Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology. An exhibition match between the college Alumni team and the home team was held on the final day of the event.

### Faculty Achievements

Ms. Ann Mary Jose, Assistant Professor, Finance & Economics domain was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Development Economics on the topic of “A Study on Spatial Inequalities and Policy Responses in India” from the Institute for Financial Management and Research, Madras University on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Student Achievements

- ↪ The Mahatma Gandhi University Youth Festival- “Anekha 2023” was held from February 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> on various stages of Ernakulam District. 57 Rajagiri students participated in 36 events and received prizes for-15 competitions.
- ↪ K S Diva Sankar, Karthik Mohan K S, Rithu Ajith, Diana Pious, Anna Barbara, Sruthi S Sherin, the students of BSW Batch won first place in the skit competition and Esther Mathew & Alfy Biju, the students of MSW batch secured first place in the state level debate competition organized by Dept. of Women and Child Development, Govt. of Kerala.
- ↪ Angel Elsa Jose, BSW student has been selected to represent MG University in the NSS National Integration Camp (NIC), Southern Region.
- ↪ Rajagiri College has won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Women’s category and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Men’s category of Shuttle Badminton Tournament conducted at Bharatha Matha College, Choondy from March 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2023.
- ↪ Ms. P.R. Fida Fathima of M.Sc. Statistics (Data Science) secured 1st and 3rd and Prize in 5000m and 100m and 3rd Prize in 1000m in MG University Inter-college Roller Sports Competition held at Newman College, Thodupuzha on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

## VALLEY CAMPUS

### Session on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

As part of the Innovation and Entrepreneurial activities, Rajagiri Business School organized a talk on ‘Family Business Governance and Corporate Transformation’ by Mr. Aravind Sankar, Management Consultant & Founder CEO, Corporate Solutions on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The seminar aimed to help all budding entrepreneurs.

### Seminar on IPR Awareness

A Seminar on IPR Awareness Session as part of the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) 2.0. (KAPILA Initiative) was organized by Rajagiri Business School on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Anoop K Joy, Deputy Controller of Patents and Designs was the Resource Person. The session exposed the participants to the various IPRs such as Patents, Designs, Trademarks, Copyrights, GI, their filing procedures,

the need for their protection and the significance of IPR in the research and commerce ecosystem, etc.

### International Conference on Insights in Marketing (ICIM)



ICIM 2023 was organized with the joint efforts of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Rajagiri Business School and

Assumption University, Thailand on February 3rd and 4th, 2023. Dr Kitikorn Dowpiset, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Assumption University, Thailand and Mr Visakh P, Deputy General Manager (Marketing), Oralium Limited, were the keynote speakers.

**HR Fraternity Meet**



Rajagiri Business School & Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organised the HR Fraternity meet in collaboration with NIPM on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Prof. (Dr) Satish Deshpandae, Dean-Haworth College of Business, Western Michigan University

and Mr. V K Mathews, Founder and Executive Chairperson, IBS Group were the Keynote Speakers.

**Alumni Home Coming Meet 2023**



The annual Alumni Meet 2023 was held on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023. Silver Jubilee year of 1995 – 1997 & 10th year of 2010 – 2012 batches were honoured during the homecoming day. An alumnus from every batch who has made a significant achievement in their career or contributed significantly to the community (up to 2023) was also honoured.

**HILL CAMPUS**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

**DYUTI 2023, The International Conference Health Promotion: Global Perspectives and Practices**



“DYUTI 2023”, the three-day International Conference on “Health Promotion: Global Perspectives and Practices” was held from January 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2023. Sri. Hibi Eden M. P., Member of the Parliament, Ernakulam and Prof. Annamaria Campanini (President, IASSW) were the chief guests for the inaugural ceremony. Dr Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial, SH Province, Kalamassery, Dr. Fr. Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director, , Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Dr. Fr. Saju M. D. Associate Director & DYUTI Coordinator, Dr Fr. M. K. Joseph, Head, Department of Social Work, Dr. Joan Pittman, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Maryland, USA, Dr. Jennifer Harrison Director and Professor, School of Social Work, Western Michigan University, USA, Ms. Evelin Le Roy ,Senior Team Member - International relations, Applied Social Studies, Vives University, Belgium, and the national and International Delegates participated in the conference. On the occasion, the dignitaries virtually released three edited books published by the Department of Social Work, RCSS. There were 51 papers presented during the three-day conference.

