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“Education is a means not only for individual empowerment but for national development as well.”

– *Droupadi Murmu*
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Dear Friends,

Standing at the cusp of a new year, I welcome you to the Annual Report 2024 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. At the same time 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.

The importance of adult education has always been emphasised and reiterated almost in all the major education policies brought out by the Government of India. Be it Education Commission (1964-1966), National Policy on Education - 1968, New Education Policy – 1986, Plan of Action on NEP - 1992 or the National Education Policy - 2020.

Education Commission popularly called Kothari Commission recognized the need for adult literacy and vocational training programs to enhance national development, productivity, and social integration. The recommendations of this commission lead to the formulation of National Adult Education Programme (NAEP) which was launched on 2nd October 1978 and aimed to increase literacy, enhance civic efficiency, improve vocational skills, promote social and national integration, accelerate modernisation and strengthen democratic values. The focus there was on eradicating illiteracy among adults of the age group 15-35 years.

Later on, the National Policy on Education - 1986 with its Programme of Action (PoA) too recognised the importance of adult education in India, aiming to reduce disparities and promote social and economic development. Consequently, to translate the vision into action, the National Literacy Mission was launched in 1988 providing functional literacy to the 15-35 age group with emphasis on women, Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Castes (SC) and other marginalised groups. Saakshar Bharat programme too was launched in 2009 to accomplish the goals put forth by NLM, however, it was not a nationwide programme. Saakshar Bharat programme was targeted to cover districts with low female literacy rates, as well as left-wing extremism affected areas.

The term “Adult Education” has appeared not less than twenty-two times in the National Education Policy 2020. Part III of the policy has dedicated a separate chapter on “Adult Education and Lifelong Learning” under the title “Other Key Areas of Focus” which outlines, the hardship a non-literate member of the society would be facing in the absence of (a) foundational literacy and numeracy; (b) critical life skills (including financial literacy, digital literacy, commercial skills, health care and awareness, child care and education, and family welfare); (c) vocational skills development (with a

view towards obtaining local employment); (d) basic education (including preparatory, middle, and secondary stage equivalency); and (e) continuing education (including engaging holistic adult education courses in arts, sciences, technology, culture, sports, and recreation, as well as other topics of interest or use to local learners, such as more advanced material on critical life skills). While emphasising the adoption of innovative measures for Adult Education, the policy acknowledges that adults in many cases will require rather different teaching-learning methods and materials than those designed for children.

From NAEP to Saakshar Bharat and now ULLAS, each flagship programme of the Government of India has contributed successively in enhancing the literacy rate of India and thereby giving a renewed boost to empower the people at the grassroots level. This entire movement needed huge academic support in terms of policy research, situational analysis, impact evaluation and of course providing training to a large number of adult education functionaries across the country. Academia including universities, institutions, voluntary sector associations, thus played a pivotal role to this effect. Simultaneous efforts made by the academia was also targeted to establish adult education as a distinguish field of teaching-learning in higher education. IAEA took pioneering steps to bring together various stakeholders including adult education functionaries, academia and policy makers for the cause. The movement, thus created could generate a very assertive impact. To our reference, at times there were more than 100 universities in the country where Adult, Continuing and Extension Education centres were established and running in full swing. It's certainly a matter of concern that in the era of lifelong learning the number of universities based Adult Continuing and Extension centres are slowly and gradually shrinking year after year.

IAEA being a national body dedicated to the cause of empowerment of people through furtherance of educational need of the country, specifically in the wider domain of adult, continuing and extension education is committed to analyze and understand the perspective and reasons behind so that effective strategies for advocacy and engagement can be evolved and implemented.

Government of India has changed the nomenclature for the recent flagship programme in the field of adult education as Education For All (EFA) in view of expanding the horizons of the programme New India Literacy Programme (NILP) popularly known as ULLAS. This change of nomenclature has created a sense of confusion among the teachers, learners and practitioners of adult and lifelong learning. I would like to make it clear that while IAEA is committed to extend its full support to make ULLAS and programme like UNNAT Bharat a success, it is also concerned about nurturing and promoting the very idea of grooming adult, continuing and extension as a distinguish field of learning and teaching in higher education.

Late K. C. Choudhary sahib was also an ardent votary of this idea and used to make concerted effort for motivating universities to open adult, continuing and extension centres. I hope that we all associated with IAEA will keep no stone unturned to promote this cause.

As a nation we envision to manifest the vision of Viksit Bharat i.e. Developed India by the year 2047 when India will be celebrating the centenary of its independence.

