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“Every person, every institution and every organisation should work with a single aim. And that should be, “Whatever I will do, I must do it for a Viksit Bharat@2047”.

– *Shri Narendra Modi*  
*Prime Minister of India*

# भारतीय प्रौढ शिक्षा संघ INDIAN ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### **Dear Friends,**

As we stand at the precipice of yet another year, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I welcome you to the Annual Report 2023 of the Indian Adult Education Association. This report not only celebrates the progress and achievements of our organization but also reflects upon the broader landscape of adult education and lifelong learning in India.

In a world evolving at an unprecedented pace, the importance of adult education and lifelong learning cannot be overstated. It is not merely a tool for personal empowerment but a cornerstone for societal progress and national development. In the pursuit of achieving this common target literacy and lifelong learning is not just a goal but a necessity. It is within this context that the Indian government has championed several initiatives aimed at empowering adults with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in today's world. Among these, two prominent initiatives stand out: The New India Literacy Programme and Viskit Bharat@2047. While NILP is a scheme, Viskit Bharat@2047 is a broad vision document conceptualized to propel the nation and its people into the coveted group of developed nations by 2047.

The New India Literacy Programme, launched with the vision of creating a literate society that actively participates in the socio-economic development of the nation, embodies the spirit of inclusivity and progress. By targeting illiteracy among adults aged 15 and above, NILP aims to equip individuals with the essential skills and knowledge necessary for their holistic development. Through innovative teaching methodologies, community engagement, and leveraging technology, NILP has become operational even in the farthest corners of our nation, touching the lives of millions.

Similarly, Viskit Bharat@2047, a flagship initiative launched in commemoration of India's 75th Independence Day, symbolizes the collective aspiration for a knowledgeable, skilled, and empowered citizenry. It is a comprehensive program aimed at fostering the holistic development of Indian citizens by focusing on the key pillars of empowerment, primarily centered around education and skill-building. The name "Viskit Bharat@2047" symbolizes the aspirations of a developed and empowered India by the time the nation completes 100 years of its independence.

The initiative encompasses various components, all geared towards equipping individuals with the necessary tools, techniques and skills to thrive in the modern world with a special focus on enhancing digital literacy, vocational training, and lifelong learning opportunities for adults by harnessing the transformative power of education. One of its primary focuses is on digital literacy, recognizing the increasingly crucial role of technology in today's society. Viskit Bharat@2047 aims to bridge the digital divide

by providing digital literacy training to adults across different demographics, ensuring that everyone has access to and can effectively utilize digital resources and tools.

Additionally, the initiative places significant emphasis on vocational training and skill development. Recognizing the importance of practical skills in enhancing employability and fostering entrepreneurship, Visksit Bharat@2047 offers a wide range of vocational training programs tailored to the needs of various industries and sectors of economic world. By providing individuals with opportunities to acquire new skills or upgrade existing ones, the initiative aims to empower them to pursue sustainable livelihoods and contribute meaningfully to the economy.

Furthermore, Visksit Bharat@2047 promotes lifelong learning as a fundamental aspect of personal and professional growth. Through initiatives such as adult education programs, continuing education courses, and community-based learning initiatives, the initiative encourages individuals to embrace learning as a continuous journey, irrespective of age or background. By fostering a culture of lifelong learning, Visksit Bharat@2047 seeks to empower individuals to adapt to evolving societal and economic trends, thereby enhancing their resilience and ability to navigate the challenges of the future.

Overall, Visksit Bharat@2047 represents a bold and ambitious vision for India's future—one where every citizen is educated, skilled, and empowered to realize their full potential. By addressing key areas such as digital literacy, vocational training, and lifelong learning, the initiative aims to not only uplift individuals but also propel the nation towards sustainable development and prosperity. Through collaborative efforts between the government, educational institutions, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders, Visksit Bharat@2047 seeks to catalyze positive change and create a brighter future for generations to come.

As an organization deeply committed to the cause of adult education and lifelong learning, the Indian Adult Education Association is proud to align itself with the noble objectives of Visksit Bharat@2047. Our work, rooted in the principles of inclusivity, equity, and empowerment, is a natural extension of the government's efforts to create a literate, skilled, and prosperous society. Through the network of dedicated educators, volunteers, and stakeholders, we need to strive to create inclusive learning environments that nurture curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Whether through formal/informal education programs, vocational training, or community outreach activities, our goal has always been to empower individuals with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to lead fulfilling lives and contribute meaningfully to society.

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future, let us reaffirm our commitment to the cause of adult education and lifelong learning. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and advocate for policies and programs that ensure equitable access to education for all. Together, we can build a brighter, more inclusive future – one where every adult has the opportunity to unlock their full potential and realize their dreams.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported the Indian Adult Education Association in its mission, and I invite you to join us in our ongoing journey towards a more educated, empowered, and equitable society. Let us all rededicate

ourselves and take this greater responsibility on our shoulder and carry forward towards the new world order.

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

- I. Programmes Planned and Organized by IAEA
- II. IAEA Skill Training Centre
- III. Certificate Course in Library Science
- IV. Executive Committee Meetings
- V. Publications
- VI. Library and Documentation Centre
- VII. Research and Evaluation
- VIII. Participation of Office Bearers and members of the staff in Programmes organized by other Institutions/Organizations/Agencies
- IX. IAEA Website
- X. State Branch Activities
- XI. Audit and Accounts
- XII. International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education
- XIII. Reading Association of India
- XIV. Visitors
- XV. Obituary

## I. Programmes Planned and Organized by IAEA

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

The Indian Adult Education Association along with the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore, Shanti Ashram and Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu successfully organized the 64th All India Adult Education Conference from December 13-15, 2023 at the Ettimadai Campus of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The conference was attended by more than 150 delegates representing 14 states and union territories - Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kashmir,



Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal. It witnessed a very rich confluence of academicians, scholars and adult education functionaries who came together and contributed immensely in shaping out the debate and discussion on various dimensions of the theme entitled "Role of Higher Education Institutions in National Education Policy 2020 – A Way Ahead" held throughout seven plenary sessions to reach meaningful suggestions and recommendations. Organized at a time when adult and lifelong education was undergoing through a transitory phase this conference not only attempted to explore ideas but also tried to raise issues of concern for adult and lifelong education in the contemporary scenario.

#### Inaugural session

The 64th All India Adult Education Conference was begun with a grand Inaugural Function held in the Amriteshwari Hall of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham on December 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry who lighted the Ceremonial Lamp along with Swami Ajamritananda Puri, Mata Amritanandamayi Math; Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Dr. Kezovino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi

and Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural function began with the rendering of the National Anthem followed by Tamizh Thai Vazhthu, the state “Prayer Song” of Tamil Nadu. Thereafter, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean-Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham welcomed all the dignitaries and the delegates coming from



welcomed all the dignitaries and the delegates coming from different parts of the country to attend this national conference.

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



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



Addressing the delegates and members of academic fraternity assembled on the occasion **Dr. Bhavani Rao** explained in details the five pivotal concepts of Amma’s vision of education and the way students can live a life upto their own expectation while contributing their best for the development of the nation. Quoting the words of



Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi 'Amma', Dr. Rao said that 'life' and 'living' are not the same. We all are endowed with immense energy and ability however; very often we fail to realize the same. She requested the students to read and imbibe the basic percepts of Amma's vision for their holistic development.

