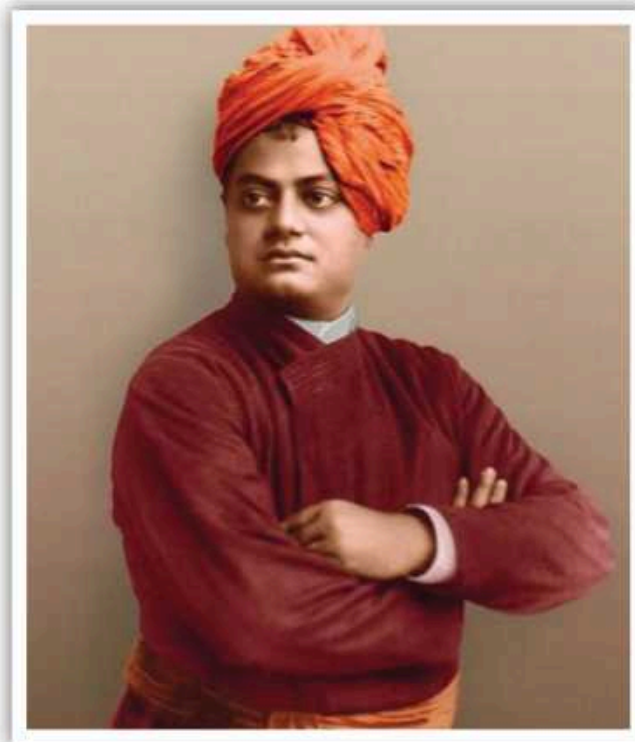


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“A nation is advanced in proportion to education and intelligence spread among the masses.”

– *Swami Vivekananda*

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(Suresh Khandelwal)
General Secretary

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Dear Friends,

Standing at the outset of a new year where the global community appears to be engulfed in challenges that can potentially retard the pace of progress and demands visionary and holistic approach from each and every corner of human civilization for restoring peace, I welcome you to the Annual Report 2025 of the Indian Adult Education Association with a great vigor and a sense of responsibility to apprise our fraternity with the progress and achievements of our organisation. While covering almost all the important activities – 65th AIAEC, National Seminar at Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme, Consultation on the Role of IAEA in Nation Building, MoU with KISS and other institutions, EC Meetings, Development at IAEA Skill Training Centre, Release of Books Published by IAEA, etc. conducted by the Association during 2025, the report also mulls over the recent shifts in policy statements of the government that will have a long-lasting impact on the broader landscape of adult education and lifelong learning in India.

Adult education and lifelong learning encompasses a wide range of stakeholders, including learners, educators, policymakers, employers, and community organisations, each of whom is affected in distinct ways by developments in the field. The latest Government-sponsored initiative in adult and lifelong learning — the New India Literacy Programme (NILP), also known as ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) — primarily targets non-literate individuals aged 15 years and above. In alignment with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), India has set an ambitious national objective of achieving 100% universal functional literacy by 2030. NILP became operational in 2022 and states such as Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Sikkim and UTs like Ladakh and Chandigarh have already achieved cent-percent literacy under this programme.

While the monitoring and coordination of the SDGs in India are primarily undertaken by NITI Aayog, NCERT has been entrusted with the implementation and monitoring of NILP. Established in 1961 under the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, NCERT initially focused on school education and has since evolved into an Institution Deemed to be University. Over the decades, it has played a significant role in educational research, curriculum development, and the design of innovative academic programmes aimed at enhancing the quality of school education across India. The Cell for National Centre for Literacy (CNCL) constituted under NCERT is successfully implementing NILP across the country.

However, the scope of NCERT's mandate remains largely confined to school education. Consequently, it may not be adequately positioned to address the aspirations and

academic requirements of scholars engaged in higher studies related to adult, continuing, lifelong learning, and extension education, which fall primarily within the jurisdiction of the Department of Higher Education. Hence, it becomes essential for a national level organization working in the wider domain of education to follow and engage with both these institutions.

In this context, it is noteworthy that the Indian Adult Education Association, since its inception, has consistently engaged with the diverse spectrum of stakeholders in adult education — including learners, educators, scholars, policymakers, institutions, government departments, and ministries — to ensure that their voices are represented and their interests safeguarded. As a national-level organisation, the Association has maintained broad-based representation in its governing structure while simultaneously empowering its state branches to collaborate closely with state governments and grassroots institutions in addressing local educational and developmental needs. It has not only maintained a good rapport but also followed the guidelines pronounced time to time by both the Department of School Education and Literacy and the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

The Association has continually designed programmes and activities that balance the interests of learners, scholars, and academicians alike. Literacy classes conducted through Adult Education Centres and vocational skill training imparted by Skill Centres under its aegis have significantly contributed to addressing the literacy and skill-development needs of adult learners. At the same time, seminars, symposiums, workshops, conferences, and scholarly publications such as the Indian Journal of Adult Education and Proudth Shiksha have provided an essential academic platform for researchers and practitioners in the field. Furthermore, the IAEA Newsletter and the Association's website have emerged as vital channels for information dissemination and professional networking among adult education practitioners and university departments across the country.

At the same time, the rapidly evolving educational landscape in India has introduced new opportunities as well as significant challenges that demand thoughtful and strategic responses. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 identifies “internationalisation at home” as a cornerstone for transforming India's higher education and research ecosystem. The policy envisions a globally integrated educational framework characterised by enhanced student and faculty mobility, international academic collaborations, research partnerships, offshore and onshore campuses, and continuous quality enhancement aimed at fostering innovation and global knowledge exchange.

Despite these aspirations, a considerable imbalance persists between outbound and inbound student mobility. In 2024 alone, nearly 13 lakh Indian students were studying overseas, whereas only about 50,000 international students came to India, nearly 30% of whom were from Nepal. This disparity highlights India's continuing challenges in both retaining domestic talent and attracting international students.

Against this backdrop, the report titled Internationalisation of Higher Education in India: Prospects, Potential, and Policy Recommendations (December 2025), prepared by the Education Division of NITI Aayog has developed a roadmap for a substantial increase in inbound international students, targeting enrolment figures of 1.5 lakh by 2030, 3.59 lakh by 2035, and 7.89 lakh by 2047.

It also outlines 22 policy recommendations to guide implementation by Central and State Governments, leading public universities, and Institutes of National Importance (INIs). Among its key recommendations is the development of regional higher education hubs focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) sectors through an ecosystem approach involving universities, industry, government, and civil society.

It may be noted that, while the report recognises the importance of civil society, it does not adequately elaborate upon its potential role within the broader framework of internationalisation. This presents a significant opportunity for the Indian Adult Education Association to emerge as a leading voice in articulating and institutionalising the role of civil society in the internationalisation of higher education in India. Simultaneously, it provides the Association with an important avenue to strengthen its position as a Centre of Excellence or one of the premier institutions in the domain of social sciences, adult education, and lifelong learning.