Enhancing the quality of life of each of our citizens through opting lifelong learning as a matter of practice is a definite key to it. 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 following heads:

- I. Programmes Planned and Organized by IAEA
- II. IAEA Skill Training Centre and Extension Activities
- III. Certificate Course in Library Science
- IV. Executive Committee Meetings
- V. Research and Evaluation
- VI. Publications
- VII. Library and Documentation Centre
- VIII. Participation of the Members of Staff in Programmes Organized by other Institutions /Organizations/ Agencies
- IX. Audit and Accounts
- X. IAEA Website (<http://iaea-india.in/>)
- XI. State Branches
- XII. International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education
- XIII. Reading Association of India
- XIV. Visitors
- XV. Obituary

I. Programmes Planned and Organized by IAEA

IAEA Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards Announced (2021-2023)

In a meeting held on January 17, 2024 the jury while recognizing the outstanding contributions made by men and women of eminence in the field of adult education and literacy, announced the names of the recipients of prestigious Nehru Literacy Awards and Tagore Literacy Awards for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The names of the recipients of the IAEA Lifetime Achievement Award and IAEA Special Award for the year 2023 were also announced on the same day. The recipients were as follows:

Nehru Literacy Award

2021: Dr. Madan Singh, former Director of State Resource Centre, Lucknow & former General Secretary, IAEA



2022: Shri Shiv Kumar, Chartered Accountant associated with Gandhigram Trust, Tamil Nadu



2023: Md. Akram Khan, Jail Superintendent, Fatehpur District Jail, Uttar Pradesh



Tagore Literacy Award

2021: The Wanging Women and Girls Society, Thoubal, Manipur



2022: Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, former Professor and Controller of Examinations, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu



2023: Dr. Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu



IAEA Lifetime Achievement Award- 2023

Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi



IAEA Special Award - 2023

Ms. Ranjana Ray, Founder Member/Secretary, Dr. A.V. Baliga Memorial Trust, New Delhi



International Women's Day Celebration at IAEA

Two different programmes were organized at IAEA Headquarters to celebrate the International Women's Day on March 8, 2024 - Sharing of Learners' Opinion and IGNOU RC 2 International Women's Day Celebration. The first one focussed on providing space to learners to express their views on women empowerment while the second emphasized discussion on the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress".

Sharing of Learners' Opinion

IAEA witnessed a heartfelt celebration of International Women's Day in its office, where the members of staff gathered to share their perspectives on women empowerment. Each participant reflected on personal experiences and memorable incidents that shaped their views towards creating an egalitarian society. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director of IAEA, advocated for collective efforts both in personal and social spheres to advance women's rights and equality.

IGNOU RC 2 International Women's Day Celebration

A discussion on the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress" was also organized at IAEA Conference Hall jointly by IGNOU RC 2 and IAEA. The programme was participated by Dr. Amit Shrivastava, In-charge Director and all the Assistant Directors-Dr. Shyni Duggal, Dr. Meena Singh, Dr. Rita Chauhan and Dr. Aatur Rehman. Prof. Lokesh Gupta from Mata Sundri College and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director of IAEA also graced the event and shared their views on women empowerment.



National Seminar on Multi Stakeholders Partnership for Sustainable Rural Development

A National Seminar on Multi Stakeholders Partnership for Sustainable Rural Development was organized jointly by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi; Vaaname Yellai Charitable Trust, Chennai and the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI on March 26-27, 2024 at GRI – Deemed to be University. This seminar was focused on discussing the existing forms of partnership among various organizations working in the rural areas. Apart from the Inaugural and



Valedictory sessions there were six technical sessions in the two-day seminar in which participants had detailed discuss on six major aspects of the theme –‘Corporate Social Responsibility’; ‘Partnership with Alumni of GRI’; ‘Partnership among Panchayat, NGO and CBO’; ‘Partnership for Sustainable Rural Development’; ‘Technology, Education and Learning for Partnership’ and ‘Sectoral Aspects of Partnership’.

Inaugural Session

Held at the Silver Jubilee Hall, GRI on March 26, 2024, the Inaugural Session began with rendering a prayer song by Dr. S. Gnanasaranya. Thereafter, a warm welcome was extended to all the participants by Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head and Seminar Director, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI. The proceeding of the seminar was started with the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. L. Rathakrishnan, Registrar-in-charge, GRI - DTBU, Gandhigram. The inaugural address was delivered by



Dr. K. Parthasarthy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai who said that multi-stakeholders partnership would be creating a win-win situation for all the partners in the context of rural development. Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri



K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Shri Rajesh, Managing Trustee, Vaaname Yellai Charitable Trust, Chennai also shared their opinion on the occasion.