**Alma Connect Discussion Series**

Alma Connect Discussion was organised on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Ajith K. K., Social cum Communication Expert, Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) District Project Management Unit, Idukki was the Resource Person for the day.

**National Workshop on Youth Empowerment in Palliative Care**

A National Workshop on “Youth Empowerment for Palliative Care” was organized by Rajagiri College in partnership with the National Association of Palliative Care for AYUSH and Integrative Medicine and the IAHP’s “Cancer Aid Society Lead Project” at Rajagiri Hill Campus on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. Dr. Fr. Joseph M. K. CMI, gave a brief introduction to the palliative care programmes and the newly established Rajagiri Centre for Palliative Care Research and Action (CPCRA). Fr. Dr. Saju M. D., CMI, Associate Director and Vice Principal presented the significance of community-based palliative care education during his presidential address. Ms. Gilly Burn, Founder Director, Cancer Relief India (CRI) was the Chief Guest of the programme. Various sessions related to Palliative Care were covered during the two days’ workshop.

**World Social Work Day**



Department of Social Work organized World Social Work Day on the theme “Respecting diversity through joint social action’ on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023. The social workers from Rajagiri College, Rajagiri OutReach, Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development and also from the various projects like Jal Jeevan Mission, Haritha Kerala Mission etc were honoured for their dedication and tireless effort in their profession. Dr. Fr. Joseph M.K, HoD, Social Work Department addressed the audience and inaugurated the discussion platform (LOKTANTRA).

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### Alumni Interaction session

An Alumni Interaction session was held on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 for MCA and M.Sc CS students. Mr. Linu George, Full-Stack Developer, Consid, Sweden was the Resource Person and shared his personal and professional journey with the students.

### Alumni Meet “Thirinjunottam 2023”

The department hosted the mega alumni meet “Thirinjunottam 2023” on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Fr.Dr. Saju M D. CMI, Associate Director and Vice Principal inaugurated the ceremony. Dr. Bindiya M Varghese, Dean, Department of Computer Science welcomed the gatherings and Dr. Jaya Vijayan, Dean RCPS rendered the vote of thanks. There were 117 registered alumni, apart from family members, who



attended the function. All the alumni shared their campus memories.

### Quantitative Aptitude Training sessions

Quantitative Aptitude Training sessions were organised by KONFIDENCE Group for the students as part of the training and placement activities on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

### National Seminar on the Role of Libraries in Academic Research and Publishing



The National Seminar on the “Role of Libraries in Academic Research and Publishing” was jointly organized by the Rajagiri

Business School, Kakkanad and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) (RCSS) in association with Academic Library Association (ALA) and Kerala College Librarians Association (KCLA) on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath, CMI, Director, Rajagiri Group of Institutions, inaugurated the seminar. Best Librarian Awards were distributed during the inaugural session. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Rev. Dr. Francis Sebastian, CMI, Asst. Director, Valley Campus Dr. V.S. Swapna, General Secretary, ALA, Dr. Binu P.C., Treasurer KCLA, Dr. A.T. Francis, Professor & Head, Dept. of Library & Information Science and Mr. Biju Devassia, Organising Secretary were also present.

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

### A Workshop on Special Education Training

A workshop on “Special Education Training” was provided to second-semester M.Sc. Psychology students prior to their Concurrent Special School Training on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The session was led by Ms. Sudheesha K.S, Special Educator, Tutor of B.Ed and D.Ed special education students at Pope Paul Mercy Home, Teachers Training Institute, Perigandoor, Thrissur.

### KALYPSO



The two-day training programme KALYPSO was arranged with the aim to develop their leadership skills, skills related to team-building and confidence building on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February at Munnar for 2<sup>nd</sup> year B.Sc. Psychology students.

