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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ↗ Rajagiri Business School has achieved the distinction of becoming the third business school in India accredited by EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development), symbolizing global excellence in business education.
- ↗ Rajagiri Centre for Professional Studies (RCPS) has been recognized as a Gold-Approved learning partner by ACCA UK.
- ↗ Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has secured the 2nd position in the Best Social Work College category in India, as per India Today's Best Social Work College Survey Result 2023 and Outlook ICare Rankings 2023. Additionally, the college has been honored as the Best College in Kerala according to Outlook ICare Rankings 2023.
- ↗ ACCA (UK) has re-accredited the B. Com Programme, allowing B.Com Model II Finance and Taxation students to benefit from nine paper exemptions for their ACCA program.

CONGRATULATIONS



Prof. Dr. Arun A Elias has been appointed as the Director & Dean of Rajagiri Business School. Previously, he held senior leadership positions as the Dean of the College of Business, Hospitality, and Tourism Studies at Fiji National University. Dr. Elias has also served in various roles, including Associate Dean (International and Accreditation) and MBA Director at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand's business school.



Dr. S. Antony Ceasar and Dr. Rajiv Gandhi Gopalsamy from the Department of Biosciences have achieved inclusion in the 2022 single-year list of top 2% cited scientists in the World. Dr. S. Antony Ceasar, Senior Scientist, is featured in the field of "Biology," while Dr. Rajiv Gandhi, Scientist D, is recognized in the field of "Clinical Medicine." This esteemed ranking, recognized as the foremost worldwide, is derived from bibliometric data within the Scopus database. The update encompasses over 210,000 researchers from diverse countries, categorized across 22 scientific fields and 176 subfields.



Dr. Kiran Thampi, Head Department of Social Work, has been honored with the prestigious Research Award on Social Work Education 2023 by the European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW).

FACULTY ACHEIVEMENTS



Jains P Chacko, Assistant Professor in the Finance & Economics domain, was conferred with the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Finance. His research focused on “Empirical Essays on the Implied Cost of Equity Capital” at Krea University, Andhra Pradesh, on July 1st, 2023.



Jaedong Kang, Assistant Professor in the Finance & Economics domain, was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. His research explored “Trade, Investment, and Partnership Between India and South Korea: Progress and Current Issues” from Cochin University of Science & Technology, Kochi, on August 11th, 2023.



Riya Mary, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, earned the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Commerce. Her research delved into “Green Consumerism in Kerala with Special Reference to Fast Moving Consumer Goods” from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, on July 14th, 2023.



Swetarupa Chatterjee, Assistant Professor in the Marketing domain, received the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Marketing. Her research centered on “Determining Ethical Consumption Behaviour in the Indian Context: A Three-study Thesis” from the Indian Institute of Management Shillong on August 14th, 2023.

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

Samavarthanam 2023



The Graduation Ceremony, Samavarthanam 2023, took place on the 5th of August at KE Auditorium, Valley Campus, Kakkanad. The ceremony commenced with a proud procession of the 2023 pass-out students. Shri. Debashish Ghosh, Senior Vice President & Country HR Head at Berkadia, a Berkshire Hathaway and Jefferies Financial Group Company, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial & Manager of S. H. CMI Province, Kochi, presided over the function. Rev. Dr. Saju M D CMI, Principal of RCSS, presented the “Excellence Awards” to outstanding students from each batch. During the ceremony, students took an oath led by Dr. Joji Alex N, Controller of Examinations at RCSS. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Associate Director at RCSS, extended a warm welcome, and Dr. Bindiya M Varghese, Additional Coordinator at IQAC, delivered the vote of thanks. The ceremony witnessed the felicitation of approximately 687 students from various courses and three research scholars.

The International Youth Day Celebration



The International Youth Day Celebration in 2023, organized on August 1st, showcased numerous performances by students from various departments. The event featured cultural programs, including semi-classical dance and light music performances that captivated the audience. A standout moment was the fashion show, where students showcased diverse attires. The ceremony was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director at Hill Campus.