Two books, one entitled “Stakeholders in School Development: Study in Rural Tamil Nadu” written by Dr. P. Dharmaraj and Dr. R. Venkataravi was released by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy and other entitled “Gender Based Violence among Rural Women” authored by Dr. M. Eswari and Dr. R. Venkataravi was released by Dr. K. Parthasarthy. The session was concluded with the Vote of Thanks extended by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA, New Delhi.

The first technical session was chaired by Dr. K. Ravichandran, Professor, Cooperative Management, GRI while Dr. M. Anandhan, Guest Faculty, GRI was the Rapporteur. The



second technical session was chaired by Dr. G. Vedanthadesikan, Director, Centre for Rural Development, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu and the Rapporteur was Dr. S. Rajangam, Guest Faculty, GRI. Remaining 4 sessions were chaired respectively by Dr. P. Ananadarajakumar, Professor and Head, Department of Rural Development, GRI; Dr. S. Rajendran, Professor, Economics, GRI; Prof. Muthumanickam, (Retd), University of Madras and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA, New Delhi. Altogether 15 papers were presented in the technical sessions.

Valedictory Session

In the valedictory session Certificates of Participation were handed over by Dr. K. Parthasarthy, Dr. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Dr. A. Balakrishnan, Dr. L. Raja, Dr. R. Venkataravi, Dr. A. Rajesh and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik. Thereafter, the Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. A. Balakrishnan, Dean, School of Health Sciences



and Rural Development, GRI. A book entitled "ICT Tools for Vocational Skill Development Programme" authored by Dr. M. Sankaramurthy, Dr. L. Raja and Dr. R. Venkataravi was also released jointly by Dr. P. Adinarayana Reddy and Dr. K. Parthasarthy. The Vote of Thanks was given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

IAEA Collaboration with DU for Unnat Bharat Initiative

A team from DACEE, University of Delhi comprising Prof. Rajesh, former Head along with Dr. Gita Mishra, Associate Professor visited IAEA on April 18, 2024 and had detailed discussion with Prof. S. Y. Shah, Vice President and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA on the



Unnat Bharat initiative. A plan was developed for undertaking joint activities under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, University of Delhi by DACEE and IAEA in Anna Nagar slum area and other such communities. Consequently, on May10, 2024, a delegation from the Department of Education & Extension (DCEE) visited the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA). The visit was marked by discussions on numerous opportunities for students, including placements and an upcoming conference in which Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director, IIALE, Prof. Rajesh, Senior Professor, DACEE, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA and Dr. Kumar Ashutosh, Associate Professor, DACEE shared their opinion.

IAEA Delegation Visited Gandhigram Trust

A delegation from the Association comprising Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director visited Gandhigram Trust to meet octogenarian Shri K. Shivakumar, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust, Dindigul on March 28, 2024. The delegation apprised Shri K. Shivakumar with the decision of conferring prestigious Nehru Literacy Award for the year 2022 to him.



Meeting to Explore Innovative Strategies for Literacy Movement

A meeting was convened jointly by the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) and

Ms. Mamta Mishra, former staff of the World Literacy of Canada (an organization which has become defunct now) on February 20, 2024 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi which was addressed by Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor; Prof. S.Y.Shah, Vice President, IAEA; Dr. Naseem Shah



and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. Attempt was made to explore innovative strategies to address literacy challenges in present scenario specifically the progress made under NILP.

IAEA Office Bearers attended the Superannuation Function of Prof. L. Raja

Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA was superannuated from Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram at the age of 65. Consequently, a post send-off party was organized on March 29, 2024 at Vivera Hotel, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu in his honour. The party was graced by the presence of Padma Bhusan Awardee Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan and participated by Shri K. C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA, Dr N. Markandan, former Vice-Chancellor and Prof. G. Palanidurai (Retd).



IAEA Delegation met Padma Bhushan Awardee Krishnammal Jagannathan

The visiting delegation of IAEA was also called on by Krishnammal Jagannathan, a recipient of Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian Award. The delegation



comprising Shri K.C.Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA met Krishnammal at her residence on March 30, 2024 and discussed in details on a number of pertinent issues related to adult and lifelong education and up-liftment of people residing at the fringe of socio-economic development circle. During the discussion Krishnammal shared in brief, the major turning points as well as achievements which paved the pathway of development for a large number of men and women coming from disadvantaged section of society.

Shri M. L. Sharma's sent off party

A farewell party was organized on May 30, 2024 in the honour of Shri Murari Lal Sharma, Deputy Director (Finance), IAEA which was graced by the presence of Shri K.C Choudhary, Chief Advisor, Prof. L. Raja, President, Prof. S. Y. Shah and Prof. Rajesh, Vice Presidents, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Member EC and many well-known personalities from adult education fraternity.