We have already signed Memorandum of Understanding with 12 institutions, both national & international including university departments, colleges and community organizations. Our engagement with Julius Maximilian University (JMU) and Helmut Schmidt University, Germany; Department of Special Education, Stockholm University, Sweden and Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark has resulted into many student exchange programmes.

We are sure that our growing engagement with the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), University of Delhi; Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Deemed to be University, Odisha; University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya; Department of School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Keralam; Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu, J & K; Indraprastha College for Women, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences and Ganga Social Foundation, Delhi will open new path for fostering research and community development in the days to come. IAEA's growing activism will provide a suitable plank for the civil society organizations working in the wider domain of education, lifelong learning and community development which will help them to come together and contribute their best in realizing the goal of Viksit Bharat by the end of 2047.

While extending my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported the Indian Adult Education Association in its mission, I invite you to adopt lifelong learning as a key to your own and societal success.

Now, I would like to draw your attention to some of the important activities undertaken by IAEA which have been broadly classified into the heads given in the content.

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I. Programmes Planned and Organized by IAEA

(i) 65th All India Adult Education Conference

The 65th All India Adult Education Conference held at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan on January 9-11, 2025 was organized in collaboration with the Department of Value Education and Spirituality, Brahma Kumaris, Abu Road Rajasthan.



Inaugural Session: Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai Inaugurated the Conference

The conference commenced with a grand Inaugural Function held in the Dadi Prakashmani Training Centre Hall, Saraswati Bhawan on January 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai, Additional Secretary, Brahma Kumaris. He 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 Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA; Shri K.K. Sethi, Former Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, the then Director of IAEA.



The inaugural function began with the rendering of prayer by Dr. R. Kalpana, well known education functionary, followed by the melodious Welcome Song by Madhur Vani Group of Brahma Kumaris. Thereafter, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, the then Director of IAEA introduced the Association and the core objectives of the 65th All India Adult

Education Conference. The session was addressed by Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai, Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA, Rajyogini



BK Sheilu Didi, Prof. (Dr.) BK Pandiamani, Director, Value Education, Brahma Kumaris and Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA.

Addressing the august gathering Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai, the Chief Guest decoded the universal nature of spirituality



that is being fostered by Brahma Kumaris for universal peace. When colour is dominating the content, every individual needs to avail training in 'spiritualism' – the key of human consciousness, mental equilibrium and eternal peace. 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. Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai along with all the dignitaries on dais also released the Abstract Booklet covering the abstracts of 56 research papers received for the conference.

Prof. L. Raja welcomed all the dignitaries and more than 250



delegates assembled from different parts of the country. 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. She wished every delegate to spent a few days in Brahma Kumaris to realize his/her inner self.

Awards Conferred

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. Koninika 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.) BK Pandiamani, an embodiment of lifelong learning who 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 referred the delegates as blessed souls as they got an out of turn chance to spent almost four days in the spiritual world of Brahma Kumaris. He advised them to enrich their life and get rid of the complexities.



The vote of thanks in the Inaugural Session was extended by Shri S.C. Khandelwal. He thanked 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. 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, he said.

This 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 Keynote Address was discussed and deliberated in the plenary through the questions, queries and suggestions 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.

Election for Council Members

The election for Council Members was held on January 9, 2025 and the result of the election held for Council Members was declared on the same day at 7:30 p.m.



Parallel Sessions and Paper Presentation

A total of 56 abstracts were received for presentation during the conference. As the theme of the conference was divided into 10 sub-themes all the papers were segregated and scholars were asked to present their paper in the designated parallel session. However, only 26 presentations could be accommodated in the six parallel sessions which held on January 10, 2025. Each session was chaired/co-chaired by distinguished professors and reported by scholars.

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

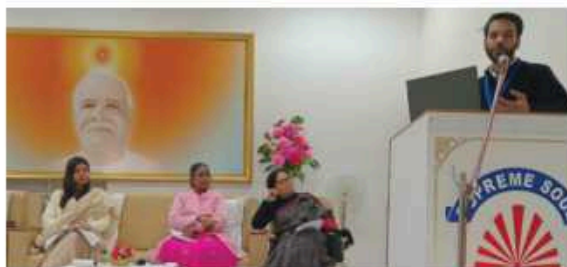
Parallel Session - 2

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 Chhatri, 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 & 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 Dr. 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

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 Lifelong 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 Kalbhor, 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: Dr. 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 explore the way NEP 2020 amplifies the 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 (RGNID), 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, was moderated by Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Professor, Centre for Women’s Studies, Sri Padmavati Women’s University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, witnessed vibrant and 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 raised questions about the appropriateness of appointments in AE departments from other disciplines in the name of multi-disciplinary approach. Their concern was addressed by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA who assured to include these issues in 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.

People’s reach to quality education depends on the performance of bureaucracy



and the educators. If access to quality education is ensured our children will grow healthy and imbibe the best practices enabling them to reach to the higher pedestal of growth and development. Dr. Aram said that the philosophies propounded by Tagore and Gandhi can pave the path of holistic development where integrated with real-life work situations higher education will help in finding solutions for rapid development. Dr. Aram also dedicated the Tagore Literacy Award bestowed on her to the women activists, academicians and functionaries, the real stakeholders of development.



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.



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. He quoted his own institutional experiences and desired IAEA and others such organizations to address the emerging issues in the field of higher education.

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



rich tribute to late Shri K.C. Choudhary, Prof. Raja said that the first conference organized in his absence would go 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.

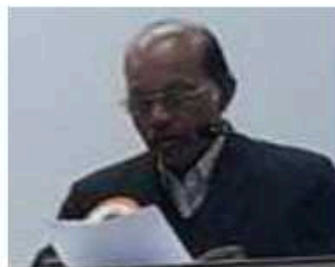


Prof. B.K. Pandiamani, the Chief Guest in his Valedictory Address opined that “lifelong learning alone can help generations to acquire knowledge and skills and enable them to ensure enhancement in the quality of life”. Referring to his own academic journey Prof. Pandiamani said that it was due to the 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 can immensely contribute in the improvement of quality of life of people across the country.

Abu Declaration

The Abu Declaration was prepared by a committee comprised of Prof. N. K. Ambasht (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 programmes.

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 programmes 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 programmes 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 including Dr. Gyanendra, Shri Rajendra Joshi, Ms. Parinita Batra, Dr. SVA Prakash and Shri RC Jhuria who shared their experiences which was appreciated by all.

Vote of thanks

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 everything in place in time.