Workshop on Enhancing Communication Skills for a Successful Career

The Placement and Career Support Cell organized a hands-on workshop in collaboration with the Department of Languages on the theme of “Enhancing Communication Skills for a Successful Career” for post-graduate students on the 10th of July at Hill Campus. Renowned writer, editor, and columnist Shinie Antony facilitated the workshop. The resource person aimed to equip participants with practical tools and techniques to enhance their communication skills, drawing on her vast expertise in the literary world, and pave the way for professional success.

Deeksharambham 2023



Deeksharambham 2023, the Initiation Ceremony for new students at Hill Campus, took place at K E Auditorium, Valley Campus, on the 5th of July. Mr. Puneet Gupta, Vice President of Strategy & Growth at Tech Mahindra, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Presiding over the function was Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial & Manager of S. H. CMI Province, Kochi. The gathering was addressed by key dignitaries, including Rev. Dr. Saju M D CMI (Principal), Dr. Binoy Joseph (Associate Director), Rev. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI (Assistant Director), and Dr. Manoj Mathew (Dean, Human Resource Development). Adding prestige to the event, the Guest of Honour was Cmdr. Abhilash Tomy (Retd), a distinguished recipient of the Kirti Chakra.

Workshop on the “Significance of the Role of Indexing and Citation Databases in the Scholarly Publications World”



A workshop on the “Significance of the Role of Indexing and Citation Databases in the Scholarly Publications World” was organized on the 10th of August for all faculty members of RCSS & RBS in collaboration with Clarivate Analytics. The event took place at the RBS Conference Hall, Valley Campus, Kakkanad. Mr. Vishav Sharma, a seasoned expert and Regional Solutions Consultant at Clarivate, served as the resource person for the workshop. The primary objective of the workshop was to encourage effective usage of e-resources such as Web of Science, Master Journal List, JCR, and EndNote among researchers, aiming to boost the research output of the institution.

EFMD Celebration

Rajagiri Business School now holds the distinction of being the first and only B-School in Kerala and the third in the nation to achieve European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) accreditation for its PGDM program. This remarkable achievement was celebrated on August 17th



with the esteemed presence of our chief guest, Mr. Naganagouda S. J., Chief People Officer at Tally Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

External Academic Administrative Audit



External Academic Administrative Audit for RCSS & RBS was held on July 20th & 21st. The auditors were: Dr. N Jayasankaran, Advisor VIT, Rajagiri Group of Institutions, Dr. Suresh Mony, Professor Emeritus, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Dr. Meena Chintamaneni, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Shobhaben Pratapbhai Patel School of Pharmacy & Technology Management, NMIMS Deemed to be University, Mumbai and Dr. M G Sethuraman, Professor of Chemistry, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University

The three-day camp: Together for a drug free Kanjoor, KOODE



KOODE, the three-day camp organized by the College in association with Kanjoor Grama Panchayat at St. Mary’s Church Kanjoor and Kanjoor Service Cooperative Bank, took place on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of September. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. N. Ashok Kumar, District Excise Joint Commissioner, Central Zone, Ernakulam, in the presence of various dignitaries, including Mr. Anoop N. A., Circle Inspector of Police, Kalady; Dr. Fr. Saju M. D., Principal, RCSS; Dr. Kiran Thampi, Head, Department of Social Work, RCSS, etc. The ultimate aim of the camp was to create a drug-free panchayat. To achieve this goal, students conducted street plays, awareness classes, and flash mobs at various venues within the panchayat.

Awareness session on Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking



The Cyber Security Awareness Session, held in association with TechByHeart PVT LTD Kochi, took place on the 12th and 13th of September. A team of cybersecurity professionals, dedicated to providing cyber security to various organizations, conducted the sessions. The Resource Persons included Mr. Sreenath Gopinath, the Director and CMO of TechByHeart PVT LTD Kochi; Mr. Ressel, an associate member of the National Cyber Defence Research Centre, New Delhi; Ms. Safna Sherin, a certified ethical hacker and Cyber Security Analyst; and Mr. Dhanoop R., a Cyber Security Analyst and Team Lead of Cyber Forensic Raid in the Income Tax Department of Kerala.