Meeting to Assess the Preparedness for 65th AIAEC

A meeting was convened on July 19, 2024 at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalay, Abu Road, Rajasthan to assess the overall preparedness for the 65th All India Adult Education Conference scheduled to be held on January 9-11, 2025 at Manmohini Van, Talheti, Abu Road, Rajasthan. It was attended by some of the key members of the organizing team including Dr.Pandiamani,



Director, Value Education and Ms. Bhagyalaxmi, Nodal Officer from Braham Kumaris, Abu Road and Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor; Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director from the Indian

Adult Education Association, New Delhi.

National Seminar on Pathway for the Transformation of Higher Education

The Association came forward to collaborate with the Women's Studies Centre, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visva Vidyalayam (SPMVV) and the Department of Education, S.V.



University, Tirupati to organise a national seminar on "NEP 2020: Pathway for the Transformation of Higher Education" on July 17-18, 2024 at Saveri Seminar Hall, SPMVV. The seminar in which 43 papers were presented in five technical sessions was attended by more than 80 scholars. Along with inaugural and valedictory sessions there were four panel discussions which witnessed the graceful participation of Shri. K.C. Choudhary, Prof. L. Raja, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Dr. D. Uma Devi, Dr. Dinesh Kapadia, Prof. V. Reghu, Prof. Amudavalli, Prof. Rajesh, Prof. D. Bharathi, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and Prof. N. Rajani among the speakers. A souvenir highlighting important aspects of the national seminar was also released by the dignitaries.

The valedictory session began with the welcome address given by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik which was followed by a presentation summarizing the two-day seminar by Dr. D. Uma Devi. While introducing the Tirupati Declaration Dr. Uma also outlined the key recommendations for sustaining Adult and Continuing Education and Women's Studies Centres. The seminar was concluded with a vote of thanks extended by Prof. Rajesh and Dr. D. Uma Devi.



Orientation Programme for Interns at IAEA

An orientation programme was organized on July 4, 2024 at the IAEA Headquarters for three scholars Ms. Tanya Adwani, Ms. Ankita and Ms. Mehakpreet Kaur from the Department of Adult, Continuing and Extension Education, University of Delhi. The

programme began with the introductory note given by Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education followed by a detailed discussion with Prof. Rajesh, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik and Shri B. Sanjoy on the way interns should engage them with the activities of IAEA.



International Literacy Day

On the eve of International Literacy Day 2024, the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) hosted a special event on 5th September 2024 at its premises in New Delhi to celebrate the inspiring journey of neo-literate women from the Arpana Trust, Gautampuri, Delhi. The programme was addressed by Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA and Dr. Mridula Seth, a Life Member of IAEA who is also the Vice President of



the Richmond Fellowship Society India, Delhi branch. An English Primer, published by Aseem Library was also launched on the occasion. The programme was concluded with the thanks extended by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director of IAEA.

Homage to Late Shri K.C. Choudhary

A condolence meeting was organized on September 27, 2024 at IAEA Headquarters to pay tribute to Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, IAEA who left this worldly life on September 14, 2024 at his residents at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. The veteran adult educationists Shri Choudhary was synonymous to the presence of the Association at any forum be it national or international and hence reach tributes were offered by individuals and institutions from across India and other countries. The condolence meeting at IAEA witnessed the presence of people of eminence including Prof. N.K.Ambasht, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Smt. Varsha Das, Shri K.K. Sethi, Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Dr. V. Mohankumr, Dr. A. Mathew, Dr. Ramakrishana Sura, Prof. Rajesh, Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Prof. J.P.Dubey, Prof. Anita Priyadarshini,



Prof. Shikha Kapur, Shri Mrinal Pant, Shri Dinesh Dubey, Shri Ramesh Gupta and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik with the members of staff of IAEA.

II. IAEA SKILL TRAINING CENTRE

Skill Training Centre visited by Smt. Nishat Farooq

Smt. Nishat Farooq, former Director, State Resource Centre, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi visited the IAEA Skill Training Centre on February 19, 2024. She was accompanied by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA. Both of them interacted with the beneficiaries to know about the quality of training and their expectations. All the beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction with the training imparted.



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Holi Celebrated at IAEA Skill Centre

Holi, the festival of colours was celebrated by the learners of IAEA Skill Training Centre with great enthusiasm and festivity. The celebration began with a brief speech on International Women Day given by Ms. Deepshikha and Ms. Sanna which was followed by energetic dance performance by Ms. Komal. The learners also enacted a



short play highlighting general perception towards women education, liberty and their ability to raise questions against traditional mindset of patriarchal society. A group dance was also performed by Ms. Kajal, Ms. Priyanka, Ms. Komal and Ms. Aarti which amused all the participants. Thereafter, the learners and the members of the staff of IAEA put colours and wished Happy Holi to each other. The programme was concluded with the well wishes given by Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA.