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

(ii) 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, New Delhi 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. 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. Others who shared their opinion included Dr. V. Mohankumar, Visiting Professor, IIALE, New Delhi; Prof. Rajesh, the Treasurer of the IAEA and Senior Professor at the Department of Continuing Education & Extension, DU and Prof. Raja, President, IAEA. Collectively they 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 DU. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director of IAEA extended the vote of thanks.

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INDIAN ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (IAEA)

Recognition of prior Learning in Higher Education and Role of lifelong learning and continuing Education Departments in India

Chief Guest	Theme Intervention	Speaker	Speaker
Prof. S.Y. Shah	Prof. L. Raja	Prof. V Mohankumar	Prof. Rajesh

Vote of Thanks: Smt. Kalpana Kaushik

Coordinator: Dr. Geeta Mishra

Webinar Description: This webinar will explore important insights on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and the significant role that Lifelong Learning and Continuing Education will play in shaping higher education in India.

Time & Date:
 Date: Tuesday, 11th Feb 2025
 Time: 11.30 am
 Link: meet.google.com/kyv-hmux-luz

(iii) Prof. Rajesh Assumes the Office of Director In-charge

Prof. Rajesh of the Department of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi who also happens to be the senior most Professor in the field of adult, continuing education and extension in the country, 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.

(iv) Prof. Rajesh attended World Literacy Summit 2025 at Oxford University

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. His visit was sponsored by the Indian Council

of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Government of India. During the 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 reception at the Ashmolean Museum, plenary session titled “Reimagining Literacy



in the Digital Age”, thematic workshop on “Financial Literacy and Digital Inclusion” and

prestigious Ambassador Lunch. He also presented his paper entitled “India’s Comprehensive Approach to Community Literacy: Policies, Programs and Progress” in the session which was chaired by Mr. Andey Kays, CEO, World Literacy Summit 2025.



(v) Interaction with the Representatives of VO's

On April 23, 2025 representatives of Balak Mata Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia, Azadpur and Madanpur Khadar Daycare Centre, Pocketful 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. A group of social activists from Khilona Bagh a socially and economically deprived locality near Model Town, Delhi also gave a presentation highlighting their activities. The Association assured them every possible help to scale-up the activities design for sustainable community development.



(vi) General Secretary, IAEA visited Balak Mata Centre

A team of IAEA including Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, Shir M.L. Sharma, Finance Head and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA visited the Balak Mata Centre of Jamia Milia Islamia located at Beri Wala Bagh, Azadpur Market on April 23, 2025, morning to see the activities and programmes being organized 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.

(vii) 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 first hand experience of their own.

The meeting where participants drawing from their past experiences reflected on the importance of trust building in community engagement, avoid giving false hopes to community members and the need for greater awareness, sensitization, education, and skill-building initiatives in underprivileged communities. Most of the participants opined that the ignorance about rights and duties and provisions of government schemes and programmes designed for community welfare is sometimes exploited by intermediaries or brokers, preventing local residents from accessing the full benefits available to them. The discussion also brought attention to the importance of consistency in community development efforts and underlined the need for providing lifelong learning opportunities to them for their betterment. 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 social interventions.



(viii) 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, Patron and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. The preparation for the "Consultation on the Role of the Indian Adult Education Association in Nation Building" scheduled to be held on May 30, 2025 at the office was collectively reviewed.



(ix) Consultation on the Role of the Indian Adult Education Association in Nation Building

A daylong "Consultation on the Role of the Indian Adult Education Association in Nation Building" was organized by IAEA at its Headquarters on May 30, 2025 in which the opening address was delivered by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. The "Consultation Objectives: Key Aims and Outcomes" of the programme was detailed 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, CNCL, 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 national 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. A number of queries were also raised by the participants which were systematically addressed by all the speakers on the dais.

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.



The second working group on “University/College: Community Linkages and Outreach” was chaired by Prof. Shikha Kapur and moderated by Dr. Biresh 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 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 Shri Siddhant Singh. This group made an attempt to underline important activities enhancing the visibility of IAEA within society and institutions.



The fourth working group was focused on cultivating a gender sensitized approach of working within 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 statements, developing complaints redressal mechanism and promotion of gender equality in various aspects of working of the Association.



(x) Skill Orientation for IAEA Staff

On May 31, 2025 a programme for enhancing efficiency of staff through skill upgradation was organized 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.



(xi) IAEA Signs MoU with I.P. College for Women, DU

An MoU was signed between Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi and IAEA, New Delhi on June 24, 2025 for a period of five years to be renewed further with mutual consent. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA and Prof. Poonam Kumria, Principal, I. P. College signed the MOU with the witness of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-Charge, IAEA and Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, Department

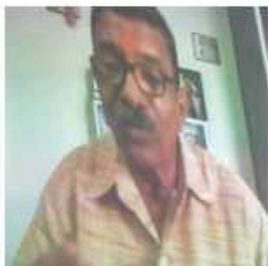


of Sociology and a Life Member of IAEA. This Memorandum of Understanding is expected to open a new horizon of collaboration between both the institutions and help to organize programmes and activities for enhancing the capabilities of doing meaningful research by Faculty Members and Scholars under the Four-Year Under-Graduation Programme (FYUP) on the line of NEP 2020.

(xii) Social Outreach Club Inaugurated at IAEA

In the era of social media, a Social Outreach Club envisioned as a space for student-led, community-oriented initiatives that can integrate academic engagement with grassroots realities, was conceptualized by the Association which was formally inaugurated on June 25, 2025 at a meeting of stakeholders held at IAEA Headquarters. The occasion was enriched by the presence of eminent academicians including Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. P.A. Reddy, Vice President, Prof. 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. Prof. P.A. Reddy explained the need and working of social clubs and their role in developing social connect among young scholars. Prof. Rajesh shared his insights on the evolving role of adult education in addressing social inequalities and fostering civic empowerment. While Prof. Bharat Singh explained the way lifelong learning will help in the



implementation of NEP 2020. The dignitaries also took part in the 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, a VC Intern from Miranda House, DU.