Workshop on the Changing Dynamics of Higher Education

An Orientation program on the “Changing Dimensions of Higher Education” was conducted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Rajagiri College on September 12th. Dr. Shefeeque V, Research Officer on Special Duty for the Kerala State Higher Education Reform Implementation, served as the resource person. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Associate Director and Coordinator of IQAC, extended a warm welcome,

and Dr. Riya Mary, Assistant Professor, delivered the vote of thanks.

‘Aaravam 2023’, Rajagiri Students Celebrated Onam



Rajagiri hosted a lively and exuberant Onam celebration, ‘Aaravam 2023’, on August 23rd. The star-studded cast and crew of the highly anticipated film ‘Rahel Makan Kora’ graced the event, adding a touch of glamour and excitement. Renowned actors Anson Paul, Manu Pillai, Merin Philip, Sminu Sijo, and Tom Emmatty, along with esteemed director Ubaini Ebrahim and producer Shaji K. George, were present, elevating the occasion to new heights. The celebration, adorned with vibrant pookalamms and the majestic presence of Maveli, captivated the audience with its splendour. In a grand display of Kerala’s rich cultural heritage, traditional contests such as Onapattu, Malayali Manka, and Maran took centre stage. The highlight was a thrilling tug-of-war competition that had everyone on the edge of their seats. In a display of vibrant diversity, various departments came together to showcase their cultural talents during the celebration. The afternoon was filled with captivating performances that left the audience in awe.

VALLEY CAMPUS

International Delegates Visit



The Inauguration of the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Partnership Programme for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School was held on August 7, 2023. Delegates from Virginia Commonwealth University, USA, visited our campus from August 5th to 7th, 2023. The visiting delegates included Dr. Naomi Boyd, Dean of the School of Business; Dr. Alisa Brink, Accountancy Department Chair & KPMG Teaching Excellence Professor; Dr. Nanda K Rangan, Dean’s Distinguished Professor of International Business and Finance; and Prof. Shivaprakash A Ramaswamy, India Program Coordinator, VCU School of Business.

Management and Leadership Training Programme

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School organized two Management and Leadership Development



Programs, each spanning five days, for two groups of fifty administrators, directors, hospital in-charges, doctors, nursing heads, and paramedical staff from healthcare institutions in the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) network. The first session commenced on July 31st, 2023, and the subsequent session took place from August 8th to 12th, 2023.

Research Mentoring Seminars

The 9th, 10th, and 11th rounds of research mentoring were conducted from July 26th to 27th, August 18th to 19th, and September 14th to 16th by Prof. Trichy Krishnan to engage with our faculty members. The 11th round of the research mentoring session was conducted virtually, unlike the others. These mentoring sessions played a pivotal role in supporting the professional development and research endeavors of the faculty members, fostering a culture of continuous learning and research excellence within the institution.

Widow Entrepreneurship Training Programme



The 2nd Edition of the Widow Entrepreneurship Workshop was conducted from September 8th to 9th, 2023. Additionally, first-year students from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School served as resource persons for a few sessions. The participants expressed high appreciation for the sessions. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Binoy Joseph, Associate Director, RCSS.

Seminar on “How to Do Impactful Research”

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School conducted a research seminar titled “How to Do Impactful



Research” on August 22nd. Prof. M.J. Xavier, an eminent personality in the field of Business Analytics and Marketing from LIBA, Chennai, was the Resource Person.

Seminar on the topic of “Issues in Systematic Literature Review”

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School hosted a highly informative research seminar on the topic of “Issues in Systematic Literature Review” on August 11th. Professor Bharadwaj Sivakumaran, Dean of SRM University, Andhra Pradesh, was the distinguished speaker.