Officials of IAEA and IGNOU - RC Delhi 2 visited Anna Nagar

Prior to the International Women Day a team of senior officials of IGNOU, RC2 including Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director I/c, Shri Arun Kumar, Deputy Registrar, Dr. Meena Singh and Dr. Rita Chauhan, Assistant Regional Directors along with Shri B. Sanjoy,



Research Officer, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and Shri Surendra Singh Yadav, Caretaker, IAEA conducted a visit in the Anna Nagar Slum area on March 6, 2024. The initiative was targeted to motivate youths as well as adults in the locality for enrolling themselves in suitable courses offered by IGNOU. Many students expressed desire to enhance their level of academic attainment.



Mental Wellbeing Counselling at IAEA Skill Centre

A mental well-being counselling session was organized by IAEA Skill Centre on June 3, 2024 in which a face to face counselling programme with Ms. Meena Rawat, a Psychologist by profession, was organized for the beneficiaries. Addressing the concerns of the participants Prof. L. Raja, President IAEA, assured support for their holistic development and economic self-reliance. Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, IAEA also interacted with the beneficiaries.



IAEA observed World Mental Health Day

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2024 IAEA organized a Mental Health Awareness Programme for the marginalized communities residing in the localities surrounding ITO, Delhi. Prior to the event, a mobilization cum awareness



generation drive was also conducted by the Members of Staff of IAEA including Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, Smt. Sonia Sharma, Trainer and Ms. Meena Rawat, Rehabilitation Psychologist, IAEA Skill Centre. Learners of the Centre also took part in the drive with lot of enthusiasm. The team conducted a door to door drive to inform and invite community members. Apart from IAEA's team the programme was participated by 27 residents including their children.

Global Media and Information Literacy Week

Promoting the cause of literacy IAEA celebrated Global Media and Information Literacy Week from October 24-31, 2024 at its Headquarters. As part of the celebration an awareness campaign was conducted in the nearby localities by a team of IAEA staff members comprising Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Senior Assistant and Ms. Meena Rawat, Rehabilitation Psychologist, IAEA Skill Centre. More than 50 families were approached and informed about



the importance of the day during the campaign. A play cum interactive workshop on "Reading Newspaper: Inculcating Reading Habit" was also organized on October 24, 2024 at IAEA office to promote reading habit among children.

Community Enrichment Programme by IAEA on World Toilet Day

Commemorating the World Toilet Day on November 19, 2024 a Community Enrichment Programme on the topic "Toilets – A Place for Peace" was organized by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi. A team of staff of IAEA including



Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Shri Vinay Chhetri, Senior Assistant; Shri Jai Bhagwan, Assistant; Shri Surinder Singh Yadav, Caretaker; Shri Bittoo and Shri Kishore, MTS along with Smt. Sonia Sharma, Trainer and Smt. Meena Rawat, Counsellor associated

with IAEA Skill Training Centre conducted an intense door-to-door awareness campaign. This mobilized a number of children from the community to whom hand-wash training was imparted while exhibiting the eight steps of “how to wash hands properly”. The programme was concluded with a soap given to each of the participants as a token of motivation.



III. 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 24 batches have successfully completed this course from this AVI. Two out of four students enrolled for the 23rd batch have successfully completed the course. All the three students enrolled for the 24th batch have given their final examinations, the result for which is yet to be announced.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee meeting of IAEA was held on July 17, 2024 at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visva Vidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja, President which was participated by 14 EC members. The EC approved the dates and venue for organizing the 65th All India



Adult Education Conference in collaboration with Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Manmohini Van Campus, Abu Road, Rajasthan on January 9-11, 2025. It also approved the Life Membership of IAEA for 25 individual members.

V. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Projects applied for:

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

1. Application for GIA for the Publication of IJAE - Publication and Research Survey Division, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi on January 18, 2024.
2. Financial assistance for organizing a national seminar on the theme – “Higher Education in the Context of New Education Policy 2020: Quality, Contours & Strategies” from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) on April 9, 2024.
3. Endline Evaluation (2025) - “Room to Read India” of the Early Grade Literacy Skills (EGLS) Assessment for Children to measure the impact of literacy scale-up programme intervention in Jodhpur District on October 28, 2024.
4. Registered IAEA with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for NGO Grants on September 4, 2024.
5. Proposal submitted on July 13, 2024 to the Union Bank of India for financial assistance for conducting Adult Literacy Classes in Rural Areas in six different/regional languages i.e. Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, and Bengali in six states.

Projects awarded:

1. Grant in Aid for the Publication of Indian Journal of Adult Education - Publication and Research Survey Division, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi on January 18, 2024.
2. Financial Assistance from the Union Bank of India got sanctioned to IAEA to conduct Adult Literacy Classes in Rural Areas in six different/regional languages i.e. Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, and Bengali.

