



ASER Centre. **Annual Status of Education Report (Rural) 2022 (Provisional)**. New Delhi, ASER Centre, 2023: 348p.

ASER is a household survey conducted across 616 rural districts and covers 6.9 lakh children in the age group of 3 to 16 years to record their schooling status and assess their basic reading and arithmetic skills. The percentage of children in Class 3 in government or private schools who were able to read at the level of Class 2 dropped from 27.3% in 2018 to 20.5% in 2022. This decline is visible in every State, and for children in both government and private schools.

States showing a decline of more than 10 percent points from 2018 levels include those that had higher reading levels in 2018, such as Kerala (from 52.1% in 2018 to 38.7% in 2022), Himachal Pradesh (from 47.7% to 28.4%), and Haryana (from 46.4% to 31.5%). Large drops are also visible in Andhra Pradesh (from 22.6% to 10.3%) and Telangana (from 18.1% to 5.2%).

Nationally, the proportion of children enrolled in Class 5 in government or private schools who can at least read a Class 2-level text fell from 50.5% in 2018 to 42.8% in 2022. States showing a decrease of 15 percentage points or more include Andhra Pradesh (from 59.7% in 2018 to 36.3% in 2022), Gujarat (from 53.8% to 34.2%), and Himachal Pradesh (from 76.9% to 61.3%).

The drops in basic reading ability are smaller for Class 8 students, where 69.6% of children enrolled in government or private schools who could read at least basic text in 2022 falling from 73% in 2018. The ASER reading test assesses whether a child can read letters, words, a simple paragraph at Class 1 level of difficulty, or a story at Class 2 level of difficulty.

Class 3 students who were able to do at least subtract dropped from 28.2% in 2018 to 25.9% in 2022. While Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh maintained or improved slightly over 2018 levels, steep drops of more than 10 percentage points are visible in Tamil Nadu. The proportion of children in Class 5 across India who can carry out division has also fallen slightly from 27.9% in 2018 to 25.6% in 2022.

The performance of Class 8 students in basic arithmetic is more varied. Nationally, the proportion of children who can do division has increased slightly, from 44.1% in 2018 to 44.7% in 2022. This increase is driven by improved outcomes among girls as well as among children enrolled in government schools, whereas boys and children enrolled in private schools show a decline over 2018 levels. Children in Class 8 in government schools did significantly better in 2022 than in 2018 in Uttar Pradesh (from 32% to 41.8%) and Chhattisgarh (from 28% to 38.6%), but were significantly worse off in Punjab (from 58.4% to 44.5%).

While, families withdrew students from private schools to save money spent on tuition fees, they also invested in private tuition classes, which increased as the proportion of such students rose further from 26.4% in 2018 to 30.5% in 2022 in both private and government schools. This may also be the reason why learning gaps are sharper in reading because students typically choose to study

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maths and science in tuition classes.

The report also lays to rest concern about the pandemic forcing families to withdraw girls from schools and force them into early marriages. It finds that the percentage of girls in the age group of 11-14 years who were out of school declined to 2% from 4.1%. The decrease in the proportion of girls not enrolled in school is even sharper among older girls in the 15-16 years age group, which stood at 7.9% in 2022 as compared with 13.5% in 2018. Government schools have seen a sharp increase in children enrolled from 65.6% in 2018 to 72.9% in 2022, reversing another trend of a steady decrease in student enrolments seen since 2006, when it was at 73.4%.

HelpAge India. **Bridge the Gap: Understanding Elder Needs - A HelpAge India 2022 Report**. HelpAge India; 2022: 40 p.

This report explores the current perceptions, realities and aspirations of the older persons and their care givers vis a vis gainful employment, volunteering, health care, safety and security, inclusion in family and society and the new age fact of digital world. The data from 22 cities in India for both elderly (defined as 60+ years of age) and caregivers (adult caregivers- 16 to 55 years of age living with the elderly) has been collected to investigate socioeconomic, demographic, livelihood opportunities and willingness, abuse, health, and factors related to social connections.

#### SALIENT FINDINGS

- 47% of the elderly are dependent on family support as their source of income, and 34% depend on pensions. 21% of the elderly are still working and earning.
- 60% of the elderly feel financially secure, and 76% of them feel so because of the family support.
- 57% feel financially insecure because of their expenses exceeding their savings or income. 45% reported inadequacy of pensions and 38% reported lack of employment opportunities as their reasons for financial insecurity. Of those working, 56% find their employment environment conducive.
- 36% of elderly are willing to work among which 40% are willing to work as long as possible.
- 58% of care-givers, compared to 39% of elderly, are of the view that employment opportunities are available for the elderly.
- 56% of caregivers want their elderly relative to be employed. 30% elderly are willing to volunteer and contribute to the society.
- 87% of the elderly reported having health facilities available, but only 52% could access those.
- 67% of elderly do not have any health insurance. Better health insurance, and better health facilities nearby are the top two suggestions shared by both elderly & caregivers to improve the system. Free medical treatment facilities for the elderly were also suggested by a majority of care-givers.
- 31% of the elderly have fear of getting hurt in the locality due to frailty and bad infrastructure.

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## Indian Adult Education Association

### IAEA signed MoU with the University of Jammu



Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean of Academic Affairs and Prof. Arvind Jasrota, Registrar.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Rai thanked IAEA and said that the MoU will certainly help in strengthening various academic activities specifically field based studies such as Master Degree Programme of Rural Development being conducted by the Department of Lifelong Learning. He also appreciated the Faculty Members of the Department of Lifelong Learning for taking such initiatives and wished a great success in the years to come. Prof. Naresh Padha said that the MoU will open a wide range of possibility where both

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu in a ceremonial programme held on February 24, 2023 in the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. On behalf of IAEA the ceremony was attended by Prof. L. Raja, President and Dean, GRI, Gandhigram; Shri K. C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor;

the institutions can engage themselves in academic ventures of mutual interest. The dignitaries present on the occasion also interacted with the students pursuing their master degree and enlightened them on various aspects of evolution of lifelong education and learning in India.

The MoU signing ceremony was also attended by the faculty members of DLL including Dr. Vivek Sharma, Dr. Pallai Sachdeva and Dr. Sandeep Singh. Entire ceremony was conducted by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Faculty Department of Lifelong Learning who also proposed the vote of thanks.



Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director whereas the University of Jammu was represented by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor;



## International Seminar on Professionalization of Adult & LLL at New Delhi



The Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi organized a three days International Seminar on "Professionalization of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities under New India Literacy Programme (2022-2027) and National Education Policy 2020" from January 4-6, 2023. Entire seminar was broadly divided into two parts, the first part was held in the Conference Centre of the University of Delhi while the second part was held at the Headquarters of IAEA.

The second part which was held on January 6, 2023 was primarily focused on providing a comprehensive knowledge about the functioning of IAEA as a premier civil society organization working continuously for last 83 years in the wider domain of adult and lifelong education both at national and international forum. The programme was participated by more than 60 academicians and scholars coming together from across the country and many other nations.

The programme here began with the welcome address given by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA & Head, Department of Lifelong Education, GRI, Tamil Nadu followed by a brief remarks on "Challenges before the Professionalization of Adult & LLL" by Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chancellor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, IAEA. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE while Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE and former Head, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, JNU enlightened the scholars on issues related to the professionalization of adult and lifelong learning in global perspective. Thereafter, Prof. Soren Ehlers, Associate Professor, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark and Smt. Sunita Singh Chauhan, Advisor, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India shared their opinion about the context, crisis and initiatives to be taken to accelerate the process of professionalization of AE and LLL. The deliberation was concluded with an open session where a number of scholars raised issues of concern, queries and got their doubts clear.

Prof. Raja in his welcome speech requested everybody to start their daily journey with a fresh look towards the society where in they appreciate the positivity enshrined in every individual being. Referring to the long journey of IAEA he said working for the cause of adult population needs a

special attitude and training in andragogy and IAEA has a huge resource base for the same. Shri Choudhary said that under the umbrella of IAEA, scholars and activists in the era of seventies and eighties did a lot to evolve adult education as an independent discipline of higher learning. A result of which more than 180 universities opened separate Department of Adult and Lifelong Learning. However, the list has come down to 40 only posing a survival threat to new scholars pursuing their research work in the field. He advised to deep delve and find out what ails these departments and why did they failed to deliver. In his keynote address Prof. Ambasht highlighted the need to understand the basic difference between the process of adult learning and the way children learn. To him even the university teachers also need an exposure about the process of adult learning or andragogy. Recalling the history of struggle of IAEA Prof. Shah said in past atleast three major attempts have already been made towards professionalization of adult education at global level – EU Masters Degree Programme in Adult Learning and ALADIN (the Adult Learning Documentation and Information Network) and PALDIN (Participatory Adult Learning, Documentation and Information Networking) were a few exemplary achievements. He told that the domain of AE and LLL is facing a new challenge as financial allocation by the government to this sector has reached to its lowest ebb. Prof. Soren Ehlers said that the phenomenon is not new to India only even country like Denmark is too walking on the same track where government has ruled out compartmentalization and looking for an integrated journey. Smt. Sunita Singh Chauhan, Advisor, Ministry of Education narrated the latest developments going on towards the implementation of "New India Literacy Programme (NILP)". She said that away from all odds, machinery at place, is trying hard to achieve the target in time.

In the open session scholars raised a number of queries and questions and wanted to know from the most veteran academicians in the field who have often been in the committees that why at all this field of adult education and lifelong learning could not get its due priority.

The vote of thanks was extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Registrar, IIALE and General Secretary, IAEA. Entire programme was coordinated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Joint Registrar and Director, IAEA.

## Announcement

# Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2021, 2022 & 2023

## Nominations Invited

The Indian Adult Education Association invites nominations for Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the outstanding work done in promoting literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education.

**Nehru Literacy Award** instituted in 1968 is given to institutions/individuals in recognition of the services rendered and meritorious work done for the promotion of literacy and adult education in the country.

**Tagore Literacy Award** instituted in 1987 is given to those institutions/individuals who have given significant contributions for the promotion of literacy, adult and lifelong

education, creating awareness and improving the social and economic status of women in the country.

The institutions / individuals nominated for Awards should have **at least ten years of outstanding work in the field of literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education** and the assessment will be on the new initiatives taken and the extent to which the work done can be a model for replication by others.

The awardees will be selected on merit from the names nominated by reputed individuals, institutions and Life and Institutional members of IAEA.

**The last date for receipt of**

**nominations for both the Awards is August 31, 2023.**

Nominations may be sent in a sealed envelope addressed to Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002 with all details about the institution or individual recommended, outstanding work done, award(s) received, if any, and specific recommendation for nominating the institution or individual.

One can nominate more than one institution or individual but each one should be in a separate envelope.

**Please note that the decision of the Selection Committee will be final.**

## Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards NOMINATION FORM

1.	Name of the Institution/Individual recommended	
2.	Complete postal address with pincode, telephone (office, residence), mobile number	
3.	Outstanding work done by the Institution/Individual recommended (pl. give as much details as possible. If needed, a separate sheet can be attached alongwith the nomination).	
4.	The name of the person who recommends the institution/individual with designation, serving institution and complete postal address with telephone/mobile number	
5.	Specific recommendation clearly indicating the reason for suggesting the name of institution/individual for the award	
6.	Any other information the recommending person wish to give	

Date:

Signature  
Name and Complete Address

# Seminar on Volunteerism, Adult Education and Role of HEIs at AMU



A National Seminar on Volunteerism, Adult Education and the Role of Higher Education Institutes in the light of National Education Policy 2020 and New India Literacy Programme was organized by the Centre of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension, Aligarh Muslim University on March 4, 2023 at the Lounge of Faculty of Arts. The seminar was presided over by Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, Pro-vice Chancellor, AMU while Prof. SK Singh, former Vice Chancellor of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University was the Chief Guest. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Shikha Kapoor, Professor and Head Department of Adult & Continuing Education and Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA also addressed the seminar. Around 20 research papers covering topics from general literacy to communication skills, life skills, soft skills to digital literacy, digital harassment and phishing were presented during the technical sessions chaired respectively by Prof. Naseem Ahmad, Prof. Asim Siddiqui and Prof. Rashid Nehal.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Gulrez said that achieving the goal of education for all requires a committed role to be played by each and every citizen of the country. Prof. Singh asserted that volunteerism which is the corner stone for the success of EFA needs to be nurtured. Dr. Shikha Kapoor also emphasized the need of voluntary efforts and wanted the faculty members to motivate students to play active role in this regard. Smt. Kalpana underlined the role to be played by privileged people for the success of New India Literacy



Programme (NILP). Entire seminar was coordinate by Prof. Aysha Munira Rasheed while Dr. Shamim Akhtar, CCAEE, extended vote of thanks.



Members of Staff of IAEA Celebrating Holi, the auspicious Festival of Colours

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# Advocacy meeting for Families of Persons living with Mental Illness



Indian Adult Education Association came forward to host a Face2Face interactive meeting on February 25, 2023 organized jointly by the family members of the persons living with mental illness (PMIs) who are primarily associated with three prominent NGOs - FACEMI Shanti Dilli, Richmond Fellowship Society (India) Delhi branch, and Sambandh Health Foundation. The deliberations held in this meeting focused on finding some solution to the ever hovering issue of Guardianship. It may be noted that identifying and appointing a Guardian to take care their loved ones suffering from PMIs in their absence is a big cause of concern for all of them.

Volunteers from NSS Unit of Lady Irwin College (University of Delhi) helped in smooth conduct of the event. Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Deputy Director Department of Social Welfare, Delhi Government, was very keen on listening to the

challenges faced by the family members of the PMIs. He responded to the questions raised by the participants and was open to suggestions given by the families. Mr. Janmejy Singh Rajput, Company Secretary, made a presentation on setting up Trust for PMIs and presented the legal framework. The session was moderated skillfully by Mr. Shahzada Khurram. The session was very interactive and ended with the resource persons answering questions raised by the participants. Participants expressed a need for more similar sessions in the future.

Dr. Mridula Seth, Life Member of IAEA and Vice President of Richmond Fellowship Society (India), Delhi Branch played a vital role in bringing all the stakeholders together on a single platform and work hand in hand to find a workable solution. The meeting was also participated by staff members of IAEA.

## गणतंत्र दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में रंगारंग कार्यक्रम



दिनांक 25 जनवरी 2023 को आईएईए कौशल प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों द्वारा 74वें गणतंत्र दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में एक रंगारंग कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। एसोशिएशन के मुख्य कार्यालय में आयोजित इस समारोह में निदेशक श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक सहित भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के सभी कार्यकर्ताओं ने भी भाग लिया। समारोह की शुरुआत करते हुए संचालक प्रशिक्षणार्थी सुश्री जुबैदा ने गणतंत्र दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर सभी का स्वागत और अभिनंदन करते हुए युवाओं, विशेषरूप से छात्राओं की नागरिक अपेक्षाओं को अभिव्यक्त किया। जुबैदा जैसे अन्य सभी प्रशिक्षणार्थी यह सोच रखते हैं कि कौशल विकास में गुणवत्तापूर्ण प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त कर वे आर्थिक स्वावलंबन की ओर

अग्रसरित हो सकेंगी। प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को संबोधित करते हुए श्रीमती कल्पना ने सभी से आगे बढ़कर अपने विचार रखने तथा स्वयं के अनुभवों को सभी के साथ बांटने का आग्रह किया। उनका कहना था कि इस प्रकार छात्राएं आत्मविश्वास के साथ अपने जीवन में आगे बढ़ सकेंगी। तत्पश्चात सुश्री नाजरीन, सुश्री सुनीता एवं सुश्री शांति सहित सभी प्रशिक्षणार्थियों ने गीत, गजल एवं नृत्य की मनमोहक प्रस्तुती दी। कार्यक्रम की योजना प्रशिक्षक सुश्री काजल एवं सभी प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के सामूहिक सहयोग से बनाई गयी। कार्यक्रम के अंत में श्री बी. संजय, रिसर्च ऑफिसर ने सभी का धन्यवाद करते हुए कहा कि इस प्रकार के आयोजन प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के मनोबल एवं सामाजिक सरोकार को आगे बढ़ाएंगे।

## IGNOU TEE December 2022



online orientation programme was conducted by IGNOU on November 30, 2022 which was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with all the study centre staff and invigilators. This helped them to understand the modified rules and regulations to be followed during the examinations. Accordingly detailed arrangements were made for ensuring smooth conduct of the examinations. In this spell of the examination a total of 1949 students were allocated by IGNOU to this centre out of which 1465 students finally appeared for their examinations. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance and relevant photographs of all the examination halls were also sent to the concern officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. The entire team of IAEA made special effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the Centre Superintendent Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and the Observers from IGNOU.



December 2022 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU which started on December 2, 2022 and continued till January 9, 2023, was successfully conducted by the IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P). Prior to the examinations an

### Felicitation for Prof. V. Reghu



Prof. V. Reghu, Executive Committee Member of IAEA and former Controller of Examinations, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, was felicitated by Mar Theophilus Training College, Trivandrum on February 11, 2023 for his successful completion of half a century long career in Teaching-Learning, Research, Training and Extension.

### Students of DACEE, DU visited IAEA



A group of 8 students pursuing their Post-Graduation from the Department of Adult, Continuing Education & Extension, University of Delhi visited IAEA on January 17, 2023 and had an interaction with Prof. S.Y. Shah, former Professor, Group of Adult Education, Faculty of Social Sciences, JNU and Vice President, IAEA and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. They also visited the Amarnath Jha Library to collect reference materials needed for writing dissertations.

## किसने तुम्हें रोका है

किसने तुम्हें रोका है  
धरती ने,  
आकाश ने,  
या फिर,  
ऊँची चट्टानों ने ।

बहुत गर्व था ना तुम्हें  
अपने अपरिमित ज्ञान पर  
अपने शौर्य और बल पर  
लेकिन!

