

# अलविदा कल्पना

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भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की निदेशक श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक अब हमारे बीच नहीं रहीं। कभी-कभी नियति ऐसे मोड़ पर ला खड़ा करती है जहां हर कोई अपने आपको विवश पाता है। इस नश्वर संसार से कल्पना का असमय और अचानक प्रयाण न केवल उनके सगे-संबंधियों बल्कि मित्रों, सहकर्मियों सहित समूचे प्रौढ़ शिक्षा परिवार के लिए अचंभित और गहन अवसाद से भर देने वाला था। जिसने यह शोक संवाद सुना सभी के लिए यह एक सदमा था जहां मौन के सिवा कोई कुछ नहीं कर सकता।

कल्पना विगत कुछ दिनों से अस्वस्थ चल रहीं थी। अभी कुछ ही महीनों पहले हृदय संबंधित उपचार के लिए उन्हें स्टंट डालना पड़ा था। पर अब उनकी स्थिति में अभूतपूर्व सुधार था और वह सामान्य दिनचर्या की ओर बढ़ चली थीं। स्वास्थ्य में सुधार होता देख वह तिरुपति स्थित श्री वेंकटेश्वरा यूनिवर्सिटी में होने वाले एक सेमिनार में भाग लेने तिरुपति गयी थी। सेमिनार के प्रथम दिन के समापन पर धन्यवाद ज्ञापित करते हुए अचानक ही उनकी तबियत बिगड़ गयी और उन्हें अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया गया। डॉक्टरों के प्रारंभिक जांच और मंतव्य से ऐसा लगा जैसे सबकुछ अचानक ही समाप्त होने वाला है। उनके सगे-संबंधी, मित्र, सहकर्मी सभी लोग उनके स्वस्थ हो उठने के लिए ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करने लगे।



दो-तीन दिनों के ईलाज के उपरांत स्थिति में बदलाव आया वह सामान्य सी हो गयी तो ऐसा लगा जैसे ईश्वर ने हम सबकी सुन ली। दिनांक 2 मार्च 2025 को वह तिरुपति से दिल्ली पहुंची। सबकुछ ठीक था पर 3 तारीख की रात उन्हें फिर तकलीफ हुई वह तत्काल अस्पताल में भर्ती हुई। अस्पताल में भर्ती होने के बाद शायद ही वह होश में आई। प्रौढ़ शिक्षा परिवार के कई लोग अस्पताल में उनसे मिलने गये पर वह अचेत थी। दिनांक 4 मार्च 2025 सायं काल में श्रीमती कल्पना ने इस नश्वर संसार को सदा के लिए अलविदा कह दिया।

सन् 1996 में एक कम्प्यूटर आपरेटर के नाते आईईए से जुड़ने वाली 20 वर्षीय युवा कल्पना अपनी मेहनत और लगन के कारण कार्यालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों का ध्यान आकर्षित किया और उन सभी के सहयोग से एक अविचल कार्यकर्ता के रूप में वह लगातार आगे बढ़ती चली गयी। सन् 2022 में जब वह भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की निदेशक बनीं तब ऐसा लगा कि संघ को एक युवा, मिलनसार, जिंदादिल, योग्य प्रशासक और नेतृत्व मिल गया जो अपनी अनुभवों के आधार पर संघ के गतिविधियों को नई दिशा देने में सक्षम होगी।

पर भाग्य को कुछ और ही मंजूर था। कल्पना ने भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के साथ-साथ आईआईएएलई, रीडिंग एसोशिएसन ऑफ इंडिया, एसबे (ए.एस.पी.ए.बी.ई) जैसे अनेक संस्थाओं में सक्रिय भूमिका का निर्वहन किया। श्री जे.एल.सचदेवा, प्रो. भवानी शंकर गर्ग, श्री कैलाश चौधरी, प्रो. एन. के. अम्बष्ट, प्रो. एस. वाई शाह, डॉ. मदन सिंह, डॉ. एम.एस. राणावत, प्रो. एल. राजा, प्रो. आदिनारायण रेड्डी, श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, प्रो. राजेश, श्रीमती निशात फारूक, प्रो. मृदुला सेठ, डॉ. वर्षा दास सहित अनेक मूर्धन्य विद्वानों एवं अधिकारियों के साथ हाथ से हाथ मिला कर कार्य करने वाली कल्पना जिनका अपने समय के अनेकों राष्ट्रीय एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त प्रौढ़ शिक्षाविदों के साथ सहज, मधुर और प्रगाढ़ संबंध थे, ने अचानक ही सभी को स्तब्ध कर दिया। उनके जाने से जिस शून्य का निर्माण हुआ है उसे भरना शायद ही सहज होगा।

श्रद्धांजलि सभा में उपस्थित प्रौढ़ शिक्षा परिवार के सभी सदस्यों ने श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक के दिवंगत आत्मा की शांति के लिए प्रार्थना की और यह कामना की कि ईश्वर उनके परिवार जनों, उनके पुत्र कनु, उनकी सुपुत्री पिया, पति श्री दिनेश महाजन सहित अन्य सभी को यह घोर दुःख सहने की शक्ति प्रदान करें।

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## Indian Adult Education Association

### Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai Inaugurated 65th AIAEC



The 65th All India Adult Education Conference began with a grand Inaugural Function held in the Dadi Prakashmani Training Centre Hall, Saraswati Bhawan, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan on January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai, Additional Secretary, Brahma Kumaris who lighted the Ceremonial Lamp along with Prof. (Dr.) B.K Pandiamani, Director, Value Education, Brahma Kumaris; Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai; Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi & Former



Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling; Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA; Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA; Shri K.K. Sethi, Former Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

Delivering the inaugural address Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai said, "Now a days the colour has become



more important than the content. Whether it is the principle of physics or mathematics or any core discipline, it is taught across the world as universal truth. But 'spiritualism - the key of human consciousness, mental equilibrium and eternal peace' fails to get the same treatment. Brahma Kumaris has delved deep into the realm to propound the universality of spiritualism and its essentiality for global peace, both at individual and societal plank". He further said that

learning is a lifelong process and Prajapita Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, the unique university of universal peace invites every individual to know, understand, accept, imbibe and become an apostle of peace for himself/herself, society and the whole creation. He expressed immense pleasure for conducting the 65th All India Adult Education Conference at this universal university and blessed everybody to take dedicated efforts towards realizing the goal of universal education and brotherhood.

Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai along with all the dignitaries on dais released



the Abstract Booklet covering the abstracts of 56 research papers to be presented by the scholars in the conference.

The inaugural function began with the rendering of prayer by Dr. R. Kalpana followed by the melodious Welcome Song by Madhur Vani Group which also conducted cultural programme showcasing the



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spirit and message of the conference. All the programmes were enjoyed and appreciated by the participants.

Thereafter, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik introduced the Indian Adult Education Association and the core objectives of the 65th All India Adult Education Conference.



Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA welcomed all the dignitaries and the delegates coming from different parts of the country to attend the national conference.



Rajyogini BK Sheilu Didi who had spent more than seven decades of dedicated services towards the cause of humanity, while extending her blessings desired every individual to peep inside his/her own mind and deeds to find the reason hampering togetherness. The lack of the will and readiness to sacrifice short lived pleasures has resulted into family chaos. Consequently, around half a century ago divorce which was a rare or nonexistent practice has now become a common phenomenon, she said. Sheilu Didi invited every delegate to spend a few days in Brahma Kumaris to realize his/her inner self.



Thereafter, Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai and Rajyogini BK Sheilu Didi handed over the prestigious Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2021, 2022 and 2023 along with

the first IAEA Lifetime Achievement Award and IAEA Special Award. Each recipient was given a Shawl, a Shreephala, Citation, Plaque and a Cheque of honour.

### NEHRU LITERACY AWARD



Dr. Madan Singh – 2021



Shri K. Shiva Kumar – 2022  
(Received by Shri Neehar Chaturvedi, TVS Srichakra Ltd.)



Md. Akram Khan – 2023

### TAGORE LITERACY AWARD



Wangjing Women and Girls Society – 2021  
(received by Shri L. Premananda Singh, Secretary, WWAGS)



Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu – 2022



Dr. Kezevino Aram – 2023

### IAEA SPECIAL AWARD



Mrs. Ranjana Ray – 2023  
(Received by Dr. Konnika Ray, Trustee)

### IAEA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Shri K.C. Choudhary – 2023  
(Received by his son Shri Rajesh Choudhary)

Once the citations for each of the awardees were readout, they were invited for the acceptance speech.

The Inaugural Address of the conference was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) B.K Pandiamani, Director, Value Education, Brahma Kumaris who is an embodiment of lifelong learning. While delivering the inaugural address Prof. Pandiamani



shared the story of his first encounter with Lifelong Learning Centre at Gandhigram Rural University at Dindigul, Tamil Nadu and explained how he got motivated to take challenges in his life. Narrating the self-disciplined life at Brahma Kumaris Prof. Pandiamani said that the delegates of the 65th AIAEC are really the blessed souls as they have got an out of turn chance to spend almost four days in the spiritual world of Brahma Kumaris. This has happened due to the blessing of supreme soul on each of them. He advised the delegates to carry the best of values they encounter with in this complex and enrich their life to get rid of the complexities.

The vote of thanks in the Inaugural Session was extended by Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who from his bottom of heart thanked

## Awareness Generation Programme on Health and Education



IAEA is making concerted effort to create awareness on health, hygiene, literacy and skill acquisition among the residents of slum areas located at ITO and its surrounding areas. The basic objective of all these programmes is to engage them in creative activities and thereby enhancing their quality of life. Recently, a couple of competitive programmes were organized on the eve of Basant Panchami for motivating the students specifically the dropout girls to enroll themselves with training centre as well as to continue their studies. A Quiz Competition was organized on February 4, 2025 in which more than 100 questions related to general awareness on health-hygiene and education were responded and replied by the participants. Beautiful gifts were presented to all the winners which was cherished not

only by the participants but also by the crowd assembled there. Members of the staff of IAEA including Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Senior Assistant, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Assistant, Shri Surender Singh, Caretaker, Shri Kishore, MPW and Ms. Meena Rawat, Mental Health Counselor were also present on the occasion.

### Prof. Kumar Ashutosh Visited IAEA

Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, Head, Department of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi along with another faculty member visited IAEA on January 27, 2025. He had a detailed discussion with Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor and Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE and Prof. Rajesh, Sr. Professor, DACEE, University of Delhi and Treasurer, IAEA on a number of important aspects related to the execution of Unnan Bharat Abhiyan and ULLAS. Shri M.L.Sharma, Finance Head, IAEA also joined the discussion.



## श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक को श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की निदेशक श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक की स्मृति में श्रद्धांजलि सभा का आयोजन दिनांक 9.03.2025, रविवार को प्रातः 11:30 बजे आशा कला केन्द्र में किया गया। इस दौरान उनके साथ नजदीकी से प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ का कार्य करने वाले सहयोगियों ने अपनी



स्मृतियाँ साझा करते हुए उन्हें अश्रुपूरित श्रद्धांजलि दी।

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उपनिदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी ने श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित करते हुए कहा कि वे एक कुशल प्रशासिका व सरल स्वभाव की धनी थी। वो संघ में अपनी मेहनत के बल पर एक लिपिक के पद से निदेशक के पद पर पहुँची। सी.ए. श्री अंकित विजयवर्गीय ने कहा कि उनकी सेवा, कला एवं कुशल व मित्रवत व्यवहार सभी को प्रभावित करता था। श्रीमती स्वाति विजयवर्गीय ने कहा कि उनका सानिध्य, सहयोग और समर्पण जीवनभर नहीं भूला सकेंगे। भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा

संघ के विभिन्न पदों पर रहते हुए उन्होंने अपने व्यवहार से लोगों का दिल जीता। उनकी सरलता एक ऐसा गुण था जिसका हमें अपने जीवन में अनुसरण करना चाहिए।

संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने कहा कि कल्पना कौशिक में प्रशासनिक संगठन क्षमता और नेतृत्व का अद्भूत गुण था। किसी भी विपरीत परिस्थिति में वो अपने धैर्य के साथ प्रतिक्रिया देकर अपने विरोधियों का भी हृदय जीत लेते थी। वे जीवन के अंतिम समय तक समर्पण भाव से संघ की सेवा करती रही।

श्रद्धांजलि सभा का संचालन श्री नारायण चौहान ने किया। इस सभा में भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, आशा कला केन्द्र, बाल महोत्सव एवं वात्सल्य संस्था के सदस्य तथा उनके सहयोगी व मित्र उपस्थित थे। अंत में सभी ने दो मिनट का मौन रख श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक को अश्रुपूरित आत्मीय श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की।

आर्गनाइजेसन फॉर एनिमल हैल्थ जैसे संस्थानों ने यह रेखांकित करना प्रारंभ किया है कि सभी की सुरक्षा के लिए आवश्यक है कि प्रकृति एवं जीव जगत को अलग-अलग नहीं बल्कि एक साथ लेकर चिंतन किया जाय। ऐसे में भारत के अकादमिक जगत को आगे आने की आवश्यकता है।

### विभिन्न सत्रों में वक्ताओं ने किया मंथन

सेमिनार के दौरान दो तकनीकी सत्र हुए जिनका संचालन श्री बी. संजय, अनुसंधान अधिकारी, भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ द्वारा किया गया। पहले सत्र की अध्यक्षता एमएस कॉलेज के पूर्व प्राचार्य डॉ. उमाकांत गुप्त ने की। इस सत्र का संयोजक दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के प्रो. राजेश थे। प्रो. एल राजा ने पावर पाइंट प्रजेंटेशन दिया। गुजरात की प्रो. आशा वर्मा और बीकानेर के डॉ. नमामी शंकर आचार्य ने पत्रवाचन किया। इस सत्र में डॉ. के. के. शर्मा भी वक्ता के रूप में मौजूद रहे। दूसरे सत्र की अध्यक्षता प्रो. हेमंत दाधीच ने की। इसके संयोजक आंध्रप्रदेश के डॉ. आदित्य नारायण रेड्डी थे। मध्यप्रदेश के श्री मृणाल पंत, तिरुपति से डॉ. डी उमा देवी, महू से प्रोफेसर रितु त्रिवेदी तथा बीकानेर से डॉ. रेणुका व्यास, डॉ. गौरी शंकर प्रजापत और डॉ. प्रशांत बिस्सा ने पत्रवाचन किया।

### प्रोफेसर एल. राजा एवं श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल का नागरिक अभिनंदन



बीकानेर के राजुवास में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी के दौरान भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के अध्यक्ष प्रो. एल. राजा तथा महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल का समाज को प्रदत्त उनकी सुदीर्घ सेवाओं के लिए नागरिक अभिनंदन किया गया। इस सत्र के मुख्य अतिथि रोटरी क्लब के पूर्व गवर्नर श्री राजेश चूरा थे। अध्यक्षता पोकरमल राजरानी गोयल चेरिटेबल ट्रस्ट के अध्यक्ष डॉ. नरेश गोयल ने की। दोनों विभूतियों के अभिनंदन पत्रों का वाचन डॉ. रेणुका व्यास और श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार ने किया। इस दौरान चित्रकार श्री योगेन्द्र पुरोहित ने प्रो. राजा एवं श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल को स्वयं द्वारा चित्रित पेंसिल स्केच भी भेंट की।

### IAEA Staff Meeting



Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA the meeting was also addressed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer & Office In-charge. Prof. Raja elaborated the impending challenges before lifelong learning education and the role of IAEA. He asked all the staff members to do their best for accomplishing institutional responsibility.

A meeting of the staff of IAEA was convened on March 21, 2025 which was participated by all the staff members. Presided over by

### Executive Committee Meeting



The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of IAEA was held on March 20, 2025 at 4.30

PM at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS) Bikaner, Rajasthan under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja, President which was participated by 18 EC members. The EC Confirmed the minutes of the last EC meeting held on January 9, 2025 Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan; approved of the report of programmes and activities conducted from January – February 2025 and deliberated on the points mentioned under any other matters.

The EC paid a reach tribute to the departed soul of Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer, IAEA.



all the dignitaries who graced the occasion specifically Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai and Rajyogini BK Sheilu Didi for their

blessings. He also expressed his gratitude towards each and everybody present on the occasion.

The inaugural function was beautifully conducted by BK Chanda Behn, HQ Coordinator, Media Wing, Mount Abu who was also the Master of the Ceremony.



### Keynote Address

The Keynote Address on "Lifelong Learning in Transforming the Indian Knowledge System" was delivered by



Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Prof. Parthasarathy while exploring the manifestation within the Indian Knowledge System offered deep insight into how ancient wisdom can inspire modern approaches to education, skill-building, and self-awareness. He said that the National Education Policy 2020 has really widened the scope where every individual irrespective of his/her socio-economic and geographical boundaries can continue his/her journey towards excellence. The principles of lifelong learning as articulated in IKS has not only encouraged the scholars to maximize their efficiency but has also equipped them to address the challenges of the 21st century in a better way.

The Keynote Address session was chaired by Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi & Former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling while the Vote of thanks was extended by Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasure, IAEA & Former

Director & Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

### Plenary –I

The session was designed to discuss and deliberate on the Keynote Address in which various questions, queries and suggestions were raised/given by the delegates including Prof. L. Raja, Prof. Rajesh, Prof. Asha Verma, Prof. V. Reghu, Dr. D. Uma Devi, Prof. Gorakhnath Kamble and many others. The session was concluded with the words of Prof. Ambasht who gave a deep insight into the working of human mind and its relation with the mode of teaching specifically andragogy in context of gerontology.

### General Body and Executive Committee Meetings



The General Body meeting of the Association was held on January 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m which was followed by Meeting of Individual Members to elect Council Members from amongst them.

At 6:00 p.m. the Executive Committee meeting was held under the



Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja which was facilitated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

The result of the election held for Council Members was declared on the same day at 7:30 p.m.

In order to have a thorough discussion on various emerging issues surrounding adult and lifelong education in contemporary world the theme of the conference was further divided into 10 sub-themes and academic papers were invited to streamline the discourse and synchronize the outcomes for a very specific and focused declaration. Within the specified time 56 abstracts were received and scholars were asked to present their paper in the six parallel sessions held on January 10, 2025. However, in view of paucity of time only 26 presentations could be accommodated. Each session was chaired/co-chaired by distinguished professors and reported by scholars, the details of which, is as follows:

### Parallel Session - 1



**Sub-Theme-1: Sociological Influence in Lifelong Learning in India**

**Chairman:** Dr. BK Pandiamani, Director, Value Education, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya, Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan

**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Nitish Anand, Guest Faculty, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi.

### Papers Presented:

1. Gender Differences in Defence Mechanisms of Parents with Differently Abled Children from Lifelong Learning Perspective by Dr. Subrata Sen, Guest Faculty, Department of Education, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong,

Meghalaya & Prof. B. P. Sahu, Dean, School of Education, NEHU, Shillong.

2. Sociological Influence of Lifelong Learning in India by Ms. Shivani, Research Scholar, Manipur International University, Manipur.

3. Life-Long Learning: An Approach to Social and Economic Transformation of Elderly People by Shri Sorokhaibam Cavendish Singh, Research Scholar and & Dr. Sharmila Thingbaijam, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education & Extension, Manipur University Canchipur, Imphal.

### Parallel Session - 2



**Sub-Theme-2:** Professional Development through LLL

**Chairman:** Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Professor, Women's Study Centre Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Chayanika Uniyal, Associate Professor, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Medhavi Gupta, Research Scholar, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi.

### Papers Presented:

1. Lifelong Learning Perspective on Coping Mechanism of the Unemployed Youth in East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya by Shri Andreas Rynjah, Research Scholar, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Prof. B. P. Sahu, Head, Centre for Distance Education, NEHU, Shillong.

2. Threads of Change: A Lifelong Learning Strategy for Women's Entrepreneurial Empowerment in the Weaving Sector of Ri-Bhoi District, Meghalaya by Shri Dexter Sungoh, Research Scholar, Department of Adult and

Continuing Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.

3. Professional Development through Lifelong Learning by Shri Faiza Akram & Shri Al Samad Alam, M.A, Lifelong Learning and Extension, Department of Continuing Education and Extension, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

4. Lifelong Learning: A Way to Skill Based Education by Shri Tongbram Premchand, Research Scholar and Dr. Lamalu Thamei, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal.

5. Professional Development Through Lifelong Learning by Dr. Jayashri P. Jawale, Jalgaon, Maharashtra.

6. Skilled Workforce: Lifelong Learning Enhancing Skills for Career Growth by Dr. Chittibabu Putcha, Assistant Professor and Ms. Sujata Chhatrri, Research Scholar, Department of Lifelong Education, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.

### Parallel Session - 3



**Sub-Theme-3:** Interdisciplinary Approach through Lifelong Learning

**Sub-Theme-4:** Lifelong Learning for Rural Transformation

**Sub-Theme-5:** Lifelong Learning and Secondary Education

**Chairman:** Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Former Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. J. M. Panara, NSS Programme Coordinator, Sourashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Hari R.S. Assistant Professor & Director, Lifelong Learning & Extension, Marian College Kuttikkanam Autonomous, Idukki, Kerala

### Papers Presented:

1. Interpersonal and Effective Communication Skills of Out of School Adolescent Girls: Strategies for Lifelong Learning by Shri Dipak Chandra Borah, Research Scholar and & Prof. B.P. Sahu, Professor, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong.

2. Role of Self-Determined Learning in Promoting Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All by Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi.

3. Nutritional Deficiency Disorders among Pregnant Women in Urban Slums: A Review of Related Literature in Lifelong Learning Perspective" by Ms. Padmaja Jagati, Research Scholar and Lamalu Thamei, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, Manipur University, Indo-Myanmar Road, Canchipur, Imphal.

4. Lifelong Learning for Rural Transformation on Shri Sialloa Sumleailal Aimol, Research Scholar and Dr. Lamalu Thamei, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, Manipur University, Indo-Myanmar Road, Canchipur, Imphal.