HILL CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

National Awareness and Advocacy Campaign - Stepping towards Equity

The Department hosted a National Awareness and Advocacy Campaign with the theme “Stepping towards Equity” on September 18th. Dr. Kiran Thampi, Head of the Department, welcomed the session. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Arun Sadasivan, Assistant Professor at Montfort College, Bangalore. Dr. Sadasivan, who is walking from Kasaragod to Trivandrum to create awareness about muscular dystrophy, spoke about the rights of people with muscular dystrophy and the need to make society more inclusive and representative of them. The session was followed by Ms. Veena Venugopal, the first wheelchair TV anchor in India.

The Webinar- Healing Horizons: Exploring Medical Social Work

The Department organized a webinar on “Healing Horizons: Exploring Medical Social Work” on September 23rd as part of the Skill Development Program. The webinar aimed to provide comprehensive insights into the field of Medical Social Work, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world expertise in Health Social Work. Distinguished figures, including Dr. Fr. Saju MD CMI, Principal of RCSS, and BR Shekhar, Chief Medical Social Service Officer at AIIMS, graced the event with their presence and set an inspiring tone during the inauguration.

Awareness Session about Drug Usage and Addictions

The SWARAJ, in collaboration with Dream Kochi, conducted an awareness session on negative addictions and substance

abuse on September 19th. The session, led by Mr. Shibin Shaji Varghese, the District Coordinator of Dream Kochi, provided students with valuable insights on how to identify and effectively manage addictions. Ms. Aleena Thomas, Project Coordinator of ASDSS Sahruth Sadhanam, briefly spoke about their project and selected 20 student volunteers committed to providing support for the project.

Gender Sensitization Programme

The Department organized the event on July 19th in partnership with MAVA to promote gender sensitization. The panel included Mr. Harish Sadani, Ms. Asiya Shervani, and Dr. Simon Joseph. The event featured various activities to engage the students, and the second half included a screening of the Malayalam film “The Great Indian Kitchen,” followed by a question-and-answer session with the Director, Mr. Jeo Baby.

Botanical Survey 2023



The ENCON club conducted a botanical survey of the campus from August 7th to 10th and published a booklet containing both the scientific and common names of the plants on September 5th. This booklet can serve as a directory for future reference.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

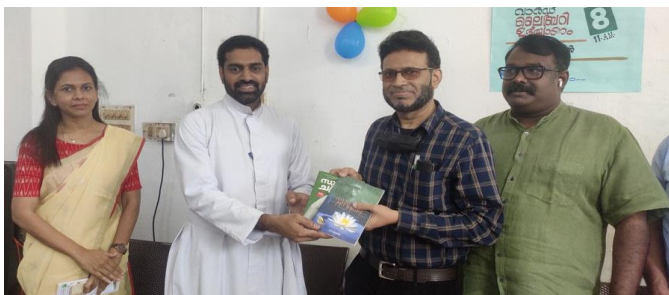
MPower - Personal Enhancement Training Workshop

MPower, a personal enhancement training workshop, was conducted by the Department for their first-semester students from June 29th to July 8th. The workshop was facilitated by VERTICAL EYE, an Individual Development & Training foundation based in Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu. Resource persons, Mr. Krishna Kumar (Founder and Director of Vertical Eye) and Ms. Mridula Kumar (Director of Vertical Eye), led diverse groups through various activities, resulting in commendable changes in the communication skills of the students. A total of 91 students were separated into two groups, with the first training session from June 29th to July 2nd and the second from July 4th to July 8th.

Environment Day Celebration, 2023

As part of the Environment Day Celebrations 2023 and the Massive Tree Plantation Drive, the department collaborated with the ENCON Club to conduct “MeriLiFE Mission 2023,” initiated by AICTE under the motto “One Student One Tree” on August 11th. Tree saplings were distributed to 65 interested students of the department. Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, inaugurated the program by handing over the sapling to Ms. Pooja, second-year student of MSc CS(DA).