तुम्हारी चुप्पी ने  
बीते दशकों में,  
न जाने कितना कुछ  
छिना था तुमसे  
तुम्हारी आज़ादी,  
तुम्हारा दर्प  
तुम्हारा स्वत्व ।

तुम्हारी खामोशी ने  
दिए थे तुम्हें अनगिन ज़ख्म  
दिलायी थी तुम्हें  
निर्मम आक्रांताओं से  
ज़िल्लत और गुलामी  
पहनारी थीं तुम्हें  
दासता की असह्य जंजीरें  
उन दुश्मनों ने  
जो ज्ञान, बल, बुद्धि और,  
हर हालात में तुमसे कहीं कमतर थे ।

क्या यह सच नहीं  
कि तुम!  
रोक सकते थे विदेशी आक्रांताओं को  
अपनी मातृभूमि पर पग रखने से पूर्व ही  
रौंद सकते थे अपने पैरों तले  
उनके बढ़ते कदमों को

विफल कर सकते थे  
उनके नापाक इरादों को  
और, मोड़ सकते थे  
हवाओं के रुख को अपनी तरफ ।

लेकिन!  
तुम्हारे अहम्, निज स्वार्थ  
आपसी ईर्ष्या और भेदभाव ने  
दे दिया था खुद ही  
दुश्मनों को अवसर  
अपनी माँ भारती पर राज करने का  
असीमित अत्याचार करने,  
नृशंस हत्याएं और धर्म परिवर्तन का ।

आज!  
आज़ादी के इस अमृतकाल में  
बदलना ही होगा तुम्हें अपनी सोच को  
जगाना होगा स्वयं को  
और, जन-जन को  
देनी होगी पहचान अपने स्वत्व को  
मुखर करनी होगी अपनी आवाज़  
सत्य की उन वीथियों में  
जहां बरसों पहले अँधेरा बिछा रखा था तुमने ।

आओ!  
जलाओं एक दीपक  
सत्य के प्रकाश का  
उद्गासित करो  
सनातन की अखण्ड ज्योति को  
जिसकी लौ  
प्रभासित कर देगी  
सभी दिशाओं को  
विकीर्ण होगी  
उसकी प्रभा चहुँ ओर  
सूरज की अभेद्य आम की तरह ॥

— कुसुम वीर

## Ph.D Degree Awarded to Deepak Goswami



Shri Deepak Goswami, a Life Member of IAEA, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Delhi in its 99th Annual Convocation held on February 25, 2023. He received his PhD on successful completion of his research work on "Demographic and Employability Challenges: A Study of Skill Education and its Sustainability" under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh, Head of the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, DU. The coveted Convocation Ceremony was graced by the presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India who was the Chief Guest and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India who was the Guest of Honour. Shri Goswami received his Degree from Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi who presided over the function.

## Book Presented to Amarnath Jha Library by Prof. Lokhande



Prof. Dhanjay B. Lokhande, Member, Academic Council and Chairman, Board of Studies in Vimukta Jati, Nomedic Tribes, Other Backward Class and Special Backward Class Welfare, (VJNT), Maharashtra State, Pune and former Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, Savitribhai Phule Pune University visited IAEA on March 10, 2023 to meet Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and Dr. A. Mathew, Editorial Consultant, Indian Journal of Adult Education and former National Fellow, UNFPA. A copy of his book entitled "Youth in Education and Community Service" presented to Smt. Kalpana Kaushik for Amarnath Jha Library located at IAEA Headquarters. He also discussed about some of the emerging issues related to adult education and lifelong learning.

## A Moment of Celebration for World Adult Education Community

Prof. Budd Hall, Professor Emeritus, School of Public Administration and Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Canada by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada on December 29, 2022, in recognition of 'his contributions as a pioneer in the field of Community-based research, and for his advancement of knowledge building and research capacity around the world'. It came as a moment of celebration for adult education community world over as Prof. Budd Hall has been one of the world's most prominent adult educators for decades.



## जिला प्रौढ़ शिक्षण समिति, कोटा के चुनाव सम्पन्न

दिनांक 23 जनवरी 2023 को विज्ञान नगर स्थित जिला प्रौढ़ शिक्षण समिति, कोटा के कार्यकारिणी का चुनाव तथा नई कार्यकारिणी का विधिवत गठन किया गया। निर्वाचन अधिकारी श्री मोहन चंद्र तिवारी, पूर्व अतिरिक्त जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी की देखरेख में हुए इस निर्वाचन में श्री आर पी गुप्ता, अध्यक्ष; डॉ हरीश मेहता, उपाध्यक्ष; श्री राजीव मल्होत्रा, सचिव; श्री शिवराज सिंह सिसोदिया, वित्त सचिव तथा डॉ जगदीश शर्मा एवं श्री सूरज प्रकाश गुप्ता, संयुक्त सचिव निर्वाचित हुए। इसके साथ ही श्री हंसराज शर्मा, डॉ शोभा मिश्रा, श्री भगवती प्रसाद गौतम, श्री हिमांशु पी. दलाल एवं श्री लक्ष्मण सिंह को कार्यकारिणी सदस्य मनोनीत किया गया।

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## National Workshop on Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



Azad Foundation, National Coalition for Education, India and Nirantar Trust in collaboration with ASPBAE and its partners and members of Non-traditional Livelihood Network in India jointly organized a national level workshop on "Challenging Gender-Based Violence in Education from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 in New Delhi. IAEA was represented by Shri B.Sanjay, Research Officer and Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-Cum-Documentation Officer.

The workshop was intended to unpack different aspects of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in education and

to develop strategies to combat it with a lens of intersectionality. It began with the presentation of a concept paper on Understanding Gender Based Violence in Education by Smt. Dipta Bhog, former Director, Nirantar which followed by rounds of group discussions.

While nobody denies the occurrence of GBV in learning spaces the nature and magnitude of such incidents and the way it affects the well being of individuals and marginalized sections is yet to be mapped properly. Hence, participants tried to explore various

mode of GBV happening in and around learning spaces, their nature and also the way it is being suppressed or tackled at present. They also delved deep to decode the power relation which ultimately encourages or motivates people at advantageous position to ignore someone's identity who is marginalized or at the receiving end. Entire discussion and deliberation was focused on evolving a comprehensive definition for GBV so that society and state institutions can be sensitized and a suitable mechanism is developed to curb the same.

## NCVET recognized DJSS as Assessment Agency and Awarding Body under "Dual Recognition"



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Directorate of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (DJSS), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, GoI and the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) on February 7, 2023 at Kaushal Bhawan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The MoU was signed by Dr. Ramakrishna Sura, Additional Director, DJSS and Col. Shri Santosh Kumar, Director, NCVET in the august presence of the Chairman, NCVET, Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, IAS (Retd.). The event was witnessed by the representatives of Healthcare and Defence Sector. The officials of NCVET and JSS were also present on the occasion.

## Obituary

### Shri J. L. Sacheva

Shri J. L. Sacheva, former Director of IAEA breathed his last on February 13, 2023 at his residence in Delhi. He joined the Association way back in the year 1963 as Documentation Officer and served IAEA both as Deputy Director (April 1983 – December 1985) and Director (January 1986-1999). Later on in March 1976 he became the Life Member of the Association. As a prolific writer he worked with almost all the contemporary adult educationists and contributed a lot to the academic repository of the Association. He will remain alive in the memories of all of them. We in IAEA express our heartfelt gratitude to the departed soul.



### Prof. VLN Reddy

Prof. Velagacherla Lakshmi Narasa Reddy, Formerly Director & Professor of Adult & Continuing Education, Sri Venketeswara University, Tirupati left this world for heavenly abode on February 28, 2023. Profoundly addressed as VLN by his colleagues and close friends he was a very kind hearted, knowledgeable and generous person who helped and groomed people irrespective of their socio-cultural or religious background throughout his life. He launched a number of Diploma, PG, M.Phil and Ph.D. courses in adult education and trained many students who successfully served and are still serving institutions, both at state and national level. Even after his superannuation from the service, he continued to serve in the Magunta Subbarami Reddy Trust and launched/nurtured many educational institutions in the districts of Nellore and Prakasam. He also started the Noble College of Education and Management at Kavali. His association with Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi started way back on October 28, 1972 when he became a Life Member. He not only served IAEA as an Executive Member of the Association but also served in the Editorial Board of Indian Journal of Adult Education. In view of his pivotal contribution made towards developing adult education as an independent discipline of higher education he was conferred with the prestigious Nehru Literacy Award for the year 2009. We in IAEA express our heartfelt gratitude towards the departed soul.



### Shri N.K. Garg

Shri N.K. Garg, a renowned businessman and social activists left this world for heavenly abode in February 2023 at his residence in Indore. Since 1991 he was a Life Member of the Association. His body was donated to M.G. Medical College, Indore. We in IAEA express our deep condolence on his departure.



## कर्नल एकेडमी विद्यालय, ग्रेजुएशन सेरेमनी



कर्नल एकेडमी विद्यालय, महु द्वारा दिनांक 3 मार्च 2023 को ग्रेजुएशन सेरेमनी का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें मुख्य अतिथि के तौर पर भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव, बाल महोत्सव समिति के अध्यक्ष तथा महु कंटोन्मेंट के पूर्व पार्षद श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल, शिक्षाविद् श्रीमती बलविंदर रंधावा तथा विद्यालय समिति की चेयरपर्सन श्रीमती किरण बहादुर उपस्थित रहीं। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ अतिथियों द्वारा भगवान गणेश की प्रतिमा पर माल्यार्पण तथा द्वीप प्रज्वलन कर किया गया। तदुपरांत

आयोजकों द्वारा श्री खंडेलवाल को शॉल, श्रीफल एवं स्मृति चिन्ह प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया। इस अवसर पर उपस्थित छात्रों के अभिभावकों विशेषरूप से छात्रों के माता-पिता एवं दादा-दादी का भी विद्यालय समिति द्वारा सम्मान किया गया। नन्हें-नन्हें विद्यार्थियों ने नृत्य, कठपुतली नृत्य एवं मनमोहक गीत गायन की प्रस्तुति दी। समारोह में छात्रों एवं अभिभावकों को संबोधित करते हुए श्री खंडेलवाल ने उन्हें हार्दिक बधाई दी और कहा कि इस तरह के आयोजन छात्रों का मनोबल बढ़ाते हैं। उन्होंने इस हेतु आयोजकों की भरपूर प्रशंसा की। इस अवसर पर विद्यालय के प्राचार्य श्रीमती अनुभा बहादुर ने भी सभी को संबोधित किया तथा विविध खेलकूद गतिविधियों, बाल विज्ञान प्रतियोगिता, कराटे चैंपियनशिप, बास्केटबॉल प्रतियोगिता तथा ट्रेवलॉग प्रतियोगिता, आदि में प्राप्त स्वर्ण तथा रजत पदकों की जानकारी देते हुए विद्यालय के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन को सभी के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया।

## Bihar Chapter of IAEA

### Exchange of Views

An "Exchange of Views" programme was organized on January 15, 2023 by Shri Anwaruzzaman Khan, In-charge, Islamic Information cum Inter-religious Dialogue Centre Bodhgaya in which Shri A.H.Khan, Director of the organization and Associate Secretary, IAEA had a detailed discussion with Bhikkhu Dikshabhoomu of Nagpur. The discussion emphasized a number of issues which demand attention for the well being of society at large.



### 74th Republic Day Celebrated

The centre also hoisted the National Flag at its office to celebrate the 74th Republic Day. Just after hoisting the tricolor Shri A.H. Khan explained how the fruit of democracy is enriching and empowering every citizen of the country. This flag hoisting



ceremony was also addressed by Shri Hari Krishna, the Chief Guest and Shri Nabil Kumar, the Guest of Honour.

### International Bodh Mahotsav 2023

Shri A. H. Khan also lead the entire peace prayer event in the three day long International Bodh Mahotsav held at Bodh Gaya, the sacred land of supreme enlightenment of Lord



Buddha on January 27-29, 2023. With Shri Tejaswi Yadav, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar as Chief Guest the Mahotsav played an important role in promoting the teachings, preachings and practices of Buddha showing the right path to the world for the promotion of humanism, fraternity, compassion, ideal balance and peaceful in the society from macro to micro level.

## NILP Launched in Tamil Nadu

The New India Literacy Programme (NILP) in Tamil Nadu was launched by Shri Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Hon'ble Minister for School Education on October 11, 2022 in a ceremonial programme held at Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore. Spanning over a period of 5 years (2022-2027) the programme is expected to provide literacy skills to nearly five lakh non-literate persons across all the 38 districts of the state. As per the guidelines and Curriculum Framework of NILP, the Learners' module has been developed in Tamil to help them to attain basic literacy and numeracy. Important aspects of critical life skills like digital literacy, financial literacy, legal literacy, commercial skills, healthcare and family welfare, dietary habits, exercise and yoga etc., have also been incorporated in this App based module for effective learning.



resource persons and volunteers. The training programme organized in Erode district was graced by both, Shri Poyyamozhi, Education Minister and Shri Muthusamy, Minister for Housing and Urban Development. While inaugurating Shri Poyyamozhi also delivered the presidential address and Shri Muthusamy delivered the guest speech. The function was presided over by the District Collector Shri H. Krishnanunni, IAS while Dr. P. Kuppusamy, Director, Non Formal and Adult Education explained the details of the scheme. Both the speakers emphasized the need to adopt age specific strategies for ensuring better outcomes. Around 1400 volunteers from all over the district attended the training.



## DGP Appreciation Gold Medal for Shri Akram Khan



Shri Akram Khan, Superintendent of District Jail, Fatehpur developed a knack of working for the cause of literacy while his association with Nehru Yuva Kendra. This inclination of him towards the cause of empowering disadvantaged section of society helped him to plan and implement Jail Literacy Programme. As a result of his continuous engagement with different sections of Jail inmates, both men and women, a considerable number of them have now successfully enhanced their literacy and vocational skills, as well as academic qualification. His efforts have been recognized on several counts. On the occasion of 74th Republic Day Celebrations Shri Khan was bestowed with DGP Appreciation Gold Medal for extending distinguished services towards the development of Jail inmates. It may be noted that Shri Khan's services was also recognized at national level when he received President's Distinguished Reform Services Medal for the year 2021.

### National Education Policy 2020: Professional Development Programme

**Inaugurated by Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Education, Government of India, February 1, 2023.**

**Patron of NEP-PDP: Prof Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU.**

<p><b>2-Credit SWAYAM Course.</b></p> <p><b>Free of Cost.</b></p>	<p><b>Target Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrators and General Practitioners of Higher Education Institutions / Relating to Higher Education.</li> <li>Also open to anyone to learn about NEP-PDP.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Duration:</b></p> <p>1-month each batch (Starting February 1, 2023)</p>
<p><b>Four Quadrant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 units on NEP-2020 in English and Hindi.</li> <li>22 videos on important themes of NEP-2020.</li> <li>Additional web resources/ links.</li> <li>Discussion Forum.</li> <li>Course-End Test (MCQs).</li> <li>Certification (Digital Certificate) on completion of internal test with 40% score or above.</li> <li>Awareness certificate for those who do not appear the test.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning Outcomes:</b></p> <p>This 2-Credit course aims at development of awareness and understanding toward appreciating and appropriating its nuances, thrusts, recommendations of NEP-2020, and formulate implementation strategies at various levels for its smooth, effective and sustainable implementation.</p>	

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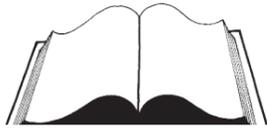
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## Book Release



A book entitled "Glimpses of Education" authored by Dr. R. Rajan, former Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu and Former Director, State Resource Centre, Chennai was released by Dr. N. G. Kapila Shobini, Associate Professor of English,

Institute of Advanced Study in Education (IASE), Chennai. Eminent academicians and administrators present on the occasion included Dr. K. R. Chandrasekar, former Assistant Education Advisor, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India; Dr. A. Muthumanickam, former Registrar, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai; Shri B. A. Krishnakumar, former Chairman, SRC, Chennai; Dr. P. Murugaian, former Principal, Sivanthi College of Education, Chennai and Dr. G. Periyannan, Director; Dr. S. Vajravelu, Dean and Dr. P. Rathna Sabapathy, Counsellor of Tamil Nadu Institute of Educational Research and Advancement (TIERA). Organized on January 3, 2023 at the Institute of Advanced Study in Education the function was attended by more than 100 participants including faculty members, research scholars and post graduate students. It may be noted that Dr. R. Rajan is a Life Member of IAEA.



Institute of Social Studies Trust. **Report on Study to Assess the Impact on Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being of Students Across Schools in Delhi Due to Closure of Schools on Account of Covid-19 And Shift to Online Education System.** Delhi, Planning Department and Directorate of Education, 2022, 190p.

This Report examined the emotional well-being and mental health of students, parents and teachers. It found that most respondents were from low-income households, and that school closure and shift to online classes were challenging for all. The main concerns of online classes included lack of access to devices, poor or limited internet connectivity, difficulty in understanding concepts, clarification doubts, and inability to attend and be regular with classes. Teachers specifically indicated a sense of burn out, increased screen time, and grave impact on academic performance. This study found that a significant proportion of students across class groups could not attend online classes during this period, leading to a fear of permanent loss of learning.

McFarlane, Ian (ed.). **State of World Population 2023: 8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities - The case for rights and choices.** United Nations Population Fund, 2022, 192p.

This Book explores how population trends affect sexual and reproductive health and rights. It recommends policies with gender equality and rights at their heart, such as parental leave programmes, child tax credits, policies that promote gender equality in the workplace, and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. The world's two most populous regions are Eastern and South-Eastern Asia and Central and Southern Asia. India is the most populous country in the world, with 1,428.6 million people and a fertility rate of 2.0. This is due to the "population momentum" from earlier decades, and India's population is likely to start its decline closer to 2050.