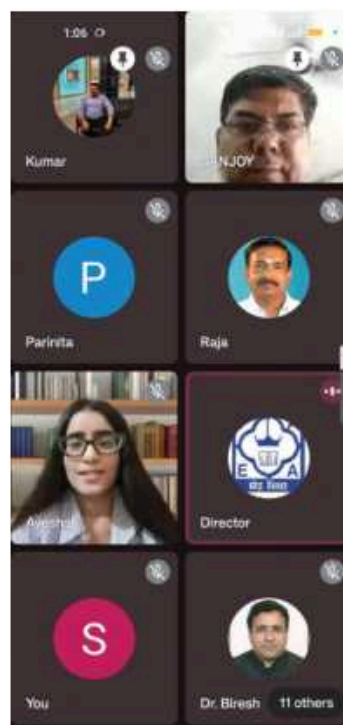
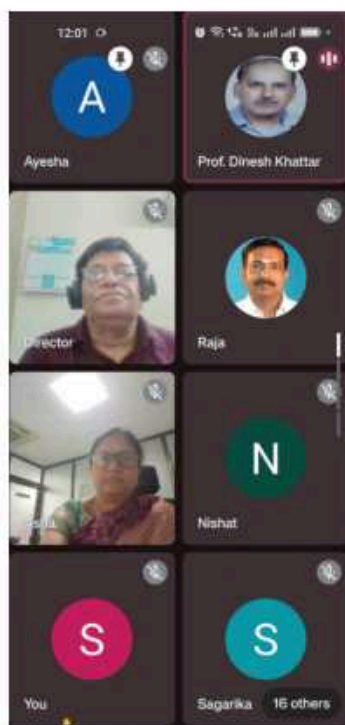
(xiii) Prof. L. Raja attends ILB - GB meeting

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. Many constructive suggestions were given by him for materializing the aims and objectives of ILB.



(xiv) 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. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA, laid the foundation by articulating the paradigm shift in Indian higher education brought by NEP 2020. Prof. Dinesh Khattar, Principal of Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi encouraged



the students to pursue research not merely as a means to acquire marks but as a creative and intellectual journey. Prof. Raja, President, IAEA highlighted the Association's previous initiatives in running short-term research-oriented courses, particularly for non-traditional learners. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, School of Extension and Development Studies, (IGNOU), outlined the major functions of a teacher in higher educational institution. Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi, stressed the importance of building and nurturing the culture of critical inquiry within extension-based programmes and continuing education. Additional academic reflections were shared by Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, and Dr. Biresh Pachisia, Life Member of IAEA.

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.

(xv) 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. The sessions were addressed respectively by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Professor

L. Raja, President, IAEA, Prof. Vijayalakshmi Nanda, a renowned advocate for gender equality, Prof. Saroj Garg, Principal and Dean, Lokmanya Tilak Teachers Training College Udaipur and Member, Executive Committee, Dr. Asha Verma, Head, Centre for Women and Child Rights at GNLU and Associate Secretary of IAEA, Dr. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, DU.

Prof. Rajesh underlined the relevance of the day's theme-Sustainable Development and Gender Equality. Professor L. Raja emphasized the global demographic transitions, especially the alarming decline in fertility rates in developed and developing nations alike.



Prof. Vijayalakshmi Nanda strongly advocated the inclusion of reproductive rights and family planning education in formal curricula. Prof. Saroj Garg offered a critical reflection on how gender equity, social justice, and sustainable development are interconnected yet often neglected in policy and practice. Dr. Asha Verma emphasized that achieving SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) requires not just constitutional promises

but active enforcement of legal provisions. Dr. Nishat Farooq highlighted how awareness may have grown, but India's population-related challenges still persist. Dr. Geeta Mishra emphasized the critical interdependence between population dynamics, gender justice, and sustainability.

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.

(xvi) Eye Camp at IAEA

An Eye Check-up Camp for community people as well as drivers in the nearby areas was organized at its Headquarters on June 26-27, 2025 by the Association in collaboration of Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital, Delhi.

Exploring Medical Support

Identification of a philanthropic institution like Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital which extended all the medical and technical support including facilitation of a Mobile Ophthalmic Van, team of experienced Doctors and support staff on charitable basis was the result of a prolonged survey, one to one discussion and exploration by the members of staff of IAEA. As a result a team from the hospital comprising 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, Delhi visited 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.

Door to Door Campaign

A door-to-door campaign by the members of the staff of IAEA and the beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre 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. This not only informed prospective beneficiaries but also motivated them for availing the facilities.



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. All the staff members and volunteers from IAEA Skill Centre co-operated





the Doctors and other medical practitioners to make the check-up smooth. More than 200 people got their eyes checked in the camp.

Distribution of Corrected Glasses on Nelson Mandela International Day

The series of the programmes intended towards creating health awareness and getting people sensitized to take care of one's eyes was culminated on July 18, 2025, the Nelson Mandela International Day. On the occasion around 80 persons received corrected glasses which were handed over to them by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, Shri Suresh Khandelwal,



General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In- charge, IAEA. 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.

(xvii) Prof. S.Y. Shah Appointed as Patron, IAEA

Prof. S.Y. Shah, an adult educationist of international repute was appointed as Patron of IAEA for the period coterminous with the present Executive Committee (2025-2028). The decision was overwhelmingly endorsed by the EC in its meeting held on August 4, 2025.



(xviii) 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 on August 4, 2025. Dr. Kalpana Raja was also present on the occasion who enchanted versus of Shanti Mantra.

(xix) 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. All of them appreciated

the working of staff members and underlined the need for short-term capacity building programmes for enhancing proficiency.

(xx) Special Session on Research Project Formulation and Academic Documentation

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 had a tradition to organize such programmes for the benefit of students. Prof. Rai said that research project should be “SMART” - Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Replicable, and Time-bound. Important interventions were made by Smt. Nishat Farooq and Dr. Asha Verma, both EC Members of IAEA. 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. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA.

(xxi) International Literacy Day

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) IAEA Headquarters, New Delhi

A “Padho Likho Pratiyogita (Reading and Writing Competition)” was organized to disseminate the message of literacy and empowerment while engaging with community people at grassroots level. 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 International Literacy Day i.e. September 8, 2025.

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, receive a set of copy and pen and 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. 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. The prize to the winners of the competition were distributed the evening of September 8, 2025 which witnessed the Conference Hall at IAEA 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-



Documentation Officer, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and all other member of staff. A short film on literacy "Ek Chithhi" was also depicted and a quiz was conducted based on the same. Euphoric students enjoyed it to their core. A number of parents also successfully own prizes in the quiz.



Before the prize for the champions of "Padho-Likho Pratiyogita" (Reading and Writing Competition) was distributed, Prof. L. Raja from Germany, 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. The programme was concluded with rendering the National Anthem “Jana Gana Mana”.



(b) 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 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. Prof. Usha Sharma delivered a detailed presentation on ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram.

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.

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. The programme was facilitated by Shri Kirpal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA while the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA.



(c) 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, Beriwal Bag, New Delhi on September 9, 2025 to observe ILD. The programme 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 Chalungi", " 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.

(xxii) Release of Book edited by Prof. P.A. Reddy

A book entitled "A Paradigm Shift of Indian Higher Education" edited by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President and Dr. Uma Devi, Associate Secretary, IAEA was released 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.



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

(xxiii) Release of Books edited by the Chief Functionaries of IAEA



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Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and the other in Hindi entitled “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.



The programme began with a prayer rendered by Dr. Kalpana Raja. Thereafter, the ceremonial lamp was lit 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.

While welcoming the dignitaries with saplings Shri Suresh Khandelwal extended hearty welcome to all and said that the Association had 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.