**Dr. Kezovino Aram** said that the All India Adult Education Conferences can be treated as 'moving conferences' which had played a vital role in popularizing the concept of adult education and motivating people to join their hands for the successful implementation of AE programmes in the country. She categorically put forth a global vision of lifelong learning and requested all to utilize NEP 2020 for furthering the same in our own context.



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



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

### Keynote Address

The Keynote Address on "Socially Responsible Higher Education in India: Integrating Lifelong Learning for All" was delivered by **Dr. Rajesh Tandon**, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education in hybrid mode. Dr. Tandon underlined the redefining missions of higher education and desired that in the changing world scenario higher education should move from teaching to enabling learning, from research to knowledge production and mobilization and from extension to engaged partnerships. He said that the current National Education Policy Framework should be flexible, multi-disciplinary and targeted towards developing socially responsible global citizenship where competencies for work should be the key word.



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



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



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

Delivering the 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture on “Transformative Initiatives in Higher Education” Prof. Ramachandran recalled those three occasions – Convocation Address, the University of Mumbai (known earlier as University of Bombay), 1967; Osmania University, Hyderabad in 1968 and in later years in Annamalai University when he witnessed Dr. Zakir Husain, the then President of India delivering lectures on the vision and mission of higher education in India. Prof. Ramachandran said that transformation of education system, qualitative improvement and controlled growth were the three key ideas on which Dr. Zakir Husain always used to emphasize. Today when we are looking ahead to realize the cherished goal of becoming a developed nation by the year 2047 as pronounced by the Prime Minister of India, we must know that we are moving ahead in continuity of what Dr. Zakir Husain used to think for the future of Indian Education System. To him qualitative improvement in education meant – higher investment, policies and programmes for developing quality teachers, visualizing a curriculum that can match the expectation of the society and extension activities which motivate students to play active role in societal development.

Prof. Ramachandran in his deliberation detailed the nuances of NEP 2020 and said that the vision of a developed nation could not be realized unless otherwise the nation achieves cent-percent literacy. Referring to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan’s intervention in the

field of agriculture to overcome grain shortage in the India, China's effort to eradicate illiteracy..... he said that numerous incidents could be quoted where motivated leadership had achieved impossible targets. The need of the day is to produce youth equipped with multi-dimensional skills and having unflinching problem-solving attitude, he said. Prof. Ramachandran emphasized that the NEP 2020 was conceptualized to transform educational institutions in the country to match nation's expectations. The higher education institutions in the country should offer flexible and multi-disciplinary education where students have choices to opt major from one discipline of academics and minor subjects from another field of academics according to their will and future vision. He said that lifelong learning is a must for enhancing skills and empowerment of each and every citizen of the country. His advice towards our institutions was to adopt the vision propounded through NEP 2020 in its totality. He suggested that Indian Adult Education Association may take a lead and rename itself as the Association for Lifelong Learning.

Prof. Ramachandran addressed and replied a number of questions raised by the delegates. The enthralled audience gave a standing ovation to the veteran teacher widely referred as a living encyclopaedia of education.

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

### **Parallel Sessions**

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

#### **Group – I**

**Chairman:** Prof. Rajesh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.

**Co-Chairman:** Prof.(Dr.) D. Uma Devi, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati.



**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Gopika V. S. & Sree Lekshmi K, Department of MSW, Amrita.  
Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Indian Higher Education System for Sustainable Development – An Exploratory Study in The Light of NEP: 2020 by Dr. Geeta Mishra and Prof. Rajesh.
2. Upgrades with Chat GPT AI - Understanding the undeniable future of learning and the unavoidable patterns of concern by Renab Narayanan P T and Lakshmy Das.
3. Mobilizing Rural Communities for Sustainable Development: A Non-Governmental Organization Implementation Strategy in Focus by Lakshmy Das and Rangasami P.
4. Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality through National Educational Policy by Amrutha Modcy.

## Group-II

**Chairman:** Dr. P.A. Reddy, former, Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SV University, Tirupati.

**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA.

**Rapporteurs:** Megha B. Nair & Akhila L. Prasad, Department of MSW, Amrita.



Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Adult Education and the Role of Higher Education Institutes in the Light of National Education Policy 2020 and New India Literacy programme by Dr. Shamim Akhtar.
2. Factorial Analysis of Individualized Yoga Therapy Strategies for Effective Treatment in Yoga Teaching Methodology: A Case Study Overview” by B. Senthil Kumar, Dr. Sushrutha.S and Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi.

## Group-III

**Chairman:** Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, former HOD, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Asha Patil, former Director, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, SNDT University, Mumbai.

**Rapporteurs:** Manisha R. Pillai & Rahul S., Department of MSW, Amrita.



Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Role of Volunteerism for Implementing National Education Policy – 2020 by Letginlen Dounyel.
2. An analysis of Volunteerism and Adult Education in India with focus on NEP 2020 by KM Tanu.

## Group-IV (a)



**Chairman:** Prof. V. Reghu, former Controller of Examination, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal.

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

Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Digital Saaksharta Ki Yuva Varg Main Jagrukta ki Aawaskyata by Dr. Saurabh Mishra.
2. The Impression of Technological Advancement on the Livelihood of Women Agricultural Workers by Samuel Paul Raj. S.

#### **Group – IV (b)**

**Chairman:** Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, GRI.

**Co-Chairman:** Dr. Apoorva Chatterjee, former Additional Director, Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal.

**Rapporteurs:** Anjali S & Vinaya V M

Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Preserving India's Cultural Tapestry: A Holistic Approach through the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Innovative Educational Platforms by Malavika Nair.
2. An analysis of Life Values outlined in the National Education Policy-2020 in relation to Valmiki Ramayana by Sarath Edathil and Dr. Sripad H Ghaligi.
3. Deconstructing Disability: Inclusion and Equality through National Educational Policy by Amrutha Modcy.
4. Digital Learning as a Tool to Promote Mental Well-being in Adolescents by Malavika Raghu, Aiswarya H and Dr. Rangaswami.
5. Artificial Intelligence & Chat GPT Advantages & Challenges in Higher Education Institutions by A. Ancy & K.Yamuna.
6. Bharat Main Digital Saaksharta Ka Abhav evam Mahilaoun Ko Digital Saaksharta Main Protsahan by Indrajeet Singh.

#### **Group – V**



**Chairman:** Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Worker, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul.

**Co-Chairman:** Shri Harish S, Associate Secretary, IAEA.

**Rapporteurs:** Devika G S & Gopika Rajan

Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Skilling Need of Youth in West Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya by B.S. Lyngdoh.
2. Rural Self Employment Training Institutes - A Step Forward for Community Development through Skill Training by Seetha A. S.
3. Role of Vocational Education Programmes in Employability of Students through Skill Development – A Case study of The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University by Maheshkumar S and Soundarapandian M.
4. Skills for Community Development by Fr. Bobichan George.
5. Preservation, Cultural Sustenance, and Artistic Revival by Sandhya C D'Souza.

### Group – VI



**Chairman:** Dr. Gorakh Nath Kamble, Kolhapur University, Maharashtra.

**Co-Chairman:** Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA.

**Moderator:** Dr. Kanagaraj S, Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetha.

**Rapporteurs:** Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair.

Papers Presented in the session were as follows:

1. Low skilled Migrant labours and coverage of Adult Education Programmes: An Empirical study National Capital Territory of Delhi by Siya Bihari and KM Tanu.
2. Empowering student well-being through stress education and management with yoga: A review paper highlighting the significance of integrating these practices by Chirag S Hakked.
3. Universalisation of Early Childhood Care and Education in India: A Study by Aiswarya H, Malavika Raghu and Dr Asha Priya T.
4. Unveiling the Silent Suffering: Exploring Eve Teasing and Molestation of Young Men in Trivandrum District, Kerala by Ms.Malavika M S, Dr. Kanagaraj S and Ms.Remya Ramesh.
5. Examining the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Eliciting Future Career Anxiety among College Students: A Brief Analysis” by Dhanya Anirudhan, Madhavaram T, Dr. P. Rangasami and Rajeev Ramakrishnan.
6. Navigating AI in Higher Education: Unveiling Opportunities and Risks through the Prism of Chat GPT by Rameshwar Gupta, Pawan Sahu and Geetanjali Baswani.

## Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion

The outcomes of all the 7 parallel sessions held during the conference were summarized by the respective Rapporteurs in a plenary session held on December 14, 2023. Sree Lekshmi K, Akhila L Prasad, Rahul S, Athira TN, Gopika Rajan, Anjali S & Vinaya V M and Shyama Surendran & Induja S Nair all scholars from the Department



of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham beautifully presented the crux of the opinion emerged during the sessions reported by them which was appreciated by both the Chairman and the delegates. This session was presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi while Prof. Rajesh, Head, DACEE, University of Delhi was the Co-Chairman.

## Cultural Programme



A cultural programme was held in the evening on 13th December 2023 at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in which delegates as well as a number of students of Department of Social Work and members of the Natya Sudha Team, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham presented their performances which not only reflected the rich culture of Tamil Nadu and other parts of the country but also amused and enthralled all the delegates assembled there. The cultural programme was coordinated by Dr. R. Venkata Ravi.



## Meeting of Recommendation & Declaration Drafting Committee

Prior to the valedictory session the members of recommendation and declaration committee including Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi; Dr. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer, Indian Adult Education

Association, New Delhi; Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education & Extension, University of Delhi; Prof. V. Reghu, Former Controller of Examinations, RGNIYD, Govt. of India; Dr. Asha Patil, Former, Director, Department of Continuing and Adult Education & Extension Work, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and Prof. (Dr.) D. Uma Devi Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati met to discuss and finalize the suggestions, recommendations and declaration of the conference.



### 1. Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was dedicated to thanks giving and presentation of the Coimbatore Declaration. Delivering the welcome address in the valedictory session Dr. R. Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI expressed his gratitude towards the key functionaries of the three collaborating institutions for identifying the Amrita Vishwa



Vidyapeetham for conducting this prestigious conference. This session was presided over by Dr. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association.

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

"We, the delegates of the 64th All India Adult Education Conference, collectively affirm our commitment to actively contribute to the successful



implementation of NEP 2020. As stakeholders, in the education ecosystem, we pledge to support initiatives that align with the policy's vision and objectives.

The Higher Education Institutions need to diversify the courses to create manpower in the field of Lifelong Learning. Prior learning needs to be the base for the certification, identification and promotion of skills through vocational education at various levels through industry linkage. The value and ethical education should be the base for education at all levels.

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

## 2. Validiction

The validiction session was concluded with rendering the National Anthem. Prior to that Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi extended the vote of thanks to each and every member of the Amrita family for making the conference a great success.

### (ii) Deepawali Celebration at IAEA

A get together was organized on November 8, 2023 to celebrate Deepawali, the festival of lights. Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE wished a very happy and prosperous Deepawali to all present on the occasion. The get together was participated by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE; Prof. Rajesh, DACEE, University of



Delhi; Dr. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, JNU; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director along with all the members of staff.

### (iii) Preparatory Meeting for 64th AIAEC at Amrita Vidyapeetham

A meeting involving all the important stakeholders was organized on August 10, 2023 at Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam, Ettimadai, Coimbatore in view of assessing the arrangements made for the 64th All India Adult Education Conference which was to be held from December 13-15, 2023. The meeting was participated by the representatives of various collaborating



institutions and organizations including Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering & Materials Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Shri Satish Menon, Campus Director, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham; Dr. P. Rangasami, Chairperson, Department of Social Work; Prof. L. Raja, Professor and Director, Centre for Lifelong Learning, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Subhadra, Programme Co-coordinator, Public Health, ICPH, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; Prof. K. C. Choudhary, Advisor, IAEA, New Delhi; Ms. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA, New Delhi and Dr. Kalpana Raja, Social Worker, Gandhigram.

The participants reviewed the progress made on the points identified in the previous meeting held on June 8, 2023 at the Department of Social Work, Ettimadai Campus. Along with the theme of the 64th Annual Conference, keynote speaker, panellists and moderators for various sessions were also identified in the meeting.

#### (iv) World Environment Day 2023 celebrated at IAEA Headquarters

To mark the World Environment Day 2023 Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE and former Chairman, NIOS who visited IAEA on June 5, 2023 was presented with a sapling by Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE & Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.



#### (v) Eye Camp organized at IAEA Headquarters



In order to extend a helping hand towards people suffering with eye related ailments IAEA organized a free Eye Screening Camp for the adults and senior citizens from March 24-26, 2023 at its Headquarters. More than 300 persons from nearby areas specifically Anna Nagar got their eyes screened by optometrists having specialization in Lens Making and Degree in Eye-Testing. Out of these 195 persons were recommended for corrective glasses. Suitable glasses were distributed to all of them by the Association which included 56 bifocal and 139 single visions.



Various health parameters like Weight, Pulse Rate, Blood Pressure and Sugar level was also checked for all the persons visiting the camp. Nearly 14 learners from IAEA Skill Training Centre under the supervision of the Trainer Ms. Kajal Jaiswal conducted the health check-up and provided subsequent report to the beneficiaries. While Ms. Kajal and Ms. Bharti were at the Registration Counter, Ms. Sana and Ms. Arti Devi checked Blood Pressure; Ms. Saroj Devi, Ms. Laxmi and Ms. Shanti measured the weight and Ms. Priyanka, Ms. Kheroon Nisha and Ms. Muskan checked the sugar level. The reception counter was managed effectively by Ms. Asma, Ms. Khushi, Ms. Arti, Ms Nazreen and Ms. Sunita. A counseling session was also organized as part of this camp in which Dr. Ayush Chandra, Diabetologist having specialization in treating sugar related diseases addressed the concerns of all the patients assembled there. Entire programme was meticulously planned by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA under the guidance of Prof. S.Y.Shah, Vice President, IAEA which was successfully organized with the help of all the members of staff of the Association.

## (vi) Advocacy meeting for Families of Persons living with Mental Illness



Indian Adult Education Association came forward to host a Face2Face interactive meeting on February 25, 2023 organized jointly by the family members of the persons living with mental illness (PMIs) who were primarily associated with three prominent NGOs - FACEMI Shanti Dilli, Richmond Fellowship Society (India) Delhi branch, and Sambandh Health Foundation. The deliberations held in this meeting were focused on finding some solution to the ever-hovering issue of Guardianship. Dr. Mridula Seth (Tagore Literacy Award Winner), Life Member of IAEA and Vice President of Richmond Fellowship Society (India), Delhi Branch was instrumental in bringing all the stakeholders together on a single platform and work hand in hand to find a workable solution. The meeting was also participated by staff members of IAEA. Volunteers from NSS Unit of Lady Irwin College (University of Delhi) helped in smooth conduct of the event. Shri Rahul Agarwal, Deputy Director Department of Social Welfare, Delhi Government and Shri Janmejay Singh Rajput, Company Secretary answered the questions and queries raised by the participants. The session was moderated by Shri Shahzada Khurram.