As much as 68% of India's population belongs to the 15-64 years category, and 26% in the 10-24 years group, making India one of the youngest

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countries in the world. However, the fertility rate in India has been steadily dropping. The National Family Health 5 Survey (2019-21) found that India attained a Total Fertility Rate of 2.0 for the first time, less than the replacement level of 2.1, falling from 2.2 in NFHS-4 (2015-16).

National Board of Accreditation (NBA). **India Rankings 2022: Towards Consolidation, Improvement and Expansion.** New Delhi, Department of Higher Education, 2022, 103p.

India Rankings 2022 is based on data collected from applicant institutions. This data provides trends and patterns that can be used to evaluate and streamlining processes, creating efficiencies, and improving overall student experience. Changes in metrics, parameters, and normalization algorithms have been introduced over the years, but the basic framework has remained intact. The ranking of institutions has largely remained consistent, especially amongst 25 top-ranked institutions. India Rankings 2022 is successful in identifying top institutions of higher education in India in four categories and seven subject domains.

NCPCR. **A Report on Availability of Quality Education and Vocational Training in Observation Homes (2017-18).** National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), 35p.

The report highlights the initiatives to provide quality education and vocational training to the children of Observation Homes and Special Homes. Strategy to consult stakeholders, including the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), National Legal Services Authority (NLSA), Department of WCD, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Superintendents from 10 Observation Homes. It explores the educational & vocational training situation of children in the Observation Homes.

Recommendations of the report are made for effective rehabilitation and reintegration of children in society, such as quality education, psychosocial support, and vocational training/skill development.

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## Indian Adult Education Association

### Free Eye Camp Organized at IAEA Headquarters



The prevalence of eye related issues among all age groups especially the adults and senior citizens have become very common phenomena now-a-days. Most of these problems can be effectively sorted out or the intensity of the ailments can be reduced with the help of medical intervention at the early stage. However, persons coming from economically deprived sections often avoid visiting an ophthalmologist in view of their inability to pay the cost of medical expenses. In order to extend a helping hand towards such people IAEA organized a free Eye Screening Camp for the adults and senior citizens from March 24-26, 2023 at its Headquarters. More than 300 persons from nearby areas got their eyes screened by optometrists having specialization in Lens Making and Degree in Eye-Testing. Out of these 195 persons were recommended for corrective glasses. Suitable glasses were distributed to all of them by the Association which included 56 bifocal and 139 single visions.



Prior to conducting the camp residents of surrounding localities were approached and motivated by members of the organizing team to get their eyes tested. Arrangements for checking various health parameters like Weight, Pulse Rate, Blood Pressure

and Sugar were also made available for all the persons visiting the camp. Nearly 14 learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre under the supervision

of the Trainer Ms. Kajal Jaiswal conducted the health check-up and provided subsequent report to the beneficiaries. While Ms. Kajal and Ms. Bharti were at the Registration Counter, Ms. Sana and Ms. Arti Devi checked Blood Pressure; Ms. Saroj Devi, Ms. Laxmi and Ms. Shanti measured the weight and Ms. Priyanka, Ms. Kheroon Nisha and Ms. Muskan checked the sugar level.

The reception counter was managed effectively by Ms. Asma, Ms. Khushi, Ms. Arti, Ms Nazreen and Ms. Sunita. A counseling session was also organized as part of this camp in which Dr. Ayush Chandra, Diabetologist having specialization in treating sugar related diseases addressed the concerns of all the patients assembled there. He also had one to one discussion with some of

the patients having acute problems and prescribed them with suitable medicines. The entire programme was meticulously planned by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA under the guidance of Prof. S.Y.Shah, Vice President, IAEA which was successfully organized with the help of all the members of staff of the Association.

## IAEA conducts Impact Assessment Study assigned by Planning Department, Govt. of Delhi

IAEA has been assigned a state level project entitled "Study to Understand the Impact of the Communication Campaigns Carried out on Various Mediums by the Delhi Government" on March 16, 2023 by the Planning Department, Government of NCT of Delhi in which more than 22000 responses were to be collected from across all the 11 districts of Delhi. In view of accomplishing this time bound study the Research and Evaluation Vertical of IAEA developed a detailed planning so that all the important steps of this survey based study is completed successfully within stipulated timeframe. The major steps taken as part of the study included Training cum Orientation for Research Team, Development of Web Based Application, Pre-testing and Finalization of the Interview Schedule, Standardization of interview schedule, Pilot Study, Survey for Primary Data Collection, Tabulation, Data Cleaning and Post Survey discussion with the Field Team.

### Training cum orientation of research team



Prior to the pilot study Training-cum-Orientation for the team of professionals identified for executing the study was organized in two different spells. The first spell was an in house discussion-cum-orientation held on March 25, 2023 in the Conference Hall of IAEA Headquarters at I.P. Estate, New Delhi which was addressed by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and Shri B.Sanjay, Research Officer, IAEA. The second part of the orientation was held in the field in continuation with the pilot study on April 3, 2023. Apart from all the members of research team this orientation programme was participated by the officials of

the Planning Department including Shri Ashish Verma and Ms. Sushma Sharma, both Assistant Directors; and Shri Naveen Dubey and Ms. Jyotsna Taneja, both Statistical Assistants. Experts present on the occasion not only enlightened the research team with their profound field experiences but also clarified all the queries and doubts raised by the field investigators categorically.

### Pilot Study



In order to test the web application, assess the effectiveness of the interview schedule and to sort out other procedural difficulties a daylong pilot study was conducted by the research team on April 3, 2023 at Vishwas Nagar in the district of Shahdara. The pilot was conducted by a team comprised of 11 persons including 7 Field Supervisors, 2 Field Investigators, Project Coordinator and Research Officer, IAEA. A team of officials from the Planning Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, including Shri Ashish Verma, Assistant Director, Ms. Sushma Sharma, Assistant Director, Shri Naveen Dubey, Statistical Assistant and Ms. Jyotsna Taneja, Statistical Assistant were also present for monitoring and to have a detailed interaction with the investigators. It may be noted that the Planning Department formally issued a letter to the Commissioner of Police of Delhi marked to IAEA and all the ACPs and SHOs to extend support wherever deemed necessary.

### Survey

Based on the observation of the Pilot Study 47 different locations were jointly identified for covering all the 11 districts of Delhi and subsequently primary data was collected for the study.

## TEE June 2023 at IIALE IGNOU Study Centre



The IGNOU Study Centre at IIALE also conducts IGNOU's Term End Examination which requires lot of preparations as well as monitoring. While a team of Invisitors led by the Centre Superintendent monitor the proceedings at ground level, the whole process is also monitored by the officials of IIALE and IGNOU.

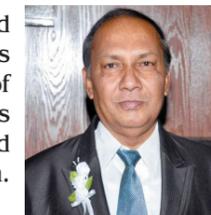
As part of this Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Former Chairman, NIOS and Visitor, IIALE along with Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE visited the examination centre on June 7, 2023, to monitor the preparedness.



From IGNOU RC Delhi-2 frequent visits were made by Dr. Kanan Sharma, Regional Director; Dr. Shyni Duggal, Dr. Meena Singh and Dr. D.P.Singh, Assistant Regional Directors and Dr. Amit Kumar Shrivastava, Deputy Director to ensure a hassle free smooth conduct of nearly a month long examination process.

## Obituary

Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar who served Directorate of Adult Education as Assistant Director and the Ministry of Education (erstwhile MHRD) as Deputy Educational Adviser breathed his last on May 25, 2023 in London. He was a Life Member of IAEA.



Dr. Chris Duke, Eminent Adult Educationist and Former Secretary General of ASPBAE passed on June 22, 2023. He was a towering figure in the field of adult education movement.



We in IAEA express our heartfelt gratitude to both the departed souls.

## साक्षरता निकेतन में मेधावी छात्र सम्मान समारोह



इण्डिया लिटरेसी बोर्ड द्वारा संचालित वेल्दी फिशर चिल्ड्रेन्स अकादमी, साक्षरता निकेतन, लखनऊ द्वारा हाईस्कूल बोर्ड परीक्षा वर्ष-2023 में उत्तीर्ण मेधावी छात्रों के सम्मान में एक भव्य समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। दिनांक 29 अप्रैल 2023 को आयोजित इस सम्मान समारोह में मुख्य अतिथि श्री संजय आर. भूसरेड्डी (आईएएस), अपर मुख्य सचिव, उत्तर प्रदेश शासन एवं अवैतनिक अध्यक्ष, इण्डिया लिटरेसी बोर्ड द्वारा चिल्ड्रेन्स अकादमी के छात्रों में प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान लाने वाले छात्रों को पुरस्कृत एवं प्रमाण पत्र प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया। प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त छात्रा कुमारी दिव्यांशी वर्मा को 10,000 रुपए की नकद धनराशि, द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त करने वाले छात्र श्री शिवम



पाल को 7,000 रुपए एवं तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त करने वाली छात्रा सुनैना सेन को 5,000 रुपए की नकद धनराशि प्रदान की गयी। छात्रों को संबोधित करते हुए श्री भूसरेड्डी ने सभी का उत्साहवर्धन करते हुए श्रेष्ठता

हासिल करने हेतु स्वस्थ परंपरा विकसित करने की बात कही है। इस अवसर पर संस्थान की निदेशक सुश्री सन्ध्या तिवारी, आई.ए.एस. (से.नि.) ने अच्छे अंक प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों को बधाई देते हुए उनके उज्वल भविष्य के लिए अपनी शुभकामनाएँ दी। कार्यक्रम में विद्यालय की प्रधानाचार्या सुश्री शालिनी सक्सेना एवं शिक्षकगण सहित बड़ी संख्या में छात्रों ने भाग लिया।

— सन्ध्या तिवारी  
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**Nomination Invited for Dr. Welthy Fisher National Award**

The last date for submission of nominations for the 1st Dr. Welthy Fisher National Award – 2023 for outstanding contribution in the field of Adult Literacy/Lifelong Learning and /or Skill Development in India is extended from 30.06.2023 to 20.07.2023. The CoP and prescribed format for nomination can be viewed on our website [www.indialiteracyboard.org](http://www.indialiteracyboard.org). Nominations to be submitted to Director, India Literacy Board online on our email ID [ilbwfawardnomination@gmail.com](mailto:ilbwfawardnomination@gmail.com) & by registered post.

(Director)

## Bihar Chapter

### National Conference on Growth, Inequality and Justice

The Bihar Chapter of IAEA was represented by Shri A. H. Khan in a two day long National Conference on Growth, Inequality and Justice organised jointly by the Bihar Social Science Academy in collaboration



with the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Magadh University, Bodhgaya and IIPA Bihar Regional Branch Patna on May 30-31, 2023. On the first day of the conference the Chief Guest was Dr. Ashok Choudhry Honourable Minister of Building and Construction, Govt. of Bihar. The S. P. Verma Memorial Lecture in the conference was delivered by Prof. G. Parthasarthy, IISC, Bangalore.

### International Seminar on Justice

The Kohelberg Foundation Trust led by Prof. David Kohelberg, USA with the local support extended by the Bihar Chapter of IAEA, YMCS Gaya Bihar, Islamic Information-cum-Inter-Religious Dialogue Centre, Bodhgaya, Amer Jyoti Vihar and Jeevan Sangam



Bodhgaya organized an International Seminar on Justice held at Hotel Regency Bodhgaya on 4th June 2023. On behalf of Bihar Chapter of IAEA the seminar was participated by Shri A. H. Khan. This was an attempt to promote multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-linguistic dialogue among the people.

## IAEA' Executive Committee Meeting



The Executive Committee of the Indian Adult Education Association met on April 5 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the premises of the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata, West Bengal. This meeting was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President and participated by 15 members including Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer. Prof. S.Y. Shah, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Dr. Saroj Garg, Dr. D.K. Verma and Shri Y. N. Shankare Gowda could not

attend the meeting and hence, leave of absence was granted. The meeting was also attended by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and Shri M.L.Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA alongwith two Special Invitees Shri Apoorva Chatterjee and Ms. Santavna Chatterjee.

The meeting formally began with the permission of the Chair followed by the Welcome Address given by the General Secretary. Thereafter, the EC confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on July 29, 2022 at New Delhi.

Apart from this, EC appreciated and approved the report of programmes and activities conducted during the period July 2022 to March 2023. The EC also approved the Budget Estimate for the year 2023-24 and awarded Life Membership to 8 individuals and Institutional Membership to 3 Institutions. The EC also approved the Annual Report for the year 2022 while praising all the activities organized during the period.

The EC also expressed heartfelt condolence on the death of Shri Jia Lal Sachdeva, former Director, IAEA; Smt. Shahshi Maheshwari, Member; Shri N. K. Garg, Member; Shri Alan Roger, Adult Educationist, Smt. Rajni Kumar, Padamshri Awardee, Chairperson, Sprindales School, DSLP, Delhi and Prof. VLN Reddy, Veteran Adult Educationist.

## International Symposium organized by Reading Association of India

A day long International Symposium on the theme "Reading the Word, Reading the World" was organized by the Reading Association of India (RAI) in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) on April 5, 2023 at the IICP auditorium, Taratalla, Kolkata. It may be noted that the forum called IICP was set-up by Ms. Swati Chakraborty and Ms. Madhumita Dasgupta with Dr. Sudha Kaul, Padmasree as Founder member.

Around 46 students, both challenged



and normal, from various schools including IICP, Taratolla, Vidya Bharati School, Mominpur, Bidya Bharati Girls' High School, New Alipore,



Shree Sambhusadan School, West Barisha, Vidya Mandir, Behala, and Alphabet School, New Town participated in the programme. Most of the participants came forward to share their views on the topic and raised a number of questions which was suitably addressed by the experts present on the occasion. The symposium attempted to present a model programme which can be replicated across the country for boosting reading habits among youths whether they are in schools or dropouts. Along with the representatives of various Universities the symposium was also attended by Dr. Khaleda Gani Dutt of

Stockholm University, Sweden.

The symposium was addressed by Dr. Sudha Kaul, Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Dr. L. Raja, President, Dr. V. Reghu, EC Member, IAEA, Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, President, RAI and Sonali Nandi, Chief Operating Officer of IICP. All the speakers emphasized the need for developing a favourable atmosphere where challenged children are also able to express themselves and achieve prosperity in their life. A lecture entitled "Folklore and Lifelong Learning" aided with audio-visual clippings was delivered by Ms. Santwana Chatterjee which was liked by all the participants. The symposium ended with the pledge that such programmes will be organized all over the country in the days to come.



## व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रम हेतु प्रयोगात्मक परीक्षा आयोजित



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यालयी शिक्षा संस्थान, भारत सरकार द्वारा संचालित व्यावसायिक पाठ्यक्रम 'पुस्तकालय विज्ञान में प्रमाण पत्र कोर्स' का एक अध्ययन केन्द्र है जहां से अब तक 22 बैचों के छात्र सफलता पूर्वक उत्तीर्ण हो चुके हैं। इसके 23वें बैच के लिए नामांकित 2 विद्यार्थियों में से 1 विद्यार्थी के लिए प्रायोगिक परीक्षा गत 12 मई

2023 को भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के कार्यालय में आयोजित की गई। यह परीक्षा श्री मुरारीलाल शर्मा, उप-निदेशक और श्री जय भगवान, सहायक, आईईए द्वारा ली गई जिसकी आवॉर्ड सीट भी उसी दिन ऑनलाइन जमा करा दी गयी। साथ ही साथ प्रिंट कॉपी को अटैन्डेंस, असाइन्मेंट तथा प्रैक्टिकल की मूल प्रति के साथ राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यालय शिक्षा संस्थान में जमा करा दी गई।

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### World Environment Day 2023 celebrated at IAEA Headquarters



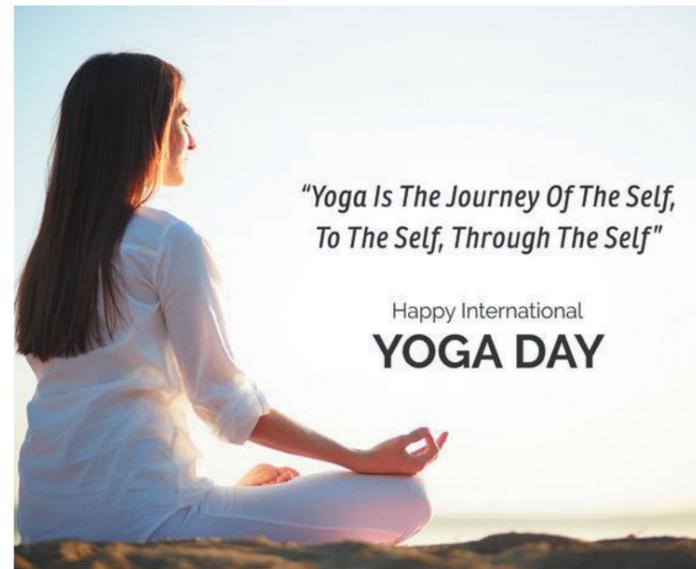
On the occasion of World Environment Day 2023 Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE and former Chairman, NIOS was presented with a sapling by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE & Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

### "My Experiences in AE & LLE in India and Abroad" - An Interaction with the Author



Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE now-a-days working on "My Experiences in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in India and Abroad" which is almost towards its finalization and may get published very soon. A group of scholars including Shri Kumar Gaurav and Shri Ankur Kumar both pursuing Ph.D from DU, Ms. KM Tanu pursuing integrated M.Phil & Ph.D from NIEPA, Ms. Jyotsana Chaudhary, Ms. Poornima and Shri Siya Bihari, all pursuing their M.Phil and Ms. Dhairyaa Sachdeva

pursuing Post Graduation from DU had an interaction with Prof. Shah on May 17, 2023 at IAEA Headquarters in order to understand the mission and vision which inspired the author to pursue a career in the field of adult and lifelong education as well as the major turning points in his decades long academic journey. Scholars also wanted to know the important observations the author has attempted to cover in his book and the approach to be followed towards volunteerism in adult education. A few scholars who have been selected for the 6-month winter semester in Würzburg University, Germany desired to know the way this opportunity should be utilized for enhancing their employability and also for the furtherance of AE as an independent discipline of academics. All the queries were answered in details by Prof. Shah while highlighting the importance of networking in adult education and his experiences at Danish School, Canada, New York and British Colombia University. The interaction was also participated by Prof. Rajesh, Head, DACEE, University of Delhi and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.