### The Junior Behavioural Scientist 2023



The Annual National Undergraduate Psychology Research Competition, “The Junior Behavioural Scientist 2023” was conducted on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 with the theme of “Current Psychology- Responding to Today’s World”. 19 abstracts were selected for the final level from the total of 34 applications based on the topic relevance, rationale and research method appropriateness.

### Lectures on Clinical Health Psychology

Ms. Eveline Le Roy, Mr. Frank Van de Bulk & Dr. Palayoor Benyne Jos delivered Expert Lectures on Clinical Health Psychology to the students as part of the International Exchange Program on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## PSYESTA 2023



5<sup>th</sup> edition of the annual psychology fest PSYESTA, was conducted on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. The brochure of PSYESTA 2023 was released on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February during the inauguration ceremony of the Junior Behavioural Scientist Undergraduate research competition at the Golden Aureole Hall. Dr. Fr. Saju M.D CMI, Associate Director, RCSS along with Fr. Dr. Varghese K Varghese, Dean, Dept. of Psychology released the brochure. The countdown event of PSYESTA was conducted on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Basket Ball court by Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal. A total of 430 participants from different states attended the event under 8 competitions.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### Orientation Session on ACCA

The Department organized an orientation session on ACCA for first year B.Com Model II Finance and Taxation students on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Ms. Althea Lee, Business Relationship – Manager ACCA was the resource person for the session.

Lenus, Senior Associate –EY and Ms. Varna Rony Pallan, Risk Controls Manager – JP Morgan & Chase Co. - Alumni – of B. Com 2015 - 18 batch led the session.

### Session on Building your ACCA Career

### Session on Campus to Corporate



An alumni interaction session was held on the topic of “Campus to Corporate” on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Mr. Christopher



A Session on “Building your ACCA Career” was organised on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 in Carmel Hall. Mr. Jeevan Sasidharan, Associate Director – EY handled the session.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

M.Sc. Statistics (Data Science) students took part in the agriculture census organized by the Department of

Economics & Statistics, Govt. of Kerala in the month of January & February 2023.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

### International Year of Millets 2023: Inauguration



As part of celebrating 2023 as the International Year of Millets, the Department of Biosciences Department of Social Work, and the Department of Commerce and Professional Studies–SEED jointly organised an Inaugural Ceremony on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dr. Bindu Gouri, Social Activist - Millet Mission, was the chief guest. The department initiated to conduct an awareness

program called “Millet Month” for students and staff of RCSS. In connection with this program, it is proposed to display one live millet plant with its health benefits near the Biotech Lab each month. Proso millet, Barnyard millet, and Foxtail millet live plants, their nutritional importance, and various recipes were displayed in each month.

### International Webinar on Tea and Human Health

Department of Biosciences, Rajagiri Research and Development Cell (RRDC) & IQAC organized an International webinar on “Tea and Human Health” on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The resource person was Dr. Ren-You Gan, Principal Investigator (PI), Singapore Institute of Food and Biotechnology Innovation (SIFBI), A\*STAR, Singapore, who explained the chemoprofiles and therapeutic potentials of various types of tea. Faculty members, students and research scholars, from various Government/aided/self-financing colleges and Universities worldwide have actively participated in the webinar.



### Mushroom Cultivation Training Programmes

One-day Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme as part of the KSCSTE-BIRD Project was conducted on January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the women beneficiaries from Karumaloor, Chottanikkara and Nedumbassery Gramapanchayaths respectively.

A Training programme on Mushroom Cultivation was also held for the women beneficiaries of Kadungalloor Gramapanchayath sponsored by Sud-Chemie India Ltd on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



### RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (RCPS)

#### Workshop on Beyond Fear & Brand Stories



RCPS in collaboration with MILES SoBA, organized a workshop on “Beyond Fear & Brand Stories” on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 for students. Mr. Pratish Nair, Founder & Architect; John Fernandez, Head- Strategic & Experiential Activities led the session.