## (vii) MoU signed between the DLL University of Jammu and IAEA

The University of Jammu, Department of Lifelong Learning signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi in a ceremony held on February 24, 2023 in the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. On behalf of IAEA the ceremony was attended by Prof. L. Raja, President and Dean, GRI, Gandhigram; Shri K. C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA whereas the University of Jammu was represented by Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Naresh Padha, Dean of Academic Affairs and Prof. Arvind Jasrota, Registrar. It was expected that the MoU would certainly open a wide range of possibilities paving the path of institutional engagement in academic ventures of mutual interest for both the institutions. The ceremony was also attended by the faculty members of DLL including Dr. Vivek Sharma, Dr. Pallavi Sachdeva and Dr. Sandeep Singh. Entire ceremony was conducted by Dr. Priyanka Sharma, Faculty Department of Lifelong Learning who also proposed the vote of thanks.



### **(viii) Students of DACEE, DU visited IAEA**

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



### **(ix) International Seminar on Professionalization of Adult & LLL at New Delhi**

Moving forward on the line of the objectives specified in the MOA the Indian Adult Education Association came forward to collaborate with the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi to organize a three days International Seminar on “Professionalization of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities under New India Literacy Programme (2022-2027) and National Education Policy 2020” from January 4-6, 2023. Entire seminar was broadly divided into two parts, the first part was held in the Conference Centre of the University of Delhi while the second part was held at the Headquarters of IAEA.



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

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The welcome address was given by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA & Head, Department of Lifelong Education, GRI, Tamil Nadu followed by a brief remark on “Challenges before the Professionalization of Adult & LLL” by Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chancellor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, IAEA. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE while Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE and former Head, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, JNU enlightened the scholars on issues related to the professionalization of adult and lifelong learning in global perspective. Thereafter, Prof. Soren Ehlers, Associate Professor, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark and Smt. Sunita Singh Chauhan, Senior Consultant, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India shared their opinion about the context, crisis and initiatives to be taken to accelerate the process of professionalization of AE and LLL.

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

## II. IAEA SKILL TRAINING CENTRE

### (i) Deepawali Celebration

The learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre planned and organized a cultural function on November 10, 2023 to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights. The learners along with the members of the staff of IAEA came together to light Diyas and decorate the premises with beautiful Rangoli.



### (ii) Independence Day Celebration

A cultural function was planned and organized by the trainees of IAEA Skill Training Centre to celebrate the 77th Independence Day of the country. The function was participated by all the trainees and members of the staff of IAEA. A number of patriotic songs followed by solo and group dance were performed by the beneficiaries which was appreciated by all.



### **(iii) Examination conducted for the first batch of trainees**

After successful completion of yearlong training programme the skill acquired by the trainees were assessed through written, oral and practical examination. The written examination was conducted on July 31, 2023 for which detail questionnaire was prepared by the examiners. The practical



assessment was conducted on August 5, 2023 which was based on the project register prepared by the trainees. The viva was conducted on August 29, 2023 which was focussed on assessing the awareness level of the beneficiaries. All the exams were conducted under the guidance of Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA and Ms. Kajal, Trainer.

### **(iv) Republic Day Celebration**



A colourful programme to celebrate the 74th Republic Day was organized by the learners in the IAEA Skill Training Centre on January 25th 2023. Along with the learners, the programme was participated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and all the staff members. Entire programme was conducted by Ms. Jubeda. On the occasion beneficiaries shared their experience and the proficiency they were able to acquire while undergoing the skill training. Some of them also told that people in their neighbourhood were already offering respectable rates for making dresses. They found it to be very encouraging for their self-employment.

### III. CERTIFICATE COURSE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE (CLS)

#### (i) Practical Examination conducted for 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 22 batches have successfully completed this course from this AVI. The Practical Examination for the 23rd batch of students pursuing CLS was conducted on May 12, 2023 under the supervision of Shri M.L.Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA and Shri Jai Bhagwan, AVI Coordinator.



### IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL AND GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

#### (i) Executive Committee

During the reporting year the Executive Committee of IAEA met twice, first on April 5, 2023 and second on December 13, 2023.

The **first meeting** was held on April 5, 2023 at the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata, West Bengal which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President and participated by 15 members including Shri K.C. Choudhary,



Chief Advisor, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. P.A. Reddy, Treasurer. Prof. S.Y. Shah, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Dr. Saroj Garg, Dr. D.K. Verma and Shri Y. N. Shankare Gowda could not attend the meeting and hence, leave of absence was granted. The meeting was also attended by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and Shri M.L.Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA along with two Special Invitees Shri Apoorva Chatterjee and Ms. Santavna Chatterjee. Here the EC confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on July 29, 2022 at New Delhi. Apart from this, it appreciated and approved the report of programmes and activities conducted during the period July 2022 to March 2023. The EC also approved the Budget Estimate for the year 2023-24 and awarded Life Membership to 8 individuals and Institutional Membership to 3 Institutions. The EC also approved the Annual Report for the year 2022 while praising all the activities organized during the period. Heartfelt condolence was also expressed on the death of Shri Jia Lal Sachdeva, former Director, IAEA; Smt. Shahshi Maheshwari, Member; Shri N. K. Garg, Member; Shri Alan Roger, Adult Educationist, Smt. Rajni Kumar, Padamshri Awardee, Chairperson, Sprindales School, DSLP, Delhi and Prof. VLN Reddy, Veteran Adult Educationist.

The **second meeting** was held on December 13, 2023 at Saraswati Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja which was participated by 15 members. The EC confirmed the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting held at IICP, Kolkata on April 5, 2023. It also approved the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 and the report of programmes and activities conducted by the Association during the period April to November, 2023. The meeting was facilitated by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. The committee also condoled the death of Dr. G. L. Jambhulkar, Dr. Chris Duke, Dr. Farasat Hussain, Shri Hatim Ali, Smt. Kiran Pant, Dr. K. Kathita Hatibaruah and Dr. Bhoumik Deshmukh and observed one-minute silence for the departed souls.



### **(ii) Council Meeting**

The Council meeting was held at Sandeepani Conference Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore on December 14, 2023 which was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. Held in blended mode the meeting was attended by 69 members which confirmed the minutes of last Council meeting held on December 18, 2021. The Council also approved the Plan of Action of the Association for the year 2024-2025.



### **(iii) General Body Meeting**

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



## (V) PUBLICATIONS

### (i) Regular Publications

During the period three issues of IAEA Newsletters (July-September 2022, October-December 2022 and January-March 2023), one issue each of the Indian Journal of Adult Education (July-December 2022) and Proudh Shiksha (July-December 2022), and Annual Report for the year 2022 were prepared and got published.

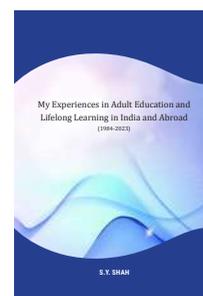
IAEA publishes three periodicals out of which two are journals published biannually and a Newsletter published quarterly.



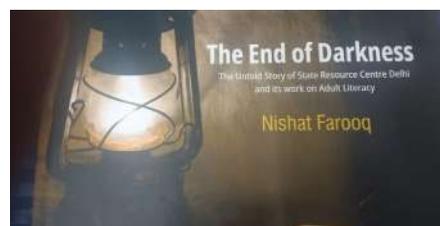
- (i) The **Indian Journal of Adult Education** is a peer reviewed one and also in the approved list of UGC-CARE Group D (117). During the year of reporting it was published twice – one issue for the quarter January-June 2023 and second issue for the period July-December 2023.
- (ii) **Proudh Shiksha** primarily caters the need of those who likes to read and write in Hindi. In the year 2023 two issues of Proudh Shiksha were published - one for the period January-June 2023 and another for July-December 2023.
- (iii) During the period four issues of **IAEA Newsletter** were published respectively for the quarter January-March 2023, April-June 2023, July-September 2023 and October – December 2023.