Dr. Jagdish Kaur, Chief Guest elaborated various important aspects related to the approach of one 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. 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. Editors of both the books were appreciated the content. Shri Rajendra Joshi explained how the thought of one health had been perceived and practiced by native



people an integral part of their socio-religious belief. Prof. Rajesh detailed the content of the book "Fostering Lifelong Learning in Higher Education: AE to AI" and explained the way this book can be utilized by common man in his/her pursuit to avail the opportunity of lifelong learning.



Dr. Biresh Pachisia, National Trainer, AIDS Control Society and Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi also appreciated the content and examined how timely these publications have been brought out.



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 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.

(xxiv) 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. The suggestions emerged were noted for finalizing the guidelines.



(xxv) 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 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.

(xxvi) IAEA's Gender Sensitisation Committee Meeting

A meeting of IAEA's Internal Complaints Committee and Gender Sensitisation Committee 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 to be organized for sensitizing various stakeholders about gender issues. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian IAEA & Document Officer who also proposed the vote of thanks.

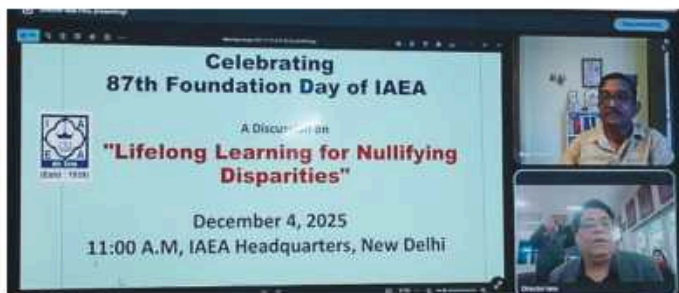
(xxvii) All India Conference on Land Justice and Protection of Marginalised Communities

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. IAEA was represented by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA who attended the conference.

(xxviii) IAEA Celebrates its 87th Foundation Day



A Discussion on "Lifelong Learning for Nullifying Disparities and Strengthening Democratic Values" was organised on December 4, 2025 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.



Both Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary also addressed the programme online and reiterated the need of evolving innovative practices to achieve the mission and vision of IAEA. Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, Ms. Kajal, the trainer at IAEA Skill Centre and Ms. Deepshikha also expressed their aspirations. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

(xxix) IGNOU DEC TEE 2025

December 2025 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU held from December 1, 2025 to January 14, 2026 was successfully conducted by the Association. In this spell of the examination assigned to the IGNOU Exam Centre Code 29049(P) a total of 5582 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring,



day-to-day attendance, relevant photographs and video clippings of all the examination halls was being sent to the concern officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. The entire team of IAEA made special effort to make the



examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the 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.

(xxx) 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). IAEA was represented in the global campaign to End Violence Against Women by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian Cum Documentation Officer.

(xxxi) 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-Docmentation Officer & Editorial Coordinator of the Journal.



(xxxii) 66th AIAEC Brochure Released

The Conference Brochure for the 66th All India Adult Education Conference 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.



(xxxiii) UNION SAKSHAR - Adult Literacy Programme

IAEA has successfully implemented the Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme sanctioned by Union Bank of India, Mumbai in which literacy and functional skills were imparted to pre-identified rural population in the state of Kerala, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. The Association organized series of programmes with the help of its branches in these states which were successfully concluded with certificate distribution programmes.

Kerala

Inaugural Session



In Kerala the inaugural function was held on January 20, 2025 at IWDMK, Chadayamangalam, Kollam which was addressed by Shri S. Harish Kumar, former Media Officer, State Resource Centre, Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Vice President of the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, Prof. L. Raja, President of the Indian Adult Education Association and officials of UBI including 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. The event got concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Smt. Sandhya M.C., Executive Committee Member of Swaraj Bhavan Granthasala.

Session on Financial Literacy

A session on financial literacy was organized on April 28, 2025 at Centre, to support adults gain knowledge and confidence needed to manage their personal finances more effectively. The session 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. The session helped the learners to understand 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.



Orientation Session on Women Entrepreneurship Development

An orientation session on women entrepreneurship development with a focus on tailoring and dress designing was successfully conducted on May 24, 2025. 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. 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.



Life Skill Session

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 Centre which was addressed by Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President, IAEA and Chairman and Shri Harish Kumar, Secretary IAEA Kerala State Branch. The programme was attended by 35 participants from different part of Chadayamangalm block, Kollam. Dr. Hari, Treasurer, IAEA Kerala State Branch & Programme Coordinator, Adult Literacy Centre welcomed the guests and participants to the programme.

Odisha

Inaugural Function



The inaugural function of the ALC at Bajirout Chhatravas, Angul was held 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 Main was the Guest of Honour. Other eminent persons who attended the programme included 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. The programme was conducted by Campaign Coordinator Shri Suryanarayan Nath, Programme Coordinator. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Lipika Mohapatra.

Prof. L. Raja visited ALC at Angul to Monitor the Progress



Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA visited the Adult Learning Centre at Bajiraut Hostel premises Angul, Odisha 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 discussed with them the importance of education, language learning and inculcating healthy habits. Prof. Raja along with other speakers motivated the learners to remain punctual for successfully acquiring literacy and other soft skills. The programme was conducted by the campaign 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 programme a success.

Tamil Nadu

Inaugural Function of the ALC at Anna Nagar, Peraiyur Panchayat, Madurai



The inaugural function of the ALC at Anna Nagar, Peraiyur Panchayat, Madurai was held on the 26th December 2024 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.

Annanagar Adult Literacy Center visited by UBI Officials - Tamil Nadu

Shri M. Etturajan, Manager, UBI, Peraiyur Branch, visited the Adult Literacy Center at Annanagar colony, Peraiyur in Madurai in the month of May 2025 to monitor the progress of the enrolled learners. He was quite satisfied to find that more than 50 percent of learners had already acquired basic skills and were able to read and write simple sentences. He encouraged all the learners citing the example of those who had already started reading to increase their pace of learning. 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.

II. IAEA SKILL TRAINING CENTRE

(i) Awareness Generation Programme on Health and Education



Through various programmes and activities, IAEA is making concerted effort to create awareness on health, hygiene, literacy and skill acquisition among the residents of slum areas specifically Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony located at ITO and its surrounding areas. A Quiz Competition was organized on Basant Panchami, 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 79th Independence Day Celebration Programme



A cultural programme was organized by the learners of 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. 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”. The confident performances of the participants were appreciated by Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Kahandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge who joined the programme online. Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head too encouraged the enthusiasm of the learners.

(iv) 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.

III. ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE AT OKHLA VIHAR

(i) 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.

(ii) Planning to Open an AEC at Okhla Vihar



IAEA and the Pocket Full of Sunshine 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 opening the centre at earliest.