#### Webinar on Unlocking opportunities for certification and upskilling through Coursera

Rajagiri Centre for Professional Studies, in collaboration with Coursera, organised a webinar on “Unlocking opportunities for certification and upskilling through Coursera” for the faculty members of RCSS on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. Mr. Aaditya Razdan-Enterprise Account Director, Shikha Sharma- Sr. Implementation Manager, and Mr. Vidushi Sabharwal-Solution Consultant were the key resource persons.

#### Webinar on Master Workshop on Voice Actor

The centre in association with Sound Park Academy organized a webinar on “Master Workshop on Voice Actor” on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, RJ Mathukutty was the resource person.

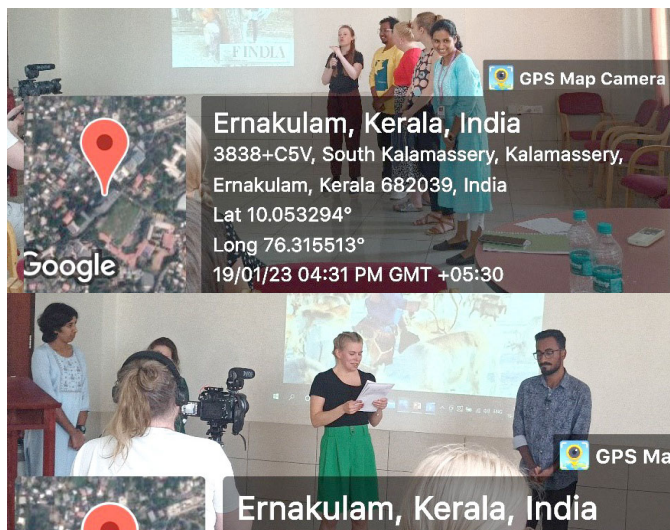
### INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

#### International Winter School

International Winter School on the theme “Climate Change, Migration and Crisis Preparedness” was held from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The Winter School is organized as a collaboration of four institutions; University of Jyväskylä , Finland, University of Eastern Finland, Finland, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, India and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India.

#### The International delegates visited the campus

Name of the Delegates	Name of the Universities
Dr. Nevan Fisher (Director, International Office), Dr. Jed Metzger (Professor, Social Work) and Dr Rose Heir (Interim Dean, Business)	Nazareth College, USA
Dr. Sathesh Deshpande (Dean of Haworth College of Business)	Western Michigan University, USA
Prof. Alison Baker	University of Leeds, UK
Prof. Stephen McKenna, Faculty of Business and Law, School of Management.	Curtin University, Australia
Dr. Paul K Sang, Dean, School of Business	Kenyatta University, Kenya
Dr. Parvathy Varma, Dr. Bhumiapat Gilitwala	Assumption University, Thailand



— COLLEGE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH “LIVE LABS”—

**RAJAGIRI OUTREACH**

**Interactive Meeting with Australian High Commissioner and Consulate General**



Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, Rajagiri College and Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH attended an interactive meeting with Australian High Commissioner and Consulate General on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Thiruvananthapuram. The sanction order for Road Safety Awareness Programme has been approved by the ACG DAP Committee (Australian Consulate General).

**International Millets Day Celebration at Kanjoor**

As part of the International Year of Millets, Rajagiri outREACH in association with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kanjoor Service Cooperative Bank, Organic Kerala Charitable Trust, jointly organised the millet distribution and sowing festival at

Ward 14 of Kanjoor Grama Panchayat on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Eleven interns including three International students participated in the millet sowing and distribution festival. Dr. Fr. M. K Joseph CMI, Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Dr. T P Maharajan, Mr. T.D Robert, Mr.Sasidharan Master, Mr. Varghese K.O, staff and interns of Rajagiri outREACH were present.