5. Lifelong Learning and Secondary Education by Dr. Saurabh Misra, Assistant Teacher, Government Inter College Dhobighat, Lansdowne, Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

### Parallel Session - 4



**Sub-Theme-6:** Lifelong Learning in Higher Education

## बीकानेर में आजीवन अधिगम एवं एक स्वास्थ्य विषय पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली तथा राजस्थान पशु चिकित्सा एवं पशु विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय (राजुवास) के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में 'आजीवन अधिगम एवं एक स्वास्थ्य' विषय पर एक दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। दिनांक 20 मार्च 2025 को राजुवास के फैंकल्टी हाउस सभागार में आयोजित इस संगोष्ठी में भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ कार्यकारिणी सदस्यों सहित देश के विभिन्न राज्यों एवं केन्द्र शासित प्रदेशों से आए मूधन्य विद्वानों ने भाग लिया।

सत्र की शुरुआत में प्रोफेसर एल. राजा एवं श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की ओर से शॉल एवं साहित्य भेंट कर कुलपति आचार्य मनोज दीक्षित का सम्मान किया।



संगोष्ठी का उद्घाटन मुख्य अतिथि विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति आचार्य मनोज दीक्षित के कर-कमलों द्वारा किया गया। अपने उद्घाटन भाषण में कुलपति महोदय ने स्पष्ट किया कि हजारों वर्षों पूर्व भारतीय मनीषा ने वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम की अवधारणा रखी थी जो समग्र विश्व को परिवार मानकर चलने की अवधारणा है। हमारी इसी अवधारणा को विश्व आज स्वीकार कर आगे बढ़ने का प्रयास कर रहा है जो स्वागत योग्य है। उन्होंने कहा कि पत्तियों में विखण्डन और जड़ में एकाग्रता का भाव पाया जाता है। इसे ध्यान रखते हुए हमें मूल स्वरूप को देखना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि सेमिनार के लिए चयनित विषय अगले कई दशकों तक महत्वपूर्ण रहेगा। भारत इस विचार का प्रतिपादक है और यह संगोष्ठी हमें इस दिशा में निरंतर आगे बढ़ने का उपादान प्रस्तुत करेगा। कुलपति आचार्य मनोज दीक्षित ने कहा कि इस संगोष्ठी के सुखद अनुभव ने हमारे साथ-साथ कार्य



करने का मार्ग प्रशस्त किया है और उम्मीद जताई कि भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ आगामी दिनों में अखिल भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा सम्मेलन राजुवास, बीकानेर में करने की दिशा में आगे बढ़ेगा।

उद्घाटन सत्र में विषय प्रवर्तन करते हुए प्रोफेसर राजा ने कहा कि हमारा देश 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम' को मानने वाला है। यहां का सामाजिक ताना-बाना हमें एक दूसरे से जोड़े रखता है। उन्होंने कहा कि आजीवन अधिगम इस विषय को कैसे पुष्ट कर सकता है इस विषय पर गहन चिंतन की आवश्यकता है।

सेमिनार संयोजक तथा संघ के सह-सचिव श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने उद्घाटन सत्र का संचालन करते हुए अलग-अलग हित धारकों द्वारा अपना उत्तरदायित्व बखूबी निभाए जाने के लिए हृदय से आभार जताया।

इससे पहले अतिथियों ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर सेमिनार का उद्घाटन तथा



सेमिनार के लिए प्रकाशित फोल्डर का भी विमोचन किया। स्वागत भाषण प्रो वीसी प्रोफेसर हेमंत दाधीच द्वारा प्रदान किया गया। भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव तथा लोकतंत्र सेनानी श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल द्वारा आभार प्रदान करने के साथ ही उद्घाटन सत्र संपन्न हुआ।

सभी वक्ताओं ने पर्यावरण एवं मानव सहित संपूर्ण जीव जगत के समक्ष आपतित चुनौतियों से निजात पाने के एक सशक्त माध्यम के रूप में वर्तमान वैश्विक धरातल पर 'एक स्वास्थ्य' की चर्चा की। विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन,

1. Outcome Based Education Perspectives and Practices in Higher Education by Dr. Saru Joshi
2. Access to HEI in India according to NEP 2020: Equity and Inclusive Prof. L. Raja
3. NEP 2020: A road map for Viksit Bharat, Dr. Anu Krishnan
4. Strategies Formulated by the NEP (2020) by Prof. M. C. Reddeppa Reddy
5. Adoption of NEP at HIEs in Madhya Pradesh by Shri Mrinal Pant
6. Revolutionizing Learning Outcomes: The Role of NEP 2020 and AI in Fostering University Students' Digital Efficacy, Positive Emotions, and Autonomous Learning by Dr. Subrata Sen and Dr. B. P. Sahu
7. In pursuit of fulfilling individual as well as societal aspirations/resolving the implementation challenges by Prof. Jai Prakash Dubey
8. Decoding India's Quest for Knowledge Society: The Ever-Evolving Saga of Higher Education by Dr. V. Mohankumar
9. The Changing Scenario of Higher Education in Relation to NEP 2020: Issues and Concerns by Dr M.V.S.S Prakasa Rao & Ms. N. R. L. L Soujanya
10. Multiple Entry and Exit System (MEES) in Education by Dr. K. Kavitha
11. Reviving Credibility and Status to the Distance / Open Learning (Online and Offline) Education in the New Education Policy 2020: Some Reflections by Dr. P. Viswanadha Gupta
12. Online teaching and learning in Higher Education: Digitalization of Instruction in Higher Education: An Analysis of Teaching and Learning Process by Prof D. Janardhana Reddy, Dr. K. Narsimulu and D. Sriveni
13. Privatization of Higher Education by Dr. M. S. Talwar
14. Vocationalization of Higher Education with special reference to the study of Music by Satwana Chatterjee
15. National Education Policy (NEP) -2020: Reforms in Higher Education with special reference to Vocational Education by Dr. T. Sharon Raju
16. NEP 2020: Accessing Higher Education by the Differently Abled by Dr. B. Anupama Devi
17. Gender Differences in Defence Mechanisms of Parents with Differently Abled Children from Lifelong Learning Perspective by Dr. Subrata Sen and Dr. B. P. Sahu
18. Lifelong Learning in the Context of NEP 2020 by Harish Kumar
19. Integrating Life Skills and Volunteerism in the light of NEP 2020 by Dr. N. Johnson
20. NEP 2020 vis-a-vis the Issues of Medium of Instruction and Privatization of Higher Education by Prof. Subbachi
21. Promotion of Quality Research: A Freirean Perspective by Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya
22. The Teachers Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals by Dr. R. Sangeetha
23. NEP 2020: Teacher Education a vital input to quality Higher Education by Prof. S. Vijaya Vardhini
24. NEP 2020: An Overview of the Policy in a Gender Perspective by Dr. D. Uma Devi
25. Empowering Lives Through Literacy: Fulfilling the Dream of NEP 2020 by Kalpana Kaushik

26. NEP 2020: Steers towards Building Resilient Knowledge Society by Shri Himachalam Dasraju
27. NEP-2020, Vision for India - Centered Education: Challenges and Opportunities by Prof. G. Amuthavalli
28. Research Priorities in Higher Education with focus on NEP 2020 by Prof. V. Reghu
29. NEP 2020 - Accessing Higher Education by the Differently Abled by B. Anupama Devi



The valedictory function of this widely covered seminar was Chaired by Prof. G. Janakiramaiah while Prof. Tyagaraju, the Convener of the seminar, was the Chief Guest. Towards the conclusion a detailed report on the seminar was presented by the co convener Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. B. Ravi Naik. The seminar was concluded with the rendering of the National Anthem.

### IAEA welcomed Research Scholars from University of Würzburg, Germany

On March 7, 2025, two research scholars, Ms. Vanja Bogdanovic and Ms. Julia Saam, from the University of Würzburg, Germany, visited the Indian Adult Education



Association. During their visit, they had an interaction on a few emerging issues in the field of adult education with Prof. S.Y. Shah, former Professor, Group of Adult Education, Faculty of Social Sciences, JNU, and Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi; Prof. Rajesh, Senior Professor, DACEE, University of Delhi and Treasurer, IAEA; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA; and Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA. The discussion was focused on the role of adult and higher education, with a particular emphasis on the educational systems in India and Germany. Organized as a part of an ongoing collaboration between the University of Würzburg and IIALE, this meeting was aimed at exchanging ideas and exploring new trends in adult and higher education. Shri Himansu Singh and Ms. Khushi Sharma from the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi also participated in conversations.

**Chairman:** Dr. Asha Ramagonda Patil, Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education & Extension Work, SNDT Women's University Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Subrata Sen, Department of Education, North-Eastern Hill, University, Shillong, Meghalaya

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi.

### Papers Presented:

1. Assessing Employability Skills Among Students Through Extension Activities at Autonomous Colleges Affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu by Dr. Prakash S. V. A. and Dr. Senthilkumar A, Assistant Professors, School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
2. Empowering Life-Long Learning in Higher Education Through NDLI, Co-authored by Dr. Senthilkumar A. and Dr. Prakash S. V. A., School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
3. Awareness and Perception towards Lifelong Learning Amongst Higher Education Students, by Dr. Namrata Kamble, Associate Professor and Dr. Priya Singh, Principal, School of Education & Research, MIT Art Design & Technology University, Loni Kalbhori, Pune, Maharashtra.
4. Fostering Lifelong Learning in Higher Education: Bridging Skills, Knowledge, and Personal Growth for the Future by Dr. Chayanika Uniyal, Associate Professor at the Department of History, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi, and Dr. Amna Mirza, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi.
5. An Exploratory Study of the Transgender Faculty's Lived

Experience in Indian Higher Education Institutions by Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor and Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Senior Professor, Department of Continuing Education & Extension, University of Delhi.

### Parallel session - 5



**Sub-Theme-7:** Lifelong Learning and Pre-School Education

**Sub-Theme-8:** Artificial Intelligence as a Strategy for Empowering Lifelong Learning

**Sub-Theme-9:** NGOs and Lifelong Learning

**Chairman:** Dr. Dinesh Kapadia, Joint Secretary / Director (Rtd.), Govt. of Gujarat

**Co-Chairman:** Shri Harish Kumar S., Former Media Officer, State Resource Centre, Kerala

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Reetu Trivedi, Assistant Professor & HOD, Department of Law, Jawaharlal Nehru Samriti, Govt. PG College, Shujalpur, Dist. Shajapur, Madhya Pradesh

### Papers Presented:

1. Women Leadership and Artificial Intelligence for Empowering Lifelong Learning by Medhavi Gupta Research scholar, Department of continuing education and extension, University of Delhi.
2. Lifelong Learning: Empowering Adults through Artificial Intelligence by Ms. Sujata Chhatri, Research Scholar and Dr. Chittibabu Putcha, Assistant Professor, Department of Lifelong Education, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh.
3. Artificial Intelligence as a Strategy for Empowering Lifelong Learning by Prof. Dr. A. Muthumanickam, Emeritus Professor (Education),

University of Madras (Former Registrar & Former Professor & Head (Education), Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu.

4. Empowering Youth through Skill Development: A Critical Analysis of NEP 2020 in Lifelong Learning Perspective by Prof. B P Sahu, Dean, School of Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Dr. B S Lyngdoh, Assistant Professor, Jaintia Eastern College, Shillong, Meghalaya.

### Parallel session - 6



**Sub-Theme-10:** Value Education in Lifelong Learning

**Chairman:** Prof. Rajesh, Senior Professor & Nodal Officer, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi, Delhi

**Co-Chairman:** Prof. Harichandan Dhaneswar, ICSSR Senior Fellow and Former Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning University of Mumbai, Maharashtra  
**Rapporteur:** Shri B.S. Lingdoh, Assistant Professor, Jaintia Eastern College, Shillong, Meghalaya

### Papers Presented:

1. Value Education in Lifelong Learning by Tannu Sister, the Director Directorate of Value Education, Prabhu Pasand Building, Brahmakumaris, Shantivan Campus, Talheti Abu Road, Rajasthan.
2. Value Education and Lifelong Learning by Ms. Kushbu Mathuria, Research Scholar, Brahmakumaris, Shantivan Campus, Talheti Abu Road, Rajasthan.
3. Bhagwat Gita me Gyan Yogadarshan by Dr. Chintamani Tripathi.

## Special session on "Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities"



A special session on "Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities" was also organized to discuss and debate the policy perspective laid out in NEP 2020 and the way it needs to be harnessed for the furtherance of scope of lifelong learning in higher education. The session was chaired by Prof. V. Reghu, a recipient of Tagore Literacy Award & Former Controller of Examinations, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamil Nadu and addressed by Prof. P. Adinaryana Reddy, Treasure, IAEA and former Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, SV University, Tirupati; Prof. Rajesh, Vice President, IAEA & Senior Professor & Nodal Officer, DACEE, Faculty of Social Science, University of Delhi; Prof. B. P. Sahu, Head, Centre for Distance Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya and Dr. Asha Verma, Assistant Professor, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The session, moderated by Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, witnessed a vibrant but nuanced deliberation on different issues ailing the teaching-learning process and employment prospects for the scholars of lifelong learning in higher education. A number of young scholars along with a few senior professors came forward to raise questions about the appropriateness of assigning priority to those coming from other disciplines over scholars of lifelong learning that too in the appointments in AE departments in the name of multi-disciplinary approach. These questions were addressed by the academicians on dais as well as by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. It was

concluded with the assurance given by the chair that these emerging issues will be raised through Abu Declaration.

## Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture



The 30th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Kezevino Aram, a recipient of Tagore Literacy Award and Chairperson, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. This session was chaired by Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai.

Delivering an insightful lecture on transforming educational institutions into spaces conducive for evoking young minds to conceive multiple innovative ideas Dr. Aram desired to reshape the educational scenario in the country so that the emerging social needs of all the citizens can be appropriately addressed. India is the home of every fourth young person in the world today and hence, has the advantage to harness the demographic dividends in its favour. However, it depends on the way we are able to act upon and address the needs of our children, she said.

Education, in its every manifestation, represents both an opportunity and a right for the citizens. How perfectly it is imparted or acquired is the prime question. Dr. Aram said that much is depended on the performance of the two fundamental pillars, bureaucracy and the educators, as they play crucial role in shaping institutions and ensuring an appropriate environment. Children are born with numerous neurons, each having capacity beyond



our imagination and hence, we need to develop these tender minds with love, care and compassion so that they grow healthy and imbibe the best enabling them to reach to the higher pedestal of growth and development. Dr. Aram explained how the philosophies propounded by Tagore and Gandhi can be utilized to solve some of the challenging issues pertaining to higher education in India especially of low level of enrollment. Tagore emphasized for cohesive learning environment while Gandhi wanted a system where learners learn through direct observation and practice. Quoting Maria Montessori's invitation to a school where Gandhi observes and appreciates students consistent dialogue with teachers Dr. Aram emphasized for the same to happen here in India. Citing an example of an IIT student who observed the prevalence of "NATO" (No Action, Talking Only) in the education system Dr. Aram underlined the need to connect higher education with real-life work situations so that our scholars can play active role in finding solutions for rapid development. To address these challenges, she proposed a comprehensive educational model driven by theory, practice, and praxis, which she deemed essential for achieving holistic education. Furthermore, she advocated for the integration of two distinct pathways: the science-led pathway and the humanities pathway, suggesting their convergence could shape the future of Indian higher education. Her vision combines traditional wisdom with contemporary needs, suggesting a path forward that honors both heritage and progress while preparing students for the challenges of the modern world.

Dr. Aram also dedicated the Tagore Literacy Award bestowed on her to the women activists, academicians and functionaries who are endeavoring hard to elevate their position on the

## National Seminar on Implementation of NEP 2020: Status, Challenges and Strategies



The NEP 2020, is a comprehensive policy framework aimed at transforming the Indian Education System and rests on five pillars - Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability. The policy outlines its vision for the future of the educational landscape in India and to convert it into a student-friendly affair. It is focused on individual development by providing flexibility in the course structure by endorsing the concept of the Academic Bank of Credits as a means of promoting flexibility and credit mobility in higher education to increase access to higher education for all sections of society. The policy is being implemented for the last three years and the pace of the progress of the various parameters of the policy is at different stages and need to identify the strengths and weaknesses so as to replicate the strengths and rectify the deficiencies.

In the light of the above the Department of Education Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi jointly organized a National Seminar on "Implementation of National Educational Policy 2020 with Special Reference to the Transformation of Higher Education."

Keeping in view of the objectives nine sub-themes were identified which were discussed in detailed throughout five technical sessions and two invited talks.

Held at the Senate hall of the Sri Venkateswara University the seminar was inaugurated and presided over by Prof. M. Bhupathi Naidu, Registrar, SV University who laid emphasis on the five pillars of the policy viz., Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability in all the stages of education. He expressed his desire that the policy should ensure the vocationalisation of education at all levels so as to produce the qualified but skilled manpower so as to make use of them in the industry for overall development of the country. The Chief Guest Prof. Ch. Appa Rao, the officiating Vice Chancellor of the University while delivering the inaugural speech touched upon various stages of implementation of the NEP and desired that the Central and State governments should come-up with adequate financial assistance to the universities for maintaining the staff expenditure, filling the vacant positions, liberal funding for the research etc.

Distinguished academicians who shared their views in the seminar included Prof. S. Dayanada, former Vice Chancellor, Geetham University; Prof. Nemma Venkat Rao, former Vice-

Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam; Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and former Professor, GRI, Tamil Nadu; Prof. K. Sudha Rani, the Principal, S. V. University College of Arts; Prof. Ch. Appa Rao, the officiating Vice Chancellor, SV University.

The distinguished guest of the programme Prof. S. Dayanada, former Vice Chancellor, Geetham University pointed out

the salient features of the NEP and laid importance on the restructuring of the curriculum, promotion of industry related skill etc. to compete our students in the global employment market. Prof. L. Raja spelt out the relevance of NEP in realizing the concept of literate India and also in converting the masses into human resources. In the process he suggested various strategies to promote education among the marginalized population and the steps in mainstreaming them in all spheres of life.

The abstracts of the seminar and a book entitled "Role of Educators for Sustainability of the Society" edited by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy and Prof. V R C Krishnaiah, the President and Secretary of the S. V. U Retired Teachers association was also released by Prof. K. Sudha Rani.



All the guests were welcomed by Prof. G. Janakiramaiah, Convener and Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, the Co Convener. The vote of thanks was proposed by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

The technical sessions were chaired respectively by Dr. V. Mohankumar, Visiting Professor, IIALE, New Delhi; Prof. Subbachiari, former Academic Dean, Dravidian University, Kuppam; Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President, IAEA and Prof. B. Niranjan Reddy, while reported by Dr. Viswanadha Gupta, Shri Mirnal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA, Prof. T. Saran Raju and Dr. Harinath, Department of Adult Education, SV University. A total of 69 papers were received for presentation in the seminar however, only following 29 papers could be presented due to paucity of time:



Main was the Guest of Honour. Other eminent persons who attended the programme includes Shri Kundan Bhagat, Manger Official Language Officer, Regional Office, Cuttack; Shri Kalyan Kishore Mohanty, Member, Angul District Child Welfare Committee; Shri

Sankar Behera, Treasurer and Shri Kailash Chandra Sahu, Superintendent, Bajirout Chhatravas. All the speakers wanted the programme of imparting functional literacy to be continued on a wide scale. The program was conducted by Campaign Coordinator Shri Suryanarayan Nath, Programme Coordinator. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Lipika Mohapatra.



*"I salute the indomitable courage and stellar achievements of women."*

– Prime Minister Narendra Modi on International Women's Day

## National Webinar on RPL in Higher Education and the Role of LLL & CE Departments

The University of Delhi, under the esteemed Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), organized a significant national-level webinar on February 11, 2025 on the theme "Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in Higher Education and the Role of Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education Departments in India." The event was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association and aimed to provide a comprehensive discourse on the importance of RPL and the transformative role played by lifelong learning and continuing education in shaping the landscape of higher education in India. The central focus was to explore the nuances of RPL and its potential to bridge the gap between formal education systems and the diverse learning needs of individuals. By incorporating RPL, India has an opportunity to enhance educational inclusivity and provide pathways for individuals from various backgrounds to engage with higher education.

Among the distinguished speakers, Dr. V. Mohankumar, Visiting Professor, IIAE, New Delhi underlined the critical need for systems that recognize informal and non-formal learning experiences, advocating for policies that foster the integration of these forms of learning into the mainstream education structure. Prof. Rajesh, the Treasurer of the IAEA and Senior Professor at the Department of

Continuing Education & Extension, DU, further enriched the conversation by emphasizing the indispensable role that lifelong learning and continuing education departments play in fostering an inclusive educational ecosystem. The chief guest, Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director of the International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi, delivered a compelling address on the global context of lifelong learning. He highlighted how international trends in lifelong education can offer valuable lessons for India, stressing that lifelong learning is not just a tool for personal

development but also a critical driver for national growth and social cohesion. Prof. Raja passionately discussed how RPL could address the educational challenges faced by underserved populations, particularly in rural and marginalized areas. He underscored the potential of RPL to offer second chances to learners, facilitating greater educational mobility and lifelong employability.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor at the Department of Continuing Education & Extension at DU and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director of IAEA.

– Ms. Parinita Batra  
Ph.D. Research Scholar  
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### Ranjana Ray visited IAEA

Ms. Ranjana Ray, Founder Member/Secretary, Dr. A.V. Baliga Memorial Trust and recipient of IAEA Special Award 2023 visited IAEA on January 6, 2025 to express her gratitude. She had a memorable discussion with Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.



ladder of development. She invited all the female participants in the conference to join their hands and cherish the moment.

### Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion

Each of the parallel sessions were reported by senior scholars who presented a brief report on the academic discussions held in the groups represented by them. This session was chaired by Dr. Gorakhnath N. Kamble, former Professor, Department of Adult, Continuing Education & Extension Work, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. The Rapporteurs who presented reports included Dr. Nitish Anand; Ms. Medhavi Gupta; Dr. Hari R.S; Ms. Parinita Batra;



Ms. Reetu Trivedi and Shri B.S. Lingdoh. All the Rapporteurs found the session to be very fruitful and enriching. They thanked IAEA for providing a chance to be a part of the conference organizing team and observe the academic activities from close door. While appreciating the brief and concise report presented by all of them Dr. Kamble said that the session and the reports presented there gave a scope to all the participants to peep into the academic activities conducted simultaneously in the conference.

### Valedictory Session

The Valedictory session commenced with the welcome address delivered by Prof. P. A. Reddy who extended a hearty welcome to the dignitaries present on the dais - Chief Guest of the valedictory session Prof. B.K. Pandiamani, Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. V.



Reghu, Dr. Vinu Aram and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. Welcoming the young scholars in audience and the functionaries of Bhrahma Kumaris Prof. Reddy underlined their aspirations and quoting his own institutional experiences said that the changing dynamics of higher education has propelled new issues which needs to be addressed by organizations like IAEA. He asked the young scholars to interact with the veteran academicians attending the conference and utilize their free time for enhancing their knowledge bank.

Delivering the presidential address Prof. L. Raja thanked all the participants for their active and meaningful participation which made the conference a grand success.



Recalling his first interaction with the Association he underlined the tradition of IAEA to welcome young and budding scholars and provided them an academic platform for wide interaction so that the issues pertaining to the field of education, precisely adult and lifelong learning gets a national voice. Prof. Raja said IAEA will continue this tradition to make the movement more effective. Offering rich tribute to late Shri K.C. Choudhary, Prof. Raja said that IAEA is missing his presence however, the first conference organized in his absence is going well with his blessings. He appreciated the rich content of the Keynote Address on Indian Knowledge System delivered by Prof. K. Parthasarathy and the electrifying, motivational and futuristic vision of lifelong learning put forth by Dr. Vinu Aram while delivering the 30th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture. Presence of veterans like Prof. N. K. Ambasth, Shri K. K. Sethi, Shri Mafatbhai Patel has not only enriched the academic discourse held during the conference but provided a chance for the budding scholars to peep into the history of adult education which is noteworthy, said Prof. Raja.

Prof. B.K. Pandiamani, the Chief Guest in his Valedictory Address opined that "lifelong learning alone can help generations to acquire knowledge and skills and enable them to ensure enhancement in the quality of life". Referring to his own academic journey Prof. Pandiamani said that it was due to the motivation of a lifelong learner he could successfully obtained more than 40 post-graduate degrees from universities and institutions of national and international repute. Society need to appreciate this scope and opportunity of lifelong learning and utilize it to the best of their capacity to fulfil their quest of learning and realize the dream of development. Both Brahma Kumaris and IAEA wish to contribute in the improvement of quality of life of people across the country. While Brahma Kumaris has a universal spiritual vision to help people to liberate them from all sort of anxieties, IAEA has a legacy of great adult educators and hence, together we can do wonder for the society.

It has been a tradition to summarize the major findings and issues raised during the conference into a declaration so that concerned authorities at various levels may be apprized with the situation at the ground level. The Abu Declaration was prepared by a committee comprised of Prof. N. K. Ambasth (Chairperson); Prof. P. A. Reddy; Prof. V. Reghu; Prof. Rajesh; Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Shri Mrinal Pant which was read by Prof. V. Reghu. Adopted unanimously on January 10, 2025 by all the participants, the Abu Declaration says:

We, the participants of the 65th All India Adult Education Conference, gathered at the Manmohini Campus, Abu Road, Rajasthan, from January 9 to 11, 2025, reaffirm our dedication to promote lifelong learning as a critical element in shaping India's educational future. Recognizing the emerging needs of individuals and communities, we collectively resolve to:



## 1. Integrate Lifelong Learning Across Levels

Encourage the incorporation of lifelong learning initiatives in secondary education and higher education to build a strong foundation for continuous personal and professional growth.

