# RAJAGIRI HIGHLIGHTS



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Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been conferred with Autonomous Status by University Grants Commission, New Delhi on June 13, 2014 and from the academic year 2014 onwards for a period of six years from 2014-15 to 2019–2020.

# Samavarthanam - 2014:



Samavarthanam, the graduation ceremony for MBA, MHRM, MSW, BLISC, BSW, MCA and PGDAHS students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, was held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the Rajagiri Valley campus. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Her Excellency Mrs. Sheila Dikshit–Hon'ble Governor of Kerala. Fr. Antony Kariyil CMI (Director, Rajagiri Group of Educational Institutions) welcomed the gathering and Dr. Joseph I. Injodey (Principal) presided over the function.

# **Convocation - 2014:**



The Convocation ceremony for the fifth batch of PGDM students was held on April 26, 2014 in RBS Auditorium. Dr. Timothy S. Mescon, President Columbus State University was the Chief Guest and Mr. N.S.Rajan, Member-Group Executive Council & Group Chief Human Resources Officer, TATA Son Ltd. was the Guest of Honour for the occasion. Rev. Fr.Jose Alex CMI, (Provincial and Manager), Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI (Director, Rajagiri group of Institutions), Dr.Joseph I. Injodey (Principal), Dr.K.G.Jose (Director RBS), Prof. BinoyJoseph (IQAC member), Dr. Sam Thomas (IQAC member), Rev. Dr. Casimir Raj S. J., Mr. A. Satish Kumar, Mr. R. Santhanam, Mr. Ninan Thariyan, Mr. V. A. George, Mr. Vittaldas Leeladhar, Mr. Venugopal C. Govind (Advisory Council members) were present during the ceremony.

# Deeksharambham - 2014:



Deeksharambham, the initiation ceremony for the new batch of MBA, MHRM, PGDM and RISER students of Rajagiri Centre for Business Studies was held on 10th June 2014. This was followed by the 'Induction Programme' from June 11 to 13, 2014. The chief guest for Deeksharambham 2014 was Dr. V. A Joseph (MD & CEO, South Indian Bank) and Prof. Johan Cottyn (International Coordinator, Vives, Belgium) was also present at the function to welcome the students. Rev. Dr. Antony Kariyil CMI (Director – Rajagiri group of Educational Institutions) welcomed the gathering and Rev. Dr. Jose Cletus Plackal CMI (Provincial, SH Province & Manager, Rajagiri Institutions) presided over the function. Dr. Joseph I Injodey (Principal) proposed Vote of Thanks.

#### Annual Academic Retreat – Bodhi 2014



The Annual Academic Retreat, Bodhi 2014, for the faculty members of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School, was held at Water Scapes, Komarakam from 23rd to 24th April 2014. The orientation for the retreat was held on 22nd April 2014 at Valley campus and the resource persons were Dr. N R Madhava Menon, Vice Admiral B. Kannan(Retd) and Rear Admiral Nirmala Kannan(Retd). The exercise included the academic planning for the year 2014-15.

# Certification programme on Employee Counseling for Officers of Federal Bank:



A certification programme on Employee Counseling for Officers of Federal Bank was held from  $4^{\circ}$  to  $7^{\circ}$  June 2014 at RBS GLC.Resource persons were Dr. Joseph I Injody, Dr. Anish K R, Prof. KiranThampi, Dr. Binoy Joseph, Dr. Manoj Mathew and Mr. Isaac Varghese, E&Y. 20 participants were there for the programme.

#### **Advisory Board Meeting:**

The Advisory Board meeting was held at Rajagiri Business School on April 26, 2014. The meeting was attended by Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Hon. Dean, Rajagiri Business School, Dr. N. Casimir Raj S.J., Former Director, XLRI, Mr. A. Satishkumar, Board Member, Henkel India Ltd, Mr. Venugopal .C. Govind, Managing Partner, Varma&Varma Chartered Accountants, Mr. V.A. George, CMD, Thejo Engineering Chennai, Mr. Ravi Santhanam, MetaDrsti Advisory, Chennai, Mr. NinanThariyan, Vice President, Rickett and Coleman, being the board members. Dr. Binoy Joseph, Dr. Sam Thomas, Prof. Vinod R.R., Prof. Abhilash G.Nambudiri, Prof. Smitha Siji and Prof.Manoj Mathew being the IQAC members.

#### RAJAGIRI INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

## **India Field Placement Programme 2014**

Seven Social Work students from the School of Social Work, University of Maryland is with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences for their internship in the Department of Social Work from 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 24th November 2014.