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

“Books for Healing”: A Book Collection Campaign

In collaboration with Fr. Moses Library and the National Service Scheme Unit, the department initiated a noble campaign named “Books for Healing.” The campaign aimed to bring knowledge, comfort, and inspiration by organizing a book collection drive to establish a library in the Psychiatry Ward at Ernakulam Medical College. A book collection drive was conducted at the college, where students generously

The inaugural address emphasized the importance of planting more trees for a healthy and wealthy environment.

ICASET 2023

Ten students from the MCA and MSc 2023-24 batch participated in ICASET 2023 (International Conclave on Skills, Engineering, and Technology) held on September 19th at Adlux Conventional Centre, Angamaly. The AI Gyratation was led by Mr. Sreekanth K.A., Global Talent Enablement Services Leader, EY Global Delivery Services. ICSET 2023 was inaugurated by Dr. R. Bindu, Hon. Minister of Higher Education and Social Justice, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Santhosh Kurup, CEO, ICTAK, and a presidential address by Dr. Saji Gopinath, Vice-Chancellor, Digital University Kerala. A panel discussion on diversity in work culture included Ms. Anu Kumari (IAS Director Kerala State IT Mission), Ms. Deepa Sarojammal (CEO of Reflections Info Systems), Ms. Latha Raj (Programme Director IBM), and Ms. Saba Karim (India Head of Public Sector at LinkedIn).

Coding Session by AESTHETI

The Placement Cell of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized a one-day Placement Training Program on September 20th conducted by the team of AESTHETI for the students at the department. The program aimed to equip students with essential skills and knowledge to enhance their employability and succeed in the competitive job market.

donated books and other information sources, including fiction, non-fiction, general books, self-help, and motivational books. This collection was intended to provide patients with opportunities to relieve, learn, and discover themselves. The collected books were officially donated to the authorities of the Medical College Psychiatry Ward on July 8th. Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director and Library Warden, along with Ms. Neethu Mohanan, Head of the Department, and Mr. Vijesh P. V, Librarian, spearheaded this initiative.

Re-Organized ‘Suhruhdh Sadhan’ Public Library, Aluva

The library collection for ‘Suhruhdh Sadhan’ Public Library, Aluva, was reorganized through collaboration with students from the Department. The inauguration of the revamped library took place on August 24th. Students actively coordinated and participated in the process of setting up the library, making it functional and accessible to the community.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Observance of World Population Day

To honour World Population Day with the theme of Gender Equality, the Department and the student’s association Psystar organized a captivating event on July 11th at Golden Aureole Hall. The event featured a variety of programs.

Observance of Suicide Prevention Day - “Creating Hope Through Action”



As part of the observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, The PSYSTAR Club of the Psychology Department conducted a two-day program on suicide prevention with the theme “Creating Hope Through Action” on September 13th and 14th. The aim was to raise awareness about the critical issue of suicide and equip individuals with the knowledge and tools to prevent it. The event included a rally on September 13th,

starting from the college campus and flagged off by Fr. Dr. Varghese K Varghese, Dean of the department. The rally wound its way through the streets of Kalamassery. On the second day, September 14th, a talk was delivered by a distinguished Resource Person, Dr. Chithra Venkateswaran (MD Psychiatry) - Founder and CEO of MEHEC Foundation, with extensive experience in suicide prevention.

A Session on Positive Mental Health



In connection with World Mental Health Day, the Department organized a session on Positive Mental Health at the Community Mental Health Centre (CMHC) in Kadamakkudy on October 13th. Fr. Dr. Varghese K Varghese, Dean-Department of Psychology, was the Chief Guest. The convenors of Kadamakudy Day Care Centre, Smt. Reena Jose and Smt. Jalaja Subramanian, were present to lead the program. The event had 35 participants, and on behalf of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Amal Tom Jose, Asst. Professor served sweets and lunch to the members.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Session on Corporate Grooming

An interactive session on Corporate Grooming Standards and Professional Etiquettes was conducted for the students of the BBA department on July 11th, 2023, Wednesday, at the Golden Aureole Hall at 3:00 pm. Ms. Anju Sajeev, Human Resources Manager at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Kochi, was the resource person for the day. The session highlighted the basic etiquette of a professional institution, emphasizing the importance of one’s appearance as a vital tool to stand out and achieve success.