(iii) Inauguration of Adult Education Centre



The Adult Education Centre jointly managed by IAEA and Pocket Full of Sunshine was inaugurated at Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nahar, New Delhi on July 19, 2025. The centre 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.



IV. CERTIFICATE COURSE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE (CLS)

IAEA has an Accreditation of Vocational Institutions as Study Centres of NIOS (AVIs) No. 990108 which conducts one-year Certificate Course in Library Science. So far 26 batches have successfully completed this course from this AVI. Two out of four students enrolled for the 25rd batch have successfully completed the course and one student enrolled for the 26th batch have also successfully completed the course.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

1. Executive Committee

Two EC meetings were organized during this period – one on January 9, 2025 and the other on August 4, 2025.

The 167th EC meeting held in Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan on January 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. was in offline mode which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, the then Director of IAEA.

The 168th EC 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 reach



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 of the report of programmes and activities conducted from March – July 2025, Annual Report – 2024 and the Audited Statement of Accounts 2024-2025. 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 In-charge, IAEA.

2. General Body Meeting



The General Body meeting of the Association was held at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan on January 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m which was followed by Meeting of Individual Members to elect Council Members from amongst them.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

(i) Regular Publications

During the reporting period four issues of IAEA Newsletters (January-March, April-June, July-September and October-December 2025), two issue each of the Indian Journal of Adult Education (January-June and July-December 2025) and Proud Shiksha (January-June and July-December 2025) were prepared, designed and got published.



(ii) Special Publications

Along with the regular publications seven special publications were also brought out by the Association during the reporting period:

1. "Fostering Adult and 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.



2. "आजीवन अधिगम और एक स्वास्थ्य" (Lifelong Learning and One Health)" edited by Shri Rajendra Joshi, Associate Secretary, IAEA.
3. "Adult Education Strategies for Sustainability" Edited by Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA.
4. "Life for Lifelong Learning" Edited by Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.
5. "Directory of Adult and Lifelong Learning in Higher Education Institutions – 2026" edited by Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA.
6. Brochure for the 66th All India Adult Education Conference at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha was prepared, designed and published.
7. An Abstract Booklet for 66th AIAEC including the details of all the 96 academic papers submitted for presentation in the conference was also prepared designed and published.



VII. LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Following work has been accomplished by the Library and Documentation Centre during the period January - December 2025:

1. Compilation of papers and preparation of the book titled 'Harnessing Artificial Intelligence in Adult Education: Selected Articles'.



2. Compilation of information and preparation of the first edition of the Directory of Adult and Lifelong Learning in Higher Education Institutions - 2026.
3. Printing of some of the Digitalized Publications of IAEA.
4. Redesign and updating of the IAEA website (iaea-india.com)
5. Compiled annotations for the IAEA Newsletter.
6. Binding of IAEA Publications - Indian Journal of Adult Education, IAEA Newsletter, and Proud Shiksha for the year 2024.
7. New books have been added to the library.
8. Assistance extended to research scholars from various national and international universities who visited the Amarnath Jha Library and Documentation Centre for academic purposes.
9. Reference Services:
 - a. Provided both online and offline reference services to readers and visitors.
 - b. Assisted scholars in retrieval of information and data.
10. Useful data and relevant materials collected for the disciplines - Adult Education/ Education for All/Lifelong Learning.
11. Actively collected newspaper clippings/materials on topics including Artificial Intelligence (AI), New Education Policy 2020, Higher Education and Vocational Education, Lifelong Learning, Gender, Youth, Census, Skill Development, Women Empowerment, Health, Adolescence, Elderly, and Educational Research, etc.
12. Entry of books into the accession register
13. Regularly updated library and IAEA related data to keep it accurate, relevant, and accessible for all users.

VIII. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Project applied for:

1. Project was submitted to HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INDIA (HPPI) for the Third-Party Evaluation of Projects Utthaan and Swalambi Udyogini in District Jhajjar, Haryana on January 20, 2025.
2. Project entitled "Impact Assessment of Health and Education Programmes conducted by LTPCT" submitted to Larsen & Toubro Public Charitable Trust on April 21, 2025.
3. Project entitled "HCL Foundation to develop a GESI framework and Gender & Inclusion Policy" submitted to HCL Foundation on May 10, 2025.
4. Impact study of the Lehar Programme on the lives of Young Women in Patna, Bihar, and Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh on August 28, 2025.
5. Evaluation of JSS-Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, New Delhi on August 22, 2025.
6. Two days Professional Capacity Building Programme for the Scholars and Field Functionaries on November 6, 2025.
7. Application for ICSSR Grant-in-Aid for the Indian Journal of Adult Education for the period of 2025-26.

Application for ICSSR Grant-in-Aid for the Indian Journal of Adult Education on October 15, 2025

Projects Sanctioned:

1. 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.
2. The ICSSR sanctioned Grant-in-Aid for the Indian Journal of Adult Education for the period of 2025-26.

IX. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

M/s. Jain R. Gupta and Associates, Chartered Accountant audited the accounts of Indian Adult Education Association for the year 2024-25 which was scrutinized and approved by the Executive Committee held on August 4, 2025.

Prepared and got approved the Annual Budget for the year 2025-2026 in its meeting held on January 9, 2025.

X. IAEA WEBSITE [<http://iaea-india.com>]

The storage capacity of IAEA website has been increased and its display has been redesigned to give a smoother service to the online visitors. Along with all the existing facilities few more windows have been created to furnish latest information to the viewers like latest and upcoming programmes. Digitized copies of some of the most referred books in the field of adult and lifelong learning have also been

uploaded along with the soft copies of the three regular publications of IAEA viz. IAEA Newsletter, Indian Journal of Adult Education and Proudth Shiksha. During the reporting period this website has been viewed more than 25084 times which reflects upon the state of interest being shown by the scholars towards the activities of the Association.



XI. STATE BRANCHES



Kerala State Branch

(i) Teachers' Day and the ILD Observed

To observe ILD a state level seminar was organized by the IAEA Kerala Branch in collaboration with M. T. Training College, Trivandrum on September 10, 2025. Held at the college auditorium the seminar was participated by eminent educationists, faculty members, adult educators, research scholars, and students. The seminar was addressed by Dr. P. Pramod, Director, SRC, Kerala; Prof. (Dr.) Joju John, Principal, Mar Theophilus Training College; Dr. T. Sundaresan Nair, Former Director, SRC, Kerala and Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Vice President IAEA, New Delhi. An oath was also administered by Shri Harish Kumar S., Secretary, State Branch observing both the Teachers' Day and the ILD. The programme was concluded with a warm Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Roshna Mariam Eapen, Research Scholar.

(ii) 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.