## 2. Address Societal Needs

Develop practical strategies to promote lifelong learning as a tool to address societal needs, ensuring access to education opportunities and development for all.

## 3. Leverage Technology for Learning

Adopt and promote the use of technologies to enhance accessibility, efficiency, and personalization of lifelong learning programs.

## 4. Strengthen Public Private Partnerships

Work collaboratively with NGOs, educational institutions, and other stakeholders to implement inclusive and impactful lifelong learning programmes that influences diverse segments of society.

## 5. Promote Value-Based Education

Incorporate moral and ethical education into lifelong learning programs to foster individual and societal well-being.

## 6. Focus on Professional and Social Development

Support initiatives that promote professional skill development and address social inequalities through targeted lifelong learning opportunities.

## 7. Advocate to establish new Centres/Departments of Lifelong Learning and Extension

Renewal and empowerment of existing Centres/Departments in all Universities, Colleges including NSS/NCC/ students Clubs and other youth clubs in the higher education institutions. Encouraging the students in Lifelong Learning activities.

Infrastructure facilities may be developed in all districts of India to nurture lifelong learning programmes which in turn will strengthen the nation.

### Our Call to Action

We commit to turning these resolutions into actionable programs and projects in partnership with key stakeholders. By doing so, we aim to create a more equitable and dynamic educational ecosystem that supports lifelong learning for all.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Indian Adult Education Association and Brahma Kumaris for their leadership and support in organizing this vital conference.

Together, let us take forward the mission of lifelong learning to empower individuals and transform communities.

Entire establishment of the Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya received a huge praise from all the participants who were eager to share their lively experience of the conference. However, in view of shortage of time only a few including Dr. Gyanendra, Shri Rajendra Joshi, Ms. Parinita Batra, Dr. SVA Prakash and Shri RC Jhuria could share their experiences which was appreciated by all.

The Vote of thanks was given by Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

Shri Khandelwal categorically thanked each and everybody involved in organizing the 65th All India Adult Education



Conference at Brahma Kumaris from the inception to its conclusion. He paid emotional tribute to late Shri K.C. Choudhary who visited Abu to finalize the plan of conducting AIAEC. Shri Khandelwal extended words of thank to the recipients of Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards, IAEA Lifetime Achievement Award and IAEA Special Award, all the Key Speakers, Chairs, Co-Chairs and Paper Presenters of all the parallel sessions, Moderators, Rapporteurs and the functionaries of Brahma Kumaris who worked hand in hand to make the conference a great success. He specially thanked Prof. B.K. Pandiamani, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Dr. Vinu Aram, Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Shri K.K. Sethi and all the members of Executive Committee and Council of IAEA for extending valuable cooperation throughout the conference. At the end he thanked from the bottom of his heart to Prof. L. Raja, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and all the members of staff of IAEA for putting every thing in place in time.

The 65th All India Adult Education Conference was concluded with rendering the National Anthem.

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# UNION SAKSHAR - Adult Literacy Programme

The Union Bank of India, Mumbai has sanctioned a project to the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi for imparting literacy and functional skills to the rural populace of states – Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal in their respective languages - Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, and Bengali. IAEA is implementing the project with the help of its State Branches functioning in these states.

## Tamil Nadu



The inaugural function here was held on the 26th December 2024 at village Anna Nagar, Peraiyur Panchayat, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. K. Gurusamy, Chairman, Peraiyur Town Panchayat. The programme was graced by the presence of Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi who enumerated the objectives of the project and requested all the stakeholders to work hand in hand to fulfil the target. Prof. Raja appreciated the officials of UBI for sanctioning such an initiative which certainly help target group to see the light of letters.

Along with 40 beneficiaries the programme was also participated by the officials of UBI including Ms. Ajjali Das, Assistant Manager, Madurai Regional Office, Madurai; Shri M. Etturajan, Manager, Peraiyur; Shri Varusai Muhamed, Vice-President, Peraiyur Town Panchayat; Shri S. D. Pandian, Secretary, Social Education Economic Development Society (SEEDS), Aruppukottai, Virudhunagar District; Shri Manikandan and Dr. Kalpana Raja. While addressing the beneficiaries Ms. Ajjali Das explained the message delivered by MS. Mani Megalai, Chief, UBI, Mumbai. Entire programme was coordinated by Dr. V. Chinnamurugan who also extended the vote of thanks.

## Kerala



In Kerala the inaugural function was held on January 20, 2025 at IWDMMK, Chadayamangalam, Kollam which brought together key stakeholders, community members, Local Self-Government Institutions, and other programme facilitators, emphasizing collective action and the transformative power of education and empowerment.

The opening address was given by Shri S. Harish Kumar, former Media Officer, State Resource Centre, while Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Vice President of the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi delivered the Presidential Address. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. L. Raja, President of the



Indian Adult Education Association. Dr. Raja underlined the need of such projects for improving the standard of living of people from disadvantaged sections of society. He thanked the officials of UBI and expressed the willingness of IAEA to work jointly on such project in future as well. Other dignitaries who addressed the audience included Shri Y. Sathyanarayan Reddy, Deputy Regional Head of Union Bank of India; Smt. Kala C.S., Senior Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri B. Sajeev, Assistant Coordinator, District Literacy Mission. On the occasion Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, recipient of the Tagore Literacy Award was honoured by Shri Hari V. Nair, Block Panchayat Vice President. The event got concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Smt. Sandhya M.C., Executive Committee Member of Swaraj Bhavan Granthasala.

## Odisha

In Odisha the inaugural function was held in the premises of the Bajirout Chhatravas, Angul on February 1, 2025 which was participated by the local beneficiaries as well as the officials of the Union Bank of India and the Coordinator of the programme from IAEA. Shri Saroj Kumar Rout, Regional Head, UBI, Cuttack was the Chief Guest while Shri Yudhisthir Tarai, Branch Manager, Angul

## IAEA organized Interaction with the Representatives of VOs

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In a bid to develop a network of voluntary organizations committed to the cause of community development IAEA has decided to collaborate with agencies/institutions working at the grassroots level in Delhi. On April 23, 2025 representatives of Balak Mata Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia, Azadpur and Madanpur Khadar Daycare Centre, Pockeful of Sunshine, Jamia Nagar visited IAEA to interact with Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member; Shri M.L. Sharma, Office Coordinator and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA were also present during the discussion. A brief presentation on the working of PFO Sunhsine was given by

Ms. Tasneema Zaidi, Managing Director and Smt. Vaidehi Subramani, Child Right Activist & Consultant in the organization. The team of IAEA listen carefully to the proposals submitted by both the organizations and assured to extend every possible help to them to scale-up the activities design for sustainable community development.

A presentation was also given by a group of social activists from Khilona Bagh a socially and economically deprived locality near Model Town, Delhi. While listening their proposal Prof. Rajesh, In-Charge Director told that a team of scholars will be send for conducting a need assessment at the earliest.

Prior to that the team of IAEA also visited a Balak Mata Centre of Jamia Milia Islamia located at Beri Wala Bagh, Azadpur Market to see the activities and programmes being organised by the centre specifically the crèche for nursery level children and the cutting and tailoring centre for imparting skills to young girls and women. The team also had a detailed interaction with Smt. Yashmin, Consultant; Ms. Anjuman, Skill Trainer and other members of staff. Some of the beneficiaries also approached Shri Khandelwal seeking the cooperation of IAEA for opening skill centres in other deprived localities. They were replied favourably by the General Secretary.

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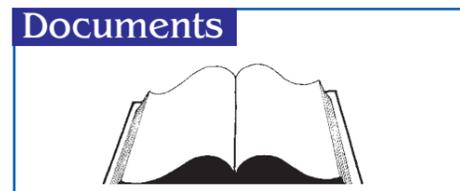
### Consultation on the Role of IAEA in Nation Building



A one day "Consultation on the Role of the Indian Adult Education Association in Nation Building" was organized by IAEA at its Headquarters on May 30, 2025. After the invocation of morning prayer by Smt. Neha Gupta and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, the programme began with the welcome and opening address delivered by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA followed by detailing of "Consultation Objectives: Key Aims and Outcomes" by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Treasurer, IAEA. Eminent academicians and educational/administrative planners including Prof. K. Ramachandran, Chairman of the Focus Group on

Adult Education (NEP 2020); Prof. Usha Sharma, Director, NCCL, NCERT and Shri Deepak Vats, Joint Secretary, UGC shared their thoughtful insights with the august gathering. All of them meticulously explained the steps and interventions IAEA needs to make/implement in future in order to reposition its legacy and apex standing in present national educational scenario. The inaugural session of this consultation programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. More than 70

academicians, adult education functionaries and administrative professionals actively participated in four different groups - Policy Strategy and Planning, University/Colleges: Community Linkages and Outreach, Networking and Collaboration and Gender Sensitization and shared their views for a vibrant role to be played by IAEA in the process of nation building. The programme was conducted by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, DU. The registration desk was managed by Shri Siya Bihari and Ms. KM Tanu.



guide future reforms aimed at improving educational access, quality, and equity.

UNDP (United Nations Development Programme). **Human Development Report 2025: A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI.** United Nations Development Programme, New York. 2025: 324p.

The Human Development Report 2025 looks at how digital technology and (Artificial Intelligence) AI are changing people's lives. It explains how these changes affect people at every stage of life—from childhood to old age—and how they shape jobs, education, and even politics. The report warns about new risks and inequalities, but also highlights opportunities if digital tools are used fairly and wisely.

The report also highlights the importance of freedom, privacy, and fairness in a world shaped by AI. It warns that without careful planning, technology could increase gaps between rich and poor, or between those with and without access to digital tools. However, if guided by strong values and good policies, AI can help solve big problems like climate change and support human well-being.

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The Annual Status of Education Report (Rural) 2024: Provisional provides a comprehensive assessment of the state of education in rural India. Conducted by the ASER Centre, the report presents data on key educational indicators such as enrollment rates, learning outcomes, infrastructure, and teacher quality across various regions. This year's provisional findings highlight the ongoing challenges and progress in rural education, emphasizing disparities based on socio-economic factors, gender, and geographical location. The data also reflects the impact of recent policy interventions and community-level educational initiatives. By presenting these key findings, the report serves to understand the evolving educational landscape in rural India and

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Welcoming the guests, scholars and life members of IAEA from National Capital Region of Delhi Prof. L. Raja outlined the purpose and objectives behind organizing the consultation programme. He encouraged the young scholars to speak their mind as the future of any organization lies with the youth only. Prof. Raja said that IAEA has withstood all the challenges pertaining to policy, administration and economy so far and expressed confidence in the dedication of the present team committed to acquire a new height for the Association.

Prof. Rajesh elaborated the concept and structure through which the consultation programme was designed to reach meaningful conclusions. Referring to the academic and institutional background of the key speakers he said that the opinion expressed by them will certainly help the scholars and institutions to pursue the multidisciplinary approach of research as promoted by NEP 2020.

India aspires to become world's third largest economy and realize the vision of a developed nation by 2047. To make it happen all our institutions

need to address the socio-economic and educational needs of all the citizens specially the disadvantaged communities, youths and those who are still away from the mainstream of the nation and hence, apex institutions like IAEA should reposition itself to fulfil these paramount goals in the ever-changing global context, said Prof. K. Ramachandran.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Usha Sharma opined that human mind is capable of learning and hence, it learns whatever we want it to learn. Streams of knowledge is our creation and to achieve the larger goals we need to hone our mind, individual or institutional, to surpass the boundaries of nomenclature. She further said that the cultural and civilizational legacy India stands for has tremendous motivational strength and hence, both our institutions and citizens can draw inspiration from it. It will certainly help them to think out of box and coin relevant solutions for their empowerment and progress.

Shri Deepak Vats explained various policy initiatives such as Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing



Economy (STRIDE), Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) for fostering collaboration and University Industry Linkages undertaken by UGC for the furtherance of educational goals enshrined in NEP 2020. He also detailed the increase in the budgetary allocations for promotion of research activities in the field of higher education.

The vote of thanks was given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who said that education has to play a mega role in realizing the developmental goals visualized by individuals, institutions and the government. A cursory look on the history of educational development in India indicates that the nation has only few functioning institutions as old as IAEA. We in the Association have been fortunate enough to receive the guidance and support of eminent academicians of the day all through our journey. We are hopeful to achieve changing goals in future also.



## Witnessing a Paradigm Shift



It appears that the waning job opportunities for adult education professionals in academics has taken the domain a bit away from optimistic employment zone. The change of nomenclature from Adult Education to Education For All (EFA) for major flagship programmes by the Government of India has further created a sense of confusion among its practitioners. Attempts, hitherto, made here and there, by most of the academicians couldn't exert desired pressure on the establishment and have failed to convince the policy makers of the day that this unilateral change will severely affect the very connotation of adult education as it does not deal only with the literacy perse but also takes care of the research based evolution of the process and methodology of teaching adults very often termed as andragogy. It is astonishing that the appearance of the term adult education 22 times in the NEP 2020 policy document have somehow failed to attract any financial allocation and boost the prospects of adult education as a discipline of higher learning. Focus on lifelong learning is all appreciable however; here it too has limited the scope of adult education as it talks only about the stimulation and motivation of an individual learner. It assures that lifelong learning practices can take them to the higher pedestal of development. However, it does not really talk about the necessity or essentiality of teaching adult education in the institutes of higher learning as an impetus for developing trained human resource for a sustainable lifelong learning education in every possible sphere of life.

The institutional apathy towards adult education has created a sense of exasperation throughout the country's institutional edifice responsible for the furtherance of the domain of AE including its practitioners, voluntary as well as public institutions and even those associated with policy planning. Changing policy parameters and lack of financial support from the government has put a question mark on the very survival of entire network of adult education in India. The Directorate of Adult Education has been closed sine die, State



Resource Centers are closed and JSSs have been shifted to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The vast network of voluntary organizations once operational throughout the country too has mend or mending their ways away from fostering literacy and adult education. The number of universities having the department of adult, continuing education and extension have drastically reduced to nearly half the number it used to have only a decade ago. Many universities have altered their names where the word adult education is missing now. So to say entire NLMA has gone to sleep mode. The situation has turned to be so bewildering that those scholars who consider themselves to be the victims of these changes don't think it encouraging to raise their issues in black and white. They often find that the euphemistic statements given to highlight the actual situation have helped to reduce the intensity of reaction further.

For many scholars the present situation doesn't appear to be optimistic at all. Pioneering institutions like IAEA is closely monitoring the developments and making concerted efforts to raise the collective concerns of all the adult educationists, scholars, practitioners and policy planners. While there cannot be any ambiguity about the changing percepts of literacy, the importance of adult education, where the ego of being teacher takes a back seat or wanes out to help to assimilate with the taught, the line of separation between teacher and taught loses its very existence for creating a cohesive atmosphere of collaborative learning, too cannot be minimized or ignored.

IAEA while celebrating its Platinum Jubilee in the year 2014 vouched for redefining its vision, mission and goals and of course adopting a suitable modus operandi cohesive with Zen Z to achieve it. This resulted into identifying emerging and more challenging topics for its national conferences and other major programmes. The consultation on visualizing the emerging role of IAEA in national building held on May 30, 2025 at IAEA headquarters may also be considered as a reflection of the same agenda. The Association is

committed to work with all the stakeholders of AE and lifelong learning to quell the apparent pessimism around the subject. IAEA welcomes youth with vision to contribute their best in the empowerment of the citizens and advancement of the nation as a whole. This approach resulted into a noticeable episode.

On May 26, 2025 two youths, one girl and a boy, pursuing their senior secondary education from a very well-known school of



South Delhi came to the office of IAEA while searching an institution working for the furtherance of adult education and literacy in India. Their quest was really remarkable in the sense that they themselves did the research to find out a core issue of national importance for their project work to be submitted to their school carrying 20 important marks which matters a lot for securing their best in the senior secondary board examinations. During their discussion with Prof. Raja, President, IAEA it was revealed that based on the reviews and analysis of documents available on IAEA in public domain they decided to showcase adult education and IAEA through a documentary film. It was a mere coincidence that the moment they arrive at IAEA office a group of prominent adult educationists including Prof. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh, Smt. Nishat Farooq were there in the office and all of them appreciated the quest and endeavor of both these youths. During the consultation programme held on May 30, 2025 this episode and their discussion with veteran Prof. K. Ramachandran was referred as paradigm shift for the journey of adult education with Zen Z. It's important because sometimes very simple things carry the seed of enormous change or a defining moment. Former President of India APJ Abdul Kalam dedicated one of his well-read books "India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium" to an eight-year-old girl who replied "I want to live in a developed India" when APJ asked her "What is your aim in life?" That too was a defining moment for our classrooms as the idea of "Developed Nation" became a matter of daily discussion in India's national life.

- B. Sanjoy

## IAEA sponsored Entrepreneurship Development Programme held at Kolhapur, Maharashtra



The Narayani Bahuuddeshiy Sevabhavi Sanstha, Kolhapuran organization dedicated to the cause of women empowerment have recently conducted two field outreach programs with the finance assistance provided by the Indian Adult Education Association –the first one being an “Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women” and the second one was focussed on “Making Bags and Dolls from Waste Clothes and Cotton”. Both the programmes were coordinated by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, EC Member, IAEA.

### Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women

The Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women was organized by the Narayani Bahuuddeshiy Sevabhavi Sanstha, Kolhapurin collaboration of Stree Shakti Mahila Nagari Sahakari Patsanstha, Yerawada, Pune on May 16-17, 2025 which was participated by more than 35 women and girls from the locality. The first day of the programme began with the introduction of aims and objectives by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, EC Member, IAEA followed by the speech delivered by Dr. Anupama Pawar, Deputy Commissioner of Skills and Entrepreneurship Development and Employment, Pune Division, Govt. of Maharashtra who explained various schemes of skill development being run by the Govt. of Maharashtra with the help of local NGOs. Smt. Kranti Shitole, Chairperson, Stree Shakti Patsanstha elaborated the relationship between employment, entrepreneurship and banking finance. The vote of thanks was proposed by Smt. Vidya Gorakhnath Kamble a Life Member of IAEA.

On the second day of the training programme “Beauty Parlour as Career Entrepreneurship” was organized by Smt. Sunandatai Nikalje, Member, Triratna Sangh in which the Resource Person Smt. Manjusha Kamble Jadhav also a Life



Member of IAEA demonstrated various practices for skin care, hair style and facial enrichment. Smt. Malti Dhiwar, President, Triratna Sangh proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was organized with the active help of Smt. Vidya Gorakhnath Kamble and Shri Anup Kamble both Life members of IAEA.

### Making Bags and Dolls from Waste Clothes and Cotton

On June 3-4, 2025 two days training was imparted to the enrolled beneficiaries in which they learnt how to make bags and dolls from waste clothes and cotton which have a high demand in local market. Smt. Prasannata Chavan, the Resource Person, taught the learners the details of stitching, weaving, making parts of dolls and also making bags from old sarees. She also encouraged the beneficiaries to not to use polythene for making toys as they are hazardous to the environment.

Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble who is a versatile genius in performing arts showcased a doll-dance with the dolls prepared in the training programme to popularize the trade among the learners.



A number of queries were also raised by the participants which were systematically addressed by all the speakers on the dais.

The inaugural session was concluded with the standing ovation



given to the veteran Prof. K. Ramachandran and rendering of the National Anthem. Thereafter, all the participants got divided into four different working groups for intense discussion on four different topics identified as part of this extensive consultation work.

The first working group on “Policy Strategy & Planning for IAEA” was chaired by Prof. K. Ramachandran and



moderated by Dr. M. V. Lakshmi Reddy while Ms. Poonam Rajput was the Rapporteur. Other academicians who took part in this group included Prof. L. Raja, Prof. Rajesh, Prof. Usha Sharma, Prof. Varsha Das, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Dr. Bani Bora, Dr. Sunil Sharma, Shri Ramesh Gupta, Advocate Y.S. Chouhan and Dr. Atul Gautam. In order to develop a robust and future-ready policy framework aligned with national priorities and global goals, this group recommended to adopt a multipronged policy approach and envisioned strategies for IAEA for working in tune with NEP 2020, SDG 4 and Vision 2047. Literacy in the digital era must be seen as a foundation for economic participation, civic engagement, and lifelong learning. In view of this, IAEA must reposition itself as a future-ready organization by embracing the expanded notion of literacy, adopting technology-enabled tools, and delivering learner-centric, context-specific adult education programmes.



The second working group on “University/College: Community Linkages and Outreach” was chaired by Prof. Shikha Kapur and moderated by Dr. Biresch Pachisia while Ms. Parinita Batra was the Rapporteur. Other who shared their views in the group included Dr. Vivek Nagpal,

Dr. Nitish Anand, Dr. Vikas Singhal, Prof. Nasra Shabnam, Dr. Anwara Hashmi, Shri Letginlen DOUNGEL, Dr. Rajkumari Meena, Dr. Santosh Kumar, Ms. KM Tanu, Shri Alok Kumar and Shri Siya Bihari. The deliberations of Working Group-2 offered a holistic and actionable roadmap for IAEA’s enhanced engagement with universities, colleges, and communities. The major recommendations emerged from this group included - promotion of paid internships for students, grassroots level interventions through capacity building initiatives, phased and structured outreach programmes, developing contextual understanding of communities, creation of a central digital platform for adult education, mental health awareness and sensitization programme, developing strategic partnerships with other stakeholders, play a role of knowledge amplifier by documenting and disseminating successful models and case studies, recognition of prior learning (RPL) and enhancement of

RVA processes and create a shared repository of work done by various institutions and agencies in the field of adult education. The consultation emphasized the need for a structured outreach, inclusive platforms, mental wellness, strategic partnerships, and recognition of prior learning which can significantly contribute to building a more literate, skilled, and empowered India.

The third working group on “Networking and Collaboration” was chaired by Shri V. Umar Koya and facilitated by Shri Kumar Gaurav while Ms. Jyoti Tiwari was the rapporteur. The group was also participated by Shri K. K. Sethi, Dr. A. Mathew, Dr. Mridula Seth, Shri S.C. Dua, Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, Shri Abdul Samad and



the domain of IAEA which was attended by the members of the Gender Sensitization Committee of IAEA including Smt. Nishat Farooq, Chairperson; Dr. Chayanika Uniyal, Co-chairperson; Dr. Geeta Mishra, Dr. Gyanendra Kumar and Smt. Neha Gupta. The group emphasized on the need of creating awareness about various gender related policy

Shri Siddhant Singh. Focusing on the agenda assigned - strategic planning, finding potential partners, resource mapping and way forward, this group made an attempt to underline important activities enhancing the visibility of IAEA within society and institutions such as Creating a Networking cum Collaboration Cell, building a robust network of field-level actors, strengthening partnerships with NGOs and academic institutions, developing dedicated communication channel and revamping library to serve the need of



scholars in changing context.

The fourth working group was focused on cultivating a gender sensitized approach of working within

statements, developing complaints redressal mechanism and promotion of gender equality in various aspects of working of the Association.

## Skill Orientation for IAEA Staff

Enhancement of efficiency requires continuous upgradation of skills needed to accomplish even routine job. It has been a practice of IAEA to conduct programmes for identifying learning spaces for the professional staffs. On May 31, 2025 one such programme was organized for the benefit of the staff which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary also addressed the staff and emphasized on the need to expand grassroots level activities by the Association. Shri Ummer Koya, Director, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Malappuram, Tamil Nadu and Dr. Jitendra Mishra, Joint Director, Delhi Government both interacted with the members of the staff and shared the nuances of a good planning, monitoring and evaluation. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge thanked both the invitees for sparing their valuable time with the Association.



## Nomination invited for prestigious Welthy Fisher Award-2025

The India Literacy Board, Lucknow invites nominations from various Institutions & Organisations for the national level Welthy Fisher Award-2025 for outstanding contribution in any of the field - Literacy & Life Long Education, or Skill Development, or Agriculture related to Innovative Farming or Natural Farming or Farmers Training. The award carries a cash prize of Rupees One Lakh. The Code of Procedure for the award can be viewed and downloaded from its

website: [www.indialiteracyboard.org](http://www.indialiteracyboard.org).