## International Women's Day Celebration

### Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

While commemorating the



International Women's Day an online programme on "Young Voices for Gender Equality" was organized by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), Jamia Millia Islamia on March 8, 2023. This two hour long session was attended by many Academicians from different universities and organizations of the country including Prof. D.D. Agrawal, University of Delhi; Prof. M. V. Lakshmi Reddy, IGNOU; Prof. Dhananjay Lokhande, Savitri Bai Phule University, Pune; Dr. Manjit Kaur, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai; Prof. Subashis Bhattacharya, Calcutta University; Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, Indian Adult Education Association, Dr. Vivek Nagpal, SCERT along with many faculty members, scholars, students and alumni of DACEE, Jamia Millia Islamia.

In the first part of the programme the Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Shikha Kapur, Head, DACEE, JMI while in the second part a Group Discussion was held on "Young Voices for Upliftment of Women". Speaking on the occasion Prof. Kapur highlighted the importance of the global theme for 2023 Women's Day Celebrations "DigitALL: Innovation & Technology for Gender Equality" and the role of youths in realizing the same. In the second part scholars participating in the group discussion advocated for initiatives to be taken towards addressing issues related to women's rights, equality, equity and parity. Four films viz. 'Its Not Okay' by Ms. Qudsiya Mehwish, 'Baal Vivaah-Ek Abhishap' by Ms. Raunaque Fatma, 'Girl Child Education' by Ms. Saquib Noor and "Dowry" by Ms. Alishah Zaidi depicting various issues of concern for women

were also screened during the programme. The programme was animatedly anchored by Ms. Mirza Yusra Beg and Mr. Saurabh Pandey, both the students pursuing their PG in the Department of Development Extension.

— Shikha Kapur

### Rajasthan University, Jaipur

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Rajasthan University, Jaipur celebrated



International Women's Day throughout a week. It organized a number of activities however, the main focus was on a social outreach programme entitled "Flagship Schemes for Gender Awareness and Women Empowerment". The programme was organized at the Government Senior Secondary School in the village Achrawala on 10th March 2023 to create awareness about some of the major flagship programmes like 'Beti Bachao Aur Beti Padhao', 'Palanhar Yojna', 'Mahila Nidhi Yojna' and 'Swasthya Bima Yojna' undertaken by the central and the state government. Nearly, 600 female participants from nearby areas took part to make the programme a great success.

This initiative of the department was also participated by a host of dignitaries including the Chief Guest Ms. Ekta Kabra, SDM, Sanganer, Jaipur; Prof. Rajeev Jain, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Prakash Sharma, Director, DLL, University of

Rajasthan, Jaipur; Prof. Aman Amrit Cheema, Punjab University; Dr. Mukesh Bhaskar, Professor, Neuro Surgery and Dr. Mukta Meel, Associate Professor, SMS Medical College, Shri Bhanwar Kanwar, Pradhan, Panchayat Samiti, Sanganer; Smt. Naziya Tabussum, Panchayat Samiti Vikas Adhikari; Smt. Lali Dei Jat, Sarpanch and Smt. Kamla Devi, Upsarpanch. While addressing the participants Ms. Ekta attempted to present a brief about various flagship initiatives so that the participants assembled there may get benefited out of these programmes. The programme was concluded with Vote of Thanks given by Dr. Ghansham Kachawaha.

### Promoting FLN amongst Prisoners

Literacy classes conducted regularly at Fatehpur District Jail have successfully motivated the prisoners having no or rudimentary level of literacy to learn and enhance their learning abilities. As a result a total of 64 jail inmates



including 9 female appeared in the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Examination conducted by NIOS on March 19, 2023. Under the guidance of Shri Akram Khan, Jail Superintendent this activity is being conducted by a host of jail officials including Shri Chet Ram Teliyani, Shri Vikas Gupta, Smt. Archana Singh, Smt. Seema Singh, Smt. Maya Singh and Shri Anil Tripathi.

Apart from this the officials have also come forward to enroll the children of the prisoners in nearby schools. In the ongoing session 5 such children have been enrolled in Truth Mission School and attending their classes regularly under tight security.



# International Yoga Day - 2023

## International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi



Joining hands with the global community celebrating "Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" IIALE too observed the 9th International Yoga Day in collaboration with IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi 2 on June 21, 2023 in which all the participants practiced yoga under the guidance of the Guest Speaker Dr. Ayush Chandra. Along with the members of staff of RC 2, IGNOU the programme was participated by Dr. Kanan Sharma, Regional Director, IGNOU and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Joint Registrar, IIALE.



The event began with a brief introduction on Yoga Day by Dr. Meena Singh ARD, RC Delhi II. Thereafter, Dr. Kanan Sharma spoke about the importance of Yoga to keep people fit and fine in their day to day life. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik welcomed and introduced Dr. Ayush Chandra who is not only a certified Yoga teacher and renowned Diabetologist but also a social activist associated with the Art of Living. In his speech Dr. Chandra enlightened the participants about the benefits of yoga as well as demonstrated a few simple and effective yoga techniques that anyone can practice at home or even at work.

The programme was concluded with a number of queries raised by the participants which was suitably answered by Dr. Chandra. The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Rita Chauhan, ARD, RC Delhi 2.

## Magadh University, Bodhgaya, Bihar

The International Yoga Day at Magadh University was jointly organized by the Department of Philosophy, Institute of Yoga science, PG Department of A.I & A.S and Internal Quality Assurance Cell which was participated by more than 300 people including Heads and Faculty Members of different Departments, research scholars, PG students along



with Medical Officers of MU Hospital. As part of the celebration all the participants practiced a set of yoga which was followed by a competitive test on yoga to assess individual level of understanding about the subject.

Held at the premises of the Department of Yoga Science and Buddhist Studies the Programme has Prof. B. K. Sinha, Pro-Vice Chancellor, MU as Chief Guest and Prof. Surendra Kumar Sharma, Registrar, MU as Guest of Honour. The Bihar Chapter of IAEA was represented by Shri A. H. Khan, Former Director, Department of Adult Education, MU and Associate Secretary, IAEA, New Delhi.

The programme received all sort of cooperation from Bihar Chapter of IAEA.

## कोटा जेएसएस द्वारा वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन



जन शिक्षण संस्थान, कोटा द्वारा जन भागीदारी कार्यक्रम के तहत दिनांक 8 जून 2023 को बापू बस्ती, कुन्हाड़ी कोटा में "प्राइवेट नौकरी रोजगार/स्वरोजगार/सरकारी नौकरी" पर एक वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें लगभग 45 महिलाओं एवं युवतियों ने भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर संस्थान के निदेशक श्री मुकेश राठौर, सहायक कार्यक्रम अधिकारी श्री रविन्द्र लोहमी तथा श्री लोकेश शर्मा ने भी अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किये। अंत में प्रतियोगिता में सफल 10 महिला प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को संस्थान द्वारा पुरस्कार वितरण कर सम्मानित किया गया। संचालन श्री रविन्द्र लोहमी द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में अनुदेशिका श्रीमती सुनिता जैन, श्रीमती रेखा जैन एवं सुश्री शिला खारोल का भी सराहनीय सहयोग रहा।

— मुकेश राठौर  
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## Announcement

# Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2021, 2022 & 2023 Nominations Invited

The Indian Adult Education Association invites nominations for Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the outstanding work done in promoting literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education.

**Nehru Literacy Award** instituted in 1968 is given to institutions/individuals in recognition of the services rendered and meritorious work done for the promotion of literacy and adult education in the country.

**Tagore Literacy Award** instituted in 1987 is given to those institutions/individuals who have given significant contributions for the promotion of literacy, adult and lifelong education, creating awareness and improving the social and economic status of women in the country.

The institutions / individuals nominated for Awards should have **at least ten years of outstanding work in the field of literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education** and the assessment will be on the new initiatives taken and the extent to which the work done

can be a model for replication by others.

The awardees will be selected on merit from the names nominated by reputed individuals, institutions and Life and Institutional members of IAEA.

**The last date for receipt of nominations for both the Awards is October 31, 2023.**

Nominations may be sent in a sealed envelope addressed to Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002 with all details about the institution or individual recommended, outstanding work done, award(s) received, if any, and specific recommendation for nominating the institution or individual.

One can nominate more than one institution or individual but each one should be in a separate envelope.

**Please note that the decision of the Selection Committee is final.**

## Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards

### Nomination Form

1.	Name of the Institution/Individual recommended	
2.	Complete postal address with pincode, telephone (office, residence), mobile number	
3.	Outstanding work done by the Institution / Individual recommended (pl. give as much details as possible. If needed, a separate sheet can be attached alongwith the nomination).	
4.	The name of the person who recommends the institution / individual with designation, serving institution and complete postal address with telephone/mobile number	
5.	Specific recommendation clearly indicating the reason for suggesting the name of institution/individual for the award	
6.	Any other information the recommending person wish to give	

Date:

Signature  
Name and complete address

# 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Coimbatore

The 64th All India Adult Education Conference is proposed to be organised at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore from December 13-15, 2023 in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, Gandhigram Rural Institute and Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore. The theme of the conference is **"Role of Higher Education Institutions in New Education Policy 2020 – A Way Ahead."**

The sub-themes are:

1. Digital Literacy
2. Health Literacy
3. Skill for Community Development
4. Corporate Social Responsibility and Higher Education Institutes
5. Inclusive Technology for Empowerment
6. Corporate Social Responsibility for Sustainable Development
7. Scope for Transformative Approach and Methods
8. Role of Civil Society Organizations in Sustainable Development
9. Good Governance for Implementing NEP-2020
10. Role of Volunteerism for Implementing NEP-2020
11. Vulnerable Development – Scope of NEP-2020
12. Professionalism in Higher Education Institutions
13. Universalization of Early Childhood Care Education
14. Plight of Migration and Access to Education
15. Role of Research and Development in Implementing NEP-2020
16. Gender issues in Higher Education
17. Regional Languages Education & Training
18. Artificial Intelligence and Chat GPT Advantages and Challenges in Higher Education Institutions.

For presenting thematic papers submission of **Abstract** through e-mail directoriaea@gmail.com not exceeding 500 words is on or before **August 31, 2023**. **Full paper** through e-mail directoriaea@gmail.com (MS Word, Font - New Times Roman, Font Size – 12, Spacing – one and half) is on or before **October 15, 2023**.

Date	Till	Participants Members/NGOs	Students	Professionals
July	25 August	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1500/-	Rs.3000/-
26 August	15 September	Rs.4000/-	Rs.2000/-	Rs.4000/-
16 September	15 October	Rs.5000/-	Rs.3000/-	Rs.5000/-
16 October	15 November	Rs.6000/-	Rs.4000/-	Rs.6000/-

Local participants will not be provided accommodation and will be served lunch and tea only and Registration fee is Rs.1500/- and on spot registration fee will be charged Rs.2500/-.

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The demand draft for the registration fee may be sent by post to Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110 002.

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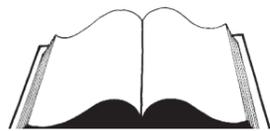
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# 64th All India Adult Education Conference Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore

[December 13-15, 2023]

## Registration Form

Name		
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**Unesco Global Education Monitoring Report, 2023: Technology in Education: A Tool on Whose Terms?** UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation), 2023: 418 p.

The Global Education Monitoring Report 2023 endorses a ban on smartphones in schools where technology integration does not improve learning.

The key highlights of the report are:

- Rationale for Restricting Smartphone Usage.
- Inequity in Access
- Limited adaptation of digital technology
- Data Privacy.
- Consideration of Costs

Following are the recommendations:

- There is a need for rigorous and impartial evidence of technology's effectiveness in learning.
- Technology should enhance learning experiences and support the well-being of students and teachers rather than replace in-person, teacher-led instruction.
- The right to education is increasingly tied to meaningful connectivity, and it calls for setting benchmarks to connect all schools to the internet by 2030, with a focus on reaching marginalised communities.
- While technology offers potential benefits in education, it is essential to consider the long-term costs.

**UNDP. 2023 Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI): Breaking Down Gender Biases: Shifting Social Norms Towards Gender Equality** New York, United Nations Development Programme, 2023.

The Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) calculates biases against women, capturing people's attitudes towards women's roles along four key dimensions: political, educational, economic, and physical integrity. The index, covering 85 percent of the global population, reveals that close to 9 out of 10 men and women hold

fundamental biases against women. Nearly half the world's people believe that men make better political leaders than women do, and two out of five people believe that men make better business executives than women do. Gender biases are pronounced in both low and high Human Development Index (HDI) countries. These biases hold across regions, incomes, levels of development, and cultures, making them a global issue. Gender bias is a pervasive problem worldwide.

**UNICEF. The State of the World's Children 2023: For Every Child, Vaccination.** Italy, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 2023: 226p.

The world is facing a red alert for children's health. Vaccination coverage dropped sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving millions more children unprotected against some of childhood's most serious diseases. In addition, many millions of children from some of the world's most marginalised communities have long missed out on life-saving vaccinations. Catch-up and recovery are urgently needed to vaccinate the children missed and to avoid further backsliding. And greater effort is needed to reach the children historically left behind. The State of the World's Children 2023 examines what needs to happen to ensure that every child, everywhere, is protected against vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Varghese, N.V. and Sabharwal, Nidhi S. India Higher Education Report 2022: Women in Higher Education.** Taylor & Francis, 2023: 344 p.

This book studies the various dimensions of gender inequality that persist in higher education and employment in India. It presents an in-depth analysis of the complex challenges women face in higher education participation and in translating higher education opportunities into labour market success and into leadership positions, including in academia. It says that despite considerable progress towards gender equality in enrolment, these inequalities act as barriers to realising the transformative role that higher education can have for women's well-being and for the nation's development.

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### IGNOU TEE June 2023



June 2023 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU which commenced on June 1, 2023 and continued till July 7, 2023, was successfully conducted by the IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P) under the guidance of Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor and Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE. Prior to the examinations an online orientation programme was conducted by IGNOU on May 30, 2023 which was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with all the staff members of the study centre and invigilators. This helped

them to understand the modified rules and regulations to be followed during the examinations. Accordingly detailed arrangements were made for ensuring smooth conduct of the examinations. In this spell of the examination a total of 6438 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this centre, out of which 5337 students finally appeared for their examinations. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance, relevant photographs and video clippings of all the

examination halls were also sent to the concerned officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. Entire team of IAEA made concerted effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the Centre Superintendent Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and the Observers from IGNOU. To keep the things going smoothly both the Director, Prof. S.Y.Shah and Visitor, Prof. N. K. Ambasht of IIALE also visited the examination centre a couple of times.

## Skill Training Centre, IAEA

स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह 2023



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली द्वारा संचालित कौशल विकास केन्द्र के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों ने आजादी के अमृत महोत्सव के दौरान 77वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह का भव्य आयोजन किया। कार्यालय परिसर में आयोजित इस समारोह की परिकल्पना, क्रियान्वयन एवं संचालन सभी कुछ केन्द्र के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों द्वारा किया गया जिसमें सभी लाभार्थी, प्रशिक्षक सहित संघ के कार्यकर्ताओं यथा श्री एम.एल. शर्मा, उप-निदेशक, सुश्री नेहा गुप्ता, लायब्रेरियन, श्री जय भगवान, सहायक, आदि ने भाग लिया। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत लाभार्थी सुश्री शांति के स्वागत भाषण एवं अमृत महोत्सव पर संक्षिप्त उदबोधन से हुई। तत्पश्चात सुश्री आसमा, सुश्री खेरून निशा और सुश्री चांदनी की टीम ने देश भक्ति गीत प्रस्तुत किया तथा सुश्री प्रियांका, सुश्री खुशबु, सुश्री रीटा, सुश्री शांति एवं सुश्री मंजू ने कई देशभक्ति गीत प्रस्तुत किये। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान 'जन गन मन' एवं राष्ट्रगीत 'वंदे मातरम' के सामूहिक गायन से संपन्न हुआ। इसके पूर्व संघ की ओर श्री बी. संजय, रिसर्च ऑफिसर ने सभी को शुभकामनाएं दी।

### प्रथम बैच के लाभार्थियों ने दिया लिखित, प्रायोगिक एवं मौखिक परीक्षा

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के मुख्यालय के आस-पास स्थित अन उन्नत एवं वंचित समुदाय के युवा एवं प्रौढ़ छात्राओं एवं महिलाओं को इस प्रकार का हुनर उपलब्ध कराया जाय जिससे वे निजी एवं अपने पारिवारिक जीवन में आर्थिक स्वावलंबन हासिल कर स्वयं तथा अपने परिवार को स्वावलंबी बना सकें, इस हेतु भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ ने विश्व साक्षरता दिवस दिनांक 8 सितंबर 2022 को एक कौशल विकास केन्द्र की शुरुआत की। केन्द्र का उद्देश्य कौशल विकास के साथ-साथ लाभार्थियों के सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक जागरूकता के स्तर को भी बढ़ाना था। लगभग एक साल तक चलने वाले इस प्रशिक्षण के दौरान न केवल प्रतिभागियों को सिलाई एवं कढ़ाई के बेहतर गुण सिखाये गये बल्कि उन्हें विविध प्रकार के कार्यक्रमों यथा नेत्र चिकित्सा शिविर संचालन, मधुमेह एवं रक्तचाप मापन, स्वाधीनता दिवस एवं गणतंत्र दिवस, होली, दीपावली समारोह तथा कई संगोष्ठियों में भाग लेने का अवसर प्रदान किया गया। एक उद्यमी के तौर पर वे अपना व्यवसाय संचालित कर सकें इस हेतु भी उन्हें प्रशिक्षित किया गया।

एक वर्षीय इस प्रशिक्षण के उपरांत लाभार्थियों का मूल्यांकन तीन



अलग-अलग आयामों लिखित, मौखिक एवं प्रायोगिक परीक्षाओं के आधार पर किया गया। प्रायोगिक परीक्षा के तहत लाभार्थियों द्वारा वर्ष भर के प्रशिक्षण के दौरान तैयार की गयी प्रोजेक्ट फाइल तथा प्रैक्टिकल टास्क को प्रमुखता दी गयी। लिखित परीक्षा दिनांक 31 जुलाई 2023, प्रायोगिक 5 अगस्त 2023 तथा मौखिक परीक्षा 29 अगस्त 2023 को श्री कृपाल सिंह मेहरा, प्रोग्राम एसोसियट तथा ट्रेनर सुश्री काजल की देख-रेख में आयोजित की गयी।

### Representatives of Noida Lok Manch visited IAEA



Representatives of Noida Lok Manch including Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Chairman; Shri Mahesh Saxena, General Secretary; Shri Ved Prakash Gupta, Director, Education Project; Smt. Indra Chaudhary, Director, Education and Smt. Vibha Bansal, Treasurer visited IAEA Headquarters on August 6, 2023 and had a collaborative meeting with the officials of the Association. From IAEA the meeting was participated by Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director. Other experts who joined the meeting included Prof. Rajesh, Professor & Head, Department of Adult & Continuing Education, University of Delhi and Dr. Bani Bora, Senior Consultant, CNCL, NCERT.