Odisha State Branch

(i) Lecture session on Adult Learning Pathways through Sacred Groves

A lecture session on “From Oral Traditions to Environmental Learning: Adult Learning Pathways through Sacred Groves” was organized on September 17, 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, Director In-charge discussed the critical role of tribal education in shaping the future of the nation. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA 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 Behera 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.



(ii) 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.

The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Dr. Monoranjana Mahapatra, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Anthropology, KISS-DU.

Madhya Pradesh State Branch

(i) Offered tribute to late Kalpana Kaushik

A condolence meeting was organized on March 9, 2025 at Asha Kala Kendra, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh in the memory of late Smt. Kalpana Kaushik who was serving as Director, IAEA. On the occasion people associated with IAEA who had close contact with her paid rich tribute to the departed soul.



(ii) Distribution of Work Book by Vatsalya

Vatsalya located at Asha Kala Kendra provides stationary materials free of cost to help needy students. This year the free distribution of work book and stationary kit programme was organized in five different spells.

Inaugural Session



The first programme was held in Devi Ahilya Bai Holker, C.B. Girls Senior Secondary School, Mhow on 5th July 2025 in which 160 students from 8 different schools received the kits. The programme was presided over by Shri Narayan Garg, President, Lions Club, Mhow while Shri Satish Agarawal, Office Superintendent, Cantonment Board, Mhow and Smt. Nirmala Yadav, Social Activist, Shri Tapan Jindal and Shri Ramlal Prajapati, Educationists were the Guest of Honour. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, President, Vatsalaya and General Secretary, IAEA was also present on the dais.



Five students – Kumari Yashashwi Jain, Kumari Nandini Sharma, Kumari Vishaka Pandare, Kumari Anjali Sharma and Master Shelendra Mankar were also honoured on the occasion with cash prize sponsored by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Patron, IAEA. The participants

were welcomed by Shir Kamlesh Mishra, Coordinator, Vatsalaya, Shri Vishal Shreevas and Smt. Vinita Naidu, Teachers in the host school. Vote of thanks was extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, President, Vatsalaya while introduction was given by Shri Rajesh Patidar. The programme was conducted by Smt. Manisha Denial. Well known persons and teachers of different schools present on the occasion included – Shri Vijaya Kumar Viajayawargiya, Shri Narayan Chouhan, Shri Manish Shukla, Smt. Rajkumari Agrawal, Smt. Shobha Vyas, Shri Manish Gupta, Shri Shakir Khan, Shri Dinesh Jadam and Shri Dilip Verma.

Concluding Session

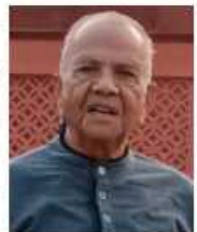


The concluding session of the programme was held on July 14, 2025 at Christina Convent Senior Secondary School, Shantinagar, Mhow in which 129 students received the stationary kit. The programme was presided over by Captain N. S. Rawat while Shri Sardar Malviya, President District Panchayat presided over it. Other dignitaries present on dais included Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Smt. Vaishali Wakore, Principal of the school. Five students – Harsh Bodhke of Sky Heights School, Heteshi Ubnaya and Krishna Lowanshi of Yashwant Public School, Divyanshi Sule of Shree Academy and Gaurav Singare of Chaimps Academy were also honoured with cash prize for obtaining highest marks in primary section. The programme was addressed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal and other dignitaries present on the occasion.



(iii) Re-constitution of Madhya Pradesh State Branch

The Executive Committee of the Madhya Pradesh State Branch of IAEA was re-constituted in September 2025. Members nominated in the Executive included - Shri Vimalchand Jain, President; Shri Narayan Prasad Chouhan, Secretary; Ms. Rekha Diwedi, Treasurer and Shri Ramdayal Jhuria, Shri Rajesh Patidar, Shri Sabarjeet Singh Gil, Shri Ashish Varthwal, Shri Satyam Samrat Acharya, Smt. Madhu Shrivastava, Shri Yogendra Mishra and Shri Umesh Khandelwal as members.



(iv) Bal Mahotsav 2025



The 45th Bal Mahotsav commemorating the birth anniversary of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was organized under the aegis of Bal Mahotsav Samiti to involve children in various competitive programmes and develop leadership among them. During this 2-week long celebration from November 14-29, 2025 a number of programmes were organized of which Inaugural function along with Bal Rally and Bal Sabha, Bal Mela and Prize Distribution and Concluding Ceremony attracted huge gathering and applause.

Inaugural Function



The Children Rally which began from Ahilya Girls Higher Secondary School was participated by students from 17 schools carrying play cards and enchanting motivational slogans. The rally culminated in a Bal Sabha at the statue of Pt. Nehru at Dreamland. Throughout the course of rally students were welcomed by the residents who also offered them water, juice, toffees, chocolates, etc. Bal Sabha was presided over by Shri Gopal Maheshwari, Editor, Devputra while educationist Smt. Kiran Bahadur was the Chief Guest. In the march past competition Designer Academy secured 1st position while Shir Academy and Bing Dream Academy received 2nd and 3rd position respectively. At the end vote of thanks was extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, President, Bal Mahotsav Samiti.



Bal Mela

The Bal Mela organized at Chhavani Parishad Udyan was one of the key attractions for the students. Presided over by Shri Vikas Kumar, CEO, Mhow while Smt. Jayashree



Siroya, Manager, PNB, Mhow Branch and Shir Dilip Kothari, Social Activist were the Guest of Honour. On behalf of the organizing committee Shri Suresh Khandelwal was on dais. Vama Club and Akhil Bhartiya Marwadi Mahila Sangthan organized different competitions and activities for the students in the Mela.

Prize Distribution and Concluding Ceremony



The 45th Bal Mahotsav was concluded with a grand Prize Distribution cum Concluding Ceremony organized at the Auditorium of Shree Jai Govind Gopinath Higher Secondary School in which 98 winners of the 17 competitions representing 21 schools were honoured with prizes. On this occasion Shri Vishal Shreevas, Principal, Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Higher Secondary School, Mhow was honoured with appreciation letter given by Bal Mahotsav Samiti appreciating his remarkable contribution in the field of education.



While addressing the gathering former Lieutenant General Bharat Singh Sisodiya, AVSM, VSM appreciated the herculean effort exercised by the Samiti for the development of students in the region. In his concluding remarks and vote of thanks Shri Suresh Khandelwal, President, Bal Mahotsav Samiti thanked each and every individual and institutions taking part in this mega celebration. He also extended thank to the participants, their parents, his colleagues and associates in the samiti as well as the learned citizens of Mhow for extending their whole hearted support to the programme.

