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

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



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

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

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

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

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Rajyogi BK Mruthyanjaya Bhai Inaugurated 65th AIAEC



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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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



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



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

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

NEHRU LITERACY AWARD



Dr. Madan Singh – 2021



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



Md. Akram Khan – 2023

TAGORE LITERACY AWARD



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



Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu – 2022



Dr. Kezevino Aram – 2023

IAEA SPECIAL AWARD



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

IAEA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



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

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

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



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

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

Awareness Generation Programme on Health and Education



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

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

Prof. Kumar Ashutosh Visited IAEA

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



श्रीमती कल्पना कौशिक को श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित



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



स्मृतियाँ साझा करते हुए उन्हें अश्रुपूरित श्रद्धांजलि दी।

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

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

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

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

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

विभिन्न सत्रों में वक्ताओं ने किया मंथन

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

प्रोफेसर एल. राजा एवं श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल का नागरिक अभिनंदन



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

IAEA Staff Meeting



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

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

Executive Committee Meeting



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

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

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



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

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

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



Keynote Address

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



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

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

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

Plenary –I

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

General Body and Executive Committee Meetings



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

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



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

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

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

Parallel Session - 1



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

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

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

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

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

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

Parallel Session - 2



Sub-Theme-2: Professional Development through LLL

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

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

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

Continuing Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.

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

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

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

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

Parallel Session - 3



Sub-Theme-3: Interdisciplinary Approach through Lifelong Learning

Sub-Theme-4: Lifelong Learning for Rural Transformation

Sub-Theme-5: Lifelong Learning and Secondary Education

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

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

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

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

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

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

Parallel Session - 4



Sub-Theme-6: Lifelong Learning in Higher Education

बीकानेर में आजीवन अधिगम एवं एक स्वास्थ्य विषय पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी



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

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



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



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

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

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

इससे पहले अतिथियों ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर सेमिनार का उद्घाटन तथा



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

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

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

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



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

IAEA welcomed Research Scholars from University of Würzburg, Germany

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



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

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

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

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

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

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

Sub-Theme-9: NGOs and Lifelong Learning

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

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

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

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

Parallel session - 6



Sub-Theme-10: Value Education in Lifelong Learning

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

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

Papers Presented:

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

Special session on "Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities"



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

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

Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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



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

– Prime Minister Narendra Modi on International Women's Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Ms. Parinita Batra
Ph.D. Research Scholar
DACEE

Ranjana Ray visited IAEA

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



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

Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion

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



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

Valedictory Session

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



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

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



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

Prof. B.K. Pandiamani, the Chief Guest in his Valedictory Address opined that "lifelong learning alone can help generations to acquire knowledge and skills and enable them to ensure enhancement in the quality of life". Referring to his own academic journey Prof. Pandiamani said



that it was due to the motivation of a lifelong learner he could successfully obtained more than 40 post-graduate degrees from universities and institutions of national and international repute. Society need to appreciate this scope and opportunity of lifelong learning and utilize it to the best of their capacity to fulfil their quest of learning and realize the dream of development. Both Brahma Kumaris and IAEA wish to contribute in the improvement of quality of life of people across the country. While Brahma Kumaris has a universal spiritual vision to help people to liberate them from all sort of anxieties, IAEA has a legacy of great adult educators and hence, together we can do wonder for the society.

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

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



1. Integrate Lifelong Learning Across Levels

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

2. Address Societal Needs

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

3. Leverage Technology for Learning

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

4. Strengthen Public Private Partnerships

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

5. Promote Value-Based Education

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

6. Focus on Professional and Social Development

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

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

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

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

Our Call to Action

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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UNION SAKSHAR - Adult Literacy Programme

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

Tamil Nadu



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

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

Kerala



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

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



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

Odisha

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