The meeting was intended to explore common areas of interest for both the organizations so that collaborative programmes and activities can be conceptualized and executed on the lines of upcoming dimensions of adult and lifelong education. On this occasion the representatives of Noida Lok Manch assured to provide logistical support for field trials related to such projects.

## Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

To commemorate the International Literacy Day 2023 a rally and a public meeting was organized on 8th September, 2023 at Zilla Parishad High School in Mallamgunta Village, Tirupati Rural Mandal by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. The programme was participated by faculty members including Dr. M.C. Obulesu, Dr. M. Subramanyam and Dr. E. Mahadev Reddy along with the non-teaching staff, scholars and residents of nearby villages.

The presidential address in the public meeting was delivered by Smt. Bhuvaneswari, Head Mistress, ZPPH School Mallamgunta school who said that achieving cent-percent literacy is a pre-requisite for attaining the goal of a developed nation. Speaking on the occasion the Chief Guest Prof. B. Syam Mohan David Raju, Vice-Principal, S.V. College of Arts, Tirupati emphasized the importance of literacy for the development of individuals, communities and the nation. Prof. R. B. Sathyavathi, Head, Department of Adult



and Continuing Education in her address underlined the importance of International Literacy Day and working together to make literacy programmes a success for developing sustainable society. Dignitaries present on the occasion handed over prizes to the winners of essay writing and elocution competitions organized as part of the celebration programme.

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## Obituary

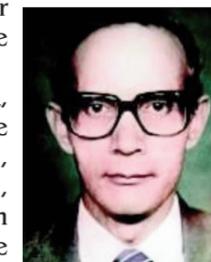
Eminent orthopedic surgeon **Dr. Farasat Hussain** breathed his last on July 28, 2023 at his residence in Gaya, Bihar. He was a known social figure in Gaya. As a Life Member of IAEA he was closely involved with the activities organized by the Bihar Chapter of IAEA. Once he was also elected as a Council Member of IAEA.



A well known social activist of Bohra Community **Shri Hatim Ali**, popularly known as Hatim Bhai left for heavenly abode on July 5, 2023 at his residence in Mhow. He was closely associated with the activities of association and was also a Life Member of IAEA.

**Smt. Kiran Pant**, W/o Shri Kailash Pant, a well known litterateur and former Chairman of Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti, Madhya Pradesh breathed her last on August 1, 2023 at her residence in Bhopal. Along with her husband she was also a Life Member of IAEA since 1986.

**Dr. K. Kathita Hatibaruah**, former Head of the Department of Education, Gauhati College, Bamunimaidan, Assam died on August 12, 2023. He was a Life Member of IAEA since 1978 and as an enthusiastic adult educator he used to take part actively in all the prominent activities of the Association.



## Rozgar Mela



A "Rozgar Mela" was organized by the Government of India on July 22, 2023 at CCA CGST, Delhi Zone, Zorawar Auditorium, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi where more than 70,000 appointment letters were handed over to the new recruits by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The adult education and lifelong learning fraternity was represented by the presence of two faculty members Dr. Geeta Mishra and Dr. Kumar Ashutosh both Associate Professor in the Department of Adult, Continuing Education & Extension (AECC), University of Delhi who were deputed to attend the programme by the university. Along with the Prime Minister this programme was also addressed by Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry. It may be noted here that such employment oriented fairs have been recently organized by the government at 44 different locations across the country to address the problem of unemployment.

Smaraka Nidhi delivered the Inaugural Address and Shri Harish Kumar S, Secretary, IAEA, Kerala Branch welcomed the audience. The programme was attended by teachers, research scholars, PG students, social workers, social activists and of other professionals.

Shri A. Prabhakaran focussed his thoughts on the role and relevance of media in popularising the adult and lifelong learning in the country. In his inaugural address, Dr. Radhakrishnan emphasized on the need for implementing lifelong learning within the pursuit of gandhian thought and action. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Reghu, Chairman, IAEA Kerala Branch and former Dean and Controller of Examinations, Rajeev Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Government of India. Prof. Reghu highlighted the need for popularising New India Literacy Programme launched by Government of India to eradicate illiteracy.

### IAEA Bihar Chapter



A daylong seminar on "Lifelong Education for Youth and Nation Building" was jointly organized by the Department of Education, Gaya College, Bihar; Bihar Chapter of IAEA and the Islamic cum Inter-Religious Dialogue Centre, Bodhgaya. The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri A.H. Khan, Associate Secretary, IAEA. He said that furtherance of foundational literacy and lifelong learning is essential for enabling people to enjoy the fruits of democracy without any discrimination. Other who expressed their views on the occasion included Prof. Dhananjay Dheeraj, Head, Department of Education, Gaya College; Prof. Amrendra Kumar; Prof. Nikhat Perween and a couple of students from the Department of Education.

### छत्तीसगढ़ में राज्य स्तरीय वेबिनार

राज्य साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण एवं राज्य शैक्षिक अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण परिषद् छत्तीसगढ़ के तत्वावधान में एक राज्य स्तरीय वेबिनार का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें राज्यभर से लगभग 15000 लोगों ने भाग लिया। राज्य के अनेक मंत्रियों, उच्च पदस्थ अधिकारियों, एनसीईआरटी के प्रतिनिधियों, शिक्षाविदों तथा स्वयंसेवी संस्थानों के प्रतिनिधियों के इस वेबिनार को संबोधित करते हुए राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री श्री भूपेश बघेल ने कहा कि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस का दिन अक्षरों के अलख जगाने का दिन है। अक्षर ज्ञान



की महत्ता बताने का दिन है। अक्षर ज्ञान के प्रकाश से अपने और समाज के जीवन में सुख और समृद्धि फैलाने का संकल्प लेने का दिन है।

वेबिनार में अनेक गणमान्य लोगों यथा स्कूल शिक्षा मंत्री श्री रवीन्द्र चौबे, स्कूल शिक्षा विभाग के सचिव डॉ. एस. भारतीदासन, स्कूल शिक्षा विभाग के विशेष सचिव, एससीईआरटी एवं राज्य साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण के संचालक श्री राजेश सिंह राणा तथा एनसीईआरटी नई दिल्ली की राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता केन्द्र प्रभारी प्रो. उषा शर्मा ने भी अपने विचार व्यक्त किये। कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्रशांत कुमार पांडेय ने व आभार प्रदर्शन प्रीति सिंह ने किया। यह वेबिनार राज्य में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस 2023 की दृष्टि से सबसे बड़ा आयोजन था। उम्मीद की जाती है कि राज्य साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण के अन्य प्रमुख पदाधिकारी यथा सहायक संचालक श्री प्रशांत कुमार पांडेय, सहायक संचालक श्री दिनेश कुमार टांक, एससीईआरटी की एससीएल प्रकोष्ठ प्रभारी सुश्री प्रीति सिंह, एवं विभिन्न जिलों के डीईओ और डीपीओ की भी उपस्थित आने वाले समय में शिक्षा पर केन्द्रित योजना उल्लास नव भारत साक्षरता कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन को निश्चित रूप से गति प्रदान करेगी।

### District Jail Fatehpur



District Jail Fatehpur organized a Writing Competition in collaboration with Zilla Ganga Samiti, Fatehpur for the neo-literates of the Jail on the occasion of ILD 2023.

## Preparatory Meeting for 64th AIAEC at Amrita Vidyapeetham



A meeting involving all the important stakeholders was organized on August 10, 2023 at Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai, Coimbatore in view of assessing the ongoing preparation for the upcoming 64th All India Adult Education Conference which is scheduled to be held from December 13-15, 2023. The meeting was participated by the representatives of various collaborating institutions and organizations including Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering & Materials Sciences,

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Shri Satish Menon, Campus Director, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Dr. P. Rangasami, Chairperson, Department of Social Work; Prof. L. Raja, Professor and Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Subhadra, Programme Co-coordinator, Public Health, ICPH, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; Prof. K. C. Choudhary, Advisor, IAEA, New Delhi; Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA, New Delhi and Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Worker, Gandhigram.

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive review of the progress made on the line of decisions taken in the previous meeting held on June 8, 2023 at the Department of Social Work, Ettimadai Campus. Participants acknowledged the efforts made and discussed the progress till date.

The theme of the conference was finalized as "Role of Higher Education Institutions in National Education Policy 2020 – a Way Ahead" with emphasis on knowledge exchange, fostering institutional collaboration and addressing issues pertaining to the field of higher education. Keynote Speakers, Panelists and moderators for various sessions were also identified. It was decided to have a cultural programme in the conference in order to showcase the cultural heritage of the region. Apart from this, matters related to logistical support covering venue, accommodation and transport were also discussed in details. In view of reaching a larger audience across the country it was decided to involve various media manifestations for covering the conference.

The meeting was concluded with the gratitude expressed by IAEA towards all the collaborating institutions and organizations.

## Coimbatore Peace Festival - 2023



The famous Coimbatore Peace Festival was celebrated by Shanti Ashram on August 9, 2023 at PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (PSGIMSR) Auditorium, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu in which the 78th Hiroshima Memorial Day was observed as a 'Day of Prayer and Commitment for Peace', Special Edition of India Poverty Solutions 2023 Phase II and Special Immersion Programme' tool was launched and the NSS teams from

partner institutions were honoured for the humanitarian services extended by them continuously for decades.

Along with the above a poster depicting Shanti Ashram's 37 years long journey of dedicated services serving around 115212 children was jointly released by Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Prof. L. Raja, Professor and Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu.

The festival was kicked off with a

vibrant inaugural ceremony featuring peace prayer, cultural performances, inspiring speeches, and a symbolic lighting of the peace torch which was joined by dignitaries, community leaders and children coming together to set the tone for the festival's themes. A short film entitled "A Mother's Prayer" and a thematic presentation on "Sustaining Peace and Unity" by students captured the attention of all the delegates. Apart from this the festival also had Global Perspectives Talk, panel discussions, various youth engagement activities, yoga and meditation sessions, dance performances, musical concerts and awareness performances celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the region and beyond.

# 64th All India Adult Education Conference

13-15 December 2023

Amrita, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore Tamil Nadu

## INFORMATION SHEET

**Theme:** Role of Higher Education Institutions in NEP 2020: A Way Forward

**Keynote address** by Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder Chairman, PRIA and Co Chair Unesco on **"Socially Responsible Higher Education in India: Integrating Lifelong Learning for All"**

**29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture:** Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education and Former Director Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, Jawahar Lal I Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Interactive Sessions:** Participate in hands-on sessions covering diverse topics

**Networking Opportunities:** Connect with peers and forge valuable collaborations

**Cultural and Social Events:** Enjoy cultural performances and social activities. Please write to us if you wish to take part or present something during cultural night.

**Registration Details:** Please register yourself at [www.iaea-india.in](http://www.iaea-india.in)

**Venue:** Amrita University's Coimbatore campus Ettimadai located near the border of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, about 2.5 km north of the Coimbatore-Palakkad highway (NH 47), the campus is enterconced by the Western Ghats on its three sides. It is 16 kms from Coimbatore City and 32 kms from Palakkad.

**Accommodation:** simple and clean accomodation will be provided by the Amrita Vidyapeetham at its campus only. Single rooms with common toilets and bathrooms will be provided separately for men and women. Accommodation will be available from December 12th evening to 16th Morning. Delegates are expected to checkout by 8:00 p.m on 16th Decemer 2023.

### Transportation:

**Nearest Airport:** The nearest airport is Coimbatore, located about 27 kilometers from the campus. Most airlines operate flights to Coimbatore from all major cities in India.

**Nearest Train Station:** Passenger trains are available from Coimbatore Railway Station and Palghat Railway Station. Ettimadai Railway Station is only about 500 metres from the campus and one may easily walk to campus upon alighting at the station. Train schedules from Coimbatore Junction to Ettimadai and Palghat Junction to Ettimadai are listed below. Coimbatore is a major railway junction on the Southern Railways and there are trains to Chennai, Rameswaram, Madurai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kanyakumari, Kozhikode, Mettupalayam, Kochi and Delhi.

### Trains from Coimbatore junction to Ettimadai

TRAIN No. 16323, TRAIN NAME CBE MAQ EXPRESS, DEPARTURE 7:50 hrs

TRAIN No. 56651, TRAIN NAME CBE CAN FAST PASS, DEPARTURE 14:20 hrs

TRAIN No. 56713, TRAIN NAME TPJ PGTYN FAST PASS, DEPARTURE 18:35 hrs

**Local Transportation:** The nearest major bus terminals are at

Gandhipuram (about 22 kms) and Ukkadam (about 18 kms.). There are regular bus services from Gandhipuram (Bus Nos. 96, A3 and 3G) and Ukkadam (Bus Nos. 96, 48, S2, 3G and A3). Alight at Ettimadai Piruvu Bus Stop (Amrita College) and hire an auto rickshaw to the campus (3 kms). A3 bus will come upto the college Gate. The travel time from Ukkadam to Ettimadai Piruvu is around 45 minutes.

**Climate:** Climate will be pleasent during December with mild cold. Please keep your warm clothes to protect yourself from cold.

### Conference Schedule:

1st Day Inauguration; 2nd day discussions; 3rd day Conference Recommendations and Validiction

Conference will be concluded by lunch.

**Abstract and article Submission:** 15 October 2023 and 15 November 2023

**Meals:** Simple vegetarian south/north Indian food will be provided in breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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**Call for Papers!!!**

We are excited to announce the Call for Papers for the 64th All India Adult Education Conference. This conference provides a platform for scholars, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to exchange ideas, share insights, and contribute to the field of adult education. We invite you to submit your research papers and abstracts for consideration.

**Important Dates:**  
Abstract Submission Deadline: **15 October 2023**  
Please submit your abstracts by this date for initial review. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their abstracts.  
Full Paper Submission Deadline: **15 November 2023**

Authors of accepted abstracts must submit their full papers by this date for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

Conference Themes and sub-themes are given in the IAEA Newsletter

**Abstract Submission:**  
Abstracts should be no more than 300 words.  
Full papers should be between 3000-3500 words.  
Follow APA or your preferred citation style.

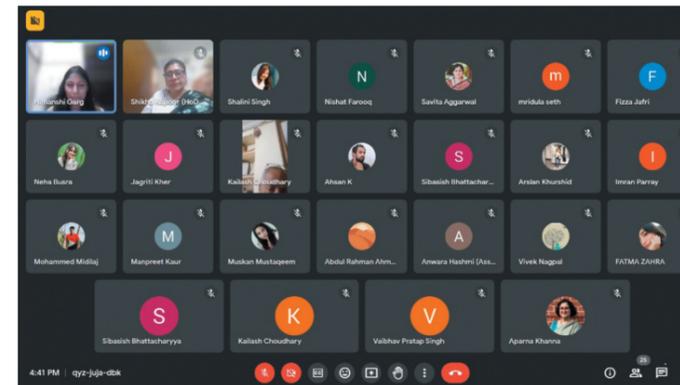
Please submit your abstracts and full papers at [64IAECC@gmail.com](mailto:64IAECC@gmail.com)

All submissions will undergo a peer review process conducted by our conference committee. Notifications of acceptance and further instructions will be sent to authors via email.

We look forward to your contributions and to seeing you at the 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Coimbatore. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the field of adult education.

# ILD Celebration 2023

## Jamia Millia Islamia



The Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia hosted an Online International Webinar on September 8, 2023 on the UNESCO ILD theme 'Promoting Literacy for a World in Transition: Building the Foundation for Sustainable and Peaceful Societies' which was participated by teachers, researchers, scholars and students from different parts of the world. Some of the well known adult education faculties and academicians who joined the webinar included Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor, IAEA; Prof. Mridula Seth, Prof. Geeta Punjabi, Prof. Aparna Khanna, Dr. Yuki Azad, Dr. Jagriti and Dr. Imran from the University of Delhi; Dr. Surjit Singh from Punjabi University, Patiala; Smt. Nishat Farooq, former Consultant UNESCO; Dr. Vivek Nagpal, SCERT, New Delhi; Prof. Neelam Sukhramani, Head, Department of Social Work, Prof. Ushvinder Kaur Popli and Dr. Anwara Hashmi from Jamia Millia Islamia.