IAEA Regional Office, Mhow



The Regional Office, Mhow in association with Eklaya Shikshan Sansthan organized a programme entitled “Literacy is the Power” to commemorate the International Literacy Day. The programme was presided over by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Other prominent persons present on the occasion included Shri Vedant Hazari, the Chief Guest; Shree Neelkanth Pandey, Literacy Coordinator, Department of Education and Shri Rajesh Choudhary, Deputy Director, IAEA. Participants were welcomed by Smt. Swati Vijayawargiya while Shri Rajesh Patidar, President, Rotary Club, Mhow Cantt. handed over the Certificate of Participation to all. Others who actively participated in the discussion included Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA; Shri Kartik Patidar, Shri Shakeer Khan, Shri Dinesh Jadam, Shri Dilip Verma along with a few students. Speaking on the occasion Shri Khandelwal encouraged everyone to take active participation in literacy movement. The vote of thanks was extended by Shri Rajesh Choudhary.



Maharashtra State Branch

The Narayani Bahuuddeshiy Sevabhavi Sanstha, Kolhapur an organization dedicated to the cause of women empowerment conducted three field outreach programmes with the finance assistance provided by the Indian Adult Education Association – the first one being an “Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women”, the second one was focussed on “Making Bags and Dolls from Waste Clothes and Cotton” and the third was a “Workshop on Making Spices”. All the programmes were coordinated and supported by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, EC Member, IAEA and Smt. Vidya Gorakhnath Kamble.

(i) Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women



The Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Women was organized in collaboration with 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. On the 1st day the programme was addressed by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble; Dr. Anupama Pawar, Deputy Commissioner of Skills and Entrepreneurship Development and Employment, Pune Division, Govt. of Maharashtra and Smt. Kranti Shitole, Chairperson, Stree Shakti Patsansthawho explained various facets of skill development.

The second day was dedicated for providing training on “Beauty Parlour as Career Entrepreneurship” in which Smt. Sunandatai Nikalje, Member, Triratna Sangh and the Resource Person Smt. Manjusha Kamble Jadhav demonstrated various practices for skin care, hair style and facial enrichment. Smt. Malti Dhiwar, President, Triratna Sangh proposed the vote of thanks.



(ii) 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. 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. 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.

(iii) Workshop on Making Spices at Kolhapur

Organized in collaboration with Shri Sai Mahila Bachat Gat (Women SHG) the workshop on Making Spices was held on June 11-12, 2025 and 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.

Rajasthan State Branch

(i) Celebration of International Literacy Day

The State Branch of Rajasthan in collaboration with the Department of Information and Public Relations, Bikaner organized a seminar on "Digital Literacy: Need of the Hour" on September 8, 2025 to commemorate the International Literacy Day. The seminar was presided over by Shri Rajendra Joshi, Associate Secretary, IAEA. The speakers included senior educationist Shri Om Prakash Saraswat, the Chief Guest, Dr. Hari Shankar Acharya, Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations and Dr. Y. B. Mathur, Awareness Coordinator. Interventions were made by Dr. Ajay Joshi, Satirist-Editor, Dr. Gauri Shankar Prajapati, Research Scholar, Dr. Farooq Chouhan, Historian, Shri Bhawani Solankey, Teacher and Shri Yogendra Purohit and Shir Mahendra Jain, Artists. The vote of thanks was given by Shri Rajaram Swarnkar, Litterateur while Shri Gopal Joshi coordinated the programme.



XII. VISITORS

(i) Ranjana Ray

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, the then Director, IAEA.



(ii) Prof. Kumar Ashutosh

Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, Head, Department of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi visited IAEA on January 27, 2025. He had a detailed discussion with Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor; 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 Unnant Bharat Abhiyan and ULLAS. Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, IAEA also participated in the discussion.



(iii) 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. Shri Himansu Singh and Ms. Khushi Sharma from the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi also participated in conversations.



(iv) Ms. Prachi Panwar, NCERT Doctoral Fellow

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-Documentation officer and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA present on the occasion.



(v) Ms. Ayesha Siddique

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.



(vi) Vice Chancellor's paid Interns, DU

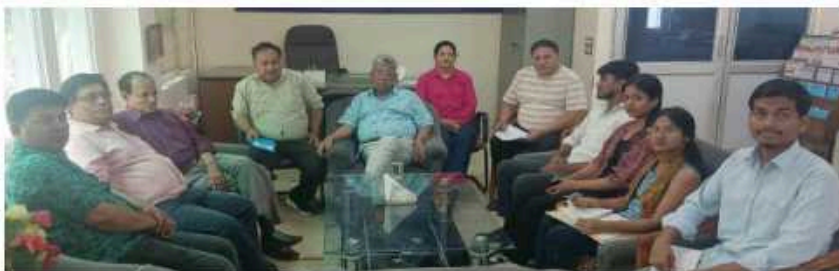
A few scholars from University of Delhi selected for the "Vice Chancellor's paid Interns" programme and working under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA for availing first hand working experience visited Indian Adult education Association on June 12, 2025 and had discussion with Prof. 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.

Two other VC interns- Ms. Sagarika and Shri Keshav and two scholars pursuing their Masters - Ms. Vanshika and Shri Sourabh 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.



(vii) Prof. K. Parthasarathy and Smt. Mangayarkarasi Parthasarathy

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. 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.



(viii) Prof. Sujit Kumar Paul and Dr. K. Gireesan



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 discussed 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 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 "Journal of World Education" and a book entitled "Best Practices in Sustainable Development Goals" jointly edited by both of them to Prof. P. A. Reddy, Vice President and Prof. Rajesh, Director, In-charge.

(ix) Shri Satyabrat

Shri Satyabrat, 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 Satyabrat shared his own experience gained while working with people for improving their happiness quotient.



(x) DU VC Interns Visited IAEA

Four students – Ms. Bhupinder 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 on the



way such opportunity can be utilized by them for acquiring hands-on training, getting field exposure and enhancing their employability skills.

XIII. OBITUARY

Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director IAEA left this worldly life on March 4, 2025 at a very early age. Her sudden demise was a shock for entire adult education fraternity. A condolence meeting was organized by IAEA on March 19, 2025 at IAEA Office in which rich tributes were paid to the departed soul by her relatives, friends, colleagues and people associated with IAEA.



Prof. Satish Kumar Bhati, former Officiating Vice Chancellor, Jamia Milia 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.

List of Staff Members of IAEA

No.	Name of the Employee	Designation
1.	Prof. Rajesh	Director In-charge
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5.	Shri B. Sanjoy	Research Officer
6.	Shri Kripal Singh Mehra	Programme Associate-cum-Computer Operator
7.	Shri Vinay Chhetri	Senior Assistant
8.	Shri Jai Bhagwan	Assistant (Admn)
9.	Shri Surender Singh Yadav	Caretaker
10.	Shri Ravi Subramani	Multipurpose Worker
11.	Shri Bittoo	Multipurpose Worker
12.	Shri Kishore Kumar	Multipurpose Worker

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