VI. PUBLICATIONS

(i) Regular Publications

During the period four issues of IAEA Newsletters (January-March, April-June, July-

September and October-December 2024), two issue each of the Indian Journal of Adult Education (January-June and July-December 2024) and Proudh Shiksha (January-June and July-December 2024) were prepared, designed and got published.



(ii) Books

A Booklet dedicated to Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards (2021-2023), IAEA Special Award - 2023 and IAEA Lifetime Achievement Award - 2023 was also prepared, designed and published.



(iii) Brochure

A Conference Brochure for the 65th All India Adult Education Conference, Abu Road, Rajasthan was prepared, designed and published. It was also uploaded on IAEA Website.



(iv) Booklet

A Booklet on Keynote Address to be delivered in the 65th AIAEC and an Abstract Booklet including the details of all the 56 academic papers to be presented in the conference were also published.



VII. LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

Following work has been accomplished by the Library and Documentation Centre during the period January - December 2024:

1. The library has been re-established on the ground floor.
2. Compiled annotations for the IAEA Newsletter.
3. Compiled a comprehensive bibliography on "Lifelong Learning for Rural Transformation" for reference and research purposes.
4. Indexing and Digitalization of IAEA Publications:

Indexed and digitized IAEA publications, including books, documents, reports, and important letters, into PDF format for easier access.

The digitized publications were uploaded to the library website, making them accessible to users.

5. Binding of Publications:

Bound various important publications, such as the Indian Journal of Adult Education, the IAEA Newsletter, and the Proudth Shiksha 2023 Edition for preservation.

Bound IAEA meeting minutes (1981-2020) to ensure safe storage and easy access.

6. Reference Services:

Provided both online and offline reference services to readers and visitors.

Assisted in information and data retrieval upon request.

7. Data and Material Collection:

Actively collected research materials on topics including:

- o Adult Education/Education for All
- o New Education Policy 2020
- o Higher Education and Vocational Education
- o Lifelong Learning, Gender, Youth, Census, Skill Development, Women Empowerment, Health, Adolescence, Elderly, and Educational Research, etc.

8. Acquisition of New Documents on adult education and related fields to the library collection.

9. Entry of books into the accession register.

10. International and Local Visitor:

- i. Walker Jude, Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for the Adult Learning and Education Programme (ALE) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, visited the library.
- ii. Research scholars and readers from various universities visited the Amarnath Jha Library and Documentation Centre for academic purposes.

11. Regularly updated library data to keep it accurate, relevant, and accessible for all users.



VIII. PARTICIPATION OF THE MEMBERS OF STAFF IN PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS /ORGANIZATIONS/ AGENCIES

Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director

- Attended International Conference on Literacy, Communication and Lifelong Learning, Jadhavpur University, Kolkatta on January 12-13, 2024.

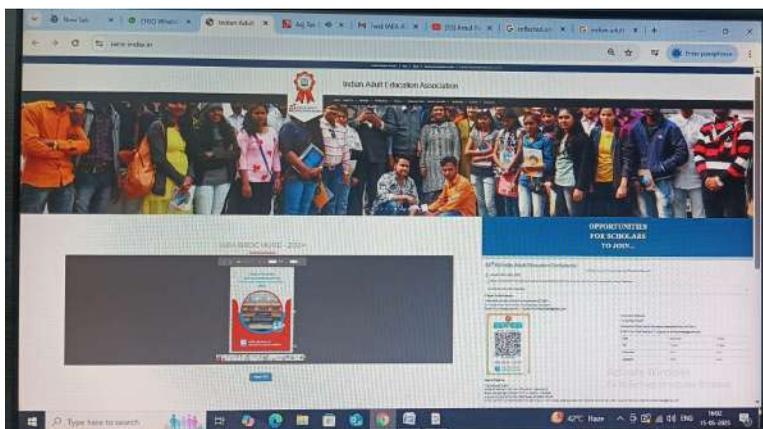
- Attended International Conference at University of Delhi on January 18, 2024.
- Participated in Ullas Mela at Bal Bhavan, New Delhi February 6, 2024.
- Participated in a discussion with Ms. Mamta Mishra, World Literacy of Canada at India Habitat Centre on February 20, 2024.
- Participated in a meeting held on February 21-23, 2024 at Institute of Education, University of Delhi organized for finalizing the Guidelines of CNCL, NCERT.
- Participated in Women's day celebration at RC 2, IGNOU on March 8, 2024.
- Participated in the National Conference on Multi Stakeholder Partnership for Sustainable Rural Development at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul on March 26-27, 2024.
- Attended ASPBAE' online meeting on Asia Pacific Regional Dialogue for the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE), April 30, 2024.
- Attended National Seminar at SPMVV, Tirupati on 17-18 July, 2024
- Attended a preparatory meeting for 65th AIAEC with Dr. Pandiamani, Chairperson, Value Education on July 20, 2024 at Brahma Kumaris, Abu Road, Rajasthan.