### (ii) Books

During the reporting period a book entitled **“My Experiences in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in India and Abroad (1984-2023)”** written by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE was published by the International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education.



A coffee table publication entitled **“The End of Darkness the Untold Story of State Resource Centre, Delhi its work on Adult Literacy”** written by Smt. Nishat Farooq, Executive Member of the Association was published during this period. The publication provides a beautiful narrative of the initiatives and activities conducted by State Resource Centre Jamia Millia Islamia.



### (iii) Brochure

In order to make the visitors aware of the evolution, journey and achievements of the Indian Adult Education Association a Brochure **“Journey of Learning and Transformation with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)”** highlighting the important aspects of the Association was also published during the period. Readers may find the Brochure and these books on IAEA Website: [iaea-india.in](http://iaea-india.in)



## VI. LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE



Library and Documentation Centre in IAEA is an important unit as it plays an important role in information dissemination and caters to the academic needs of Post Graduate students, research scholars and field functionaries. Amarnath Jha Library has a large number of books and documented issue-based materials for reading and reference. During the reporting period following activities have been carried out by this unit:

- Annotations compiled for all the four issues of IAEA Newsletter.
- Digitalization of important books, documents, reports, important letters etc. in PDF form.
- Collected materials on Adult Education/Education for All, New Education Policy 2020, Higher Education, Vocational Education, Lifelong Learning, Gender, Youth, Census, Skill Development, Women Empowerment, Health, Adolescence, Elderly and Educational Research etc.
- Binding of Indian Journal of Adult Education, Newsletter and Proudh Shiksha 2023.
- Reference services provided to the readers/visitors online and off-line.
- DAE donated a number of books to IAEA on adult education and related fields which have been added to the library.
- Provided information/data to scholars as and when requested for.
- IAEA office and the nearby areas witnessed heavy rainfall on 13.7.2023, which resulted in flooding. This caused heavy water logging for more than two weeks, in which the whole library, situated in the basement, got submerged. All the books, furniture, racks, and other materials in the library got fully damaged. Hence, in order to avoid such circumstances entire library is being shifted to the ground floor.
- Efforts are being made to collect and purchase new books for re-organization and restructuring of the library.

## (VII) RESEARCH, EVALUATION AND PROJECTS

### (i) Projects applied for:

During the reporting period following project proposals have been studied, prepared and submitted to different departments:

1. Project proposal submitted to UNFPA, India for gender transformative and human rights-based approaches to prevent and address Gender Based Violence and Harmful Practices, January 10, 2023.
2. Studied project proposal for "My Quest Program of Quest Alliance", January 2023.
3. Project proposal for conducting "Research Study on Incubator Ecosystem in Indian Higher Education Institutions: Leanings in Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Impact and Scale - Expression on Interest" on January 13, 2023.
4. Project proposal for Competence Enhancement Centre (CEC) under "Inviting Application for Grant-In-Aid to Voluntary Organizations" Department of Women and Child Development, Voluntary Action Cell, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on January 20, 2023.
5. Project proposal for conducting "Study to understand the impact of communication campaign carried out on various mediums by the Delhi Government" on February 13, 2023.
6. Project proposal for the "Study to assess the impact of financial assistance provided by Delhi Parks and Gardens Society to RWAs/NGOs/Societies for maintaining and developing parks and gardens with the objective to increase the greenery in Delhi" on June 28, 2023.
7. Project proposal for Labour Market Assessment for Employability Skilling in target areas of NCR of Delhi and Rajasthan on July 27, 2023.
8. Expression of Interest submitted for "Empanelment of Agencies Assessment/Evaluation" to the Deputy General Manager - Small Industries Development Bank of India, Programmes for Development and Impact Vertical, 3,d Floor, Atma Ram House, 1 Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on August 17, 2023.

### (ii) Project Awarded

A Project entitled "Study to understand the impact of communication campaign carried out on various mediums by the Delhi Government" was awarded to the Association by the Planning Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on March 17, 2023. The draft report for the same was submitted to the Director, Planning Department, GNCTD.

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

IAEA was assigned a state level project entitled "Study to Understand the Impact of the Communication Campaigns Carried out on Various Mediums by the Delhi Government" on March 16, 2023 by the Planning Department, Government of NCT of Delhi in which more than 22000 responses were to be collected from across all the 11 districts of Delhi.

### **Training cum orientation of research team**

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



### **Pilot Study**

A daylong pilot study was conducted on April 3, 2023 at Vishwas Nagar by a team comprised of 11 persons including 7 Field Supervisors, 2 Field Investigators, Project Coordinator and Research Officer, IAEA. A team of officials from the Planning Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, including Shri Ashish Verma, Assistant Director, Ms. Sushma Sharma, Assistant Director, Shri Naveen Dubey, Statistical Assistant and Ms. Jyotsna Taneja, Statistical Assistant were also present for monitoring.



### **Survey**

Based on the observation of the Pilot Study primary data was collected from across the 11 districts of the state through the web-based application.

### **Submission of Report**

The draft report of the study was submitted to the Director, Planning Department within stipulated time.

## **VIII. PARTICIPATION OF THE OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF IN PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS /ORGANIZATIONS/ AGENCIES**

### **(i) Prof. L. Raja**

- Given the welcome address in a seminar entitled “Professionalization of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities under New India Literacy Programme (2022-2027) and National Education Policy 2020” organized jointly by the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi and IAEA from January 4-6, 2023.

- Attended an academic ceremony held at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, University of Jammu on February 24, 2023 in which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu.
- Participated in the Release function of a poster depicting Shanti Ashram's 37 years long journey of dedicated services serving around 115212 children in the famous Coimbatore Peace Festival celebrated by Shanti Ashram on August 9, 2023 at PSG Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (PSGIMSR) Auditorium, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- Participated in the Preparatory Meeting for 64th AIAEC at Amrita Vidyapeetham organized on August 10, 2023 at Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam, Ettimadai, Coimbatore.

Apart from the above Prof. Raja also attended a number of online/offline meetings and deliberations during the reporting year.

#### **(ii) Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor**

- Participated in an Online International Webinar organized by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia on September 8, 2023 on the UNESCO theme for ILD-2023 i.e. 'Promoting Literacy for a World in Transition: Building the Foundation for Sustainable and Peaceful Societies'.
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Apart from the above Shri K.C. Choudhary also attended a number of online/offline meetings and deliberations during the reporting year.

### **(iii) Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary**

- Attended the inaugural function of the Bal Mahotsav 2023 organized by the Bal Mahotsav Samiti, Mhow on November 14, 2023 and coordinated various competition programmes conducted as part of it.
- Participated as Chief Guest in the Career Counseling Programme organized by the MP State Branch of IAEA on September 11, 20 and 25, 2023 at Shree Academic Vidyalaya, Kodariya, Jai Govind Gopinath Vidyalaya and Christina Convent Senior Secondary School, Shantinagar, Mhow respectively.
- Extended the Vote of Thanks in a function organized by 'Vatsalya', Mhow for the free distribution of exercise books to the students coming from deprived sections of the society on July 26, 2023.
- Attended the Graduation Ceremony organized by Col. Academy Vidyalaya, Mhow on March 3, 2023 as Chief Guest.
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Apart from the above Shri S.C. Khandelwal also attended a number of online/offline meetings and deliberations during the reporting year.