**Urjakiran – Energy Conservation Campaign- 2023**

An energy conservation workshop on “Lifestyle and Energy Efficiency” was jointly organized by the Government of Kerala Electricity Department, Energy Management Centre, Centre for Environment, Thiruvananthapuram, Rajagiri outREACH and Nellikuzhi Grama Panchayat at Kothamangalam constituency on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Women Entrepreneurship Programme**



As part of the Women Entrepreneurship Project “Creating Entrepreneurs” under the K.P. Paul Foundation, the inauguration of the 16<sup>th</sup> phase and the Distribution of Funds was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Panchayath Community Hall, Kadukutty. A total of Rs. 42,95,000/- were distributed to 114 women entrepreneurs during the event.

**FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE**

**Sessions organised**

- ↪ The center in collaboration with Mahila Mandiram, Chambakkara organized a Motivational Session for inmates who are divorced, widows and destitute on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Mahila Madiram, Ernakulam.
- ↪ In collaboration with Kottuvally Panchayth, the Centre organised a seminar on “Parenting Skills” on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the mothers having children between the age group of 5 to 15.

**Psycho-Social First Aid Camp**



Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre and Dept. of Social Work in association with The Varapuzha Police Department organised a “Psycho-Social First Aid Camp” on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at Muttinakam, Varapuzha, the place where the building used to store fireworks caught fire, resulting in a terrible incident that resulted in one person’s death and four others’

hospitalization on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The families in the neighbourhood witnessed the occurrence up close and personal, traumatizing many of them. The session started by Rev. Dr. Saju M D CMI. Associate Director and Vice Principal. Counsellors from Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre and MSW final year students participated in the training.

**International Women’s Day Celebration**



Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre in collaboration with One Stop Sakhi Center, Dept. of Women and Child Development conducted a women’s day programme at Rajagiri College on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Premna Manoj Sankar, Dist. Women & Child Welfare Officer and the presided over by Ms. Thahira Beevi, Dist. Women Protection Officer. Ms. Annie S P, Sub-Inspector, Ernakulam Central Police Station and Ms. Tanoora Swetha Menon, an Entrepreneur shared their life experiences with the students.

## RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

### Skill Training Project



21 students from the Retail Trainee Associate batch under the DDUGKY Project completed the classroom training on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and went for the 'On the Job Training'. 11 students have got appointments out of 21 after the training.

### Training on Day Care and Pre School Management

RCSD conducted 42 hours (7 days) training on "Day Care & Pre School Management" for 2 batches. 51 participants



belonging to different Gramapanchayats of Ernakulam District attended the training.

### Key Resource Centre - NATIONAL JAL JEEVAN MISSION

As per the Annual Action plan submitted to the National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM), Rajagiri Key Resource Centre has conducted the remaining 3 trainings and a State level seminar during the period of January to March.

## CHILDLINE, KOCHI- NODAL AGENCY

### Training on Psycho-social interventions for children in difficult circumstances



CHILDLINE Kochi and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery jointly organised a one-day Training Programme "Training on Psycho-social interventions for children in difficult circumstances" on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The training included three sessions handled by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph, Director, CHILDLINE

Nodal Office and Assistant Director of RCSS, Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri Outreach and Dr. Rajeev S.P., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work. School counsellors, Kaval, Kaval Plus officials, Counsellors, Rajagiri-Outreach members, and members of CHILDLINE Ernakulam have participated in the training.

### Training on Child Protection System

Training on "Child Protection System" was jointly organised by CHILDLINE KOCHI and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for social work students at Rajagiri College, Kalamassery. Dr. Rajeev Michael, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Clinical Psychologist and Consultant Psychologist at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kochi and Jyotir Bhavan, Kalamassery, Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Director, CHILDLINE Nodal Office, and Ms. Meena Kuruvilla, Project Director, Rajagiri-OutREACH were the Resource Persons.

## RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

### Early Cancer Detection Camp



Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association, Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS) and Sree Sudheendra Karkinos Cancer Centre jointly organized an Early Cancer detection camp on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the staff members aged between 30-65.

### Annual Tour Programme



The Annual Tour Programme of the RSWA was conducted on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and visited various places in Wayanad District.

### Hair Donation Camp

RSWA and various student clubs of the college jointly organized a hair donation camp on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as a part of the International Women's Day observation at Hill Campus to make hair wigs for cancer patients.

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