Cultural Exchange Programme



An enriching cultural exchange programme took place on August 21st between Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Little Heart Degree College, Hyderabad. Despite the challenges posed by physical distance, the event was a success

in bringing students from both institutions together via Zoom call. The program aimed to develop cross-cultural understanding, celebrate diversity, and promote international collaboration among students. The presence of esteemed guests, including Fr. Dr. Saju MD, Principal, RCSS, Dr. Ayana Johny, Head of the Department, and organizers from Little Heart Degree College, added an element of prestige to the programme.

Teacher’s Day Celebration at VHSS, Kalamassery



In a remarkable gesture of celebrating this day, the students of the department, in collaboration with M-Strive, embarked on a mission to impart knowledge and engage with the students of VHS Government School, Kalamassery. This collaborative endeavor aimed to celebrate the spirit of teaching and learning on the auspicious occasion of Teachers’

Day. The Teachers' Day celebration was organized on September 5th at VHS Government School, Kalamassery. The event was made possible with the generous support and permission of Mr. Biju, the Headmaster of VHS Kalamassery, who extended his wholehearted support for this noble cause.

“Re-Threads” Cloth Drive Initiative



The “Re-Threads” Cloth Drive initiative by M-STRIVE, conducted by the students, was a significant event aimed at promoting sustainable practices and social commitment. The core motto of the initiative was “reuse, reduce, recycle,” and it aimed to make a positive impact on society by

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Session on Wealth Management Business

The Department organized a Session on Wealth Management Business on August 10th at Carmel Hall. Mr. Girish Menon, Executive Director of Private Wealth Management Technology at Morgan Stanley, Hong Kong, was the resource person for the session.

Session on The Professional Me: Campus to Career



The Career Development Club under ACSR of the Department organized a session titled “The Professional Me: Campus to Career” on September 26th. Dr. George V. Antony, Strategic Consultant at CISI, UK, was the resource person for the session. Fr. Dr. Joseph M. K., Dean of the Department of Commerce and Professional Studies, inaugurated the club activities for the academic year 2023-24. The session focused on the professional attitude needed for an upcoming professional and the ways and means through which it can be developed by the students.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

FDP on Statistical Analysis using JASP Programming

An offline faculty development programme on Statistical Analysis using JASP programming was organized for faculty members and research scholars by the department and Centre for Statistical Analysis (CSA) on August 7th, 9th, and 11th.

addressing clothing needs sustainably. The formal inaugural ceremony was held on September 8th at Kochi Metro Station Kaloor, Ernakulam, with the lighting of the lamp by Mr. Loknath Behera, Managing Kochi Metro Rail Ltd, along with the esteemed presence of Fr. Dr. Saju MD, Principal, Dr. Binoy Joseph, Associate Director, Dr. Manoj Mathew, Dean HRD, Dr. Ayana Johnny, Head, Dept. of Management and Professional Studies, and Ms. Preeti Nagaraj, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Management and Professional Studies.

Workshop on Beyond Fear and Brand Stories

The Department hosted an enlightening workshop titled “Beyond Fear and Brand Stories” in collaboration with the MILES School of Branding and Advertising. The event aimed to provide 1st year Branding and Advertising students with fresh insights into the world of branding and advertising, exploring the theme of transcending fear in brand storytelling. It was held on August 10th, 2023, and the resource person was Mr. Pratish, Founder Miles Soba.

College Radio, “R -waves” Inauguration

On August 18th, the Department introduced a new college radio called “R – waves.” The program was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Saju M D, the Principal.