Delivering the inaugural address Prof. Shikha Kapur remind the audience that illiteracy still remains an unconquered reality that continues to ravage the human society. ILD is a stark reminder that literacy still remains an unachieved fundamental human right. Three papers were also presented on the occasion respectively on "Digital Literacy and World in Transition" by Prof. Savita Agarwal, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi; "Literacy under Development Frameworks" by Dr. Shalini Singh, South Asian Coordinator, ASEM LLL Hub and on "Women Literacy and SDGs" by Prof. Shikha Kapur, Head, DACEE, JMI.

Speakers primerly focussed on issues pertaining to gender divide, the way digital literacy can change the lives of women, changing concepts of literacy and strategies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals within stipulated time frame.

## Aligarh Muslim University

The Centre for Adult and Continuing Education and Extension organized a discussion programme to mark the International Literacy Day in which Mohammad Imran (IPS), Registrar; Prof. Naima Gulrez, Principal, Women's College; Prof. Abdul Aleem, Dean, Students' Welfare and Dr. Shamim

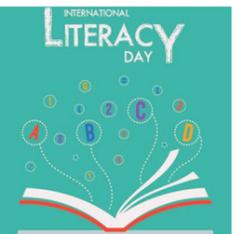


Akhtar, Director shared their opinion in details. The Registrar emphasized for better efforts to be made to spread literacy in those parts of the country which are still lagging behind due to various reasons. Digitization in the country has paved the path of financial literacy and adult education centers in and around Aligarh are doing commendable job for the furtherance of literacy skills. Prof Naima Gulrez said that educated women will ensure education to the generation next. Prof. Abdul Aleem assured administrative cooperation for the development of the schools being run by the Adult Education Centre. Dr. Akhtar said that education follows with the sense of love, tolerance and brotherhood and hence educated people should come forward to educate the non-literates in the society. Entire programme was conducted by Shri Mohammad Ayyub and the Vote of Thanks was extended by Ms. Mujahida.

## IAEA Kerala State Branch



Kerala State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation and Kerala Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi organized a seminar at Kerala Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi Conference Hall, Thycud, Thiruvananthapuram on 8th September which was Chaired by Shri. A. Prabhakaran, Chairman, Dr. K. Sivadasa Pillai Foundation while Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Kerala Gandhi



## सच्ची श्रद्धांजलि

देने आए आज हम श्रद्धांजलि उन स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को कोई नहीं है करता याद उनके उन बलिदानों को चल पड़े थे सीना ताने, तेज तोप और बन्दूकों के आगे भूल गये आसानी से आज, हम उनके कारनामों को लहू बहाया धरती पर, जैसे बहता हो पानी सबने सुनी है अपने पूर्वजों से, उनकी ये अमर कहानी घर से निकले भूखे प्यासे, यूं ही सीना ताने ये कथा सुनाई हमको, हमारी बूढ़ी नानी ने धर्म न पूछा ना पूछा था, कोई किसी की जात सबके मन में एक ही जोश था, भारत हो आजाद कुछ भी कहो उनके हित में, आंखे बहुत ही नम हैं इसीलिए तो उनके प्रति, आज भी मन में गम है न कोई शिकवा न कोई गिला, आओ ये कसम खाएं हम सब मिलकर स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को, अपना आदर्श बनाएं कभी न होगा उनके प्रति आदर मन में कम आज पुनः उन्हें अर्पित करते सच्ची श्रद्धांजलि हम।

— डॉ. सी.एच. हेमन्ता राव  
संस्थापक, सर्व भाषा सेवा समिति, पोर्ट ब्लेयर

## University Departments of Lifelong Learning got New Directors

Dr. Shamim Akhtar, Associate Professor at the Centre for Continuing Adult Education and Extension, Aligarh Muslim University has been appointed as the Director of the Centre for a period of two years with immediate effect. As a professional adult educator he owes decade's long experience in fieldwork promoting literacy campaigns and advocacy on issues related to national integration and human rights. Dr. Akhtar is also a Life Member of IAEA.



Dr. Prabhakar Chavan has been appointed as Director, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.



IAEA wishes a great success to both Dr. Shamim Akhtar and Dr. Prabhakar Chavan.

## हिंसा

सृष्टि की रचना में  
सभी मानव थे  
आपस में हम-सब बराबर थे  
कालान्तर में,  
सत्ता की लालसा, महत्वाकांक्षा  
धन लोलुप्ता, अहम् और स्वार्थ  
इन सबने मिल कर बिछायी थी  
मानवता के खिलाफ  
कूटनीतिक बिसात

व्यवस्था के नाम पर  
बांट दिया था मानव को  
वर्णों में, जातियों में, धर्मों और पन्थों में  
खड़ी कर दी आपस में  
नफरत की दीवारें  
डाल दीं दिलों में  
फूट की दरारें  
तान दीं जहां-तहां  
अनगिनत सीमाएं

हिंसा की आग में जलीं कई चिताएं  
गम की अंधेरी में कुछ बर्नीं जिंदा लार्शें  
लज्जा वहां शर्मसार खड़ी है  
सौहार्द की डोर तार-तार हुई है  
आरक्षण की पैबन्द लगायी जिन्होंने  
उसी के सहारे वोट पाए उन्होंने  
मलते वही अब दिखावटी मरहम  
पर, मन में न चिंता, नहीं कोई गम

कब तक यूं बांटोगे  
इंसान को तुम?  
दरारों को कब तक  
गहराओगे तुम?  
नफरत, ये हिंसा  
मत तुम फैलाओ  
चलो सब को मिलकर  
गले से लगाओ

— कुसुम वीर

## वात्सल्य द्वारा निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण



आशा कला केन्द्र, महु स्थित 'वात्सल्य' संस्था असहाय एवं अभावग्रस्त विद्यार्थियों के विकास के लिए कार्य करने वाली एक समर्पित संस्था है। समाज में ऐसे परिवार भी बड़ी संख्या में मौजूद हैं जो अपने बच्चों की पढ़ाई के लिए आवश्यक किताबें-पुस्तिकाएं भी नहीं खरीद पाते। वात्सल्य संस्था इस प्रकार के बच्चों को तीन अलग-अलग चरणों में निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका (कॉपिया) वितरित करती है। निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण का द्वितीय चरण दिनांक 26 जुलाई 2023 को प्रातः 10 बजे स्थानीय सी.बी.गर्ल्स उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय, महु में आयोजित किया गया जिसमें 9 शासकीय व अशासकीय विद्यालयों के तीसरी से आठवीं तक के लगभग 180 विद्यार्थियों को अभ्यास पुस्तिका एवं पेंसिल बॉक्स वितरित किये गये।

कार्यक्रम समाजसेवी श्रीमती संतोष अग्रवाल, पाथ इण्डिया लिमिटेड की अध्यक्षता एवं मुख्य अधिशासी अधिकारी, छावनी परिषद, महु श्री सपन कुमार के मुख्य आतिथ्य में सम्पन्न हुआ। इस अवसर पर संस्था के अध्यक्ष तथा

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ द्वीप प्रज्ज्वलन एवं सरस्वती वंदना के साथ हुआ। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि श्री सपन कुमार ने संस्था को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि इन प्रयासों के कारण असहाय परिवार के बच्चों का मनोबल ऊंचा होगा और वे अपनी पढ़ाई जारी रख सकेंगे। अपने अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्रीमती संतोष अग्रवाल ने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था अपने उद्देश्य की दिशा में बड़ी ईमानदारी से कार्य कर रही है जिससे वंचित वर्ग के बच्चे विशेषरूप से लाभान्वित होंगे।

कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में अतिथियों का स्वागत संस्था के संरक्षक श्री विमल चंद जैन एवं श्रीमती पूनीता बड़गे व विद्यालय की ओर से प्राचार्य श्री विशाल श्रीवास द्वारा किया गया। आभार संस्था अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल ने माना एवं आयोजन की रूपरेखा श्री राजेश पाटीदार व कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल ने किया। कार्यक्रम में कारगिल के शहीदों को श्रद्धांजलि भी अर्पित की गयी। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ।

इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री उमेश खण्डेलवाल, श्री सतीश अग्रवाल, कार्यालय अधीक्षक श्री नरोत्तम माहेश्वरी, श्री दीपक रघुनाथ, श्री पवन जैन, श्री दिलीप कोठारी, श्री मनीष कुमार गुप्ता, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री अजय यादव सहित शहर के गणमान्य नागरिक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण भी उपस्थित रहे।

— कमलेश मिश्रा  
संयोजक

## Meeting on Civil Rights at Bodhgaya

Shri A. H. Khan, Associate Secretary, IAEA, New Delhi and Director, Islamic Information-cum-Inter-Religious Dialogue Centre, Bodhgaya participated in a meeting of the Association of Protection for Civil Rights (APCR), Delhi held on July 23, 2023 in the premises of Millet Hospital Complex, Moulana Maududi Conference Hall, Gaya. The objective of the meeting was to have a detail discussion on the issue of exploitation in justice and other atrocities on the community belonging to deprived section with special reference to minority communities. Around 70 persons from various walks of life including intellectuals, academicians, administrators, social activists, religious leaders and legal experts attended the meeting.



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**Notice**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Adult Education Association will be held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM to consider the following agenda items:

- To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held at IICP, Kolkata on April 5, 2023 and motion circulated on May 16, 2023.
- To consider action taken on the decisions of the last Executive Committee meeting held on April 5, 2023.
- To consider the report of programmes and activities conducted during the period April to November, 2023.
- To Approval of the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-23
- To consider the applications received for membership of IAEA.
- Any other business with the permission of the chair.

(b) Condolence

All the members of the Executive Committee are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

(Suresh Khandelwal)  
General Secretary

To the members of Executive Committee of IAEA.

N.B. Kindly confirm your participation at the earliest at: [64iaaec@gmail.com](mailto:64iaaec@gmail.com) and [director\\_iaea@gmail.com](mailto:director_iaea@gmail.com)

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**Notice**

Sir/Madam,

The meeting of the Council of Indian Adult Education Association will be held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM to consider the following agenda items:

- Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting of the Council held on December 18, 2021.
- Action taken on the decisions of the meeting of the Council.
- Any other business with permission of the Chair.

(Suresh Khandelwal)  
General Secretary

To all the elected members of the Council and Co-opted members

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**Notice**

Sir/Madam,

The meeting of the General Body of Indian Adult Education Association will be held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 14, 2023 at 6:15 PM to consider the following agenda items:

- Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting held online on December 18, 2021.
- Adoption of Annual Report of the Association for the year 2022. The Report can be seen on our Website: [www.iaea-india.in](http://www.iaea-india.in)
- Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts of the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- Any other business with permission of the Chair.

(Suresh Khandelwal)  
General Secretary

To all the members of General Body of IAEA.

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Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi  
**64<sup>th</sup> All India Adult Education Conference**  
On  
Role of Higher Education Institutions in NEP 2020 : A Way Forward  
13-15 December 2023  
In collaboration with  
Amrita, Shanti Ashram, Gandhigram Rural Institute Tamil Nadu

**Keynote Address**  
"Socially Responsible Higher Education in India:  
Integrating Lifelong Learning for All"

**Dr. Rajesh Tandon**

On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Venue: Amrita, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

**About the Speaker**  
Dr. Rajesh Tandon is a name synonymous with unwavering dedication to the cause of empowerment and social change. His remarkable journey through the realm of participatory research has not only transformed communities but has also left an indelible mark on the very fabric of academic discourse and social transformation.

As the Founder Chairman of Participatory Research in India, Dr. Tandon pioneered a transformative approach that places communities at the heart of research and development processes. His relentless commitment to empowering the voiceless and marginalized has not only reshaped paradigms but also ignited a flame of hope in countless hearts across the world.

Dr. Tandon's exemplary work extends far beyond national borders, as evidenced by his prestigious role as UNESCO Co-Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. In this capacity, he has not only been an advocate for the power of knowledge but has also been instrumental in building bridges between academia and society, fostering a sense of global responsibility and ethical engagement.

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## भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ मध्य प्रदेश शाखा द्वारा शिक्षा, संस्कार और सफलता विषय पर आयोजित की गई कैरियर काउंसलिंग संगोष्ठियां

छात्र व्यवस्थित रूप से अपनी पढ़ाई करते हुए राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर उपलब्ध संसाधनों एवं विकल्पों का समुचित उपयोग कर अपने आपको व्यावसायिक जीवन में प्रतिष्ठित कर सकें इसमें सटीक समय से कैरियर काउंसलिंग किये



जाने की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है। भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा द्वारा स्थानीय छात्रों के काउंसलिंग की दिशा में पहल करते हुए "शिक्षा, संस्कार, और सफलता" विषय पर दो कैरियर काउंसलिंग सेमिनारों का सफल आयोजन किया गया।

### प्रथम संगोष्ठी : श्री एकेडमी विद्यालय

प्रथम संगोष्ठी दिनांक 11 सितंबर 2023 को ग्राम कोदरिया में स्थित श्री एकेडमी विद्यालय में आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के राष्ट्रीय महासचिव श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल ने की एवं विशेष अतिथि के तौर पर बाल महोत्सव समिति के सह-सचिव श्री कमलेश मिश्रा उपस्थित रहे। मुख्य वक्ता के तौर पर आईएईए मध्य प्रदेश शाखा के अध्यक्ष श्री मृणाल पंत द्वारा पावर प्वाइंट प्रेजेंटेशन के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों की काउंसलिंग की गयी। श्री मृणाल पंत द्वारा सभी विद्यार्थियों को उनके विषय अनुसार भविष्य में वे कौन-कौन से पाठ्यक्रमों का चयन कर सकते हैं, कैसे सफलता पा सकते हैं और किस विश्वविद्यालय में दाखिला ले सकते हैं तथा जीवन में किन आवश्यक विषयों को पढ़कर विद्यार्थी अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर अपनी अलग से पहचान बना सकते हैं आदि सभी बातों की जानकारी दी गयी। अतिथियों का स्वागत संस्था की प्राचार्या श्रीमती हेमलता पाटीदार, वरिष्ठ शिक्षक श्री संतोष अग्रवाल एवं विद्यालय के हेड बॉय सुधांशु केलोत्रा एवं हेड गर्ल सुश्री हर्षिता कादंबरी के द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन एवं आभार संस्था के निदेशक श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने किया। अंत में सभी अतिथियों को विद्यालय परिवार द्वारा प्रशस्ति पत्र के द्वारा सम्मानित किया गया।

विदित है कि आने वाले समय में यह अनूठा आयोजन महु क्षेत्र की कई विद्यालयों में किया जाना है जिससे विद्यार्थियों अपने भविष्य के प्रति जागरूक होकर निःशुल्क मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त कर सकें।

### द्वितीय संगोष्ठी : श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ विद्यालय



द्वितीय संगोष्ठी दिनांक 20 सितंबर 2023 को श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ विद्यालय में आयोजित किया गया। सेमिनार में विज्ञान, गणित, कामर्स एवं आर्ट्स के परम्परागत पाठ्यक्रमों के अतिरिक्त मल्टी डिसिप्लिनरी विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के नए पाठ्यक्रम यथा लिबरल आर्ट्स और नवीन वोकेशनल पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान की गयी। विद्यालय के खचाखच भरे ऑडिटोरियम में कार्यक्रम का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण भाग देश के ख्याति प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालयों में संचालित पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए भरी जाने वाली फीस के आधार पर न्यूनतम फीस के साथ संचालित वैकल्पिक पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान करना था। सेमिनार को संबोधित करते हुए श्री मृणाल पंत ने अलग-अलग स्तर की शैक्षणिक योग्यता, क्षमता और रुचि अनुसार एवं कम अथवा ज्यादा अंक लाने वाले विद्यार्थियों के लिए उपलब्ध विभिन्न प्रकार की संभावनाओं से साक्षात्कार कराया। प्रस्तुत जानकारियों को सभी प्रतिभागियों द्वारा सराहा गया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने की। इस अवसर पर श्री खण्डेलवाल ने कहा कि महु क्षेत्र के विद्यार्थियों को प्रेरित करने के उद्देश्य से इस कड़ी में कई अन्य संगोष्ठियों का भी आयोजन किया जायेगा। सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत संस्था की प्राचार्या श्री जयसिंह पंवार एवं संचालन श्रीमती वंदना दुबे द्वारा किया गया।



Prof. J.S. Rajput (Padmashree), Former Director, NCERT visited IAEA headquarters on September 19, 2023 and had a discussion with Prof. N. K. Ambast, Visitor; Prof. S. Y. Shah, Director, IIALE and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, LAEA on the emerging dimensions of adult and lifelong education in the country and abroad.



Gandhian Nipponzan Myohoji, Tamil Nadu and Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai jointly organized a Peace Walk for propagating the message of peace and non-violence from Kanyakumari to Madurai. Participated by dedicated Peace Walkers from Japan, Nepal and different cities of India including Darjeeling, Bangalore, Madurai, Thirnelveli and Gandhigram this Peace Walk began on September 15, 2023 to reach Madurai on October 2, 2023. It began with the pronouncement of the mantra "NA MU MYO HO REN GE KYO" in Japanese language which means "Peace for the World - I bow to the divine nature of all living beings".