Interested Institutions/Organisations may submit their nominations addressed to Director, India Literacy Board online on our email [idlbfawardnomination@gmail.com](mailto:idlbfawardnomination@gmail.com) & by registered post on the prescribed format up to 30th June, 2025. Director, India Literacy Board, Lucknow may be contacted on telephone/email for any further details. Phone No. 0522-2470268, email: [directorilb@gmail.com](mailto:directorilb@gmail.com)



## Exploring the Idea of Adolescent Care Centre at Madanpur Khadar



Ms. Tasneema Zaidi, Managing Director, Pocketful of Sunshine and Smt. Vaidehi Subramani, Child Right Activist & Consultant in the organization had an interaction with Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA on April 23, 2025.



Pursuing the agenda of the said discussion Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA visited one of the centres of Pocketful of Sunshine on May 7, 2025 located at Madanpur Khadar to explore the areas in which IAEA and PFO can work together and organize

grassroots level programme in collaboration. During the discussion Ms. Tasneema explained the extent of vulnerability faced by the kids and students of most of the families who are migrant labourers engaged in unorganized tertiary sectors. She said that the both the parents of these students have to work to meet their both ends and hence taking care of these students is a stupendous task for them. In the absence of parental care students even the kids invite lot of troubles for them including physical harassment, sexual abuse and proximity of drug paddlers. An adolescent care -cum-adult education centre can provide awareness as well as foundational literacy, critical skills and equivalency education to them and hence, options were explored to established and run such a centre in Madanpur Khadar or adjacent locality.

## Visitors

### Vice Chancellor's paid Interns, DU visited IAEA

The University of Delhi has launched a programme to provide first hand working experience to the scholars coming from different departments of the university. Under the name "Vice Chancellor's paid Interns" selected scholars work for a pre-specified period under distinguished professors and senior university officials for which they are offered honorary emoluments. A few of them working with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA visited Indian Adult Education Association on June 12, 2025 and had discussion with Prof. S.Y.Shah, former Head, Group of Adult Education, JNU. Visiting guest Shri M. Rajagopalan Nair, Former Secretary, Lok Sabha also present on the occasion.



### Ms. Prachi Panwar, NCERT Doctoral Fellow visited IAEA



Ms. Prachi Panwar, a student of Pondicherry University and NCERT Doctoral fellow visited IAEA on April 17, 2025 to discuss various gender issues pertaining to voluntary sectors specifically with the working women. Ms. Prachi interacted with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, along with Shri M.L. Sharma, Coordinator; Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documents officer and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA present on the occasion. She expressed her willingness to visit IAEA frequently to have research support for completing her doctoral thesis.

### Ms. Ayesha Siddique visited IAEA

Ms. Ayesha Siddique a student of University of Delhi visited IAEA on May 1, 2025 to get an exposure about the working of IAEA. During her visit she had an interaction with Prof. S.Y.Shah, Prof. Rajesh, Shri B. Sanjoy and Smt. Neha Gupta on different dimension of working of IAEA.



## Prof. Rajesh attended World Literacy Summit 2025 at Oxford University

In the world of education and literacy the World Literacy Summit owes paramount importance as it provides an opportunity to the literacy experts, politicians, researchers, and practitioners coming from more than 80 member nations to discuss, deliberate, interact and develop meaningful networking. It's truly a matter of prestige and glory that Professor Rajesh, Senior Professor,



University of Delhi and Director In-charge of IAEA attended the World Literacy Summit 2025 at Oxford University, London which was Sixth in the series since its establishment in 2012. In view of its national significance Prof. Rajesh's visit was sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India.

During his four day stay at Oxford from April 6-9, 2025 Prof. Rajesh actively engaged himself with almost all the important events organized as part of the conference including the orientation programme, guided tour of key departments of Oxford University, networking session, reception at the Ashmolean Museum, plenary session titled "Reimagining Literacy in the Digital Age", thematic workshop on "Financial Literacy and Digital Inclusion", prestigious Ambassador Lunch, interactive session on

"Measuring Literacy Impact", session dedicated to paper presentation, question and answer session, post-presentation networking, panel discussion on "Higher Education Institutions' Role in Community Literacy", exhibition visit and the concluding ceremony.



He presented his paper entitled "India's Comprehensive Approach to Community Literacy: Policies, Programs and Progress" in the session which was chaired by Mr. Andy Kays, CEO, World Literacy Summit 2025. Tracing the extensive epistemological framework contextualising India's literacy programme she highlighted the interdependent linkage between literacy acquisition and socio-economic empowerment within the wider socio-cultural landscape of India. Focussing on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Prof. Rajesh attempted to elucidate heutagogical strategy for community involvement and knowledge dissemination via higher education institutions. While examining the efficacy of ULLAS, the latest manifestation of literacy movement in India Prof. Rajesh demonstrated how ULLAS enables transformational learning experiences through practical interaction with literacy material. His presentation received wide appreciation as well as interventions from the august gathering. Apart from this he had extensive discussion with Dr. Maria Sanchez, UNESCO Literacy Program Director, Prof. John Williams, University of Cambridge, Ms. Elizabeth Motswai, South African Literacy Foundation and Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka, Tokyo University which will initiate meaningful networking for institutional collaboration. Back home Prof. Rajesh has already been invited by a number of eminent institutions and academic platforms to deliver lecture on the outcome of the World Literacy Conference and each time he has received accolades from the audience.

## Staff Meeting

A meeting of the members of the staff of IAEA was held on May 14, 2025 which was presided over by Prof. S.Y.Shah and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. The on-going preparation for the "Consultation on the Role of the Indian Adult Education Association in Nation Building" to be held on May 30, 2025 at the office was collectively reviewed and members were assigned specific task so that all the pending work is completed in advance.



## Discussion on "Community Development: A Lifelong Learning Approach"



A discussion on "Community Development: A Lifelong Learning Approach" was organized by IAEA on April 25, 2025 at its Headquarters which was addressed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA. Participated by volunteers, young professionals and scholars associated with community development and lifelong learning education this discussion was an outcome of the attempt of IAEA to provide stage for in-depth interaction among young professionals. While working with communities across the national capital region most of the participants were found to have firsthand experience of their own. During the discussion they could raise their concerns and pointed out the need for a lifelong learning approach both for community development and community engagement.

The meeting began with participants introducing themselves, where each participant shared their experiences of working with different communities, the challenges they encountered, and their views on community development. Many participants reflected on the importance of trust



building in community engagement. Drawing from their past experiences, some pointed out that often, after collecting data from slum areas, researchers tend to disengage, leaving the communities feeling abandoned. There was a consensus that giving hope to the community only to later neglect them creates distrust, which hampers future interventions. This concern highlighted the need for long-term commitment and follow-through after data collection and research activities.

Another important theme that emerged was the need for greater awareness, sensitization, education, and skill-building initiatives in underprivileged communities. Participants noted that many individuals in these communities' lack knowledge about their rights and duties. They are often unaware of government schemes and programs designed for their welfare. This ignorance is sometimes exploited by intermediaries or brokers, preventing them from accessing the full benefits available to

them. Therefore, participants suggested that raising awareness and providing education and vocational skills should be central areas of intervention to empower communities and enable them to assert their rights and improve their socio-economic conditions.

The discussion also brought attention to the importance of consistency in community development efforts. Participants strongly agreed that meaningful change cannot be achieved within a few months. Instead, sustained and persistent engagement is essential to create a real impact. Short-term projects may provide temporary relief, but they do not contribute to lasting transformation. Participants emphasized that patience and ongoing support are crucial when working at the grassroots level, where trust is built slowly, and positive change takes time. While discussing the ground realities, participants acknowledged the complexity of issues present within communities and the need of strong community interaction skills, cultural sensitivity, and an in-



depth understanding of Indian social dynamics for volunteers was also underlined. Challenges such as gender discrimination, social exclusion, and unequal access to resources were identified. However, they agreed that it would be unrealistic to address all issues at once. Instead, the focus should be on empowering individuals through awareness and critical thinking so that community members can identify problems and develop their own solutions over time. Trained pool of volunteers helping people to become self-reliant and confident in their ability to solve problems was seen as a sustainable approach to community development.

Most of the participants agreed that lifelong learning is going to play an important role in community development. Participants stressed that promoting a culture of lifelong learning could empower individuals to seek knowledge and skills relevant to their personal and professional needs. If people recognize the value of learning, they will pursue education and training independently, leading to self-driven development. Learning to learn was considered an essential capability that could enable individuals to adapt, grow, and overcome challenges in an ever-changing environment. Awareness and sensitization programs were unanimously supported as effective strategies to initiate this process. Overall, the brainstorming session provided valuable insights into the challenges and possibilities of community development through a lifelong learning approach, and it set a strong foundation for IAEA's future interventions.

## Prof. Rajesh Assumes the Office of Director In-charge

The University of Delhi has played a key role in evolution of Indian Adult Education Association since the inception of the idea of establishing a national level organization to lead the educational agenda of the country in post-independence period. Taking the legacy forward Prof. Rajesh, DCEE, DU who also happens to be the senior most Professor in the field of adult, continuing education and extension in the country today, was assigned the responsibility to handle the day-to-day affairs of the Association on March 6, 2025. However, he assumed the office of Director In-charge, IAEA on April 22, 2025 after receiving the consent from the university administration. He was welcomed in the office by both Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA and Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE. While assuming the office Prof. Rajesh said that it was truly an honour for him to have an opportunity to lead the programmes and activities undertaken by the Association. He expressed his gratitude towards all the members of the Executive Committee specially Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE for reposing confidence in him.



## Literacy and Skill Awareness Campaign at Sanjay Colony



An intense door to door campaign was conducted in Sanjay Colony, New Delhi on April 15, 2025 in which more than 50 families were approached. A team of IAEA comprising Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate; Ms. Kajal, Trainer at IAEA Skill Centre and Shri Bittu made an effort to knock every door and communicate with the residents specifically women and drop out girls and motivate them to join IAEA skill centre for acquiring Cutting and Tailoring skills with perfection. It was appreciable that a number of house wives eagerly came forward to register themselves with the skill centre. They also expressed their willingness to join literacy classes as well as skill courses on beautician, mehendi application and professional communication in Hindi and English.

## Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme

### Prof. L. Raja visited Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Centre at Angul, Odisha

The Adult Learning Centre at Bajiraut Hostel premises Angul, Odisha is going well with its schedule designed to impart basic literacy skills in Odia to the local drop outs. Sponsored by the Union Bank of India this centre will attempt to make at least 30 non-literates to become literate and acquire financial and digital literacy skills for their wellbeing. Prof. L. Raja, President,

IAEA visited the centre on April 17, 2025 to monitor the progress of the learners. He was accompanied by Dr. Sathya Narayana Singhsambanth an Ayurvedic doctor and the Guest of Honor Shri Antaryami Baral, President, Bajiraut Hostel and former Director, Jan Shiksha Sangha, Angul. The visiting dignitaries interacted with beneficiaries and requested them to remain punctual at the



centre so that they can acquire the desired skills and get equivalency certificate of literacy in the concluding ceremony. Assimilating himself with the group of beneficiaries Prof. Raja said that literacy is the beginning of a long and assured journey towards development and told the participants that it will help them in finding employment or lead the children to move forward from middle to higher classes.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Singhsambanth explained healthy habits for healthy life in a very enthusiastic manner which was appreciated by all the beneficiaries as it encourages them to speak and share their own experiences gained while attending literacy classes at the centre. Shri Antaryam Rath made people aware about the importance of education and language learning. Prof. R. Irama presented a beautiful song while Ms. Lipika Mahapatra rendered the welcome song. The program was conducted by the coordinator Shri Suryanarayanath and the vote of thanks was given by Shri Lalkrushna. Shri Chandan Naik and other present on the occasion contributed to make the program a success.

## Financial Literacy Programme in Kerala

As part of the Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme, a session on



financial literacy was organized on April 28, 2025 at the Learning Center, Chadayamangalam, Palakkad, Kerala to support adults gain knowledge and confidence needed to manage their personal finances more effectively. The session aimed to support participants in making smart financial decisions that can improve their daily life and long-term well-being. It was facilitated by Shri Ashok Nemmara, Director, Centre for Life-skill Learning, Palakkad who explained essential financial concepts such as saving and

budgeting in simple terms. He also guided participants through various government schemes, insurance options, and pension plans designed to support low-income families. A key focus of the programme was on recognizing and avoiding financial traps, including how to stay alert to scams and how to borrow money responsibly.



The session was highly interactive, with participants actively sharing their real-life experiences and challenges. Many said they felt more confident after the session and were eager to apply what they had learned to manage their personal financial aspect more independently. It also helped them understanding financial planning for a better future. Others well known persons associated with the programme were present on the occasion included Prof. V. Reghu, Dr. M. S. Geetha, Dr. Madhubala Jayachandran, Shri K. Ayyappan Nair, Shri S. Harish Kumar, Dr. Hari. R. S., Dr. T. Sundaresan Nair, Dr. Rajeswari, Dr. G. Suresh Kumar, Dr. Usha Susan Varughese, Dr. K. Anvar and Dr. Remadevi.

He also appreciated the efforts made by the instructor to make the learners aware of various social security schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY and PMAPY etc. The learners too shared their experience and confidence in handling their bank accounts after learning important aspects of financial literacy, ATM usage, and how to write bank cheques for money withdrawal.



## Annanagar Adult Literacy Center visited by UBI Officials - Tamil Nadu

The Adult Literacy Center at Annanagar colony, Peraiyur in Madurai District running under Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme is playing an important role for empowering more than 30 persons including 25 female beneficiaries who are regularly coming to the Centre even during the on-going festival session. The instructor takes classes regularly except Sundays. Recently, in the month of May 2025 Shri M. Etturajan, Manager, UBI, Peraiyur Branch, visited the centre to monitor the progress of the enrolled learners. He was quite satisfied to found that more than 50 percent of learners have already acquired basic skills and able to read and write simple sentences. He encouraged all the learners citing the example of those who have already started reading, to come regularly and attend the classes so that soon all of them are able to read and write. He also appreciated the efforts made by the instructor to make the learners aware of various social security schemes such as PMSBY, PMJJBY and PMAPY etc. The learners too shared their experience and confidence in handling their bank accounts after learning important aspects of financial literacy, ATM usage, and how to write bank cheques for money withdrawal.

**“If you Salute your Duty, you need not Salute Anybody  
If you Pollute your Duty, you have to Salute Everybody”**

**– Prof. K. Parthasarathy**



Prof. K. Parthasarathy, former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu happens to be an eminent academician who has contributed immensely to upgrade the educational scenario not only in the state of Tamil Nadu but at the national level as well. After serving the Bharathidasan University for almost 29 years Prof. Parthasarathy was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Open University. During his tenure he exhibited his excellence in institutional administration. As the Founder- Director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (IECD), Bharathidasan University he not only put-forth a vision of lifelong learning education for the promotion of entrepreneurship and skill development but also translated that vision into action.

Prof. Parthasarathy is associated with IAEA as a Life Member for last 43 years. Recalling his first experience to attend the All India Adult Education Conference way back in the year 1983 at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh he says that the Association stands for leading the adult and lifelong learning movement both at national as well as international stage.

The Indian Adult Education Association as an Apex level Association has been served by men of eminence and excellence who were committed to the cause of development of society and the nation. His first encounter with Shri J. L. Sachdeva, the then Deputy Director of IAEA at the All India Adult Education Conference in 1983 at BHU has had an ever-lasting imprint of excellence in his mind. Prof. Parthasarathy found Shri Sachdeva as an

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excellent administrator and a visionary adult educationist who led the movement from the front.

The collective efforts made by the establishment, institutions and people led movements have successfully helped the country to traverse the path of development during preceding decades resulting into the rising aspirations of the nation and the countrymen. Consequently, the challenges of the day are far different from those of yesterdays and hence institutions as well as society need new objectives, targets and means to achieve the same.

The IAEA as a leading academic institution of the country needs to conceptualize a new course of action for it which can inspire all those academicians, community institutions and functionaries working in the wider domain of adult and lifelong learning education in the country and abroad. Today we need to harness the technological advancement for the sake of development of people materializing the aspirations of youth into a reality. This further requires elimination of age-old social barriers and eradication of existing disparities be it economic, gender, lingual, racial or anything else.

Ours is a vast nation with cherishable cultural and civilizational inheritance and hence, we owe a huge responsibility towards our countrymen as well as the global community. We need to bank upon our profound experience while unfolding the path for future. Each and every academic institution, be it public or private, need to realize this vision and consolidate its resources to cater the skill and learning needs of the population within its own jurisdiction. As IAEA works on national plank it requires to network with the leading personalities and institutions of the country, conceptualize programme and activities capable of giving insight to the whole community and motivate institutions and scholars to undertake innovative researches that can be more meaningful to utilize for the growth and development of the nation. Continuous upgradation of knowledge based human resource is the need of the hour and hence, institution should assign due priority to it. “If you Salute your duty, you need not salute anybody; If you Pollute your duty, you have to salute everybody”, this remains to be our core realization.

Interviewed by  
**Shri B. Sanjoy**  
Research Officer, IAEA

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## Indian Adult Education Association

### Announcement

### 66<sup>th</sup> All India Adult Education Conference will be held at Bhubaneswar

The 66<sup>th</sup> All India Adult Education Conference will be held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from **January 21-23, 2026**. The conference will be jointly organized by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubneswar. The theme of the conference is **“Fostering Adult and Lifelong Learning for All”**.

#### Sub-themes are:

1. NEP 2020: Conceptual Framework for Adult and Lifelong Learning for All & Full Employment
2. Adult and Lifelong Learning for All for Full Employment: Role of Academic Institutions
3. Decoding Multidisciplinary Approach for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
4. Catering the Skill Needs and Empowerment of Indigenous People
5. Preserving and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge and Skills among Tribal Community
6. Role of Community Organizations for Upgrading Adult and Lifelong Learning
7. ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All
8. Hamessing RPL for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
9. Promotion of Adult and Lifelong Learning by the Government
10. Fostering University-Industry Linkages for Adult and Lifelong Learning
11. Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning
12. Use of Technology for Skill Upgradation:
13. Skill Development through Lifelong Learning
14. Opportunities and Challenges for Lifelong Learning
15. Sustainable Development for Lifelong Learning

For presenting thematic papers Abstract through e-mail directoriaea@gmail.com not exceeding 500 words has to be submitted on or **before November 15, 2025**. Full paper through (MS Word, Font - New Times Roman, Font Size - 12, Spacing - one and half) to be submitted on or **before December 15, 2025**.

#### Registration fee

Registration Period	Delegates	Students
Till December 31, 2025	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1500/-
January 1 - 15, 2026	Rs. 3000/-	Rs.2000/-

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

#### Mode of Payment

Demand Draft drawn in favour of “Indian Adult Education Association” payable at New Delhi may be sent by post to **Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi - 110 002**.

#### Details for NEFT

Name : Indian Adult Education Association  
Bank : Canara Bank  
Branch : DTC I.P. Depot  
I.P. Estate, New Delhi  
A/c No : 91262010001900  
IFSC Code : CNRB0019126

QR code is also given for payments with an e-mail (directorlaea@gmail.com) with complete information of payment.

All are cordially invited to attend the conference.

Kindly confirm your participation to IAEA by sending your complete postal address with pin code (both personal and official), e-mail ID, and mobile number through e-mail: directoriaea@gmail.com and copy to iaeadelhi@gmail.com

The month of January will be winter and hence, participants attending the conference may come with adequate woolen clothing for proper protection. Other logistic will be shared to you after registration.

**(Suresh Khandelwal)**  
General Secretary



**Note: Registration form for 66th AIAEC is at page no. 7**

## IAEA appoints Prof. S.Y. Shah as Patron

I am delighted to inform you that Prof. S.Y. Shah, an adult educationist of international repute has been appointed as Patron of IAEA for the period coterminous with the present Executive Committee. The decision was

overwhelmingly endorsed by the EC in its meeting held on August 4, 2025. Prof. Shah has been associated with the IAEA for the last 40 years as a life member and has held various positions, viz, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive

Editor / Editor of the Indian Journal of Adult Education for different periods.

Following are some of the highlights of his career.

- **Shri Suresh Khandelwal**  
General Secretary, IAEA

Throughout his association with IAEA Prof. Shah has not only participated in most of the programmes of the Association but also designed and coordinated Research Methodology Course for nine years and the Visiting Scholar Colloquium for four years. In 2002, Prof. Shah took the initiative to plan and establish the International



Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) at the IAEA premises and served as its Director for more than two decades. Under his leadership, the IGNOU Study Centre was established to offer Master's, Diploma, and Certificate programs in Adult Education. In collaboration with the National Literacy Mission (Government of India), UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), he designed an innovative program - Participatory Adult Learning Documentation and Information Networking (PALDIN) - for the professional development of adult education functionaries. In 2007, he established the Indian chapter of the International Reading Association and served as its President for two years, followed by over a decade as Executive President.

During his four-decade-long career, Prof. Shah held several distinguished positions, including: Professor and Director of Adult & Continuing Education at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Adult Education, Joint Adviser (Education Division), Planning Commission, Government of India, and Lecturer at the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), New Delhi. Internationally, he has had teaching and research stints at several prestigious institutions, including: DAAD Visiting Professor at Duisburg-Essen University and Julius Maximilian University, Germany; Erasmus Mundus Visiting Scholar of the European Commission at Aarhus University, Denmark; Development Fellow of the Association of Commonwealth Universities at Warwick University, UK; Kellogg Visiting Scholar at Syracuse University, USA; Senior Social Science Fellow of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute at the University of Toronto, Canada. He has designed and taught innovative courses at both Indian

and foreign universities, undertaken 21 research projects, and contributed significantly to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of numerous adult education initiatives, particularly those of the National Literacy Mission and the IAEA.

Prof. Shah has also served as a consultant to several organizations, including UNESCO (India), Commonwealth of Learning, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and Asian South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE). He has been a member or advisor in several expert bodies, including: Standing Committee of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Advisory Committee of the Adult Learning Documentation and Information Network of the UIL, Advisory Board of World Literacy of Canada, Advisor to Rotary Club of India, and Co-Coordinator of the ASEM Network on Professionalization of Adult and Lifelong Learning. He has made thirty presentations at several international conferences held in the US, UK, Germany, Denmark, France, South Africa, Finland, Norway, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Brazil and South Korea. He has over seventy publications including the special platinum jubilee publication on 75 years of Indian Adult Education Association. He wrote the screenplay for the film on IAEA which is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzuLhAbOGR4>.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of adult and lifelong learning, Prof. Shah has received numerous honours and awards, including Nehru Literacy Award (2007), Honorary Fellowship of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg (2017), Induction into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, USA (2015), Sardar Patel International Literacy Award of Commonwealth Association for the Education and Training of Adults, UK; International Association of Education for World Peace, USA; and The Global Open University, Milan (2002).

For further details on his work, refer to his publication: My Experiences of Working in the Field of Adult and Lifelong Learning in India and Abroad, available on Amazon, Academia.edu, Research Gate, and the IIALE website: [www.iiale.org](http://www.iiale.org) and <https://sites.google.com/view/drsyshah/home>

## Workshop on Making Spices at Kolhapur

The Maharashtra State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Narayani Bahuuddeshiy Sevabhavi Sanstha, Kolhapur and Shri Sai Mahila Bachat Gat (Women SHG) organized a workshop on Making Spices on June 11-12, 2025 which was participated by more than 20 women eager to work independently. During the workshop Smt. Prasannata Chavan, the Resource Person, explained the importance of the activity and trained the beneficiaries to make pure and healthy spices like Garam Masala, Chhole Puri Masala, Chicken Masala, etc. which can be sold in the local markets. Another Resource Person Smt. Shubhangi Mali demonstrated the process of



frying, baking, mixing the spices and explained them how to sell the spices in the market.