### **(iv) Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director**

- Participated in the Preparatory Meeting for 64th AIAEC at Amrita Vidyapeetham organized on August 10, 2023 at Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam, Ettimadai, Coimbatore.
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- Attended an online Lecture by Professor Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA on July 17, 2023.
- Attended Interfaith Prayer for Peace and Harmony at NGM, Rajghat on July 5, 2023.
- Participated in the 9th International Yoga Day celebration programme jointly organized by the IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi 2 and IIALE on June 21, 2023.
- Attended a meeting on "GAWA 2023: Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue on Decolonizing Education Financing Confirmation" organized by ASPBAE on May 31, 2023.

- Had a discussion with Dr. Sanjeev Roy, Shri Shahshank and Shri Manish on cleanliness of River Yamuna on May 24, 2025.
- Attended a seminar on “Amebedkar’s Contribution in Nation Building” organized by Kalyani University, West Bengal on May 24, 2023.
- Interaction with student of University of Delhi on May 17, 2023 which was chaired by Prof. S.Y. Shah and Prof. Rajesh.
- Participated in the Consultative Meeting with Partner Institutions involving representatives of GRI, DU and IAEA on April 17, 2023.
- Attended the Coordinator’s Meeting of IGNOU at the O/o Bharat Scouts and Guides on April 11, 2023.
- Attended a meeting on the “Future of Adult Education” held on April 5, 2023 at New Delhi.
- Attended a programme “Read the Word Read the World” organized by Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy on April 5, 2023.
- Attended a programme on “Empowering Women and Girls” organized by Azad Foundation on March 14, 2023.
- Attended the International Women’s Day an online programme on “Young Voices for Gender Equality” was organized by the Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), Jamia Millia Islamia on March 8, 2023.
- Attended as Guest of Honour in a National Seminar on Volunteerism, Adult Education and the Role of Higher Education Institutes in the light of National Education Policy 2020 and New India Literacy Programme was organized by the Centre of Continuing and Adult Education and Extension, Aligarh Muslim University on March 4, 2023 at the Lounge of Faculty of Arts.
- Participated in a Webinar on Social Justice Day organized jointly by GRI and IAEA on February 20, 2023.
- Had a meeting with Dr. Mridula Seth Rajeshwari and Shri Shahzada Khurram along with the representatives of the Mental Health Care Group on February 25, 2023
- Attended an academic ceremony held at the Vice Chancellor’s Secretariat, University of Jammu on February 24, 2023 in which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu.
- Attended a meeting with the representatives of the University of Jammu on Google Meet on January 24, 2023.
- Attended the seminar on the Power of Prayer and Contemplation for World Peace organized by Focolare Movement at IIC, Delhi on January 20, 2023.
- Participated in National Youth Day Programme organized by International Youth Centre on January 12, 2023 at Connaught place, New Delhi.
- Participated in an Interaction programme held on January 5, 2023 in which along with Prof. L. Raja four women from Italy, Hongkong, Philippines and Mumbai representing ChiaraLubich FOCOLARE also shared their views.

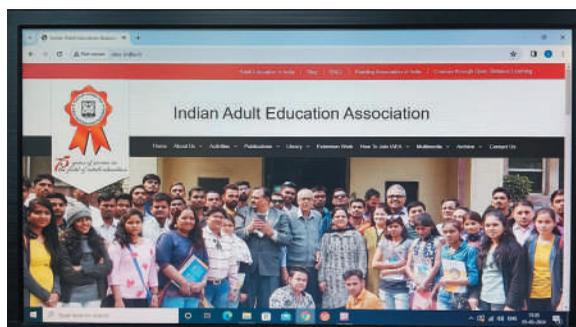
- Attended the Inaugural Session on January 4, 2023 and coordinated the second part of the seminar “Professionalization of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities under New India Literacy Programme (2022-2027) and National Education Policy 2020” organized jointly by the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi and IAEA which held on January 6, 2023 at the conference hall of IAEA.

#### (v) **Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer**

- Participated in a three-day long workshop on “Preparation of Guidelines for running Adult Education Centre in Government Schools of Delhi” which held at SCERT, New Delhi from March 13-15, 2023.
- Addressed a training programme organized by SCERT for the Master Trainers at District level for implementation of New India Literacy Programme in NCT of Delhi held on March 2, 2023.

### **XI. IAEA WEBSITE [<http://iaea-india.in/>]**

IAEA website ensures an effective presence of the Association on social media platforms and updates its viewers about its programmes and activities as well as other important developments taking place in the field of adult and lifelong education across the world. The soft copies of all the three regular publications of IAEA viz. IAEA Newsletter, Indian Journal of Adult Education and Proudth Shiksha are regularly uploaded on this website which is continuously monitored and upgraded by the research and evaluation team of IAEA. So far this website has been viewed more than 60000 times which reflects upon the state of interest being shown by the scholars towards the activities of the Association. The website has also become instrumental in motivating interested academicians and functionaries to come forward and enrol themselves with IAEA as its Life Member.



### **X. STATE BRANCHES**

#### **(i) IAEA Bihar Chapter**

During the period the Bihar State Branch of IAEA under the leadership of Shri A. H. Khan, Associate Secretary proactively collaborated with a number of local civil society organizations, university departments and institutions to organize following programmes and activities:

- Sadhbhavna Manch formed at Gaya for Maintaining Peace on October 2, 2023.
- Meeting on Civil Rights at Bodhgaya on July 23, 2023.

- Seminar on “Lifelong Education for Youth and Nation Building”
- International Yoga Day celebrated at Magadh University, Bodh Gaya in the month of June.
- An “Exchange of Views” programme on January 15, 2023.
- 74th Republic Day Celebrated
- International Bodh Mahotsav at Bodh Gaya on January 27-29, 2023.



### (ii) IAEA Kerala State Branch

Kerala State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation and Kerala Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi organized a seminar at Kerala Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi Conference Hall, Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram on 8th September 2023.

### (iii) IAEA Madhya Pradesh State Branch



The Madhya Pradesh State Branch of IAEA organized a series of Career Counselling Seminars entitled “Shiksha, Sanskar aur Safalta” at different schools of Mhow in order to provide authentic information about various important institutions in the country and the details of the admission process adopted by them.

Some of the prominent programmes were as follows:

#### Career Counselling Seminars

1. On September 11, 2023 at Shree Academic Vidyalaya, Village Kodariya.
2. On September 20, 2023 at Jai Govind Gopinath Senior Secondary Vidyalaya, Mhow
3. On September 25, 2023 at Christina Convent Senior Secondary School, Shanti Nagar

#### Free Distribution of Books by Vatsalaya

Vatsalaya located at Asha Kala Kendra, Mhow organized a free book distribution programme on July 26, 2023 at C.B. Girls Senior Secondary School, Mhow in which more than 180 students of class 3rd to 8th coming from 9 schools, including government as well as private, received free books and registers.



## Bal Mahotsav



The 43rd Bal Mahotsav organized under the aegis of Bal Mahotsav Samiti, Mhow commenced with the inaugural function held at the Statue of Pt. Nehru located at the Dreamland Chouraha on November 14, 2023. It was presided over by Shri Radheshyam Biyani while Shri Jai Singh Panwar, Principal, Shri Jai Govind Gopinath, Senior Secondary School was the Chief Guest. The function was graced by the presence of Shri Suresh Khandelwal.