VI. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

- o M/s. Jain R. Gupta and Associates, Chartered Accountant audited the accounts of Indian Adult Education Association for the year 2023-24 which was scrutinized and approved by the Executive Committee held on July 17, 2024.
- o Prepared and got approved the Annual Budget for the year 2024-2025.

X. 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 Proudh



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 32000 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.

XI. STATE BRANCHES

(i) IAEA Bihar Chapter

Shri A. H. Khan Felicitated in the Gaya Book Fair 2024

Shri A. H. Khan, Associate Secretary, IAEA and Secretary Inter-faith Forum was felicitated by the Vande Maateram Yuva Manch in the Valedictory Function of the Book fair 2024 held at Gandhi Maidan Gaya on February 6, 2024. He was offered with a memento, shawl and the Certificate of Appreciation. Vande Maateram Yuva Manch, the main organizer of the month-long Book fair 2024 honoured Shri Khan in view of his valuable contribution in the socio-educational programmes being conducted in Gaya.



Seminar on Women Empowerment, Gaya

Shri A. H. Khan, Associate Secretary, IAEA attended a seminar on Women Empowerment held at PBKIVV, Gaya on the eve of International Women's Day March 7, 2024, at, Gaya, marking International Women's Day. The event was aimed at eradicating discrimination prevailing in the society.

(ii) IAEA Kerala State Branch

Seminar on Scope of Lifelong Learning after Adult Education Programmes

The Kerala State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Kerala Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi and Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation organised a seminar on "Scope of Lifelong Learning after Adult Education Programmes" at Trivandrum on June 1, 2024. The theme lecture of the conference was delivered by Prof. V. Reghu, Chairman, Kerala Branch while the welcome speech was given by Shri Harish Kumar S., Secretary.

(iii) IAEA Madhya Pradesh State Branch

Distribution of Work Book by Vatsalya

Vatsalya located at Asha Kala Kendra organized a free distribution of work book and stationary kit to nearly 160 students coming from disadvantaged section of society on July 3, 2024 in four different stages. The programme at C.B. Girls Senior Secondary School, Mhow was presided over by Shri Vimal Chandra Jain and graced by the presence of Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA.



Bal Mahotsav 2024

The 44th Bal Mahotsav was organized on November 14, 2024 under the aegis of Bal Mahotsav Samitito commemorate the birth anniversary of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and involve children in various competitive programmes. As part of the inaugural function a Bal Sabha and a Children Rally was organized which began from Ahilya Girls Higher Secondary School and culminated at the statue of Pt. Nehru at Dreamland. The Mahotsav was concluded with the gala Prize Distribution Ceremony held



at the auditorium of Shri Jai Govind Gopinath Senior Secondary School in which 98 students coming from 20 different schools who participated in 17 sorts of competitions were awarded with beautiful prizes. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest Dr. B. P. Shukla, Dean, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Mhow; Shir Jai Singh Pawar, Principal, Jai Govind Gopinath School; Shri Manish Saxena, Principal, Ekayanaa School, Rau Campus and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, President, Bal Mahotsav Samiti and General Secretary, IAEA.

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

TEE December 2023



December 2023 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU which commenced on December 1, 2023 and continued till January 9, 2024, was successfully conducted

by the IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P) under the guidance of Prof. S. Y. Shah, Director and Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE. Prior to the examinations an online orientation programme was conducted by IGNOU on November 28, 2023 which was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with the staff of the study centre and all the invigilators identified for conducting the exams. In this spell a total of 6669 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this centre out of which 5373 students finally appeared for their examinations. 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 officials from IGNOU.

TEE June 2024



The Term End Examination (TEE) for June 2024 at IGNOU commenced on June 7 and concluded on July 15, 2024, under the meticulous guidance of Prof. S. Y. Shah, Director, and Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE IGNOU Study Centre 29049(P). In this spell a total of 7311 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this centre out of which 5944 students finally appeared for their examinations. Elaborate and effective arrangements were made for the same under the supervision of the Centre Superintendent Smt. Kalpana Kaushik.