- Dr. Gorakhnath N. Kamble

## Webinar on Sustainable Development and Gender Equality: Observing Issues and Challenges



To commemorate World Population Day a thought-provoking webinar titled "Sustainable Development and Gender Equality: Observing Issues and Challenges" was organized by IAEA on July 11, 2025 which was attended by many distinguished speakers, academicians, research scholars, students, and practitioners. Including the inaugural and concluding the proceedings of the webinar was divided into seven working sessions.

In the first session the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Rajesh in which he warmly welcomed the dignitaries. Emphasizing the significance of World Population Day, he quoted the UN Secretary-General's call for a just and hopeful world where choices, opportunities, and equality define individual destinies. He also underlined the relevance of the day's theme—Sustainable Development and Gender Equality—and spoke about the shared values between IAEA and institutions like Miranda House, known for their commitment to women's empowerment and quality education.

The second session featured an insightful keynote by Professor L. Raja, President, IAEA. Speaking from a rural context, he emphasized the global demographic transitions, especially the

alarming decline in fertility rates in developed and developing nations alike. Drawing on personal experiences and Gandhian philosophy, he underlined the importance of family as a cultural and social unit.

The third session was addressed by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Nanda, a renowned advocate for gender equality. Focusing on the critical intersections of gender, population, and education, she stressed that empowering young people involves ensuring access to accurate information, healthcare, and informed choices. She strongly advocated the inclusion of reproductive rights and family planning education in formal curricula.

In the fourth session Prof. Saroj Garg, Principal and Dean, Lokmanya Tilak Teachers Training College Udaipur and Member, Executive Committee, IAEA offered a critical reflection on how gender equity, social justice, and sustainable development are interconnected yet often neglected in policy and practice. She emphasized that government policies rarely consider the lived realities of women, particularly those working in informal and labour-intensive sectors.

The fifth session was addressed by Dr. Asha Verma, Head, Centre for Women and Child Rights at Gandhinagar National Law University and Associate Secretary of IAEA who offered a compelling legal perspective on gender justice within the framework of sustainable development. She emphasized that achieving SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) requires not just constitutional promises but active enforcement of legal provisions. Drawing from the Indian

Constitution (Articles 14–17, Directive Principles) and specific laws like the Equal Remuneration Act (1976), Maternity Benefit Act (1961, amended), and POSH Act (2013), she highlighted how gender-based discrimination persists despite legislative safeguards.

Dr. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA while addressing the sixth session, offered a powerful reflection rooted in her decades of experience with India's earliest population education programmes. She recalled the resistance and stigma attached to talking about population and family planning in the 1980s, when her centre was among the first selected by UNDP and UNESCO to pilot such efforts. She highlighted how awareness may have grown, but India's population-related challenges still persist.

In the final session Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, DU delivered a deeply insightful and integrative address, tying together gender equality, population trends, and sustainable development. She emphasized the critical interdependence between population dynamics, gender justice, and sustainability. She stressed that true sustainability cannot be achieved without ensuring equal opportunities for women, who constitute nearly half the population.

Entire webinar was facilitated by Ms. Ayesha Siddiqui, Director Intern, IAEA while Ms. Poonam Rajput, Ph.D Scholar, DCEE, DU under the supervision of Prof. Rajesh developed the concept note. The webinar got concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.



पुस्तिकाएं वितरित की गयी। कार्यक्रम में प्रमुख रूप से जनपद पंचायत अध्यक्ष श्री सरदार मालवीय मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे, जबकि कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता कैप्टन एन. एस. रावत ने की। इस अवसर पर संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल एवं विद्यालय प्राचार्या श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोरे मंचासीन रहीं।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री सरदार मालवीय ने अपने उद्बोधन में संस्था की सरहाना करते हुए कहा, "वात्सल्य संस्था द्वारा शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में किया जा रहा सेवा कार्य अत्यंत



प्रेरणादायक है। समाज के हर वर्ग को ऐसे प्रयासों में भागीदारी करनी चाहिए। मैं आश्वस्त करता हूँ कि शिक्षा के किसी भी कार्य में मैं पूर्ण सहयोग करूंगा।" वहीं अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्री रावत ने विद्यालय के चयन पर संस्था का आभार जताया और इस कार्यक्रम को समाज को दिशा देने वाला कार्य बताया।

कार्यक्रम में महू तहसील में म.प्र. माध्यमिक शिक्षा मंडल द्वारा आयोजित परीक्षा में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को सम्मानित भी किया गया। सम्मान प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों में शामिल थे – कक्षा 5 में सर्वोच्च अंक प्राप्त करने वाले मास्टर हर्ष बोधके, स्काई हाइटस स्कूल; कु. हेतेशी उबनय, यशवंत पब्लिक स्कूल; कक्षा 4 में श्रेष्ठ अंक लाने वाले मास्टर कृष्णा लोवंशी, यशवंत

### IAEA Kerala State Branch



Dr. T. Sundaresan Nair, Former Director, SRC, Kerala. With a detailed presentation on "Emerging Trends in Adult Literacy and Life Long Learning in the Context of NEP 2020" he emphasized how literacy initiatives must be redefined to suit the evolving

पब्लिक स्कूल; कु. दिव्यांशी सुले, श्री एकेडमी; तथा मास्टर गौरव सिंगारे, चेम्पस एकेडमी। इन सभी विद्यार्थियों को कैप्टन एन. एस. रावत द्वारा प्रोत्साहन राशि एवं सम्मान पत्र प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ द्वीप प्रज्वलन एवं मां सरस्वती के चित्र पर माल्यार्पण से हुआ। विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत सरस्वती वंदना ने सभी का मन मोह लिया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों का स्वागत विद्यालय की प्राचार्या श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोरे एवं संस्था अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम का परिचय श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने प्रस्तुत किया, समन्वय श्रीमती कृष्णा शर्मा द्वारा किया गया एवं संचालन श्री नारायण सिंह चौहान ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ। इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम के संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री विजय विजयवर्गीय, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ सहित अनेक गणमान्य नागरिक, अभिभावक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण उपस्थित रहे।

socio-economic challenges and to foster lifelong learning opportunities for all. Delivering the presidential address Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Vice President IAEA, New Delhi underlined the importance of literacy as a tool for social transformation and encouraged students and teachers to adopt innovative practices on the lines of NEP 2020.

An oath was administered by Shri Harish Kumar S., Secretary, State Branch observing both the Teachers' Day and the ILD was taken collectively by all the participants reaffirming their commitment towards literacy, education, and the noble role of teachers. The programme was concluded with a warm Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Roshna Mariam Eapen, Research Scholar.

## IAEA Signs MoU with I.P. College for Women, DU



The Indraprastha College for Women with its century long standing is one of the most prominent, prosperous and promising colleges of the University of Delhi. Recently, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary along with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-Charge, IAEA visited the college to solemnize a Memorandum of Understanding with it. The MoU was signed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Poonam Kumria, Principal, I. P. College on June 24,

2025 for a period of five years to be renewed further with mutual consent. Prof. Poonam Kumria was accompanied by Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and a Life Member of IAEA.

This Memorandum of Understanding will open a new horizon of collaboration between both the institutions and help to organize programmes and activities such as Research Methodology Courses, Capacity Building Programmes for Faculty and Scholars, Social Outreach Programmes and other academic activities intended to provide grassroots level exposure to the scholars. Thereby, enhancing their capabilities of doing meaningful research under the Four-Year Under-Graduation Programme (FYUP) on the line of NEP 2020. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jai Pratap Singh also thanked Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA for encouraging such initiatives between two old institutions.

## MOU signed with KISS – Deemed to be University



Adding a new chapter in the collaborative efforts towards the furtherance of adult and lifelong education in India IAEA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

(KISS), Bhubaneswar a Deemed to be University and a prestigious institute working in the field of tribal education. The MOU was signed in a solemn function organized on September 17, 2025 in the campus of KISS which was graced and inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Kashi Nath Jena, Pro Vice Chancellor, KISS. The function was participated and addressed by the officials of IAEA including Prof. (Dr.) L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge. From KISS a team of academicians and faculty members including Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Hon'ble Founder, KISS & KIIT, Dr. Prashant Kumar Routray, Registrar, Dr.

Manoj Kumar Behra, Associate Professor and Dr. Disha Bhatt, Assistant Professor, KISS. Dr. Kalpana Raja, Life Member, IAEA also joined the function online along with Prof. Raja from Germany. A book entitled "Sacred Groves of India: Ecology, Culture and Conservation" authored by Dr. Manoj Kumar Behra was also released on the occasion by the dignitaries. During the discussion officials tried to explore the possibility of organizing 66th All India Adult Education Conference jointly in the campus of KISS. Both Dr. B.P. Mohanty, President and Dr. Behra, Secretary, Odisha Chapter, IAEA played important role in organizing the function at Bhubaneswar.

## Lecture Session on Tribal Rights

A lecture session on "From Oral Traditions to Environmental Learning: Adult Learning Pathways through Sacred Groves" was also organized on 17th September 2025 jointly by the Centre for Sacred Groves, School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology, Department of Anthropology, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights, and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi. Delivering the Keynote Address Prof. Rajesh discussed the critical role of tribal education in shaping the future of the nation. He pointed out that educating marginalized communities is not merely a social responsibility but also a prerequisite for inclusive national development. Shri Suresh Khandelwal in his opening remarks emphasized the growing importance of lifelong learning and the necessity of



imparting quality education, particularly to tribal communities. The welcome address was given by Dr. Manoj Behra while the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Manoranjan Mohapatra, Head of the Department of Anthropology, KISS-DU. Dr. Sujata Acharya, Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology (STHTI), KISS-DU, provided a reflective concluding remark.

## Observed International Literacy Day 2025

Keeping the focus on the theme "Promoting Literacy in Digital Era" a number of programmes were organized under the aegis of IAEA to observe the International Literacy Day 2025. A few of them require special mention.

### IAEA Headquarters, New Delhi



A "Padho Likho Pratiyogita (Reading and Writing Competition)" was conceptualized to celebrate ILD while engaging community people with it so that the message of literacy and empowerment reaches to those who are still deprived of the light of learning. As part of the programme intensive awareness campaign in three different spells were conducted by the member of staff of IAEA and the beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre - door to door contact, contacted over phone and one to one reach out on ILD.

Amid heavy rain and flood threat, all the members of staff of IAEA including Shri B. Sanjoy, Smt. Neha Gupta, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Shri Surinder Singh Yadav, Shri Bittoo and Shri Kishore approached residents of nearby slums areas and motivated them to register for the competition. As a result, not only children but a number of neo-literate women also registered themselves and received a set of copy and pen in which they were supposed to write at least two pages from whatever reading material they had. Around hundred sets of stationaries were distributed in the community. Sensing their hesitation, each enrolled participant was further contacted over phone and requested to feel free to submit the copies with text written in own hand writing. On September 8th a team of beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre led by the trainer Ms. Kajal visited the nearby areas and asked the



participants to come in time.

The copies received were evaluated by the organizing team to identify best 10 hand writings. It was certainly a matter of surprise that even the neo-literates took the matter with utmost sincerity and delivered their best. In the evening the Conference Hall at IAEA Headquarters was nearly jam-packed with the participants accompanied by their parents.



The programme started with enchanting the melodious patriotic song "Galat Mat Kadam Uthao, Soch Kar Chalo" by Dr. Kalpana Raja and Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA who joined the programme online from Germany. It was so impressive that all the participants automatically joined singing the song. Thereafter, along with Saraswati Vandana the auspicious lamp was lighted by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge who was joined by Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documents Officer, Shri



Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and all other member of staff. While extending his blessings and support to the cause of community work Prof. L. Raja said that transforming the life at grassroots level is the real testament of our success. This was followed by

सभा को जनसंपर्क विभाग के उपनिदेशक डॉ. हरि शंकर आचार्य तथा जागरूकता समन्वयक डॉ. वाई. बी. माथुर ने भी संबोधित किया। इस दौरान व्यंग्यकार-संपादक डॉ.

अजय जोशी, शोधार्थी डॉ. गौरी शंकर प्रजापत, इतिहासकार डॉ. फारूक चौहान, शिक्षक श्री भवानी सोलंकी, चित्रकार श्री योगेन्द्र पुरोहित और श्री महेन्द्र जैन ने भी

विचार व्यक्त किए। साहित्यकार श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार ने आगंतुकों का आभार जताया और कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री गोपाल जोशी ने किया।

## वात्सल्य द्वारा निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण एवं मेधावी विद्यार्थियों का सम्मान



मध्य प्रदेश के महु शहर एवं आस-पड़ोस के इलाकों में सक्रिय 'वात्सल्य' असहाय एवं अभावग्रस्त विद्यार्थियों के उत्थान के प्रति एक समर्पित संस्थान है जो कोशिश करती है कि पठन-पाठन सामग्री के अभाव में कोई छात्र पढ़ना ना छोड़ दे। इस लिए प्रतिवर्ष संस्थान द्वारा छात्र-छात्राओं को निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिकाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाती है। विभिन्न विद्यालयों में निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण का यह कार्यक्रम इस वर्ष पांच चरणों में आयोजित किया गया।

### उदघाटन



शुरुआत स्थानीय देवी अहिल्या बाई होल्कर, सी.बी. कन्या उ.मा.वि. महु में दिनांक 5 जुलाई 2025 को प्रातः 11 बजे आयोजित कार्यक्रम से हुई जिसमें 8 विद्यालयों के तीसरी से आठवीं तक के 160 विद्यार्थियों को अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरित की गयी। यह कार्यक्रम लायंस क्लब, महु के अध्यक्ष श्री नारायण गर्ग की अध्यक्षता एवं छावनी परिषद कार्यालय अधीक्षक श्री संतोष अग्रवाल के मुख्य आतिथ्य तथा समाजसेवी



श्रीमती निर्मला यादव एवं शिक्षाविद् श्री तपन जिंदल व श्री रामलाल प्रजापति के आतिथ्य में सम्पन्न हुआ। इस अवसर पर संस्था अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

अतिथि श्रीमती यादव ने बच्चों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि जीवन में अपना लक्ष्य तय करके उसकी प्राप्ति के लिए अनवरत प्रयास करें तो सफलता निश्चित ही प्राप्त होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था बहुत नेक कार्य कर रही है। निर्धन एवं असहाय बच्चों की शिक्षा के लिए कार्य करना बहुत बड़ी बात है। श्री प्रजापति ने कहा कि विद्यार्थी जीवन, जीवन का स्वर्णिमकाल होता है। हमें पुरुषार्थ एवं परमार्थ के लिए जीवन जीना चाहिए।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री अग्रवाल ने अपने उदबोधन में कहा कि महु शहर के वरिष्ठ और बुजुर्ग तथा समाजसेवी बड़ी शिद्दत से सेवा कार्य में लगे हैं, ऐसे में सेवा कार्य का अच्छा होना निश्चित है। अभावग्रस्त बच्चों के लिए संस्था जो कार्य कर रही है, वह सराहनीय है। अपने अध्यक्षीय उदबोधन में श्री गर्ग ने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था का उद्देश्य असहाय विद्यार्थियों की सहायता करना है। इस कार्य को वात्सल्य बड़ी ईमानदारी से कर रही है।

इस अवसर पर महु तहसील में म.प्र.शिक्षा.

बोर्ड के 10वीं व 12वीं में सर्वोच्च अंक प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थी (1) कु. यशस्वी जैन (2) कु. नंदिनी शर्मा (3) कु. विशाका पण्डारे (4) कु. अंजलि शर्मा और (5) मास्टर शैलेन्द्र मानकर को भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के संरक्षक प्रो. एस. वाय. शाह द्वारा प्रदत्त पुरस्कार-राशि प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया।

प्रारंभ में अतिथियों का स्वागत वात्सल्य की ओर से संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा एवं विद्यालय की ओर से प्राचार्य श्री विशाल श्रीवास, शिक्षिका श्रीमती विनीता नायडू द्वारा किया गया। आभार संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने माना एवं आयोजन परिचय श्री राजेश पाटीदार द्वारा दिया गया। कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ।

इस अवसर पर संस्था सदस्यों श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री नारायण चौहान, श्री मनीष शुक्ला, श्रीमती राजकुमारी अग्रवाल, श्रीमती शोभा व्यास, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री दिलीप वर्मा सहित शहर के गणमान्य नागरिक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण भी उपस्थित थे।

### समापन

कार्यक्रम के अंतिम चरण का आयोजन दिनांक 14 जुलाई 2025 को प्रातः 11 बजे क्रिस्टिना कान्चेंट उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय, शांतिनगर, महु में किया गया।

इस चरण में तीसरी से आठवीं कक्षा तक के कुल 129 विद्यार्थियों को अभ्यास

## आईईए आंचलिक कार्यालय, महु

साक्षरता दिवस के अवसर पर भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महु स्थित आंचलिक कार्यालय एवं एकलाय शिक्षण संस्थान द्वारा "साक्षरता ही शक्ति है" शीर्षक से एक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया जिसमें मुख्य वक्ता शिक्षाविद् श्री वेदान्त हजारी थे तथा अध्यक्षता आईईए के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलावाल ने की। शिक्षा विभाग के साक्षरता समन्वयक श्री नीलकण्ठ पाण्डेय एवं उपनिदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी भी मंचासीन थे। अतिथियों का स्वागत श्रीमती स्वाति विजयवर्गीय द्वारा किया गया।

अपने उद्बोधन में श्री वेदान्त हजारी ने कहा कि 21वीं सदी में साक्षरता ही शक्ति है। साक्षरता का मतलब केवल किताबें पढ़ना ही नहीं है। साक्षरता व्यक्ति में जागरूकता लाती है एवं उसे सही व गलत का ज्ञान कराती है। यदि व्यक्ति साक्षर है तो वह अपने अधिकारों एवं कर्तव्यों को भलिभांति समझता है व जीवन में उन्नति कर सकता है। वर्तमान में व्यक्ति इंटरनेट के माध्यम से भी शिक्षा प्राप्त



कर सकता है। साक्षर व्यक्ति समाज में भी सम्मानित स्थान प्राप्त कर सकता है। आज हम यह शपथ लेते हैं कि हम स्वयं भी पढ़ेंगे, स्वयं भी सीखेंगे व दूसरों को भी साक्षर बनाएंगे व किसी भी छात्र को स्कूल से दूर नहीं रहने देंगे।

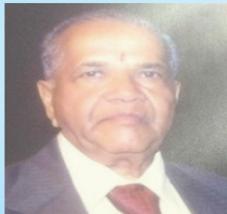
इस अवसर पर श्री पाण्डेय ने कहा कि मध्य प्रदेश साक्षरता में अन्य प्रदेशों से आगे चल रहा है। वर्तमान में प्रदेश में साक्षरता का प्रतिशत 85 प्रतिशत है और हम लोग साक्षरता को शत-प्रतिशत करने के लिए प्रयासरत हैं। आशा कला केन्द्र का भी साक्षरता में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है। इस अवसर पर श्री सुरेश खण्डेलावाल ने विश्व साक्षरता दिवस की बधाई देते हुए कहा कि सभी लोग यह शपथ लें कि अपने आसपास यदि कोई व्यक्ति



निरक्षर है तो उसे हम साक्षर बनाने का प्रयास करेंगे। रोटरी क्लब महु केन्ट के अध्यक्ष श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने सभी अतिथियों का क्लब की ओर से सम्मान किया एवं उन्हें प्रमाण पत्र भी प्रदान किए।

आभार उप-निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी ने माना व कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने किया। कार्यक्रम में आईईए के संयुक्त सचिव श्री मृगाल पंत, श्री कार्तिक पाटीदार, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री दिलीप वर्मा एवं अनेक छात्रगण भी उपस्थित रहे।

## भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा का पुनर्गठन



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा की कार्यकारिणी का पुनर्गठन सितंबर 2025 में किया गया। कार्यकारिणी में श्री विमलचन्द्र जैन, अध्यक्ष, श्री नारायण प्रसाद चौहान, सचिव, सुश्री रेखा द्विवेदी, कोषाध्यक्ष

तथा श्री रामदयाल झूरिया, श्री राजेश पाटीदार, श्री सबरजीत सिंह गिल, श्री आशीष बर्धवाल, श्री सत्यम सम्राट आचार्य, श्रीमति मधु श्रीवास्तव, श्री योगेन्द्र मिश्रा और श्री उमेश खण्डेलावाल सदस्य मनोनीत किए गये।

## जनसंपर्क कार्यालय, बीकानेर

विश्व साक्षरता दिवस पर जनसंपर्क कार्यालय, बीकानेर एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, राजस्थान शाखा के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में "डिजिटल साक्षरता : आज की आवश्यकता" विषय पर 8 सितंबर 2025 को एक संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। सूचना केन्द्र सभागार में आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि वरिष्ठ शिक्षाविद् श्री ओमप्रकाश सारस्वत थे जिन्होंने अपने उद्बोधन में कहा कि आज के दौर में साक्षरता के मायने बदले हैं, अक्षरों की

साक्षरता का स्थान डिजिटल साक्षरता ने ले लिया है। डिजिटल साक्षरता के अभाव में व्यक्ति बड़ी परेशानी में फंसने लगा है। दुर्भाग्य से इनमें युवकों की संख्या सबसे बड़ी है। ऐसे में डिजिटल साक्षरता की अलख जगाना आज की बड़ी आवश्यकता है।

कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के एसोसिएट सचिव श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने कहा कि डिजिटल साक्षरता की उपादेयता को समझते हुए इस बार विश्व



साक्षरता दिवस की थीम 'डिजिटल युग में साक्षरता को बढ़ावा देना' रखी गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि साक्षरता किसी भी देश के विकास की आधारशिला होती है। यह नींव जितनी सशक्त होगी, देश भी उतना मजबूत होगा।

depiction of a short film on literacy "Ek Chithhi" based on which a quiz was also conducted. Euphoric students enjoyed it to their core. A number of parents successfully own prizes in the quiz.

Before the prize for the champions of "Padho-Likho Pratiyogita" (Reading

and Writing Competition) was distributed, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary from Mhow and Prof. Rajesh addressed the gathering and encouraged all the community people to keep participating in the programmes organized by IAEA. Shri Khandelwal said that IAEA is ready to

do its best for the upliftment of people in urban slums. All the members of the staff of IAEA and beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre did their best to make the programme a great success. The programme was concluded with rendering the National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana".

## Online Discussion on the Role of AE and LLL Departments under the NILP



To observe International Literacy Week an online discussion was also organized by IAEA on September 10, 2025 on "Catalysing Change: The Role of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning Departments under the New India Literacy Program (2022-2027)" which was participated by eminent adult educationists and scholars from different universities. The deliberation held here came out with certain important working points for strengthening core areas of adult and lifelong learning viz. Training & Capacity Building, Data Collection & Research Repository, Continuing Education & Employability, Social Inclusion & Defence, Recognition of Prior Learning and Collaboration & Networking. The proceeding of this online discussion was divided into inaugural session, interactive session, Q&A session and concluding session.

The inaugural session began with the welcome address delivered by Prof. Rajesh, Sr. Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi and Director In-charge, IAEA was also addressed by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA and Prof. Usha Sharma, Incharge, CNCL, NCERT. Prof. Rajesh recalled the vision of the Kothari Commission and urged for greater institutional synergy with IAEA for advancing lifelong learning initiatives. Emphasizing leadership role Prof. Shah desired



IAEA to take a lead in the production of manpower and resources for adult education, dissemination of knowledge generated through joint academic efforts and strengthening extension and professional support across departments. He strongly advocated for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through certification programmes and Visiting Scholars Fellowship Programme for young scholars in adult education. Prof. Raja highlighted the importance of NGOs, voluntarism, and university government collaboration to extend the reach of adult education to rural communities. Prof. Usha Sharma delivered a detailed presentation on ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram, designed to achieve 100% literacy by 2030. She explained its framework, which integrates literacy, numeracy, life skills, vocational education, and digital empowerment.