As part of this celebration two major programmes – Solo Dance Competition and Rangoli Making Competition were organized for the Primary and Madhyamik level students respectively.

## XI. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

M/s. Jain R. Gupta and Associates, Chartered Accountant audited the accounts of Indian Adult Education Association for the year 2022-23 which was scrutinized and approved by the Executive Committee held on December 13, 2023 at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

## XII. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADULT AND LIFELONG EDUCATION (IIALE)

### (i) James Draper Memorial Lecture 2023

Prof. James A. Draper was very closely associated with IAEA for a long time. As a Life Member of the Association he took special interest in strengthening adult education as a discipline of study and field of practice through lectures, researches and publications. He was not only instrumental in setting –up the first University Department of Adult Education in India at the University of Rajasthan but continued to visit India regularly and maintained his links with Indian Adult Educators. In view of the close ties of Draper with India and his contribution to the field of adult education, the Association decided to honour him by instituting an Annual Memorial Lecture in the year 2002. However, the first James Draper Memorial Lecture was organized in the year 2005 followed by the second in 2008, third in 2009, fourth in 2014 and the fifth in the year 2015.

The sixth James Draper Memorial Lecture was organized on December 4,



2023 at Conference Hall, IAEA, New Delhi. The lecture entitled “Letting No One Behind: the Importance of Five Capitals of Learning in Reflexive Modernity” was delivered by Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama, Director, Adult Continuing Education @ University College Cork, Ireland and the Chair of ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub which is an official network for University Cooperation in Lifelong Learning Research between Asia and Europe. Organized by the International Institute of Adult & Lifelong Education this annual academic venture was attended by many eminent academicians and scholars from different universities.

Presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, New Delhi and former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling, the programme was attended by many eminent academicians including Dr. L. Mishra,



former DG, NLMA & former Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, GOI; Prof. K. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute Of Educational Planning And Administration (NIEPA); Prof. Rajesh, Head, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi; Dr. Soren Ehlers, Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Addl. Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA, Dr. A. Mathew, Editorial Consultant IJAE & former Senior Fellow &, NIAE; Dr. Mridula Seth, Vice President, The Richmond Fellowship Society (India) Delhi Branch; Dr. Anita Dighe, Director, Faculty of Distance Education at Hingiri Nabh Vishwavidyalaya, Dehradun, Uttarakhand; Smt. Nishat Farooq, former Director, SRC, JMI; Prof. Anita Priyadarshini, Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, IGNOU, Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of ACEE, University of Delhi.

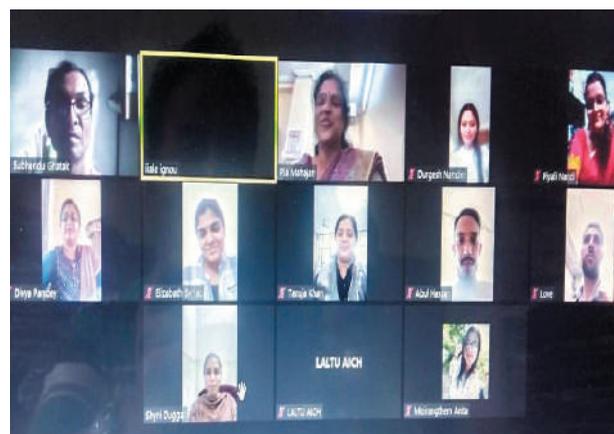
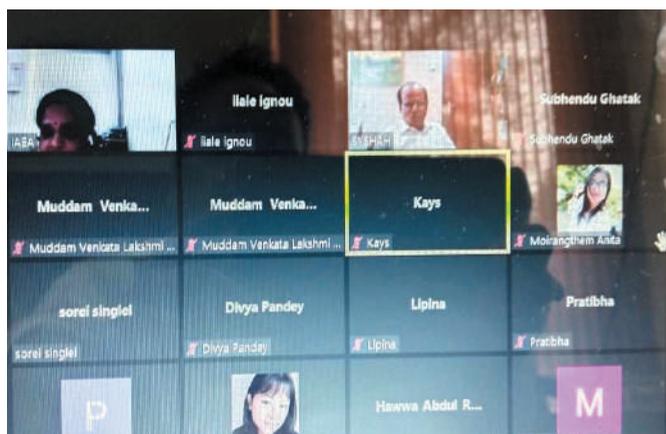
At the very outset Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama was introduced by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. She not only highlighted the academic journey of Prof. Tuama but also underlined the major interventions made by him towards the furtherance of adult and lifelong learning in Asian and European countries. Thereafter, Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Learning and former



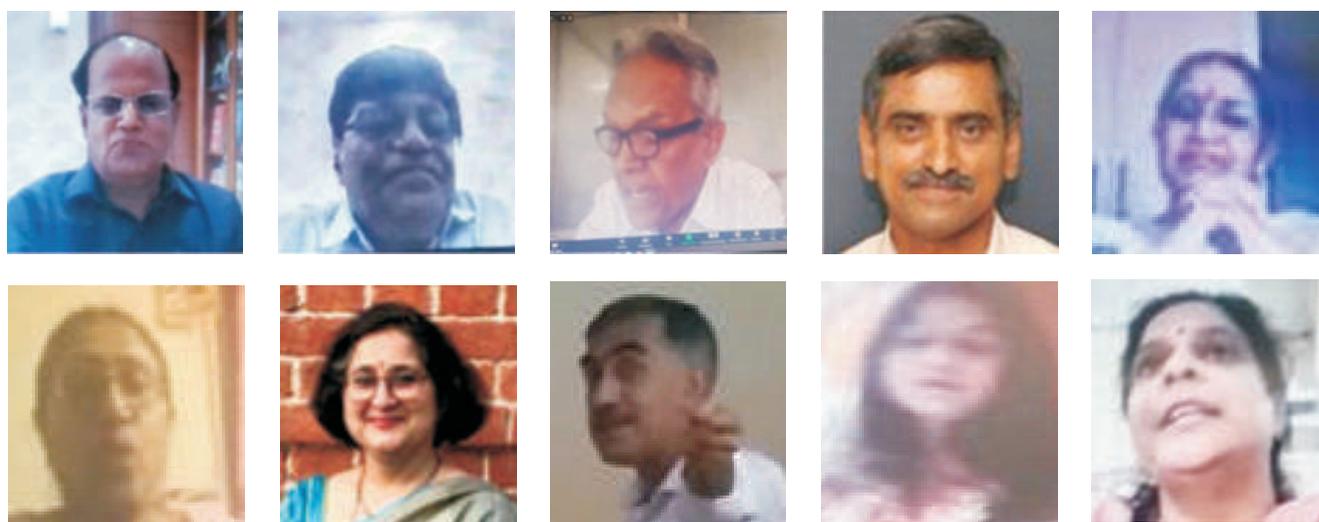
Professor, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi detailed in brief the contributions of James A. Draper and some of the memorable chapters of his association with luminaries of adult education in India specially those associated with the Indian Adult Education Association. Prof. Shah also highlighted the profound vision that Draper had for the evolution of adult and lifelong learning in India. He said that James A. Draper was very particular about documenting his visits in India and the core content of his interaction with academicians here. It is definitely a challenging task for the young scholars pursuing research in the field of adult and lifelong learning

to read, decipher the message and utilize it properly in their research work.