XIII. READING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

International Conference organized by IFSSR, Kolkata

An International Conference on “Education, Communication and Lifelong Learning : Thoughts and Ideas of Grundtvig, Tagore and Freire” was organized on January 12-13, 2024 at Dr. H. L. Roy Auditorium, Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata, West Bengal jointly by the International Forum for Studies in Society and Religion (IFSSR),



Kolkata, West Bengal; UNESCO Chair, Global Adult Education, University of Malta; Global Network for Folk High School Research, Norway; University of Kalyani, West Bengal; Grundtvig Academy, Denmark and the Reading Association of India. The inaugural session of the conference was addressed by Prof. Amitabha Datta, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University while Prof. Piyali Palit, Secretary, IFSSR delivered the welcome address. Presided over by Prof. Ashok Nath Basu, Former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University the conference was also addressed by Prof. Soren Ehlers, Emeritus Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi. The Valedictory Speech was delivered by Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, President, IFSSR and RAI while Prof. Mridul Bose extended the Vote of Thanks.

XIV. VISITORS

On February 9, 2024, Prof. (Dr.) Dhananjay Lokhande, former Director of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension at Savitribai Phule Pune University, visited IAEA. He discussed strategies with Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director, to advance adult and lifelong learning education in India, emphasizing NEP 2020-aligned programs for empowerment.

IAEA Welcomes Jude Walker

Associate Professor Jude Walker, serving as the Program Coordinator for the Adult Learning and Education Program (ALE) at the University of British Columbia (UBC), embarked on a significant but short visit to the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) on April 4, 2024.



The visit aimed to initiate discussions on potential collaborations between the two esteemed institutions and to explore the avenues for academic exchange.

During the visit, Professor Walker engaged in insightful discussions with Shri K.C. Choudhary, Chief Advisor, IAEA; Prof. S.Y. Shah, Director IIALE and Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director,



IAEA, focusing on synergizing their expertise in the field of adult education. Emphasis was placed on leveraging resources and knowledge to enhance educational practices and promote lifelong learning opportunities. As part of the visit, Associate Professor Walker had the privilege of touring the renowned Amarnath Jha Library and the IAEA Skill Training Centre (cutting and tailoring) at the IAEA Headquarters.

On November 28, 2024 Prof. Dhaneswar Harichandan, Senior Fellow, ICSSR, and former Professor-cum-Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai visited IAEA Headquarters at New Delhi and discussed some of the pertinent issues before lifelong learning in the light of NEP 2020 with Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and Shri A.H. Khan, Executive Member, IAEA.

XV. OBITUARY

Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair, former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, and Patron of the Dr. K. Sivadasan Pillai Foundation, passed away on January 1, 2024. He was a prominent figure in the field of adult and lifelong education in India, known for his vibrant contributions and connections with contemporary educators.

Shri Shiva Kumar, the Managing Trustee of Gandhigram Trust and the distinguished recipient of the Nehru Literacy Award 2022 left the world on August 17, 2024 for heavenly abode.



Prof. Sharav Kejriwal, former Professor, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi breathed his last on September 9, 2024 at his residence in Delhi.



Dr. A. M.Thampi, former Prof. & Head, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala breathed his last on October 16, 2024 at S. K. Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.



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, Late Shri K.C.Choudhary, the than Chief Advisor, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Joint Secretary, Associate Secretaries and members of the Executive Committee, Council, General Body, Chairpersons of the State Branches for all the support.

I wish to thank Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, a recipient of Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian Award for extending her blessings to the cause of women empowerment and adult and lifelong learning. Her blessings truly mean a lot for the Association.

I take this opportunity to express my indebtedness to Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalay, Abu Road, Rajasthan especially Dr. B.K. Mruthyunjaya Bhai, Executive Secretary & Chairperson, Education Wing, RERF and Dr. B.K.Pandiamani, Director, Value Education for their assurance to extend all-round support for organizing the 65th All India Adult Education Conference at Brahma Kumaris, Abu Road.

I also express my gratitude towards eminent academician Dr. K. Parthasarthy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai for delivering the Inaugural Address in the National Seminar on Multi Stakeholders Partnership for Sustainable Rural Development; Prof. Amitabha Datta, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Prof. Ashok Nath Basu, Former Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, and Prof. Soren Ehlers, Emeritus Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark for delivering lecture in the International Conference on "Education, Communication and Lifelong Learning : Thoughts and Ideas of Grundtvig, Tagore and Freire" organized in association with the Reading Association of India and Dr. Amit Shrivastava, In-charge Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2 for extending institutional support towards organizing developmental activities.

My thanks are to the Officers of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Professors/Directors of University Departments of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension/Lifelong Education, JSSs, NGOs for their continued cooperation to IAEA.

My sincere thanks are also due to Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE & former Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling, Prof. S.Y.Shah, Director, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, Smt. Kalpana Kaushik, Director and members of the staff of Indian Adult Education Association for all the quality work done.

(Suresh Khandelwal)

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