During interactive session Prof. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, Group of Adult Education, JNU; Prof. Ram Kumar Mahto, Assam University, Silchar; Dr. Dhananjay Lokhande, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Pune; Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, Head, DCEE, University of Delhi; Prof. Nasra Shabnam, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia; Dr. Sangeeta Chatterjee and

Prof. P Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, IAEA gave important suggestions related to the different dimensions of ULLAS, quality research publication, holistic development of community, adult education programmes for enhancing employability, need assessment for generating reliable data, Recognition of Prior Learning and digital literacy.

The interactive session was followed by Q&A session in which pertinent issues were raised by the participants specifically Dr. Atul Gautam, Jamia Millia Islamia who wanted to know how IAEA can play a role in the development of voluntarism.

Thereafter, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA, provided his reflections on the session, offering blessings and stressing the importance of adult education as a national priority. He urged that such initiatives must be pursued with commitment at both institutional and community levels. The programme was facilitated by Shri Kirpal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA while the concept note was prepared by Shri Vivek Chahar, PhD scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA.

## Balak Mata Centres, Jamia Milia Islamia



IAEA came forward to collaborate with Balak Mata Centres (BMC), Jamia Milia Islamia and organized colourful programme at the BMC, Beriwalla Bag, New Delhi on September 9, 2025 to observe ILD. BMC has been a key proponent of literacy movement in the marginalized sections of the society which is now focussing on skill training imparted to girls and running pre-primary school for holistic development of kids. The programme here began with the welcome address given by Smt. Yasmeen Parveen, Director of BMC. Thereafter, Prof. Rajesh, Director In charge and Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC member, IAEA addressed the audience. Narrating a number of life experiences, Prof. Rajesh encouraged the participants to imbibe lifelong learning for achieving



the best in their life.

The main attraction of the programme was folk dance on the tune of "Bawan Gaj ka Daman Paher Ke Matak Chalungji", " Rangilo Maro Dholna" etc.; Mehndi Application Competition, Poster Making Competition highlighting message of ILD and Musical Chair by the beneficiaries of Tailoring Course run by Balak Mata centres. The programme was also joined by couple of scholars from the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Milia Islamia University. Excellent performance exhibited by the



participants in all the competitions were appreciated by the audience. The winners were further appreciated with beautiful prizes which were handed over to them by Prof. Rajesh and all. Dr. Gyanendra Kumar and Shri Vinay Chhetri also joined the programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

## ILD at NCERT, New Delhi

The International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 celebration at NCERT, New Delhi was an occasion to trace the achievements made on the count of pre-defined national target of cent-percent literacy for India. Organized on September 8, 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education this programme was addressed both by the Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary.

On this occasion Shri Pradhan delivered a virtual address highlighting India's progress and vision for universal literacy. Shri Pradhan underscored that literacy goes beyond reading and writing. It is a means to dignity, empowerment and self-reliance. He noted that India's literacy rate has risen from 74 percent in 2011 to 80.9 percent in 2023-24, but emphasised that true progress will be achieved only when literacy becomes a lived reality for every citizen. He spoke



about the transformative role of ULLAS Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, which has enrolled over 3 crore learners and 42 lakh volunteers. Nearly 1.83 crore learners have already taken foundational literacy and numeracy assessments, with 90 percent success. He urged youth and students to contribute to the literacy mission, suggesting such efforts be integrated with academic credits. Shri Pradhan reiterated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of education as the foundation of civilisation and called for renewed commitment to building a literate, self-reliant and developed India.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jayant Chaudhary expressed delight that Himachal Pradesh has joined Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, and Ladakh in declaring

itself fully literate. He noted that it was especially significant that states with difficult terrains were among the first to achieve this milestone.

The programme was also attended by Shri Kishor Barman, Minister of Education, Tripura, Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister of Education, Mizoram, and Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, DoSEL, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Education, NCERT, CBSE, KVS, NVS, NCTE, NIOS, State/UT Education Departments, Volunteer Teachers, Learners, Neo-Literates, and other stakeholders. The celebration of International Literacy Day 2025 reaffirmed India's resolve to achieve the vision of a fully literate Bharat and contribute towards the overarching goal of a Viksit Bharat.

## IAEA Organized a Special Session on Research Project Formulation and Academic Documentation



The implementation of Four-Year Under-graduation Programme (FYUP) has widened the coverage of students pursuing academic research as part of their regular course curriculum. This scheme has already acquired appreciation from student community as it will play an important role in enhancing their professional competencies. However, it appears to increase challenges before teaching community on one hand while underlining the lack of infrastructural support in academic institutions on the other hand. IAEA has initiated a number of programmes intended to provide opportunities to the scholars to avail short term training in research project formulation. A special session on "Research Project Formulation and Academic Documentation for Publication Excellence" was organized by IAEA in collaboration with Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi on August 27, 2025 in which the main speaker Prof. S. C. Rai, Department of Geography, University of Delhi delivered a lecture highlighting important steps to be followed by professionals while formulating a research project be it for academic purpose or for any social intervention.

Organized in hybrid mode the programme began with a warm welcome address by Prof. Rajesh, Sr. Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi & Director In-charge, IAEA who also introduced the theme of the session and its importance for young researchers and educators. Thereafter, Prof. L. Raja, President of IAEA, addressed the gathering and shared his insights on the role of adult education and the growing relevance of research in shaping inclusive and impactful policies. Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA underlined the importance of quality research work in the present global scenario and said that IAEA has a tradition to organize such programmes for the benefit of students.

Prof. Rai said that the excellence in quality starts with adopting a smart title for any proposed research project where "SMART" stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Replicable, and Time-bound approach. He gave a clear overview of primary and secondary research methods, various means of data collection, and sampling techniques. He emphasized that questionnaires should be tailored according to the availability and understanding of the target group. He also highlighted the importance of rapport building during fieldwork and warned against over-reliance on binary (yes/no) questions.

Important interventions were made by Smt. Nishat Farooq and Dr. Asha Verma, both EC Members of IAEA. Smt. Nishat asked the scholars to select the mode of research intelligently so that they can get the desired outcome while Dr. Asha focussed on imbibing



research ethics. Veteran adult educationist Prof. Anita Dighe also joined the programme online. Many scholars including Shri Vivek Chahar, Ms. KM Tanu and Shri Siya Bihari also raised queries which were addressed by the speakers. Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Ph.D Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi played an important role in conducting the programme which was participated by many scholars and members of the staff of IAEA. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA.

## Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme

As part of the Kerala Union Adult Literacy Programme, an orientation session on women entrepreneurship development with a focus on tailoring and dress designing was successfully conducted on May 24, 2025 at Swaraj Jenavahini Vikas Kendra, Chadayamangalam, Kerala. The programme organized in collaboration with the Rural Self



Employment Training Institute (RSETI), under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India was coordinated by trainees Ms. Nadha and Ms. Athira K, and addressed by Dr. Hari R.S., Secretary of Swaraj Jenavahini Vikas Kendra. The programme was aimed at empowering women through skill-based learning and promote financial self-reliance through self-employment opportunities. Dr. Hari, who was the resource person said that skill training will open a sustainable source of income.

A "Balavadi" - Children's Club, was also organized by the centre which was aimed at developing leadership qualities, enhance reading habits, and promote social interaction, creativity, and emotional well-being among children through structured group activities. This initiative also served as a platform for children to express themselves freely and interact with peers in a supportive environment.



## Social Outreach Club Inaugurated at IAEA



Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA & Sr. Professor, DCEE, DU and Prof. Bharat Singh, Principal, Zakir Hussain College (Evening). Addressing the meeting (online) Prof. Raja emphasized the need to organize programmes which encourage young scholars to join the activities of IAEA. This will help us to transcend the age boundary, he said. Prof. P.A Reddy explained the need and working of social clubs and asked everybody to be specific and precise so that such manifestations can be optimally utilized to develop the social connect of young scholars.

Prof. Rajesh shared his insights on the evolving role of adult education in addressing social inequalities and fostering civic empowerment. While sharing his views Prof. Bharat Singh said that lifelong learning is going to play a pivotal role in the implementation of NEP 2020 and organizations like IAEA with decades long experience and nation-wide reach can really act as a catalytic agent for the same. Speaking on the occasion Shri Suresh Khandelwal congratulated all the participants for the launch of social club and requested everybody not to make it as one-time affair.

The event also drew reflections from a recently held CSR dialogue hosted by



IIT Madras, where a VC Intern from Miranda House Ms. Sagarika Ghosh also associated with IAEA was invited to observe and explore innovative educational models being implemented through the Centre for Outreach and Digital Education. After a brief discussion on the topic all the dignitaries and participants joined a tree plantation programme in the premises of IAEA.

The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Entire programme was coordinated by Ms. Sagarika Ghosh.

## 66th All India Adult Education Conference at Bhubaneswar

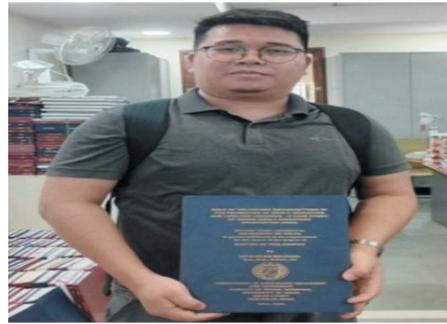
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## Congratulations Dr. Letginlen Doungel

Dr. Letginlen Doungel of Somphung Village, Lungtin Subdivision, Saikul, Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi District has successfully completed his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) on the topic: "Role of Voluntary Organisations in the Promotion of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning – A Case Study of Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)" from University of Delhi. His thesis conducted under the supervision of Prof. Rajesh, Senior Professor and former HoD, DCEE, DU explores the historical and contemporary roles of voluntary organisations, with a particular focus on the initiatives of the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) across three significant phases: the pre-independence period (1939–1946), the post-independence period (1947–1990), and the post-



liberalisation period (1991–2024). His work highlights the evolution of adult education in India and underscores the significant contributions of the IAEA in promoting adult education and lifelong learning across the country. The Association commends Dr. Doungel, a Life Member of IAEA for his outstanding scholarly contribution and wishes him continued success in his academic and professional pursuits.

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## Staff Meeting

A meeting of the members of staff of IAEA was organized on August 5, 2025 which was addressed by both Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Raja appreciated the working of all the staff members and said short-term capacity building programmes may be organized in order to accommodate emerging challenges. Shri Khandelwal while appreciating the staff advised to welcome forthcoming challenges with pro-active attitude. He said the vast academic exposure and experience of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge will certainly help us to achieve excellence.



## Visit to Open an AEC at Okhla Vihar

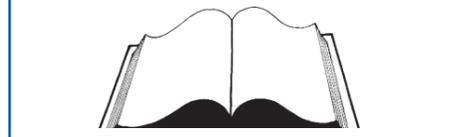


IAEA and the Pocket Full of Sunshine, a voluntary organization working in slums and disadvantaged colonies of Delhi have decided to work together for the cause of development of malnourished children and enhancing the educational attainment of dropout adolescents. In view of opening an adult learning centre Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member along with Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer visited

the Okhla Vihar Centre of Pocket Full of Sunshine on July 4, 2025. Both of them had a detailed discussion with Smt. Azra Naqvi, Board Member and Ms. Seema, Coordinator of the centre about identification and enrolment of dropout adolescents, training of volunteers and teachers interested in teaching the dropouts, availability of infrastructure needed etc. It was noticed that situated between Okhla

Vihar and Jasola Janta flats, New Delhi the centre is surrounded by a number of disadvantaged colonies where children often get involved in some sort of work for earning something and stop going school. To bring them to the centre requires motivation and hence it was decided to conduct a need assessment where one to one contact is established with the drop outs.

## Documents



UNESCO. **CONFITEA VII Seventh International Conference on Adult Education: Final Report: Adult learning and education for sustainable development: A transformative agenda.** Germany, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, 2023: 115p.

The conference brought together over 1,100 participants from 149 countries to discuss how adult education can contribute to achieving social justice, health, and sustainable development.

The objectives of CONFITEA VII were to:

- Bring together the international community to advance the right to education for all.
- Take stock of achievements in Adult Learning and Education (ALE).
- Discuss challenges in the field of adult education and recommend solutions.
- Develop a new framework for action – the Marrakech Framework for Action – to make ALE a reality globally.

UNFPA India. **State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis: The pursuit of reproductive agency in a changing world.** India, UNFPA, 158p.

The 2025 State of World Population report, which includes a UNFPA-YouGov online poll survey across 14 countries—India, Brazil, Morocco, South Africa, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Italy, Thailand, Hungary, United States, Sweden, Republic of Korea, and Germany—with 14,000 respondents, reveals multiple barriers to reproductive autonomy in India, such as financial

limitations as one of the biggest barriers to reproductive freedom.

Nearly 4 in 10 people said financial limitations are stopping them from having the families they want. Job insecurity (21%), housing constraints (22%), and the lack of reliable childcare (18%) are making parenthood feel out of reach. Health barriers like poor general well-being (15%), infertility (13%), and limited access to pregnancy-related care (14%) add further strain. Many are also holding back due to growing anxiety about the future—from climate change to political and social instability—whereas 19% faced partner or family pressure to have fewer children than they personally wanted, the report said.

India's adolescent fertility rate remains high at 14.1 per 1,000 women aged 15–19 in comparison to countries like China (6.6), Sri Lanka (7.3), and Thailand (8.3). This high rate of fertility amongst adolescents endangers both maternal and child health and affects education and employment outcomes.

The report says that India's population growth has become stable, with most families having around two children. But there are significant differences between states—some, like Bihar, still have high birth rates, while others, like Kerala, have low ones. Many people, especially women, don't have full freedom to decide when or whether to have children because of money problems, job insecurity, poor healthcare, family pressure, and social expectations.

In India, one in three adults have had unintended pregnancies, and nearly 30% couldn't meet their personal goals for having children. This shows the real fertility crisis is not about having too many or too few children, but about people not being able to make the choices they want. The report calls for better health services, education, childcare, and support to help everyone make free and informed decisions about parenthood.

- Neha Gupta

Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer

## Inauguration of Adult Education Centre



Executing the above plan an Adult Education Centre jointly managed by IAEA and a locally based organization named Pocket Full of Sun Shine was inaugurated at Okhla Vihar, Jamia

Nagar, New Delhi on July 19, 2025. The center formally began with an interaction with some identified dropouts motivated to continue their study further. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Member, EC, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA along with the officials of PFO Sun shine Smt. Azra Naqvi and Ms. Seema assessed the overall preparedness. The programme was concluded with the blessings given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, CS, IAEA.



## Book Release



President and Dr. Uma Devi, Associate Secretary, IAEA was released on September 13, 2025 by Prof. A. Mathew, Senior Adult Educationist, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, joined by Dr. Biresh Pachisia and Ms. Poonam Rajput, DU. Prof. Gajendra Singh, Chief Vigilance Officer, DU graced the function as the Chief Guest. The book was released during the "Training Programme of Training of Trainers on Transgender Persons Protection of Rights Act 2019 and Rules 2020" programme organized on September 11-13, 2025 by the DCEE, University of Delhi in collaboration with Kirori Mal College, DU and National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), MSJE, Govt. of India.

A book entitled "A Paradigm Shift of Indian Higher education" edited by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice

## Commemorating 84th Birth Anniversary of K.C.Choudhary



Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri A.H. Khan, Vice President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer and Director In-charge along with all the members of the staff offered reach tribute to late K.C.Choudhary on his 84th Birth Anniversary. Dr. Kalpana Raja was also present on the occasion who enchanted versus of Shanti Mantra.

## 79th Independence Day Celebration Programme



A cultural programme was organized by the IAEA Skill Training Centre on August 14, 2025 to celebrate the 79th Independence Day. Learners on this occasion performed various cultural activities including singing and dancing on patriotic songs and delivering speeches remembering the valour of great national heroes. It was really appreciable that the girls who were found to be hesitant to introduce themselves only a couple of months ago were now delivering speeches showcasing their aspirations. Lauding

their performances Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head and Office Coordinator extended his blessings to them on behalf of Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Kahandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge. Later on, all the 3 Office Bearers also interacted with the beneficiaries over video calls. The programme commenced with hoisting the National Flag and singing the National Anthem "Jan Gana Man" and concluded with rendering the National Song "Vande Matram".

## Executive Committee Meeting



The 168th meeting of the Executive Committee of IAEA was held online on August 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja, President which was participated by 21 EC members. At the very outset rich tribute were offered to late K.C. Choudhary on his 84th birth anniversary followed by a silent prayer. Thereafter, the EC confirmed the minutes of the last EC meeting held on March 20, 2025 at the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Rajasthan; approved the report

of programmes and activities conducted from March – July 2025, Annual Report – 2024 and the Audited Statement of Accounts 2024-2025; and deliberated on the points mentioned under any other matters. The EC also approved the Life Membership of 40 individual applicants. The meeting was facilitated by the members of staff of IAEA.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer and Director-Incharge, IAEA.

## DU Vice Chancellor's Interns visited IAEA



The University of Delhi has created an opportunity for internship for its students/scholars. The programme entitled "Vice Chancellor's Paid Internship programme" provides opportunity to receive first hand working experience while getting certain emoluments to meet their

daily expenses. Two VC interns – Ms. Sagarika and Shri Keshav and two scholars pursuing their Masters - Ms. Vanshika and Shri Shourabh visited IAEA on June 20, 2025. They had very fruitful discussion with Prof. S.Y. Shah, former Head, Group of Adult Education, JNU, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, former Chairman, NIOS and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. Prior to coming to IAEA office these interns viewed the documentary on IAEA and raised a couple of queries related to the inception, management and role of IAEA which were addressed by the senior professors.

## Webinar on the Role of IAEA in Strengthening Undergraduate Research Culture

A webinar on "The Role of IAEA in Strengthening Undergraduate Research Culture" was organized by the Association on July 8, 2025 which led to some important recommendations including engagement of students and scholars as interns, organizing project formulation workshops and conducting research methodology training with interdisciplinary focus for supporting sustainable research culture. The webinar began with a welcome address by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA, who laid the foundation by articulating the paradigm shift in Indian higher education brought by NEP 2020.

Quoting the evocative lines "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference." from The Road Not Taken, Prof. Dinesh Khattar, Principal of Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi opened the webinar on a thoughtful note. Delivering an enriching presentation on ethical research and the art of academic writing he encouraged the students to pursue research not merely as a means to acquire marks but as a creative and intellectual journey.

Drawing on his research experience at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Prof. Raja highlighted the Association's previous initiatives in running short-term research-oriented courses, particularly for non-traditional learners. He emphasized that such interventions have the potential to nurture research habits. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, School of Extension and

Development Studies, (IGNOU), outlined the major functions of a teacher in higher educational institution as Research, Teaching, Extension, Publication.

Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi, stressed the importance of building a culture of critical inquiry, capacity building, within extension-based programs and continuing education. Additional academic reflections were shared by Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, and Dr. Biresh Pachisia, Life Member of IAEA, who pledged his voluntary support to strengthen outreach efforts in future academic programmes led by IAEA.

Moreover, the event was graced by the presence of prominent academicians like General secretary Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. S.Y. Shah, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Prof. Anita Priyadarshini, IGNOU, Dr. Ajay Kumar, JNU who joined it offline from IAEA and other eminent professors like Dr. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary and Smt. Nishat Farooq, Member EC, IAEA from diverse academic disciplines and regions of the country, whose participation brought depth and breadth to the deliberations. The session was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

– Ms. Sagarika Ghosh  
Vice Chancellor's Intern, Miranda House, DU

# Free Eye Checkup Camp Organised by IAEA

Eyes plays an important role in our overall wellbeing. However, due to lack of awareness people often take it for granted and do not take precautionary measures

to keep their eyes fit and fine for long. This careless attitude invites lot of eye related problems even at very early age. Hence, IAEA developed a practice to conduct Eye

Check-up Camps for community people as well as drivers in the nearby areas. This year the camp was organized on June 26-27, 2025 at IAEA Headquarters.

## Exploring Medical Support



IAEA on June 19, 2025 and had a detailed discussion with Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate about the modalities of cooperation extended by Dr. Shroff's team. They not only agreed and offered to extend medical support but also assured that they will keep supporting IAEA's philanthropic activities in future as well.

In order to identify an institution which can provide the medical support a number of Eye Hospitals and Private Practitioners were approached. It was appreciable that the officials of the Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital, Delhi responded us quickly and favourably. Consequently, a team from the hospital comprising Shri Mahesh Kumar Yadav, National Programme

## Door to Door Campaign



To make them sensitize door to door campaign was conducted on June 20, 23 and 24, 2025 in which more than 250 families were approached and designed posters were displayed at major locations around ITO. A team of IAEA staff members including Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Smt. Neha, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer,

Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Sr. Assistant, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Assistant, Shri Surender Singh Yadav, Caretaker and three MPS Shri Bitoo, Shri Ravi Subhramani and Shri Kishore Kumar visited different areas and invited the residents to come and get their eyes checked by qualified doctors from Dr.



Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital, Delhi the collaborating partner for this camp.

## The Eye Care Camp



The Eye Care Camp was inaugurated on June 26, 2025 by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Prof. S. Y. Shah, former

Vice President, IAEA; Shri Mahesh Kumar Yadav, National Programme Manager and Shri Rakesh Kumar, North Regional Coordinator, Eicher



Driver Care Programme, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Daryaganj. Adequate arrangements were made to ensure hassle free check-up for all

the visiting beneficiaries including welcome and waiting room, registration desk, separate desks for recording BP, Sugar and Wight. A well-equipped mobile Ophthalmic Van was arranged by Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital for two consecutive days where thorough testing was done and prescription for corrected glasses were given to each



beneficiary. The Doctors on role also given advises for other eye related treatment wherever required.

All the staff members and



volunteers from IAEA Skill Centre co-operated the Doctors and other medical practitioners to make the check-up smooth.

## Distribution of Corrected Glasses on Nelson Mandela International Day

The series of the programmes conducted in the areas surrounding IAEA Headquarters intended towards creating health awareness and getting sensitized to take care of one's eyes was culminated on July 18, 2025 when a programme was organized to celebrate the Nelson Mandela International Day. On the occasion

around 80 persons from nearby communities received corrected glasses handed over to them by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. The programme began with a brief introduction by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA about the life

and message of Nelson Mandela, an apostle of Mahatma Gandhi and the first black President of South Africa, who fought against apartheid and spend more than 27 long years behind the bars. His struggle resulted into awarding voting rights to the adults and the eradication of some of the most discriminating practices imposed on the common people of South Africa. Thereafter, Shri Mukul Kumar, representative of the Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital enlightened the beneficiaries about important measures to be adopted for keeping the eyes healthy. He also replied a number of queries/doubts raised by the participants. Most of the beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction for the way they were welcomed, got their eyes checked-up and received the corrected glasses as promised to them.

This month-long initiative received much appreciation from the community people for the dedicated efforts made by IAEA for their wellbeing. The programme was concluded with the blessings given by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. Entire staff of IAEA took special effort to make the programme a great success.



## Prof. L. Raja attends ILB - GB meeting

Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA attended (online) the General Body meeting of the India Literacy Board, Lucknow held on July 2, 2025 at the Headquarters of Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority. He gave constructive suggestions for materializing the aims and objectives of ILB.



# Announcement

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## 66th All India Adult Education Conference at Bhubaneswar

The 66th All India Adult Education Conference will be held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from January 21-23, 2026. The conference will be jointly organized by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar. The theme of the conference is “Scoring Adult and Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All: A Way Forward for Full Employment”.