Fresher’s Day 2023 & ACSR Inaugural Ceremony



Fresher’s Day 2023, themed “Rétrograde- Back to the 80’s”, and the ACSR Inaugural ceremony took place at Rajagiri Sports and Cultural Centre (RSCC) on August 8th. The inaugural address was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. K. Joseph CMI, Dean of the Department of Commerce and Professional Studies. Dr. C. T. Francis, Head of the department, and Dr. Manoj Mathew, Dean of Human Resources Development, were present in the inaugural session. The festivities of Fresher’s Day kicked off with a variety of cultural performances by various batches of the commerce department. Students showcased captivating retro ensembles, displaying their exceptional fashion sense. Certificates were distributed to the former members of ACSR in recognition of their tireless services.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

International Conference on Millets: Breeding, Physiology, Genomics, Biotechnology, and Nutraceuticals - 2023



The Department of Biosciences and Rajagiri Research & Development Cell (RRDC) jointly organized the International Conference on Millets: Breeding, Physiology, Genomics, Biotechnology, and Nutraceuticals-2023 (ICM-BPGBN-2023) from July 5th to 7th. This event was part of the celebration of the United Nations’ International Year of Millets. Over 130 participants from India and abroad attended the conference. Eminent millet researchers delivered keynote and invited talks on various aspects of millet research. More than 30

researchers presented high-quality works orally, and a poster session was held on July 6th, featuring over 30 posters. A proceeding was released as part of the conference, including abstracts of all works presented.

Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme



One-day Mushroom Cultivation Training Programmes, part of the KSCSTE-KBC-BIRD Project, were conducted on July 28th, August 5th, and September 9th for women beneficiaries from Varappuzha, Kunnukara, and Edavanakkad Gramapanchayaths. A total of 90 participants benefited from the training programme.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

The Details of International Delegates Visited the Campus During the Period



Delegates from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.
 Delegate from the Trent University, Canada
 Delegate from the University of New South Wales, Australia

The Faculty Members and Students Attended International Programmes



Fr. Dr. Saju M D and Dr. Kiran Thampi from the Department of Social Work attended the 23rd Biennial Conference of the International Consortium for Social Development held at the University of Gavle, Sweden in the month of August.



Five of our Students attended the European Summer Programme, organized by Catholic University of Lille, France in the month of July.

Two students attended the student exchange program at Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany.

Dr. Sabeen Govind and three students attended the ISUSW International Conference at Western Sydney University, Australia

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mr. John Gilbert, student of the MCA 2022-24 batch, achieved remarkable success by winning 2 Gold medals in the 32nd Kerala State Wushu Championship 2023.
- Rajagiri College attained the 3rd position in the Mahatma Gandhi University Basketball Championship.

RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (RCPS)

CA Intermediate Residential Programme



The CA Intermediate Residential Programme (Group 1 & Group 2) was launched on June 21st, and 25 students have enrolled for the first batch.

Orientation Session on Civil Service & Career Opportunities

The center organized an orientation session on “Orientation on Civil Service & Career Opportunities” in association with Vedhik IAS Academy for BBA & BSW 1st Year students on September 19th. The resource persons were Ms. Chinju and Mr. Shahul, Faculty members at Vedhik IAS Academy. A total of 105 students attended the orientation session.

**— COLLEGE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH “LIVE LABS”—
RAJAGIRI OUTREACH**

Public Hearing of Social Impact Assessment Studies



Six Public Hearings for Social Impact Assessment Studies on Land Acquisition were conducted in various districts, including Malappuram, Ernakulam, Alappuzha, Thrissur, Kottayam, and Kannur, from July to September 2023.

Empanelment for Social Impact Assessment Study Unit

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri outREACH have been empanelled by the Revenue (B) Department, Govt. of Kerala, for conducting State Level Social Impact Assessment Studies. Additionally, empanelment has been received from Kannur, Kozhikode, and Thrissur District Administrations for conducting District Level Social Impact Assessment Studies.