Ms. Rachel Leah Abbott, Ms. Hana Admassu, Ms. Lavanya Madhusudan,Ms. Olivia Tchami Yonga, Mr. Girrard Alfonse Tennille, Mr. William Jerome Holloway, Jr & Mr. Carl William Smith-Hunnicutt

#### Faculty overseas exchange programme

Prof. Rev. Saju M.D. and Prof. Ms. Susan Mathew were on an official trip to USA from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. The team had meetings with delegates at Western Washington, University Columbus State University, Western Michigan University, Nazareth College and University of Maryland, USA.



# Rajagiri Student Overseas Internship programme

Ms. Lakshmi Soman, Ms. Diya Elizabeth and Mr. Josin John, MSW II year students attended the Summer University 2014 organised by University of Applied Sciences, Western Switzerland from June, 30th to July, 11th 2014.



# Turning Point (MCA 2013-2016)Batch

Turning Point, the six day enrichment program was conducted for the students of the MCA department from  $15^{\text{th}}$  to  $20^{\text{th}}$  June 2014. Mr. Thomas George (Thomman) and Mr. Rajesh, from Lead College of Management, Palakkad were the resource persons.



# **Student Achievement**

Mr. Aravind Sidhu won a cash prize of Rs. 5000 for creating a web page for Rajagiri College of Business Studies. Ms.Haleena Jaleel and Ms.Susan John were also awarded prize money of Rs.1000 for efficiently conducting classes for MCA first semester as part of aptitude training. The award was distributed by Dr. Joseph I. Injodey, Principal.



# Rajagiri Outreach SOUHRUDAM CAMP -2014



A three day vacation camp was organized at 40 centers covering 6000 children between the ages of 5-15 years based on the topic 'Family Farming' in the month of May. The camp was conducted in association with Companies, Residents Association, Municipality, Panchayaths, Clubs and Kudumbasree.

# **Sponsorship Distribution**



Distribution of School kits (bags, books, umbrella) for Sponsorship students at 50 centers were by completed reaching out to 4000 children was occurred in the months of May, June and the programme was attended by many officials such as MLAs, Corporate Heads and Various NGO representatives.

#### Kerala Child Rights Observatory (KeCRO)



Child Rights Sensitization workshop was organized at 7 Districts namely Kasargode, Thrissur, Kannur, Palakkad, Wayanad, Malappuram and Ernakulam during the months of April, May and June and 408 members participated in the Workshop. The representatives from Education Department, Kudumbasree agencies working in institution/non institution, Health, Judiciary, Transportation, DLSA, CWC, JJB, Jagratha Samithi, Panchayath, Public Spirited Individuals, Lawyers etc participated in the programmes..

# Jalanidhi



A Panchayath level meeting on 'Project Evaluation and Training' was organized on May 15 in the Arakkulam Panchayath. The Information Officer Mr. Joshy Varghese from RAJAGIRI outREACH was one among the resource persons. Jalanidhi Project Co –ordinator Mr. V. A. George, representatives of Regional Project Management and Panchayath President attended the Meeting.

# SUCHITWA BODHANA YAJNAM



Suchitwa Bodhana Yajnam Kalayathra 2014 was held in association with 'Mithradham Solar Energy Centre' supported by Noel. The Kalayathra has been conducted from 5 -20<sup>th</sup> of June at 28 Schools from Aluva, Paravoor Kavala, Nedumbassery, Angamaly, Kalady, Perumbavoor, Keezhillam, Muvattupuzha, Kolencherry, Vytilla, Thevara, Ernakulam, Edapally, Kalamassery and Kakkanad. The Kalayathra engaged in generating awareness through Posters, Magic shows, Documentary and songs held at Schools. The magic show exhibited by Mr. Ezhupunna Gopinath on Waste Management.

# **Research Institute**

# Unearthing the plight of Migrant Labours in Kerala.

Research Institute, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RRI) in association with Kerala Development Society (KDS), New Delhi has undertaken case studies of different categories of migrant labours in the labour concentrated areas of the state. The study was an attempt to unearth the problems of interstate migrants in order to formulate policies for their welfare.



Interaction with migrant labours in a construction site

# Addressing a Global problem of Road Accidents

The Research Institute has made tie ups with corporate bodies viz; Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Ltd. and Bharath Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) in the state and organised a series of awareness training programmes for its heavy vehicle drivers with Shri. Sadik Ali, Joint RTO, Ernakulam and Shri. Mohan M., Sub Inspector, City traffic, Thripunithara as the resource persons.



'International Social Science Conference–2014 'at VIVES University College, Belgium

Dr. Celine Sunny, the Executive Director, Research Institute, RCSS and Prof.Shirly Rita Luiz, Professor, School of Management, visited Vives University College to participate in the International Social Science Conference, organized by the VIVES University College, Belgium, from  $1^{s} - 5^{th}$  April 2014. Dr. Celine Sunny presented a paper on 'Impact of Social Network Sites on Perception of Sociability and Academic Performance of College Students in India' and handled a session on 'Crafting of Research Proposals' for the international scholars at the university.



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