### The sub-themes are:

Major Subthemes include:

1. NEP 2020: Conceptual Framework for Adult and Lifelong Learning for All & Full Employment
2. Adult and Lifelong Learning for All for Full Employment: Role of Academic Institutions
3. Decoding Multidisciplinary Approach for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development
4. Role of Community Organizations for Upgrading Adult and Lifelong Learning
5. ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All
6. Harnessing RPL for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
7. Promotion of Adult and Lifelong Learning by the Government
8. Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning
9. Opportunities and Challenges for Lifelong Learning
10. Reviving Sacred Groves through Participatory Adult Learning and Local Governance
11. Gender justice and Literacy Programme for Tribal Women
12. Tribal Language, Literature, and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity
13. Promoting and Preserving Marginal Literature: An Adult Learning Initiative
14. Preservation of Tribal Heritage through Adult Education
15. Heritage Ecologies among Indian Indigenous Communities

### Abstract Submission:

Submit by December 31, 2025 (max. 500 words) via 66aiaecbhubaneswar26@gmail.com or directoriaea@gmail.com.

### Full Paper Submission:

Due by January 15, 2026. (Format: MS Word, Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 spacing).

### Registration fee

Registration Period	Delegates	Students
Till December 31, 2025	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1500/-
January 1 - January 15, 2026	Rs. 3000/-	Rs.2000/-

**Note:** For current students/research scholars, and faculty members of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University, the registration fees are set at ₹500 and ₹1,000

respectively, to encourage broad participation and engagement.

Food and accommodation will be provided from the evening of 20th January 2026 to 24th January 2026 morning. Local participants will not be provided accommodation and will be served lunch and tea only.

### Important Places to Visit



Konark Sun Temple



Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri



Lingaraj Temple

### Mode of Payment

Demand Draft drawn in favour of “Indian Adult Education Association” payable at New Delhi may be sent by post to Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110 002.

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Branch : DTC I.P. Depot, I.P. Estate, New Delhi  
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QR code is also given for payments with an e-mail (directorlaea@gmail.com) with complete information of payment.

All are cordially invited to attend the conference.

Kindly confirm your participation to IAEA by sending your complete postal address with pin code (both personal and official), e-mail ID, and mobile number through e-mail: directoriaea@gmail.com and copy to iaeadelhi@gmail.com

The month of January will be winter and hence, participants attending the conference may come with adequate woolen clothing for proper protection. Other logistic will be shared to you after registration.

(Suresh Khandelwal)  
General Secretary



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## Indian Adult Education Association



### K. C. Choudhary Memorial Fellowship - Application Invited

The Indian Adult Education Association has decided to offer two Fellowships, in the name of late K. C. Choudhary, the former President of the IAEA to young scholars (one male and one female) below the age of forty to undertake community-based action research. The duration of the Fellowship will be six months. A sum of Rs.50000/- (fifty thousand) will be provided to each selected Fellow.

Interested candidates may submit a brief proposal of one page, including the breakup of the budget. Not more than half the amount may be spent on project expenses, and the remaining half will be given as honorarium to the Fellow after the submission of the report.

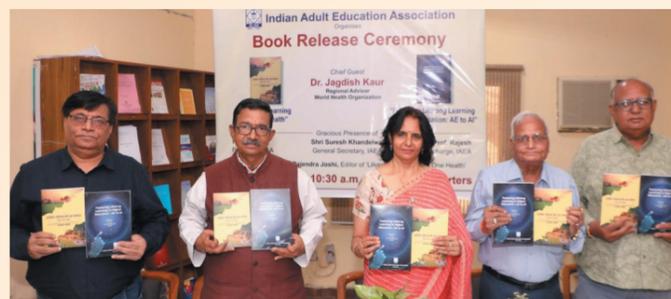
The work can be undertaken in collaboration with any local NGO or an academic institution. Preference will be given to those applicants who

are registered as Doctoral students. Last date of submission of application is January 30, 2026.

Interested candidates may send their application to Professor Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA e-mail: directoriaea@gmail.com or through WhatsApp (9873302532) with a copy to Ms. Neha (9990429884) e-mail : ijae1939@gmail.com

– Shri Suresh Khandelwal  
General Secretary

## Book Release Ceremony



Two books, one in English entitled “Fostering Lifelong Learning in Higher Education: AE to AI” edited by Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and the other in Hindi entitled “आजीवन अधिगम एक स्वास्थ्य (Lifelong Learning and One Health)” edited by Shri Rajendra Joshi, Associate Secretary, IAEA were released



by the Chief Guest Dr. Jagdish Kaur, Regional Advisor, World Health Organization on October 9, 2025 in a grand function held at IAEA Headquarters. The book release function witnessed an academic confluence where eminent academicians and scholars from the field of adult and lifelong learning came together to discuss the concept of ‘One Health’ and the role of lifelong learning in fostering the same. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jagdish Kaur, Chief Guest elaborated various important aspects related to the approach of one



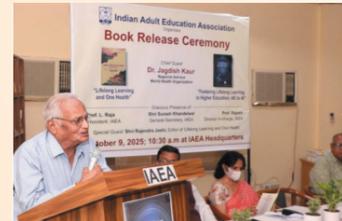
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health viz. core principles, importance of the approach, genesis of one health programme in India and emerging global coordination among nations to realize healthy and holistic global life. The detail of her speech is highlighted in the box (page-4).

The programme began with a prayer rendered by Dr. Kalpana Raja, a well-known adult and lifelong learning functionary. Thereafter, the ceremonial lamp was lighted by the dignitaries on dais including the Chief Guest Dr. Jagdish Kaur, Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh, Shri Rajendra Joshi, Dr. D.P. Singh, Regional Director, IGNOU and a learner from the IAEA Skill Centre.

Prior to the beginning of the programme all the participants introduced themselves while the dignitaries were introduced respectively by Dr. Nitish Anand, EC Member, Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Council Member.

As part of ceremonial welcome the dignitaries were offered with saplings as a symbol of our commitment to protect the



Rajesh were welcomed respectively by Prof. Anita Priyadarshini and Smt. Neha Gupta.

In his welcome address Shri Suresh Khandelwal extended hearty welcome to all the dignitaries, academicians and scholars and said that the Association has given utmost priority to publications on latest issues concerning society specifically education and lifelong

learning. He appreciated Dr. Jagdish Kaur for readily accepting the invitation and extending support to the cause of one health and lifelong learning. Shri Khandelwal also requested all the participants to write quality papers both in Hindi and English for IAEA's regular publications.

Delivering the introductory speech Prof. Raja narrated in brief the concept of "One Health", its importance for restoring global health and the role of lifelong learning in promoting the same. He said that one of the core principles of the Indian culture and civilization has been the realization of oneness across the creation and the wellbeing of it. From the Vedic to Gandhian era till now we have been groomed with the same principle at the centre of our family, social and institutional life. Emphasizing the role of IAEA, he said that providing adequate and appropriate space to the scholars to express



their ideas has always been our focus area.

Thereafter, both the books were released simultaneously by the dignitaries which was followed by an introductory note on the book entitled "आजीवन अधिगम एक स्वास्थ्य" (Lifelong Learning and One Health) by its editor and the Special Guest in the function Shri Rajendra Joshi. Shri Joshi explained how the thought of one health has been perceived and practiced by native people as integral part of their socio-religious belief. He said that the elders in the family used to sensitize the children about protecting nature and its every constituent entity from very childhood.

Prof. Rajesh detailed the content and importance of the book "Fostering Lifelong Learning in Higher Education: AE to AI". He said that not only academicians but common men are also utilizing AI based tools and applications to make their daily life comfortable. However, it is quite difficult for many especially those who lack digital literacy, to match the pace with which the use of AI is engulfing the professional domain. The book gives a fair



## Dr. Vandana Chakrabarti becomes the fourth Indian to receive the coveted International Hall of Fame Award



A life member of IAEA since 2012 and the recipient of Tagore Literacy Award (2018) Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Chakrabarti, former Director, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Pro Vice-Chancellor of SNTD Women's University was bestowed upon the coveted International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Award for 2024 in a prestigious ceremony held at the University of Florence, Italy. Established in Oklahoma in 1996, the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame recognizes distinguished leaders in continuing education and adult learning and permanently displays in the Hall information about their exceptional journey in this field. Before her, Prof. (Dr.) S. Y. Shah (2015), Dr. Rajesh Tandon (2011) and Ms. Maria Khan (2008) have received this honour.

## Round Table Discussion on Technology-Facilitated Gender Based Violence



A Round Table Discussion on "Technology-Facilitated Gender Based Violence" was hosted by the YWCA of Delhi's Youth Committee on December 5, 2025 at the office of Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). Organised as part of the global campaign, 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women, the conference created a meaningful space for discussion where young participants shared their real experiences, discussed challenges, and collectively explored solutions to make digital spaces safer and more inclusive for everyone special guest at the event was Shri Ashok, ACP, Cyber Cell, Delhi Police who was the Special Guest in the event shared valuable insights on the rising cases of cybercrime, especially those affecting women and girls. IAEA was represented by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian Cum Documentation Officer and Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Research Scholar, DCEE, DU who actively participated in the round table.

## Obituary

Prof. Satish Kumar Bhati, former Officiating Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia who was a Life Member of IAEA since 1990 left for his heavenly abode on December 6, 2025. His dedication, wisdom, and lifelong commitment to the field of adult and continuing education touched countless lives and shaped the academic community in profound ways.



Dr. Shreepati Rastogi, former Director, India Literacy Board, State Resource Centre and Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Lucknow suffered a major heart attack. He breathed his last in the morning of December 17, 2025 at his residence. A Life Member of IAEA since 2003, Shri Rastogi was one of the most experienced and my dear personality in the field of adult education.

We in IAEA pay our heartfelt condolence to the departed souls.

## General Secretary Appreciated the New Look of IJAE



The redesigned issue of the Indian Journal of Adult Education was reviewed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Editor of the Journal during his recent visit to the IAEA Headquarters. He was joined in the process by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge & Associate Editor; Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer & Assistant Editor and Smt.

Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer & Editorial Coordinator of the Journal. Shri Khandelwal appreciated the "new look and enhanced quality" of the Journal and asked to maintain the quality of it further for the readers. He also emphasized that efforts should be made to give space to young scholars and their quality writing.

## All India Conference on Land Justice and Protection of Marginalised Communities

The All India Conference on Land Justice and Protection of Marginalised Communities organized by the All India Forum for Women Intellect



(AIFWI) in collaboration with the National Land Rights Movements, Adivasi and Dalit Collectives, Women's Networks and Legal Advocacy Groups was held on November 28, 2025 at HKS Surjeet Bhawan, New Delhi. The conference where inaugural and keynote address was delivered respectively by Shri Rajendra Paul Goutham, former Minister, GNCTD and Prof. Bina Agarwal, Development Economics and Environment, University of Manchester witnessed intense discussion on challenges faced by Dalits, Adivasis, women farmers, fisherfolk, forest communities, and the urban poor, who are losing access to land due to development projects, unclear land laws, and weak protection mechanisms. IAEA was represented by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer who attended the conference.

## IAEA's Gender Sensitisation Committee Meeting

A meeting of IAEA's Internal Complaints Committee and Gender Sensitisation Committee Meeting was held on November 20, 2025 at



Association's Headquarters which was attended by Smt. Nishat Farooq, Chairman and four members including Dr. Chayanika Uniyal, Dr. Geeta Mishra, Dr. Gyanendra Kumar and Dr. Joycia Thorat. Members broadly discussed about programmes and activities that can be organized for sensitizing various stakeholders about gender issues viz. orientation-cum-training programmes, inhouse workshop and installing suggestion box for gender related issues. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Neha Gupta who also proposed the vote of thanks.

## DU – VC Interns Visited IAEA



Four students—Ms. Bhpinder Kaur, Ms. Gauri Chauhan, Ms. Vanshika Ghadiyen and Ms. Vanshika Karnani selected as VC interns, University of Delhi visited IAEA on November 20, 2025 as part of their internship programme. They had a brief discussion with Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA who explained the way this opportunity can be utilized by them for acquiring hands-on training, getting field exposure and enhancing their employability skills. To make the interns acquainted with IAEA they were also briefed about the genesis, history, mission and vision and programmes and activities of the Association viz-a-viz. the growth of adult and lifelong learning movement in India.

## 66th AIAEC Brochure Released

The Conference Brochure for the 66th All India Adult Education Conference to be held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha



was released on December 19, 2025 by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary who was joined by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Director, Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA. The Brochure highlights various important aspects of the conference including major themes and sub-themes, procedure for registration and submission of academic papers and historical places in and around Bhubaneswar for prior information.

idea about how even common man can adapt themselves with AI based tools and applications availing the opportunity of lifelong learning, he said.

After both the books were introduced by their respective editors Dr. Biresh Pachisia, National Trainer, AIDs Control Society and Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi categorically appreciated the content and examined how timely these publications have been brought out. Dr. Pachisia said that from United Nations to the establishment in the country, the concept of one health is being discussed and emphasized almost on every important forum now. This is in response to the perceived imbalances caused to the nature by human being and to minimize its disastrous impact. This book will certainly sensitize the readers and help them to imbibe a nature friendly lifestyle where people will understand the inter-dependability.



The book "Fostering Lifelong Learning in Higher Education: AE to AI" presents a panoramic view of lifelong learning in the Indian and global context enriched by the experiences and reflections of students and scholars alike, said Ms. Parinita Batra. It captures the transformation of higher education where the enduring values of adult learning meet the innovations of artificial intelligence. From the learners' perspective, the book reveals how national initiatives such as the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) and the Indra Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) have made education more flexible and accessible. Students express appreciation for digital learning opportunities but also highlight barriers such as time constraints, lack of mentorship and limited access to academic resources. Scholars echo these insights emphasizing that lifelong learning thrives only when institutions nurture curiosity, inclusion and self-directed growth. In essence this book celebrates lifelong learning as both a human right and a collective responsibility.



Towards the conclusion of the programme few participants raised a couple of queries and gave important comments on the activities and programmes being conducted now-a-days surrounding the concept of One health across the country. On this occasion the Chief Guest Dr. Jagdish Kaur along with Prof. Raja, Shri Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh appreciated the team of IAEA which successfully conducted an evaluation research entitled "Study to Understand the Impact of Communication Campaign Carried Out on Various Mediums by the Delhi Government" assigned by Department of Planning, Government of NCT of Delhi under the leadership of Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.



The Book Release Function also provided an opportunity for group discussion on a wide range of issues as many veterans in the field got assembled there with a commitment to take the work of the Association forward. Entire programme was coordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy who also extended the vote of thanks.

# One Health Approach is a must for Our Own Survival and Coexistence

– Dr. Jagdish Kaur, Regional Advisor, WHO



The One Health Approach is a collaborative method that acknowledges the interconnectedness of human, animal, plant and environmental health to prevent, predict, and respond to global health threats. It involves cooperation between various sectors such as public health, agriculture, and environment to address shared challenges like disease outbreaks, antimicrobial resistance, and food safety, recognizing that these issues cannot be solved in isolation. Key organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) form a One Health Quadripartite to advance his unified approach. The whole concept revolves around few core principles.

## Core Principles

- **Inter-connectedness:** The health of human beings, animals, plants, and the wider environment are intrinsically linked and interdependent.
- **Integration:** It brings together different sectors, disciplines, and communities to work on health challenges from a holistic perspective.
- **Collaboration:** Requires coordinated efforts between various stakeholders, including governments, researchers and communities to share data and implement joint responses.

## Why One Health is Important

**Disease Prevention:** Helps to prevent and control diseases, particularly zoonotic diseases that can jump from animals to humans, like Avian Influenza and the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Global Health Threats:** Strengthens

global preparedness and response to emerging infectious disease.

**Sustainability:** Supports sustainable development by addressing issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and food and water security.

**Economic benefits:** The preventative costs of a One Health Approach are often more modest than those that manage endemic diseases and pandemics, according to the World Bank.

## Examples of One Health in Action

**Surveillance:** Developing shared databases and surveillance systems across sectors to detect health threats early.

**Research:** Fostering cross-disciplinary research to better understand the links between human, animal, and environmental health.

**Policy:** Guiding policy decisions at local, national and global levels to ensure integrated health strategies.

## Global Coordination

**The One Health Quadripartite:** The WHO, FAO, UNEP, and WOAH work together to integrate efforts on human, animal and environment health.

**Focus Areas:** The Quadripartite identifies key areas such as antimicrobial resistance, food safety, environmental health and the control of zoonotic diseases.

India is developing a National One Health Mission (NOHM) to integrate human, animal, and environmental health to prevent zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance, moving from reactive to proactive responses. This includes scientific studies on human wildlife environment interfaces, enhancing real time surveillance, improving legal frameworks for inter-sectoral collaboration and establishing One Health Committees at state and district levels to operationalize the approach across society. The National Institute of One Health in Nagpur serves as the anchor for these efforts, coordinating One Health activities nationwide and globally. Key aspects of India's One Health Approach are:

## Interdisciplinary integration:

The core idea is to break down silos between sectors, recognizing the interconnectedness of health challenges like zoonotic diseases (diseases transmitted from animals to humans), antimicrobial resistance and food safety.

## Proactive Preparedness

The initiative aims to shift from reactive disease responses to proactive preparedness, using advanced science to anticipate and mitigate public health risks, especially concerning zoonotic spill over events.

## National One Health Mission (NOHM)

This government initiative seeks to coordinate One Health efforts, establish real-time surveillance models for zoonotic diseases and conduct inter-ministerial scientific studies in high risk areas.

## Legal & Policy Framework

There is a focus on assessing and strengthening the legal framework through a national consultation to facilitate multi-sectoral dialogue and actionable recommendations for enhanced One Health activities.

## Institutionalization

To implement the One Health approach effectively, India proposes establishing One Health Committees at the state and district levels.

## Public-Private-People Partnership

The concept aims to evolve from a purely government-led programme to a whole-of-society response, fostering broader collaboration and joint execution of interventions.

## Why One Health is Critical for India?

### High-Risk Environment

India's diverse wildlife, large livestock population, high human density, and extensive flora create opportunities for disease spread between humans, animals and the environment.

### Pandemic Prevention

Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and other outbreaks, like Lumpy Skin Disease and Avian Influenza, highlight the need for an integrated approach to prevent future pandemics.

### Addressing AMR

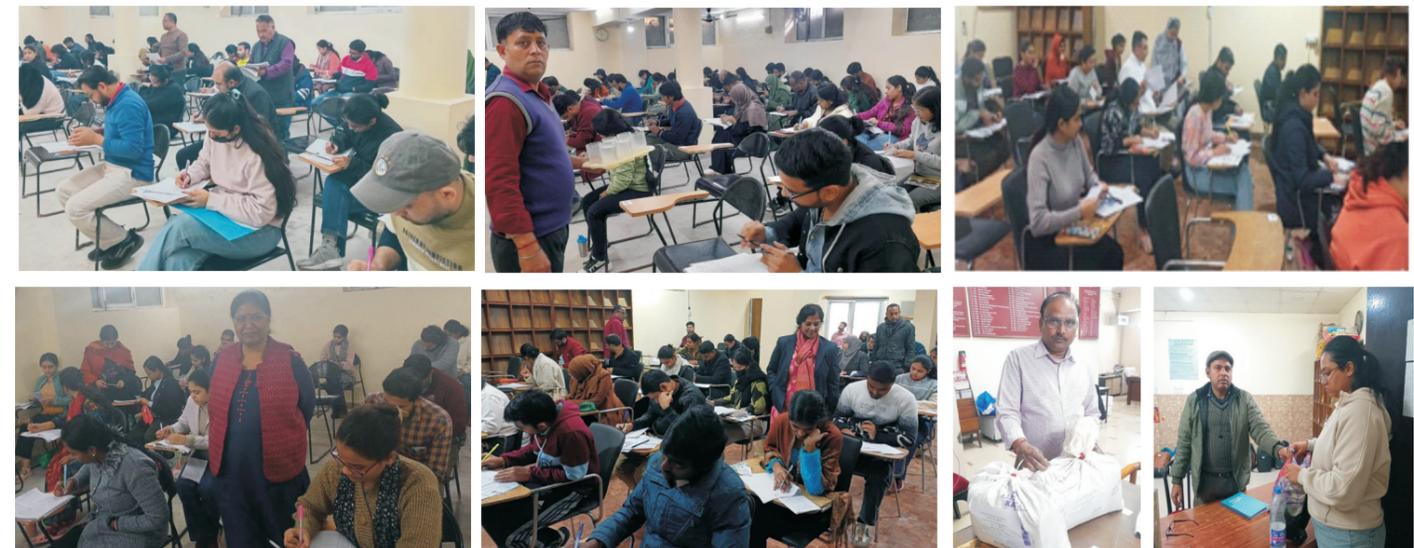
The irrational use of antibiotics in livestock contributes to the spread of resistant microbes, making the One Health approach essential for managing antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

# IGNOU December TEE 2025



December 2025 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU which commenced on December 1, 2025 and will continue till January 14, 2026, is being successfully conducted by the Association which has been assigned the IGNOU Exam Centre Code 29049(P). An online orientation programme which was conducted on November 28, 2025 by IGNOU was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with all the members of IAEA involved in this process. 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 5582 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this

centre. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance, relevant photographs and video clippings of all the examination halls is being sent to the concern officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. The entire team of IAEA is making special effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the General Secretary Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Vice President Prof. P.A. Reddy and the Director In-charge Prof. Rajesh along with the Centre Superintendent Shri M.L. Sharma. Regular visit is being also made by the officials of IGNOU to ensure coordination at every level for smooth conduct of the exams.



## UNION SAKSHAR ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMME

Imparting life skills to the adult learners has been an integral part of the Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme. Focussing on this very important aspect a life skill session was organized jointly by the Kerala State Branch of IAEA and Swaraj Jenavahini Vikas Kendra on October 19, 2025 at the Kerala Life Skills Education Learning Centre, Chadayamangalam which was addressed by Prof.V.Reghu, Vice President, IAEA and Chairman, State Branch. The programme was attended by 35 participants from different part of Chadayamangalm block, Kollam.



women learners Prof. Reghu emphasized the need to understand life skill education and acquiring relevant skills including the concept of self-awareness, critical thinking, stress management for smooth handling of day-to-day affairs by the adult learners. Shri Harish Kumar, Secretary IAEA Kerala State Branch also addressed the participants and requested them to pay special attention on new trends in technology and mobile learning. Dr. Hari, Treasurer, IAEA Kerala State Branch & Programme Coordinator, Adult Literacy Centre welcomed the guests and participants to the programme.



Addressing the session which was mostly attended by

## Seminar on the Relevance of Lifelong Learning

A seminar on the "Relevance of Lifelong Learning" was organised on November 8, 2025 at Trivandrum by the Kerala State Branch of IAEA to observe the birth anniversary of well-known adult educator Dr.K.Sivadasan Pillai which was participated by the members of IAEA Kerala State Branch and the Council of Teacher Education, faculty members, academicians, research scholars and social workers. Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President of IAEA highlighted the role of various stakeholders in the furtherance of lifelong learning while emphasizing its relevance and importance.



## Deepawali Celebration at IAEA Skill Training Centre



The learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre organized a colourful programme to celebrate Deepawali – the festival of lights on October 17, 2025 which was also participated by all the members of staff of IAEA. The centre was beautifully decorated with Diyas, Rangolis and Posters. The programme began with offering prayer by the senior most staff member Shri M.L.Sharma, Coordinator & Finance Head, IAEA followed by folk songs and dance by the learners. The programme was concluded with Deepwali Greetings offered by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA who wished all the participants and their loved ones a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous life ahead. He also shared with all the well wishes sent by Prof. L.Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge.

## Visitors

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu visited IAEA along with his wife Smt. Mangayarkarasi Parthasarathy on September 28, 2025. He joined the members of staff of IAEA on the morning prayer and shared his experience gained during the decades long academic journey. As an ardent votary of entrepreneurship and innovation he desired professionals and social activists to develop a knack for innovative practices for developing entrepreneurship. The discussion was also joined by Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Activist and Dr.Joycia Thorat who is a policy advisor and gender specialist. Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA extended his hearty greetings to the visitors and assured them that IAEA will keep on working for the betterment of the society.