## (ii) IIALE IGNOU Study Centre conducted Online Workshop



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





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

1. Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) & former Professor JNU, New Delhi.
2. Prof. Rajesh, Professor & Head, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
3. Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Additional Director, DAE & former Director, IAEA.
4. Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Associate Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
5. Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, Assistant Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi.
6. Dr. Uma Devi, Reader, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
7. Dr. Aparna Khanna, Associate Professor, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
8. Dr. Vandana Sisodia, Assistant Professor, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
9. Dr. Vivek Nagpal, Senior Consultant, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), New Delhi.
10. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Programme In-charge, IGNOU Study Centre & In-charge Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
11. Shri M.L. Sharma, Deputy Director, IAEA, New Delhi.
12. Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
13. Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA, New Delhi.
14. Dr. Deepak Goswami, Research Officer (Social), National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6), GoI.

15. Shri Nitish Anand, Research Scholar & Guest Faculty, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
16. Shri Rohit Nainwal, Consultant, Cell for National Centre for Literacy, NCERT, New Delhi.
17. Ms. Arunima Chauhan, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult and Lifelong Education, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
18. Ms. Pratibha, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.
19. Shri Letginlen DOUNGEL, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Adult Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi.

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

### **(iii) IGNOU TEE June 2023**

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



The June 2023 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU commenced on June 1, 2023 and continued till July 7, 2023, was successfully conducted by the IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P) under the guidance of Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor and Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE. Prior to the examinations an online orientation programme was conducted by IGNOU on May 30, 2023 which was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with all the members of the study centre and invigilators. This helped them to understand the modified rules and regulations to be followed during the examinations. Accordingly, detailed arrangements were made for ensuring smooth conduct of the examinations. In this spell of the examination a total of 6438 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this centre out of which 5337 students finally appeared for their examinations. As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance, relevant photographs and video clippings of all the examination halls were also sent to the concern officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. The entire team of IAEA made special effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the Centre Superintendent Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and the Observers from IGNOU. To keep the things going smoothly both the Director, Prof. S.Y.Shah and the Visitor Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Former Chairman, NIOS also visited the examination centre a couple of times.



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

#### **(iv) International Yoga Day – 2023 by IIALE**

Joining hands with the global community celebrating “Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” IIALE too observed the 9th International Yoga Day in collaboration with IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi 2 on June 21, 2023 in which all the



participants practiced yoga under the guidance of the Guest Speaker Dr. Ayush Chandra. Along with the members of staff of RC 2, IGNOU the programme was participated by Dr. Kanan Sharma, Regional Director, IGNOU and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Joint Registrar, IIALE.

The event began with a brief introduction on Yoga Day by Dr. Meena Singh ARD, RC Delhi II. Thereafter, Dr. Kanan Sharma spoke about the importance of Yoga to keep people fit and fine in their day to day life. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik welcomed and introduced Dr. Ayush Chandra who was not only a certified Yoga teacher and renowned Dibeologist but also a social activist associated with the Art of Living. The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Rita Chauhan, ARD, RC Delhi 2.



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### XIII. READING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (RAI)

#### (i) International Symposium organized by RAI



A day long International Symposium on the theme “Reading the Word, Reading the World” was organized by the Reading Association of India (RAI) in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) on April 5, 2023 at the IICP auditorium, Taratalla, Kolkata. Around 46 students, both challenged and normal, from various schools including IICP, Taratolla, Vidya Bharati School, Mominpur, Bidya Bharati Girls’ High School, New Alipore, Shree Sambhusadan School, West Barisha, Vidya Mandir, Behala, and Alphabet School, New Town participated in the programme. The symposium attempted to present a model programme which could be replicated across the country for boosting reading habits among youths whether they are in schools or dropouts. Along with the representatives of various Universities the symposium was also attended by Dr. Khaleda Gani Dutt of Stockholm University, Sweden. The symposium was addressed by Dr. Sudha Kaul, Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Dr. L. Raja, President, Dr. V. Reghu, EC Member, IAEA, Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, President, RAI and Sonali Nandi, Chief Operating Officer of IICP.

## XIV. VISITORS

### **Prof. (Dr.) Ajimon George and Dr. Hari**

Prof. (Dr.) Ajimon George, Principal and Dr. Hari, Director, Extension and Lifelong Learning, Marian College, Kuttikkanam visited IAEA on October 20, 2023 and had a detailed discussion with Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, IIALE and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.



### **Smt. Nishat Farooq**

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



### **Prof. J.S. Rajput**

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



### **Representatives of Noida Lok Manch**

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



on the lines of upcoming dimensions of adult and lifelong education. On this occasion the representatives of Noida Lok Manch assured to provide logistical support for field trials related to such projects.

## XV. OBITUARY

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



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



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



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

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

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



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



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



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



**Prof. Velagacherla Lakshmi Narasa Reddy**, Formerly Director & Professor of Adult & Continuing Education, Sri Venketeswara University, Tirupati left this world for heavenly abode on February 28, 2023. His association with Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi started way back on October 28, 1972 when he became a Life Member.



**Shri J. L. Sacheva**, former Director of IAEA breathed his last on February 13, 2023 at his residence in Delhi. He joined the Association way back in the year 1963 as Documentation Officer and served IAEA both as Deputy Director (April 1983 – December 1985) and Director (January 1986-1999). Later on in March 1976 he became the Life Member of the Association.



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

To conclude I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Associate Secretaries and members of the Executive Committee, Council & General Body and Chairpersons of the State Branches for all the support.

I take this opportunity to express my indebtedness to Mata Amritanandmayi Devi "Amma", the iconic spiritual leader and founder of Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri, Kollam, Kerala for her blessings extended to IAEA. It's my proud privilege to thank Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry who kindly graced the Inaugural Function of the 64th All India Adult Education Conference as Chief Guest and enlightened the participants with her visionary words.

I also thank Swami Ajamritananda Puri, Mata Amritanandamay Math; Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, all the faculty members and specially the staff and students of Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for the successful organization of the 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Mata Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore. I thank Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore for collaborating with IAEA while conducting the conference.

I also express my gratitude towards eminent academician Prof. K. Ramachandran, Advisor, Africa-India Institute of Educational Planning & Administration & Chairman of the Focus Group on Adult Education (NEP, 2020), National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) and a key member involved in the drafting of the National Education Policy 2020 for delivering 29th Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture; Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder President of PRIA & Co-Chair, UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education for the Keynote Address delivered in the 64th AIAEC in hybrid mode and Prof. Séamus Ó Tuama, Director, Adult Continuing Education @ University College Cork, Ireland and the Chair of ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub which is an official network for University Cooperation in Lifelong Learning Research between Asia and Europe for delivering James A. Draper Memorial Lecture.

My thanks are to the Officers of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India; Officials of Planning Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi; NCERT, Professors/Directors of University Departments of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension/Lifelong Education, SRCs, JSSs, NGOs for their continued cooperation to IAEA.

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1.	Smt. Kalpana Kaushik	Director
2.	Shri Murari Lal Sharma	Deputy Director (Finance)
3.	Shri Rajesh Choudhary	Deputy Director
4.	Smt. Neha Gupta	Librarian-Cum-Documentation Officer
5.	Shri B. Sanjoy	Research Officer
6.	Shri Kripal Singh Mehra	Programme Associate
7.	Shri Vinay Chhetri	Senior Assistant
8.	Shri Jai Bhagwan	Assistant
9.	Shri Surender Singh Yadav	Caretaker
10.	Shri Ravi Subramani	Multipurpose Worker
11.	Shri Bittoo	Multipurpose Worker
12.	Shri Kishore Kumar	Multipurpose Worker



*“If the 540 million youth work with the spirit “I can do it,” “We can do it” and “India can do it” nothing can stop India from becoming a developed country.”*

**– APJ Abdul Kalam**  
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