HP Laptop and Usha Sewing Machine Special Scheme

Under the Digital Transformation Project of the National NGO Confederation, applications for HP Laptops were received from needy students and social workers, with around 186 applications from various departments of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Scholars of Rajagiri outREACH. As part of

the Social Entrepreneurship Development Programme of the National NGO Confederation, Usha Sewing Machines applications were received from Women Entrepreneurs.

Onam Souhrudam 2023



Onam Souhrudam, a gathering as part of the Child Scholarship Programme from 17 centres of Sahrudaya Services and Charities and Rajagiri outREACH, took place at Rajagiri Higher Secondary School Auditorium on 2nd September. The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Koithara CMI - Vicar Provincial, SH Provincial House. Various programs, including Group Dance, Malayalee Manga, Malayalee Maran, and Group Song Competition, enriched the celebration. Traditional Onasadhya was served to the 490 participants. Cine artists Kumari. Baby Eileen Eliza from “Ente Mathava” Malayalam Serial and Ms. Aiswarya Anil Kumar from “Vedikettu” Malayalam Movie were the Chief Guests, distributing prizes.

Women Entrepreneurship Programme “Creating Entrepreneurs”

The 17th Phase Inauguration of the Women Entrepreneurship Programme, “Creating Entrepreneurs,” took place on 6th July 2023, at Jubilee Mandiram Hall of Nadathara Grama Panchayat. A total amount of Rs. 1,300,000/- was distributed to 32 women entrepreneurs.

RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

Jal Jeevan Mission Training 1 & 2

The Key Resource Center for Level 2 training under the National Jal Jeevan Mission received approval on May 26, 2023. In accordance with the Annual Action Plan submitted to the NJJM, Rajagiri Key Resource Centre conducted two training sessions during the period. The first Level 2 training took

place on 25th and 26th July 2023, covering the topic “Operation and Maintenance of Electromechanical Equipments in Water Supply Systems” at Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad. The second training occurred on 20th and 21st September 2023, focusing on the same topic and was held at the Centre for Water Education, Trivandrum.

Batch Completion and Certificate Distribution of Retail Trainee Associate Batch 3

Nineteen students from DDUGKY Retail Trainee Associate Batch 3 successfully completed their training. The Batch Completion Certificate distribution ceremony took place on September 30th, 2023.

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE

Training Sessions Conducted

Rajagiri Family Counseling Centre organized a life skills training session on July 26th for 5th, 6th, and 7th-grade students of Govt. U P School, Edapally.

An awareness session on lifestyle diseases, laziness, and sexually transmitted diseases was conducted on July 29th, 2023, for the residents of Mahila Mandhiram.

An awareness class on “Gender Equality, Gender Justice” was conducted for the students of Peters College Kolenchery on August 18th as part of the Kanal campaign 2023.

External Assessment

The External Assessment for Retail Trainee Associate Batch 2 of the DDUGKY project was conducted on 13th September, with 21 students participating in the assessment. For Batch 3, the exam was held on 30th September, and 18 students attended the assessment.

The centre conducted a session on “Mental Health Matters” on August 22nd for the students of Sree Sankara College Kalady. In collaboration with GGHSS Tripunithura, the centre conducted a life skills training session for Student Police Cadets of the school on September 30th.

The centre conducted a talk as part of World Alzheimer’s Day on September 20th for home science students of Morning Star College, Angamali.

RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Onam Celebration



The ONAM Celebration organized by the Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association took place on August 24th. The festivities encompassed a range of activities, including a Pookkalam competition, an Onam group song competition, contests for

Malayali Manka and Maran, and various games. Furthermore, the event featured the distribution of merit scholarships for the children of Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association members who were in Classes 10th & 12th.

Aadhaar Update Camp

An Aadhaar update camp, conducted by RSWA in collaboration with ESAF, was held at the Kalamassery campus on September 21st. A total of 75 members benefited from this programme.

Distribution of Karkidaka Kanji

The distribution of Karkidaka Kanji (traditional Oushada Kanji) organized by RSWA occurred on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of August 2023. Nearly 100 members from both campuses participated in the program.

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