Prof. Sujit Kumar Paul, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Viswa Bharti, West Bengal visited IAEA on October 16, 2025 to meet Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and discuss the scope of strengthening the work of IAEA



State Branch in West Bengal. The discussion was also participated by Shri M.L. Sharma, Coordinator; Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA. Prof. Paul

handed over a copy of the "Journal of World Education" to Prof. Rajesh for keeping it in the IAEA Library. He also went through IAEA Library and was offered a copy recently brought out Directory providing important information about the Departments of Adult and Lifelong Learning Education functioning as part of different universities in India.

On the occasion Prof. Paul and Dr. K. Gireesan, Head, Department of Public Administration, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, Regional Centre Chandigarh also handed over a copy



of the book entitled "Bet Practices in Sustainable Development Goals" jointly edited by both of them to each Prof. P. A. Reddy, Vice President and Prof. Rajesh.

Shri Satyabratt, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi visited IAEA on October 24, 2025 to interact with Prof. L.

Raja, President and all the members of the staff of IAEA. A person having wide exposure in the field of administration Shri Satyabratt also owes huge experience in handling secretarial affairs related to parliamentary procedures and a keen interest in holistic wellbeing. He considers spiritual enlightenment as the basis of human happiness and works along with his friends and associates to promote the same. During the discussion he also shared his own experience gained while working with people for improving their happiness quotient.



## Kailash Choudhary Lifetime Achievement Award - Meeting for finalizing the Guidelines

The Award Committee constituted by IAEA met on October 9, 2025 at the Headquarters of the Association to finalize the guidelines for newly constituted Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award. Presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Chairman, Award Committee the meeting was attended by Shri S. C. Khandelwal, Member Secretary and three members including Prof. Rajesh, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Dr. Varsha Das. The meeting was facilitated by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, IAEA. A detailed discussion was held in the meeting and the suggestions emerged were noted for finalizing the guidelines.





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**NOTICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

To

All the members of the Executive Committee.

Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the upcoming Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2026 (Wednesday) at 5:00 p.m. at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha to consider the following agenda items:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 4, 2025 in virtual mode.
2. To consider the Action taken on the decisions of the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 4, 2025.
3. To consider and approve the report of the programmes and activities conducted during the period August – December 2025.
4. To consider and approve the estimated budget of the Association for the year 2026-27.
5. To consider and approve the applications received for membership of IAEA.
6. Any other business with the permission of the Chair.
  - (a) To consider and approve the decision to purchase a new vehicle for the office.
  - (b) Condolence

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

(S.C. Khandelwal)  
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**NOTICE FOR COUNCIL MEETING**

To

All the Elected Members of the Council and Co-opted Members.

Sir/Madam,

The meeting of the newly elected members of the Council of Indian Adult Education Association will be held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following agenda items:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting of the Council held on December 14, 2023 at Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
2. Approval for the Plan of Action for the year 2026-27.
3. Any other business with permission of the Chair.

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गया। प्रत्युत्तर में श्री विशाल श्रीवास ने कहा कि पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने वाले सभी बच्चों को बधाई एवं समिति को शुभकानाएं। मैं इस सम्मान के लिए समिति की आभारी हूं।

समारोह में शिक्षकों हेतु आयोजित निबंध प्रतियोगिता के विजेता शिक्षकों को भी बाल महोत्सव समिति व समाजसेवी श्री रामलाल प्रजापति ने नगद एक हजार रुपये का पुरस्कार एवं शिक्षाविद सुश्री आकांक्षा रितेश ने विशेष पुरस्कार से पुरस्कृत किया। समाजसेवी श्री दिलीप कोठारी की ओर से उ.मा. स्तर के विजेता प्रतियोगिताओं को केल्कुलेटर प्रदान किए गये। बाल महोत्सव में सर्वाधिक प्रतियोगिताओं



में विजेता होने का पुरस्कार श्रृषिवैली एकेडमी व वीलोद पब्लिक स्कूल को प्रदान किया गया। इसी के साथ शुद्ध एवं सुंदर लेखन तथा वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता भी सम्पन्न हुई। विद्यालय के छात्रों द्वारा सरस्वती वंदना प्रस्तुत की गयी। समिति की ओर से श्री मनीष कुमार गुप्ता एवं श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ उ. मा. विद्यालय की ओर से प्राचार्य श्री कुलदीप पुरोहित ने अतिथियों का पुष्प गुच्छ द्वारा स्वागत किया। बाल महोत्सव की एतिहासिक पृष्ठभूमि का परिचय एवं पुरस्कार संबंधी जानकारी समिति के सहसचिव श्री नारायण चौहान ने दी। अतिथि परिचय एवं कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन

श्रीमती वंदना दुबे ने तथा आभार समिति अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने माना। कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने में श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री उमेश खण्डेलवाल, श्री रविशंकर दुबे, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, संदीप लखमरा सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, श्री मुन्नालाल वर्मा एवं श्री दिनेश जादम का सक्रिय सहयोग प्राप्त हुआ।

इस अवसर पर महू नगर के गणमान्य नागरिक श्री रमेशचंद्र सिंघल, श्रीमती आकांक्षा रितेश, श्रीमती राजकुमारी अग्रवाल, श्रीमती निर्मला यादव, श्रीमती शोभा व्यास, श्री मृणाल पंत, श्री दिनेश सेठ, श्री दिलीप कोठारी, श्री विनोद मेठी, श्री अब्दुल हमीद, श्री नारायण पंडित एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षक एवं शिक्षिकाएं सहित पुरस्कृत विद्यार्थियों के अभिभावकगण भी उपस्थित थे। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ।

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 प्रवक्ता

**Odisha Chapter**

**Lecture on Empowering the Crucial Role of Tribal Youth in Shaping the Future**



A distinguished invited lecture on "Empowering the Crucial Role of Tribal Youth in Shaping the Future" was organized jointly by the Department of Anthropology, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights, Centre for Sacred Groves, School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha and the Odisha Chapter of IAEA, New Delhi. The lecture was delivered by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA on December 15, 2025 in the Conference Hall – 2, KISS Campus which was attended by a large number of students and faculty members. The programme began with the introduction of the concept of distinguish lecture given by Dr. Sujata Acharya, Associate Professor and Dean, School of THTI,



KISS-DU followed by introduction of guest by Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, Associate Professor, KISS-DU and the General Secretary of the Odisha Chapter of IAEA.

Prof. Raja in his speech underlined the importance of overall development of tribal community for achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047. He said awareness among the tribal youth about the rights of tribal community assured by and enshrined in the Constitution of India is the corner stone for moving forward towards their empowerment. The concluding remarks were given by Dr. B.P. Mohanty, President, Odisha Chapter of IAEA and the vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Monoranjan Mahapatra, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, KISS-DU.

**Samvaad 4.0 - A Training of Prison Warders Organized**

The sixth batch of Samvaad 4.0, a Training of Prison Warders was successfully conducted by India Vision Foundation on December 10, 2025. The session began with a warm introduction by Ms. Monica Dhawan, Director – India Vision Foundation, setting the tone for an engaging and insightful training. An interactive session on "Stress Management," was conducted by Mr. Winfred where he guided prison officials on understanding, identifying, and effectively managing stress in challenging environments. Thereafter, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Founder, India Vision Foundation, interacted with all the participating officials, sharing inspiring anecdotes from her service years and motivating them to bring positive reforms within the prison system. Shri Mohd. Akram Khan, former Jail Superintendent, District Jail, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh and the recipient of Nehru Literacy Award 2023 led the session on "Effective Prison Management through Collaboration and Networking." He shared his practical experiences and encouraged officials to adopt effective management strategies for better prison administration. More than 75 prison officials from across the country participated in the programme, making this an impactful step towards strengthening prison management and staff capacity in India.



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**NOTICE FOR GENERAL BODY MEETING**

To

All the Members of Association

Sir/Madam,

The next meeting of the General Body of Indian Adult Education Association will be held on January 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Following are the agenda items for the meeting:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of the General Body held on January 9, 2025 at Manmohini Van Campus, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan.
2. Adoption of the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2024.
3. Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2024-25.
4. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

All the members are cordially invited to attend.

(S.C. Khandelwal)  
 General Secretary

Copies of the Audited Statement of Accounts 2024-25 can be collected by the members at the office of the 66th All India Adult Education Conference at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar on January 21, 2026 whereas the Annual Report 2024 can be downloaded from our website: www.iaea-india.com

NB. Kindly confirm your participation at the earliest at 66aiaecbhubaneswar26@gmail.com and directoriaea@gmail.com



बच्चों ने खेल-कूद और धमाचौकड़ी के साथ मेले का भरपूर आनंद लिया। अतिथियों का स्वागत श्री कमलेश मिश्रा ने किया एवं संचालन व आभार श्री नारायण प्रसाद चौहान ने माना।

बाल मेले के सफल आयोजन में श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री सतीश अग्रवाल, श्री उमेश खण्डेलवाल, श्री विजयकुमार विजयवर्गीय, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्रीमती स्वाति विजयवर्गीय, श्रीमती अरुणा मिश्रा, श्री रविशंकर दुबे, श्री राधेश्याम वर्मा, श्री दीपक रघुनाथ, श्री कमल मूंदड़ा, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री कमल एवं श्री ओम प्रकाश माली आदि का सक्रिय सहयोग रहा।



महोत्सव के अंतर्गत आयोजित उच्चतर स्तर, माध्यमिक स्तर और प्राथमिक स्तर की 17



## पुरस्कार वितरण एवं समापन समारोह



45वें बाल महोत्सव का समापन श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ उ. मा. विद्यालय के आडिटोरियम में आयोजित भव्य एवं रंगारंग पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के साथ हुआ। सभी अतिथियों द्वारा बाल

प्रतियोगिताओं में 21 विद्यालयों के 98 विजेताओं को पुरस्कृत किया गया। उच्चतर माध्यमिक स्तर के लिए आयोजित चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान आकांक्षा चौहान, कैलोद पब्लिक स्कूल, द्वितीय स्थान सत्यम बरोरे श्रृषि वैली एकेडमी एवं तृतीय स्थान नंदिनी मावेल, श्री एकेडमी ने प्राप्त किया। माध्यमिक स्तर के लिए आयोजित चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान सागर गावन्डे श्री जय गोविन्द गोपीनाथ उ. मा. विद्यालय, द्वितीय स्थान श्री चन्दन कुमार आर्मी पब्लिक स्कूल एवं तृतीय स्थान श्री अभिशेक मिश्रा श्रृषि वैली एकेडमी ने प्राप्त किया। प्राथमिक स्तर के लिए आयोजित चित्रकला प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान दुलारी सोलंकी कैलोद पब्लिक स्कूल, द्वितीय स्थान मनशाय यादव

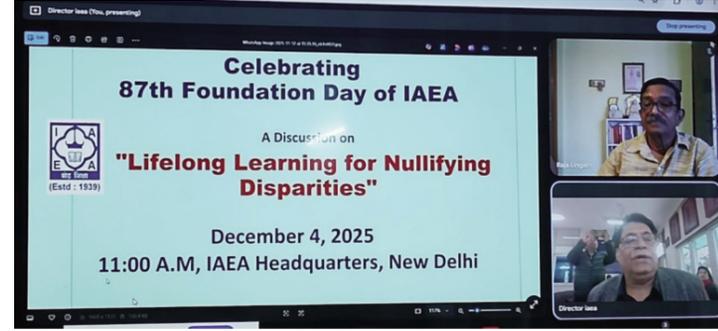


श्री राजेश्वर विद्यालय उ. मा. विद्यालय एवं तृतीय स्थान वेदिका पाटीदार श्री एकेडमी ने प्राप्त किया। उच्चतर माध्यमिक स्तर के लिए आयोजित निबंध प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान मुस्कान पटेल आइडियल उ. मा. विद्यालय, द्वितीय स्थान अक्षरा राठौर शिव एकेडमी एवं तृतीय स्थान संजय द्विवेदी क्रिस्टिना कान्वेंट स्कूल ने प्राप्त किया।

समापन समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए पूर्व लेफ्टिनेन्ट जनरल भारत सिंह सिसोदिया एविएसएम विएसएम ने कहा कि बाल महोत्सव में आकर गर्व महसूस हो रहा है। शिक्षा के साथ ही विभिन्न रचनात्मक व सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों के माध्यम से बाल महोत्सव समिति बच्चों की प्रतिभा निखारने व संस्कारित करने में अपनी महत्वपूर्ण

भूमिका निभा रही है। विशेष अतिथि श्री अखिलेश पाटीदार ने बाल महोत्सव समिति को बधाई देते हुए कहा कि बाल महोत्सव बच्चों की प्रतिभाओं को निखार रहा है। इससे बच्चों को भविष्य के अच्छे नागरिक बनने हेतु अवसर मिल रहा है। इस अवसर पर समिति द्वारा शिक्षा क्षेत्र में योगदान के लिए देवी अहिल्या बाई होल्कर उ. मा. विद्यालय छावनी परिषद, महू के प्राचार्य श्री विशाल जी श्रीवास को अभिनंदन पत्र से सम्मानित किया

## IAEA Celebrates its 87th Foundation Day



A Discussion on "Lifelong Learning for Nullifying Disparities and Strengthening Democratic Values " was organised at IAEA Headquarters as part of its 87th Foundation Day Celebration Programme. Participated by all the members of staff and the learners of IAEA Skill Centre, the programme began with the introductory speech by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge. While welcoming both Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary he underlined the key strength of IAEA such as its presence at the grassroots level, continuous engagement with the academic fraternity and policy makers, and ability to address emerging issues due to which it could withstand all the challenges and kept its flag afloat for last 86 years of its services to the society and common people. Prof. L. Raja in his message online said that IAEA is endeavouring hard to mobilise field functionaries and academia together to address developmental challenges of the country specifically in the field of education, lifelong learning and skill development. He emphasized on identifying innovative practices. Shri Suresh Khandelwal said that we owe a tradition of positive thinking and commitment

towards the cause of disadvantaged section of society and we will work together to fulfil our responsibilities. Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, shared his decades long experience of working with IAEA and said the environment here motivates staff to work with commitment. Both Ms. Kajal, the trainer at IAEA Skill Centre and Ms. Deepshikha a learner also expressed their aspirations and said that



they are enjoying the learning atmosphere at the centre. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

## Preparatory meeting for 66th AIAEC



A preparatory meeting participated by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge along with all the staff members was held at IAEA Headquarters on October 27, 2026 which was presided over by of Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Almost every aspect related with organizing the 66th All India Adult Education Conference at KISS – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha scheduled to be held on January 21-23, 2026 was discussed in details in the meeting. Focus was given to the dissemination of important information related to the proposed programmes and activities to be conducted in the conference. Accordingly, it was decided to bring out a detailed conference brochure, invite abstracts

and academic papers to be presented and finalize the books scheduled to be released during the conference. All the staff members were sensitized to take-up specific responsibilities to make the conference a great success.

## पारंपरिक भव्यता से मनाया गया 45वां महू बाल महोत्सव समारोह



बाल महोत्सव समिति महू, मध्य प्रदेश के तत्वावधान में स्थानीय छात्र-छात्राओं को उनके सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने हेतु प्रतिवर्ष बाल महोत्सव का भव्य आयोजन किया जाता है। इसी श्रृंखला में दिनांक 14 से 29 नवंबर 2025 तक 45वें बाल महोत्सव 2025 का भव्य एवं



समाजसेवी श्री तपन जिंदल ने अहिल्या माता की प्रतिमा पर माल्यार्पण कर एवं हरी झंडी दिखाकर रैली का शुभारंभ किया। इस रैली में 17 स्कूलों के अनुशासित बच्चे अपने-अपने विद्यालयों के बैनर लिए कतारबद्ध होकर चलते हुए चाचा नेहरू अमर रहे, जब तक

### उदघाटन समारोह

45वें बाल महोत्सव का शुभारम्भ दिनांक 14 नवंबर 2025 को एक विशाल बाल रैली एवं बालसभा के साथ को ड्रीमलैंड चौराहा स्थित नेहरू प्रतिमा पर हुआ। बाल महोत्सव के शुभारंभ में आयोजित बाल रैली में शामिल होने के लिए शहर के विभिन्न स्कूलों के बच्चे प्रातः 8 बजे से ही देवी अहिल्या सी.बी. कन्या उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय पर एकत्रित होने लगे थे। यहां पर वरिष्ठ



सूरज चांद रहेगा, चाचा तेरा नाम रहेगा, आदि नारे लगा रहे थे। हाथों में भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा आदि से संबंधित नारे लिखी पट्टिकाएं व महापुरुषों के चित्र लिए हुए बच्चे रैली की शोभा बढ़ा रहे थे। रैली के आस-पास के जन समूह के लिए आगे-आगे चल रहे घोड़ों और उंटों पर सज-धज कर बैठे

बच्चे, राष्ट्रीय गीत बजाते विभिन्न विद्यालयों के बैण्ड तथा बच्चों की रेलगाड़ी मुख्य आकर्षण का केन्द्र थी। बच्चों की यह विशाल रैली शहर के विभिन्न मार्गों से होती हुई ड्रीमलैंड चौराहे पर स्थित नेहरू प्रतिमा स्थल पर बालसभा के रूप में परिवर्तित हो गयी। महू शहर के नागरिकों द्वारा

समूचे मार्ग में बाल रैली का भव्य स्वागत किया गया। बच्चों को शुद्ध जल के साथ जगह-जगह टाफियां एवं संस्था श्रृषिराज की ओर से जूस एवं ब्रश वितरित किये गये। नेहरू प्रतिमा स्थल पर शिक्षाविद श्रीमती किरण बहादुर के मुख्य आतिथ्य एवं देवपुत्र पत्रिका के संपादक श्री गोपाल माहेश्वरी की अध्यक्षता में बाल सभा का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में समिति की ओर से श्री राधेश्याम बियाणी, श्री योगेश मूंदडा, श्री सत्यनारायण पटेल ने नेहरू जी की प्रतिमा पर



माल्यार्पण किया। तत्पश्चात बाल महोत्सव का शुभारंभ अतिथियों द्वारा श्वेत कपोत एवं रंगीन गुब्बारों के साथ बाल महोत्सव का बैनर उड़ाकर किया गया।

इस अवसर पर अतिथि श्रीमती किरण बहादुर ने बाल महोत्सव के आयोजन की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि बाल महोत्सव महू नगर का अनुठा आयोजन है। बाल महोत्सव समिति इस आयोजन के लिए बधाई की पात्र है। यह महोत्सव भविष्य में भी इसी तरह कीर्तिमान स्थापित करते रहे, इसके लिए मेरी शुभकामनाएं। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी बच्चों को बड़े-बड़े सपने देखने चाहिए एवं उनको पूरा करने के लिए निरंतर प्रयास करते रहना चाहिए। नेहरू जी के कार्यों को याद करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि नेहरू जी भारत के हर एक नागरिक में भारत माता को देखते थे एवं देश के विकास की नींव रखने का कार्य उन्होंने मजबूती



से किया।

अध्यक्ष श्री गोपाल माहेश्वरी जी ने बाल महोत्सव के सफल आयोजन हेतु शुभकामनाएं देते हुए कहा कि बाल महोत्सव बाल प्रतिभाओं को मंच प्रदान करता है। समिति ने इस बार भारतीय ज्ञान परंपरा की अवधारणा को लेकर जो आयोजन किया है निश्चित ही यह बच्चों में एक नई चेतना लेकर आयेगा। भारत माता हम सबकी माता है, बच्चे अपना सर्वस्व देश पर न्यौछावर करने के लिए तत्पर रहें। भारत आज पुनः विश्वगुरु बनने जा रहा है।

समिति की ओर से श्री उमेश खण्डेलवाल ने सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत किया। प्रसिद्ध गायक श्री कमलेश यादव द्वारा देशभक्ति के गीत प्रस्तुत किए गये। इस अवसर पर समिति के समस्त पदाधिकारी एवं सदस्यगण यथा श्री राजेश चौधरी, श्री दिनेश सेठ, श्री दीपक रघुनाथ, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, श्री अजय वर्मा, श्री अशोक पंवार एवं श्री मोतीलाल सोनी सहित विभिन्न विद्यालयों के प्राचार्य, शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाएं, महू शहर के गणमान्य नागरिक उपस्थित थे। बाल रैली का संचालन श्री विशाल श्रीवास, श्री विमल चंद जैन, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री शाकीर खान, श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल एवं श्री दिनेश जादम द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में अतिथियों ने छात्रों को बिस्किट के पैकेट वितरित किये। अतिथि परिचय श्री विक्रम सिंह शेखावत ने आयोजन परिचय एवं कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने किया तथा आभार अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने माना। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्र गान के साथ हुआ। बाल रैली में आयोजित मार्चपास्ट प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान डिजायर एकेडमी, महू, द्वितीय स्थान श्री एकेडमी,

कदोरिया एवं तृतीय स्थान बिंग ड्रीम एकेडमी, जामली ने प्राप्त किया।

### बाल मेला

बाल महोत्सव के नौवें दिन बच्चों के मनोरंजन के लिए छावनी परिषद उद्यान में बाल मेले का आयोजन किया गया। करीब 4 घंटों तक चले इस बाल मेले में छावनी परिषद उद्यान बच्चों की खिलखिलाहट एवं चहचहाट से गूंजता रहा। इस कार्यक्रम के अतिथि पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, शाखा, महू की प्रबंधक श्रीमती जयश्री सिरिया एवं समाजसेवी श्री दिलीप कोठारी थे। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता मुख्य अधिशासी अधिकारी छावनी परिषद, महू के श्री विकास कुमार ने की। समिति की ओर से अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे। अतिथियों द्वारा बच्चों की चहल-पहल के मध्य रंगबिरंगे गुब्बारे व श्वेत



कपोत उड़ाकर बाल मेले का शुभारंभ किया गया। इस अवसर पर अतिथि श्री दिलीप कोठारी ने आयोजन समिति को शुभकामनाएं देते हुए कहा कि बच्चों को सुयोग्य नागरिक बनाने में बाल महोत्सव समिति का अभूतपूर्व योगदान है। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं चाहता हूँ कि बाल महोत्सव श्री सुरेश

खण्डेलवाल जी के नेतृत्व में गोल्डन जुबली मनाये। अतिथि श्रीमती जय श्री सिरिया ने कहा कि मुझे आशा ही नहीं थी कि यह अयोजन इतना भव्य होता है। मैं बच्चों को देखकर अभिभूत हूँ एवं श्री खण्डेलवाल जी को बहुत बधाई देती हूँ।

कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए श्री विकास कुमार ने कहा कि इस आयोजन में यह मेरी चौथी भागीदारी है। बच्चों की प्रतिभा को संवारने, उत्साहित करने, संस्कारित व अनुशासित करने का काम महू में बाल महोत्सव समिति विगत 44



वर्षों से कर रही है, इसका श्रेय समाजसेवी, बच्चों के प्रति समर्पित श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल को जाता है। बाल मेले में वामा क्लब एवं अखिल भारतीय मारवाड़ी महिला संगठन, महू द्वारा बच्चों के लिए विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं आयोजित की गईं जिसमें प्रथम स्पर्धा 'रन एण्ड स्टेच्यू' एवं द्वितीय स्पर्धा 'गुप' थी। विजेताओं को वामा क्लब एवं अखिल भारतीय मारवाड़ी महिला संगठन की अध्यक्ष श्रीमती राजकुमारी अग्रवाल, श्रीमती अंशु गुप्ता, श्रीमती करुणा लोहारिया, श्रीमती सरोज मित्तल, श्रीमती मीना चौरसिया, श्रीमती रूपल मेठी, श्रीमती अनीता खण्डेलवाल, श्रीमती अंजना बाहेती, श्रीमती रागिनी विजयवर्गीय ने पुरस्कृत किया।