Organized as part of 154th Gandhi's Birthday celebration programme this walk started from the Gandhi Mandapam located in Kanyakumari, the place of confluence of the three oceans – Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean. On September 23 the peace walkers visited the World Peace Tower at Sankaran Kovil, unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and set the foundation stone for the Fuji Guruji - Gandhiji Exhibition. The walk was concluded on October 2, 2023



at the Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai. During the 293 km long pathway the walkers met a large number of common people living along the road side, functionaries of religious institutions and several well wishers of Gandhi and Gandhian thought. Reverend Istani Buddha Bhikkshu too joined the peace walk at the age of 84 which was truly encouraging for all.

Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi along with Shri C. Seerangan, Ph.D Scholar, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University also accompanied the peace walkers for two days towards its conclusion. The walk instilled a lot of enthusiasm among the participants and captured memorable episodes. A student named Bose pursuing his school education (7th standard) when asked the motto behind his participation, he said, "I wish the whole world to live in peace and without having any war and violence".

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### Sadhbhavna Manch formed at Gaya for Maintaining Peace

While celebrating Mahatma Gandhi Birth Anniversary on October 2, 2023 a meeting was jointly convened in the premises of Millet Hospital complex by Jamaet-e-Islami Hind, Islamic Information-cum-Inter-religious Dialogue Centre and some other social organizations located in Bodhgaya in which a Sadhbhavna Manch was formed with the objective to work together for creating a suitable environment for a peaceful society.

The meeting was attended by known academicians and social activists including Prof. Masroor Ahmad, Ex-HoD, Department of Physics, M. G. College, Gaya, Prof. Shamiul Haque, Shri Khursheed Ahmad Khan, former Principal, M. G. College, noted business man Shri Manav Kumar, Social Worker Shri Vikas Kumar and Prof. A. H. Khan, Secretary, Inter-faith Forum and Associate Secretary, IAEA, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Masroor Ahmad and compared by Shri Eqlhauque Ahmad Khan, Faculty Member, DIET Aurangabad.

### Obituaries

**Dr. Bhoumik Deshmukh**, Retd. Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of Pune, Maharashtra passed away on October 11, 2023 due to a fatal heart attack.



**Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair**, former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala and Patern, Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation breathed his last on January 1, 2024. He was a leading academician in the field of adult and lifelong education in India who enjoyed a very lively relation with contemporary adult educators in the country.



We in IAEA express our heartfelt condolences to both the departed souls.

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### 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham, Coimbatore



The Indian Adult Education Association along with the Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore; Shanti Ashram and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu successfully organized the 64th All India Adult Education Conference from December 13-15, 2023 at the Ettimadai Campus of Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham. Participated by more than 150 delegates representing 14 states of the country this conference witnessed a very rich confluence of academicians, scholars and adult education functionaries. Coming together the delegates discussed extensively on various dimensions of the theme "Role of Higher Education Institutions in National Education Policy 2020 – A Way Ahead" throughout seven plenary sessions to reach meaningful suggestions and recommendations. Organized at a time when adult and lifelong education is undergoing through a transitory phase this conference not only attempted to explore innovative ideas but also tried to raise issues of concern for adult and lifelong education in present scenario.

#### Inaugural Session

The 64th All India Adult Education Conference began with a grand Inaugural Function held in the Amritheshwari Hall of Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham on December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry who lighted the Ceremonial Lamp along with Swami Ajamritananda Puri, Mata



Amritanandamayi Math; Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham; Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural function began with the rendering of the National Anthem followed by Tamizh Thai Vazhthu, the state "prayer song" of Tamil Nadu. Thereafter, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean-Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetham welcomed all the dignitaries and the delegates coming from different parts of the country to attend the national conference.



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Delivering the inaugural address Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan said, "I am here just because of the blessings of Amma and it is certainly a historic moment in my life". While quoting a few memorable anecdotes from her own life she requested the academic fraternity to read the NEP 2020 document under the light of our collective desire to realize the cherished goal of becoming a developed nation by the year 2047 when India will be celebrating the centenary year of its independence. It's the duty of the teachers today to understand the tone of the future students who dream to become self-reliant and desire to dominate the world scenario, she said. Emphasizing the linguistic approach Dr. Soundararajan reiterated the need of providing education in the mother tongue and said that the provisions of NEP 2020 need to be implemented in its totality and with full vigour in order to enable our students to acquire skills and excellence at par. Applauding Prime Minister's approach to provide opportunities to the students coming from the disadvantaged sections of society, Dr. Soundararajan said that they also have the ability to excel which needs to be realized for achieving the SDG goals.



Speaking on the occasion Shri K.C. Choudhary highlighted some of the major turning points in the evolution of adult and lifelong education as an independent discipline of study in the country and traced, in brief, the history of All India Adult Education Conferences being organized under the aegis of IAEA so far. The first All India Adult Education Conference was organized in Bhagalpur, Bihar which led to the birth of the Indian Adult Education Association in 1938, he said. He requested the scholars attending the conference to utilize the opportunity for expanding horizons of the subject and enrich the movement for empowering the people.



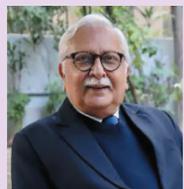
Addressing the delegates and members of academic fraternity assembled on the occasion Dr. Bhavani Rao explained in details the five pivotal concepts of Amma's vision of education and the way students can live a life upto their own expectation while contributing their best for the development of the nation. Quoting the words of Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi 'Amma', Dr. Rao said that 'life' and 'leaving' are not the same. We all are endowed with immense energy and ability however; very often we fail to realize the same. She requested the students to read and imbibe the basic concepts of Amma's vision for their holistic development.



Dr. Kezovino Aram said that the All India Adult Education Conferences can be treated as 'moving conferences' which have played a vital role in popularizing the concept of adult education and motivating people

### Keynote Address on "Socially Responsible Higher Education in India: Integrating Lifelong Learning for All"

Delivering the keynote address in hybrid mode Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, underlined the redefining missions of higher education and desired that in the changing world scenario higher education should move from teaching to enabling learning, from research to knowledge production and mobilization and from extension to engaged partnership. He said that the current National Education Policy Framework should be flexible,



to join their hands for the successful implementation of AE programmes in the country. She categorically put forth a global vision of lifelong learning and requested all to utilize NEP 2020 for furthering the same in our own context.

The Vote of Thanks in the Inaugural Session was extended by Prof. L. Raja who whole heartedly thanked Amma for showering her blessings to the cause of the promotion of adult and lifelong learning in the country. He also expressed his gratitude towards each and everybody present on the occasion for making the 64th AIAEC a great success.



Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA was also on the dais who along with Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA honoured the dignitaries on the dais with Shawl.



multi-disciplinary and targeted towards developing socially responsible global citizenship where competencies for work should be the key word.

The session was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult Education, New Delhi & Former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) while Dr. R. Venkata Ravi extended the Vote of Thanks. Dr. Tandon was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik.

## भा.प्रौ.शि.सं. की मध्य प्रदेश ईकाई द्वारा कैरियर काउंसलिंग संगोष्ठी का आयोजन



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की मध्य प्रदेश ईकाई द्वारा दिनांक 25 सितंबर 2023 को क्रिस्टिना कान्वेंट उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय, शांतिनगर, महूगांव में एक कैरियर काउंसलिंग संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया जो इस श्रृंखला का चौथा आयोजन था। संगोष्ठी के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने कहा कि हमारी कोशिश



आगामी शैक्षणिक सत्र में सामान्य परिवारों से आने वाले महू तहसील के बच्चों को देश के जाने-माने विश्वविद्यालयों में प्रवेश दिलाने हेतु सक्षम बनाना है। तत्पश्चात काउंसलर के तौर पर उपस्थित भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के संयुक्त सचिव श्री मृगाल पंत द्वारा विज्ञान, गणित, कॉमर्स एवं आर्ट्स के परम्परागत पाठ्यक्रम, लिबरल आर्ट्स और नवीन वोकेशनल पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान की गई। उन्होंने भरसक प्रयास किया कि देश के ख्याति

प्राप्त विश्वविद्यालयों में संचालित भारी-भरकम फीस वाले पाठ्यक्रमों के समतुल्य न्यूनतम फीस पर संचालित वैकल्पिक पाठ्यक्रमों की जानकारी प्रदान की जाय। श्री पंत ने अलग-अलग स्तर की शैक्षणिक योग्यता, क्षमता और रुचि अनुसार एवं कम अथवा ज्यादा अंक लाने वाले विद्यार्थियों का विभिन्न प्रकार की संभावनाओं से साक्षात्कार कराया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता विद्यालय के चेयरमैन श्री एन.के. रावत ने की। इस अवसर पर भा.प्रौ.शि.सं. के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, श्री यश रावत एवं प्राचार्य श्रीमती वाकोडे भी मंचासीन थे। सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत संस्था के चेयरमैन श्री रावत द्वारा एवं संचालन श्रीमती ललिता शर्मा व आभार प्रदान श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोडे द्वारा किया गया।

## Visitors

Smt. Nishat Farooq, Executive Member of the Association visited IAEA on October 9, 2023 and presented a coffee table publication entitled "The End of Darkness the Untold Story of State Resource Centre, Delhi its work on Adult Literacy" to Shri K.C. Choudhary, Dr. L.Raja and Prof. S.Y.Shah which was based on the findings of the study undertaken by her on the journey and achievements of State Resource Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.



Prof. (Dr.) Ajimon George, Principal and Dr. Hari, Director, Extension and Lifelong Learning, Marian College, Kuttikkanam visited IAEA on October 20, 2023 to meet Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. During the discussion both of them briefed about various activities being conducted by the department of lifelong learning.



## Skill Convocation Ceremony at JSS Shimoga



Skill Convocation Ceremony known as "Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh" was celebrated by the Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Shimoga on October 12, 2023 at its own premises. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Shri B.Y. Raghavendra, Member of Parliament, Shimoga, Karnataka. The programme was also graced by the presence of Prof. S. B. Kamalakar, Chairman, JSS & Retd. Deputy Registrar, Kuvempu University; Shri Amarnath H, Lead District Divisional Manager, Shimoga and Smt. S. Y. Aruna Devi, Director, JSS, Shimoga. As part of the ceremony certificates were distributed to the beneficiaries of Data Entry Operator and Sewing Machine Operator, trainings conducted under Skill Hub Initiative at Shikaripura Training Center. The Convocation was concluded with extending best wishes to the beneficiaries for a successful and self-reliant journey in the future.

— Sumana M  
Programme Officer, JSS

# बाल महोत्सव 2023



## उद्घाटन समारोह

प्रतिवर्ष बाल महोत्सव समिति, महु द्वारा भारत के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री प. जवाहरलाल नेहरू के जन्मदिन 14 नवंबर (बाल दिवस) के उपलक्ष्य में बाल महोत्सव धूमधाम से मनाया जाता है। इस भव्य कार्यक्रम में विद्यालयीन छात्र-छात्राओं को विभिन्न, प्रतियोगिताओं के माध्यम से अपनी प्रतिभा प्रदर्शित करने हेतु उचित मंच प्रदान किया जाता है।

43वें बाल महोत्सव 2023 का शुभारंभ 14 नवंबर बाल दिवस को प्रातः 9 बजे ड्रीमलैण्ड चौराहा स्थित नेहरू प्रतिमा पर किया गया। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता समाजसेवी श्री राधेश्याम वियाणी ने की एवं मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री जयसिंह पंवार, प्राचार्य, श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय ने कार्यक्रम को गरिमा प्रदान की। इस अवसर पर समिति के अध्यक्ष एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में अतिथियों द्वारा प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री पं. नेहरू की प्रतिमा पर माल्यार्पण कर श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित किये गये। साथ ही समिति द्वारा महु के पूर्व विधायक, उद्योगपति तथा समाजसेवी स्व. श्री आर. सी. जाल को भी उनके जन्म दिन पर नमन किया गया। समिति की ओर से स्व. जाल के चित्र पर उनके परिजन श्री दिनेश सेठ एवं पूर्णिमा सेठ द्वारा माल्यार्पण कर उन्हें नमन किया गया।

श्री पंवार ने अपने संक्षिप्त एवं सारगर्भित उद्बोधन में बाल महोत्सव समिति के आयोजन पर सभी आयोजकों को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि यह कार्यक्रम महु की पहचान के रूप में विगत 42 वर्षों से लगातार आयोजित किया जा रहा है। राजनीति से परे बच्चों की उन्नति हेतु किया जाने वाला यह कार्यक्रम जन सहयोग एवं जन भागीदारी से अपनी यात्रा सुगमतापूर्वक पूर्ण कर रहा है। कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष श्री



वियाणी ने अपने संक्षिप्त संबोधन में चाचा नेहरू के जन्म दिन पर बाल महोत्सव समिति को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि बाल महोत्सव हम सभी विशेषरूप से बच्चों को आधुनिक भारत के निर्माता एवं स्वप्नदृष्टा पं. नेहरू के आदर्शों पर चलने के लिए प्रेरित करता है।

समिति की ओर से अतिथियों के स्वागत के उपरांत महासचिव श्री योगेश मुंदड़ा ने उपस्थित सभी का आभार माना। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल ने किया।

इस अवसर पर बाल महोत्सव समिति के समस्त पदाधिकारी एवं सदस्यगण सहित श्री विमलचंद्र जैन, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री राजेश पाटीदार, श्री दीपक रघुनाथ, श्री अशोक पंवार, श्री हंसराज वर्मा, श्री मोतीलाल सोनी, श्री अकरम खान, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री विक्रमसिंह शेखावत, श्री पवन जैन, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री अजय यादव के साथ-साथ महु शहर के अनेक गणमान्य नागरिक उपस्थित रहे।

## एकल नृत्य प्रतियोगिता

43वें बाल महोत्सव के पांचवें दिन प्राथमिक स्तर की एकल नृत्य स्पर्धा छावनी परिषद उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय में आयोजित की गई जिसकी अध्यक्षता सुश्री रुचि सोडानी ने की। इस अवसर पर विशेष अतिथि के रूप में सुश्री वंदना मिश्रा एवं सुश्री दिव्या दुबे उपस्थित रहीं। तीन घंटे चली इस प्रतियोगिता में बच्चों ने विभिन्न शैलियों में नृत्यों की रंगारंग प्रस्तुतियां दी, जिसमें 25 विद्यालयों के छोटे-छोटे बच्चों ने नृत्यकला का प्रदर्शन कर दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया एवं वातावरण को नृत्यमय कर दिया। प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत विद्यालय



के प्राचार्य श्री विशाल श्रीवास ने किया। स्पर्धा में श्रुषि वेली एकेडमी की प्रिया सागर 'काल वेलिया' में नृत्य प्रथम स्थान, न्यू स्टार स्कूल की कुमारी परीशा खान ने 'गरबा डांस' पर प्रस्तुति देते हुए द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया तथा जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ विद्यालय की तनिष्का परदेशी ने 'उड़ीसी' पर मनमोहक प्रस्तुति देकर तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। इस स्पर्धा के निर्णायक मंडल में सुश्री सोनाली गर्ग, सुश्री मीनू डोली एवं सुश्री रूपल मेठी सम्मिलित थीं। कार्यक्रम का संचालन विद्यालय की श्रीमती विनीता नायडू एवं आभार प्रदर्शन समिति के उमेश खण्डेलवाल ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समन्वय श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, मनीषा डेनियल, श्री रविशंकर दुबे, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम एवं श्री अजय यादव ने किया।

## रंगोली प्रतियोगिता



माध्यमिक स्तर की रंगोली प्रतियोगिता श्री माहेश्वरी उ.मा. विद्यालय में आयोजित की गयी। प्रतियोगिता में 21 विद्यालयों के 42 छात्र-छात्राओं ने विभिन्न रंगों के माध्यम से रंगोली को उकेरा। स्पर्धा श्री कमल जी मुंदड़ा व राजकुमारी अग्रवाल के आतिथ्य में एवं निधि हर्षवाल की अध्यक्षता में सपन्न हुई। अतिथियों एवं निर्णायकों का स्वागत विद्यालय परिवार की ओर से प्राचार्या श्रीमती रागिनी सोमराजन ने किया। प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक का दायित्व हर्षिता सेनी, सोनाली गोयल एवं शिल्पा जी सोडानी ने निभाया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन एवं आभार श्रीमती भागवती शर्मा ने माना। कार्यक्रम का समन्वय श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, स्वाति विजयवर्गीय, दिनेश जादम ने किया। इस स्पर्धा में श्रुषि वेली एकेडमी की दिशा धोपते प्रथम, श्री एकेडमी की विभा पाटीदार द्वितीय तथा फाउण्डेशन स्कूल की चहिता पाटीदार तृतीय स्थान पर रहीं।

— कमलेश मिश्रा  
प्रवक्ता

## 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. K. Ramachandran



The 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture was delivered by none but Prof. K. Ramachandran, a key member involved in the drafting of the National Education Policy 2020. It was interesting to note that Prof. Ramachandran happens to be the only member in the Drafting Committee of NEP 2020 who was also a key functionary in the Drafting Committee of the previous New Education Policy 1986. He happens to be the Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).

Delivering the 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture on "Transformative Initiatives in Higher Education" Prof. Ramachandran recalled those three occasions – Convocation Address, the University of Mumbai (earlier known as University of Bombay), 1967; Osmania University, Hyderabad in 1968 and in later years in Annamalai University when he

witnessed Dr. Zakir Husain, the then President of India delivering lectures on the vision and mission of higher education in India. Prof. Ramachandran said that transformation of education system, qualitative improvement and controlled growth were the three key ideas on which Dr. Zakir Husain always used to emphasize. Today when we are looking ahead to realize the cherished goal of becoming a developed nation by the year 2047 as pronounced by the Prime Minister of India, we must know that we are moving ahead in continuity of what Dr. Zakir Husain used to think for the future of Indian Education System. To him qualitative improvement in education meant – higher investment, policies and programmes for developing quality teachers, visualizing a curriculum that can match the expectation of the society and extension activities which motivate students to play active role in societal development.

Prof. Ramachandran in his almost two-hour long deliberation detailed the nuances of NEP 2020 and said that the vision of a develop nation cannot be realized unless otherwise we achieve cent-percent literacy for the nation. Referring to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan's intervention in the field of agriculture to overcome grain shortage in the India, China's effort to eradicate illiteracy.... he said that there are numerous incidents to quote where

motivated leadership has achieved impossible targets. The need of the day is to produce youth equipped with multi-dimensional skills and having unflinching problem solving attitude. He said that the NEP 2020 has been conceptualized to transform our educational institutions to match our expectations. The higher education institutions in the country should offer flexible and multi-disciplinary education where students have choices to opt major and minor subjects according to their will and future vision. He said that lifelong learning is a must for enhancing skills and empowerment of each and every citizen of the country. His advice towards our institutions was to adopt the vision propounded through NEP 2020 in its totality. He suggested that Indian Adult Education Association may take a lead and rename itself as the Association for Lifelong Learning.

Prof. Ramachandran addressed and replied a number of questions raised by the delegates. The enthralled audience gave a standing ovation to the veteran teacher widely referred as a **Living Encyclopedia of Education**.

At the beginning Prof. Ramachandran was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA while the session was presided over by Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

## Parallel Sessions

Altogether there were seven parallel sessions in which a total of 27 papers were presented by participating delegates. **Group-I**



**Chairman:** Dr. Rajesh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi  
**Co-Chairman:** Prof.(Dr.) D. Uma Devi, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati  
**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Gopika V. S & Sree Lekshmi K, Department of MSW, Amrita

## Papers Presented:

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Indian Higher Education System for Sustainable Development – An Exploratory Study In The Light of NEP: 2020	Dr. Geeta Mishra Prof Rajesh
2.	Upgrades with Chat GPT AI - Understanding the Undeniable Future of Learning and the Unavoidable Patterns of Concern	Renab Narayanan P T Lakshmy Das
3.	Mobilizing Rural Communities for Sustainable Development: A Non-Governmental Organization Implementation Strategy in Focus	Lakshmy Das Rangasami P
4.	Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality Through National Educational Policy	Amrutha Modcy

**Group-II**



**Chairman:** Dr. P.A. Reddy, former Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SV University, Tirupati  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA  
**Rapporteurs:** Megha B. Nair & Akhila L. Prasad, Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Adult Education and the Role of Higher Education Institutes in the Light of National Education Policy New India Literacy programme	Dr. Shamim Akhtar
2.	Factorial Analysis of Individualized Yoga Therapy Strategies for Effective Treatment in Yoga Teaching Methodology: A Case Study Overview	B. Senthil Kumar Dr. Sushrutha.S Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi

**Group-III**



**Chairman:** Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, former HOD, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Asha Patil, former Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SNDT University, Mumbai  
**Rapporteurs:** Manisha R. Pillai & Rahul S., Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Role of Volunteerism for Implementing National Education Policy - 2020	Letginlen Doungel
2.	An Analysis of Volunteerism and Adult Education in India with Focus on NEP 2020	KM Tanu

**Group-IV (a)**

**Chairman:** Prof. V. Reghu, former Controller of Examination, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional

Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal



**Rapporteurs:** Aparna T. & Athira TN, Department of MSW, Amrita  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Digital Saaksharta Ki Yuva Varg Main Jagrukta ki Aawaskyata	Dr. Saurabh Mishra
2.	The Impression of Technological Advancement on the Livelihood of Women Agricultural Workers	Samuel Paul Raj. S

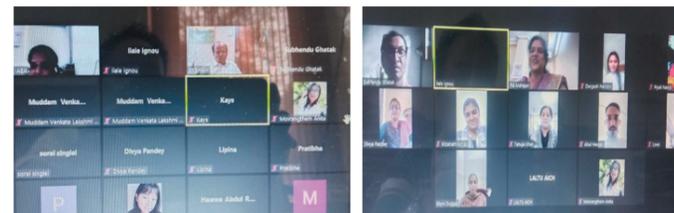
**Group – IV (b)**



**Chairman:** Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, GRI  
**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal  
**Rapporteurs:** Anjali S & Vinaya V M  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Preserving India's Cultural Tapestry: A Holistic Approach through the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Innovative Educational Platforms	Malavika Nair
2.	An analysis of Life Values outlined in the National Education Policy-2020 in relation to Valmiki Ramayana	Sarath Edathil Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi
3.	Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality Through National Educational Policy	Amrutha Modcy
4.	Digital Learning as a Tool to Promote Mental Well-being in Adolescents	Malavika Raghu Aiswarya H Dr. Rangaswami
5.	Artificial Intelligence & Chat GPT Advantages & Challenges in Higher Education Institutions	A. Ancy & K.Yamuna
6.	Bharat Main Digital Saaksharta Ka Abhav evam Mahilaoun Ko Digital Saaksharta Main Protsahan	Indrajeet Singh

**IIALE IGNOU Study Centre conducted Online Workshop**



The IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P) under International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education successfully organized a 12 day online workshop for all the first year students across the country pursuing Master of Arts in Adult Education (MAAE) and Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education (PGDAE) from September 23 to October 4, 2023 at LSC 29049(P). In all 24 students from 10 Regional Centres viz 8 from RC Delhi-2 and another 16 from 9 other RCs including one each from RC Delhi-1, RC Chandigarh, RC Agartala, RC Bhopal, RC Jabalpur and RC Srinagar; 3 each from RC Imphal and RC Kolkata and 4 from RC Vatakara, Kerala attended the workshop. Altogether there were 41 academic sessions including 4 panel discussions to cover all the important topics of study as prescribed in the curriculum designed specifically for the first year students. The workshop was planned in a way to provide the students an opportunity to share their opinion and gain experience while doing community and institution based practical work.



The workshop began with the introductory speech delivered by Prof. S.Y.Shah in which he explained the way scholars should utilize the academic discussions held during different sessions for developing a better understanding about adult and lifelong education. Apart from inaugural session there were 41 academic sessions which were covered by following 19 Resource Persons coming from different universities and institutions:

1. Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) & former Professor JNU, New Delhi.

2. Prof. Rajesh, Professor & Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
3. Dr. V.Mohankumar, former Additional Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA.
4. Dr. M.V.Lakshmi Reddy, Associate Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, Assistant Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
6. Dr. D Uma Devi, Reader, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
7. Dr. Aparna Khanna, Associate Professor, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Vandana Sisodia, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
9. Dr. Vivek Nagpal, Senior Consultant, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), New Delhi.
10. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge, IGNOU Study Centre & In-charge Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
11. Shri M.L.Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
12. Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
13. Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
14. Dr. Deepak Goswami, Research Officer (Social), National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), GoI.
15. Shri Nitish Anand, Research Scholar & Guest Faculty, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
16. Shri Rohit Nainwal, Consultant, Cell for National Centre for Literacy, NCERT, New Delhi.
17. Ms. Arunima Chauhan, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
18. Ms. Pratibha, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
19. Shri Letginlen Doungel, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.

The speakers systematically dealt with the topics given so that students pursuing courses in online mode can clarify their doubts and utilize the opportunity for consolidating their understanding about adult and lifelong learning. All the participants could avail a chance for face-to-face interaction with peer group, academic counsellors and other resource persons. During the workshop all the students were given different assignments including writing a research proposal, developing teaching/learning material for non/neo literates, drafting of a Memorandum of Association for registering NGO/Trust and development of Directory of Academicians and Resource Persons for professional networking.

Entire workshop was planned and conducted by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Assistant, IGNOU Study Centre.

# James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023



The James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023 entitled "Letting No One Behind: The Importance of Five Capitals of Learning in Reflexive Modernity" was delivered by Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama, Director, Adult Continuing Education, University College Cork, Ireland and the Chair of ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub which is an official network for University Cooperation in Lifelong Learning Research between Asia and Europe. Organized by the International Institute of Adult & Lifelong Education, New Delhi on December 4, 2023 at Conference Hall, IAEA, New Delhi this annual academic venture was attended by many eminent academicians and scholars from different universities. The programme was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi and former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling.

The programme was attended by many eminent academicians including Dr. L. Mishra, former DG, NLMA & former Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, GOI; Prof. K. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA); Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi; Dr. Soren Ehlers, Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Addl. Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA, Dr. A. Mathew, Editorial Consultant, IJAE & former Senior Fellow, NIAE; Dr. Mridula Seth, Vice President, The Richmond Fellowship Society (India) Delhi Branch; Dr. Anita Dighe, Director, Faculty of Distance Education at Himgiri Nabh Vishwavidyalaya,

Dehradun, Uttarakhand; Smt. Nishat Farooq, former Director, SRC, JMI; Prof. Anita Priyadarshini, Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, IGNOU and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi.

At the very outset Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. Smt. Kaushik not only highlighted the academic journey of Prof. Tuama but also underlined the major interventions made by him towards the furtherance of adult and lifelong learning in Asian and European countries. Thereafter, Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning and former Professor, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi detailed in brief the contributions of James A. Draper and some of the memorable chapters of his association with luminaries of adult education in India specially those associated with the Indian Adult Education Association. Prof. Shah also highlighted the profound vision that Draper had for the evolution of adult and lifelong learning in India. He said that James A. Draper was very particular about documenting his visits in India and the core content of his interaction with academicians here. It is definitely a challenging task for the young scholars pursuing research in the field of adult and lifelong learning to read, decipher the message and utilize it properly in their research work.



Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama said that it was truly an honour and a privilege for him to deliver the James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023 in the presence of many of the veterans who

had the chance to deliver this lecture before him like Dr. L.D. Mishra, Prof. N. K. Ambasht and Prof. Soren Ehlers. Began with some of the major problems and challenges being faced by the institutions, academicians and practitioners of adult and lifelong learning across the Asian and European countries, Prof. Séamus tried to explain how the concept of Five Capitals of Learning in Reflexive Modernity can be a major intervention for removing the road blocks. Analyzing the natural way of academic development Prof. Séamus said that Seed Capital, Identity Capital, Social Capital, Cultural Capital and Human Capital of Learning in Reflexive Modernity put together systematically help us to understand the growth trajectory of an individual or specific set of population and allow us to intervene properly so that they are enabled to continue their journey. He said that while the Seed Capital represents the baseline of which the learner starts, the Identity Capital reflects upon individual's self-esteem and dignity as a member of a community which plays a vital role in understanding the way an adult need to be assisted with additional help.



A number of participants raised queries specifically Dr. L. Mishra who wanted to know how the concept promoted by Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama can be contextualize to Indian perspective.

The vote of thanks was extended by Prof. N.K. Ambasht who thanked everybody on behalf of IAEA and said that the discussion held on the day would certainly pave the path for a more in-depth deliberation on the topic.

## Group – V



**Chairman:** Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Worker, GRI  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Harish S, Associate Secretary, IAEA  
**Rapporteurs:** Devika G S & Gopika Rajan  
**Papers Presented:**

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Skilling Need of Youth in West Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya	B.S. Lyngdoh
2.	Rural Self Employment Training Institutes - A Step Forward for Community Development through Skill Training	Seetha A. S
3.	Role of Vocational Education Programmes in Employability of Students through Skill Development - A Case study of The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed To Be University	Maheshkumar S Soundarapandian M
4.	Skills for Community Development	Fr. Bobichan George
5.	Preservation, Cultural Sustenance, and Artistic Revival	Sandhya C D'Souza

## Group – VI



**Chairman:** Dr. Gorakh Nath Kamble, Kolhapur University, Maharashtra  
**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA  
**Moderator:** Dr. Kanagaraj S, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetha  
**Rapporteurs:** Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair

## Papers Presented:

S. No.	Title	Name
1.	Low Skilled Migrant Labours and Coverage of Adult Education Programmes: An Empirical Study National Capital Territory of Delhi	Siya Bihari KM Tanu
2.	Empowering Student Well-Being Through Stress Education and Management with Yoga: A Review Paper Highlighting the Significance of Integrating these Practices	Chirag S Hakked
3.	Universalisation of Early Childhood Care and Education in India: A Study	Aiswarya H Malavika Raghu Dr Asha Priya T
4.	Unveiling the Silent Suffering: Exploring Eve Teasing and Molestation of Young Men in Trivandrum District, Kerala	Ms.Malavika M S Dr. Kanagaraj S Ms.Remya Ramesh
5.	Examining the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Eliciting Future Career Anxiety among College Students: A Brief Analysis"	Dhanya Anirudhan Madhavaram T Dr. P. Rangasami Rajeev R Amakrishnan
6.	Navigating AI in Higher Education: Unveiling Opportunities and Risks through the Prism of Chat GPT	Rameshwar Gupta, Pawan Sahu Geetanjali Baswani

## Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion



The outcomes of all the 7 parallel sessions held during the conference were summarized by the respective Rapporteurs in a plenary session held on December 14, 2023. Sree Lekshmi K, Akhila L Prasad, Rahul S, Athira TN, Gopika Rajan, Anjali S & Vinaya V M and Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair all scholars from the Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham beautifully presented the crux of the opinion emerged during the sessions reported by them which was appreciated by both the Chairman and the delegates. This session was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi while Prof. Rajesh, Head, DACEE, University of Delhi was the Co-Chairman.

## Cultural Programme



A cultural programme was held in the evening on 13th December 2023 at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita



Vishwa Vidyapeetham in which delegates as well as a number of students of Department of Social Work and members of the Natya Sudha Team, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham presented their performances which not only reflected the rich culture of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country but also amused and enthralled all the delegates assembled there. The cultural programme was coordinated by Dr. R. Venkata Ravi.

### Meeting of Recommendation & Declaration Drafting Committee



Prior to the valedictory session the members of recommendation and declaration committee including Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi; Dr. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education & Extension, University of Delhi; Prof. V. Reghu, Former Controller of Examinations, RGNID, Govt. of India; Dr. Asha Patil, Former, Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education & Extension Work, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and Prof. (Dr.) D. Uma Devi, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati met to discuss and finalize the suggestions, recommendations and declaration of the conference.

### Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was dedicated to thanks giving and presentation of the Coimbatore Declaration. Delivering the



welcome address in the valedictory session Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI expressed his gratitude towards the key functionaries of the three collaborating institutions for identifying the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for conducting the prestigious conference. This session was presided over by Dr. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association who whole heartedly thanked each and every delegate specifically the scholars of the Department of Master of Social Work, Amrita for their sincere and quality academic participation throughout all the working sessions. Thereafter, as a mark of respect mementos was offered on behalf of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham to each of the dignitaries present on the dais.

**The Coimbatore Declaration 2023** was read by Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi which says,



"We, the delegates of the 64th All India Adult Education Conference, collectively affirm our commitment to actively contribute to the successful implementation of NEP 2020. As stakeholders, in the education ecosystem, we pledge to support initiatives that align with the policy's vision and objectives.

The Higher Education Institutions need to diversify the courses to create manpower in the field of Lifelong Learning. Prior learning needs to be the base for the certification, identification and promotion of skills through

vocational education at various levels through industry linkage. The value and ethical education should be the base for education at all levels.

This declaration is a testament to our shared responsibility in shaping the future of education, fostering a culture of learning that empowers individuals and contributes to the social progress envisioned by NEP 2020."

The valedictory session was concluded with rendering the National Anthem. Prior to that Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi extended the Vote of Thanks to each and every member of the Amrita family for making the conference a great success. He thanked all the speakers specifically Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry; Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education; Prof. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA); Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE and all the Chairpersons and Co-chairpersons of seven working sessions for providing vision, guidance and motivation which attributed immensely to the success of the conference. He also extended vote of thanks to the faculty members, non-teaching staff and other functionaries of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham as well as all the delegates for making the 64th All India Adult Education Conference a remarkable episode in the ongoing journey of adult and lifelong education in the country. Shri Khandelwal thanked all the Executive Members and members of the staff of IAEA specifically Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA for taking care of each and every important aspect essential for the success of the conference.

### Executive Committee Meeting



The Executive Committee meeting of IAEA was held on December 13, 2023 at Saraswati Hall, Amrita Vishwa

Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja which was participated by 15 members. The EC confirmed the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting held at IICP, Kolkata on April 5, 2023. It also approved the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 and the report of programmes and activities conducted by the Association during the period April to November, 2023. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

The committee condoled the death of Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, Dr. Chris Duke, Dr. Farasat Hussain, Shri Hatim Ali, Smt. Kiran Pant, Dr. K. Kathita Hatibaruah and Dr. Bhoumik Deshmukh and observed one minute silence for the departed souls.

### Council Meeting



The Council meeting of IAEA was held at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore on December 14, 2023 which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Held in blended mode the meeting was attended by 19 members which confirmed the minutes of last Council meeting held on December 18, 2021. The Council also approved the Plan of Action of the Association for the year 2024-2025.

### General Body Meeting



The General Body meeting of the Association was also held at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 14, 2023 which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Attended by 112 members the meeting confirmed the minutes of last GB meeting held online on December 18, 2021 and adopted the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2022. It also adopted the Audited Statement of Accounts of the year 2021-22 and 2022-23.

### Diwali Celebration 2023



A get together was organized on November 8, 2023 to celebrate Deepawali, the festival of lights. Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE wished a very happy and prosperous Deepawali to all present on the occasion. He reiterated the

importance of lifelong learning for one and all and said that the Association has to play very important role in the years to come. The get together was participated by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE; Prof. Rajesh, DACEE, University of Delhi; Dr. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, JNU; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director along with all the members of staff.

Similarly, another get together was organized by the learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre on November 10, 2023. The learners along with the members of the staff of IAEA came together to light Diyas and decorate the premises with



beautiful Rangoli. The programme was planned and conducted by the learners themselves. On this occasion Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA requested the learners to learn skills efficiently so that they can illuminate their own life as well as the family they belong to.