

Journey of Learning and Transformation with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)



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DISCOVER IAEA

Welcome to the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), an institution rooted in history and dedicated to the cause of adult education in India. Founded in 1939, IAEA's origins are a testament to the visionaries who were inspired by the likes of Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Dr. Zakir Husain, and other eminent leaders and thinkers. Our journey is intertwined with the evolution of adult education in India, and we invite you to explore our rich heritage and ongoing mission.



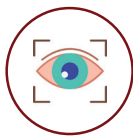
PIONEERING STEPS

The 1930s marked a pivotal era when adult education in India gained recognition and responsibility, thanks to the formation of popular ministries in various provinces of British India. The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) appointed an Adult Education Committee in 1938, emphasizing the importance of literacy- teacher's training, motivation of adults, and the use of audio-visual media. Provincial Adult Education Associations in Bombay Presidency, South India, and Bengal responded to these recommendations.

THE VISION TAKES SHAPE



However, the absence of a central coordinating body led to the birth of IAEA. Prof. J. B. Raju and Prof. Richardson, active members of the Adult Education Society of Delhi, took the initiative to explore the creation of such an organization. The first All India Adult Education Conference in Delhi in 1938 was instrumental in this endeavor, with Hon'ble Chief Justice Sir Shah Mohamed Sulaiman underscoring the need for a well-prepared, united approach to adult education in India.



FROM VISION TO REALITY

The conference resulted in the formation of a provisional committee, led by Hon'ble Justice Sir Shah Mohamed Sulaiman and Prof. H.B. Richardson. This committee laid the foundation for IAEA, which was officially established on December 2, 1939. The founding members included distinguished educators and leaders like Dr. R. P. Masani, Shri R. N. Chetsingh, Prof. H. B. Richardson, Dr. Amarnath Jha, Shri N. K. Mukherjee, Dr. Zakir Husain, and Shri V. S. Mathur.



A JOURNEY OF IMPACT AND EMPOWERMENT

IAEA was registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Reg. No. 308) on May 15, 1947. Since then, IAEA has been committed to promoting adult, non-formal, and lifelong education. Our mission centers around ensuring every citizen's access to knowledge, skill and empowerment, with a particular focus on the underprivileged. Its Headquarters at 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi, has become a centre of activity for entire adult and lifelong education fraternity. It may be noted that the foundation stone of IAEA's Office was laid by a neo-literate in the presence of none but Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India.



OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

IAEA's objectives encompass a wide spectrum, including the spread of knowledge, initiation of adult education activities in collaboration with various organizations, serving as a clearing house for information exchange, cooperating with campaigns for the removal of illiteracy and promotion of civic, economic, and cultural interests, and much more.



A HUB FOR LEARNING AND EXCHANGE

The management of IAEA comprises a General Body, Council, and Executive Committee, each playing a vital role in shaping the organization's strategies and initiatives. Our dedicated staff, both core and non-core, work tirelessly to realize our goals.



ACTIVITIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IAEA is not just an organization; it's a catalyst for change. Our activities include providing professional and academic advice, serving as a clearing house for information dissemination, publishing periodicals and books, organizing conferences, conducting training programs, supporting research, and more.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ADVICE

Since its inception IAEA has groomed itself as a centre for debate, discussion and exploring ideas through organizing seminar, symposium, conferences and workshop at local, national and international levels. From National Adult Education Programme (NAEP, 1978) to New India Literacy Programme (NILP, 2022), IAEA has always played a proactive role in policy formulation, training of the functionaries and programme implementation. Seldom have you found any eminent scholar working in the field of adult and lifelong learning, both at national or international levels, who have not visited IAEA. From Roby Kidd and James A. Draper to Dr. L. Mishra (first Director General, National Literacy Mission), almost all the veterans working in the field of adult and lifelong learning frequently visit IAEA to interact and guide adult education professionals of the day. The Association meticulously engaged itself with most of them in its endeavor towards convergence of ideas.



CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION DISSEMINATION



IAEA brings out three regular publications which include the Indian Journal of Adult Education, a quarterly published regularly since 1939; Proudh Shiksha, a bilingual biannual published regularly since 1957 and IAEA Newsletter, a quarterly published regularly since 1979. The Indian Journal of Adult Education is a solitary prestigious publication in the country which is in UGC CARE list (No.117) and caters the need of scholars and academicians working in the wider field of development with their focus on adult and lifelong learning. Together these publications are essentially instrumental in collection, classification and dissemination of vital information related to the field of adult and lifelong education.

ALL INDIA ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCES – PLATFORM FOR CONSULTATION AND ADVOCACY



Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India was the Chief Guest in the All India Adult Education Conference held at New Delhi on December 29-30, 1955.



Dr. Zakir Husain, Vice President was the Chief Guest in the All India Adult Education Conference (Silver Jubilee) held at New Delhi on March 1-2, 1964.

Shri Vasant Sathe, Union Minister for Energy, Shri Sam Pitroda, Advisor to the Prime Minister on National Technology and Dr. L.M. Singhvi in the All India Adult Education Conference (Golden Jubilee) held at New Delhi on May 22-25, 1989.



Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India conferring Literacy Awards during All India Adult Education Conference held in 1994.



James A. Draper with Prof. B.S. Garg in the All India Adult Education Conference (Diamond Jubilee) held at Lucknow on March 11- 13, 2000.



Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry inaugurated 64th All India Adult Education Conference at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on December 13, 2023.



The success of programmes conceptualized and executed for the eradication of illiteracy lies with people's participation and momentum built for the same. So far 64 such All India Adult Education conferences have been organized across the length and breadth of the country in collaboration with eminent institutions, universities and non-governmental organizations. The AIAECs organized under the aegis of IAEA have not only brought the adult education fraternity of the country together but also provided a common platform for consultation and advocacy for the cause of eradication of illiteracy and empowerment of women and other disadvantaged sections of the society.

CENTRE FOR IMPARTING TRAINING

At one hand IAEA worked with the leading academicians and institutions so that policymakers at apex level be sensitized and motivated towards establishing departments or centre of adult, continuing and extension education at university level, on the other hand it realized that trained manpower is one of the basic need for the success of any adult education programme. Hence, imparting training to adult education functionaries became an essential component of IAEA's activity. The list of training programmes organized by the Association cover a wide range to cater the need of grassroots level functionaries to those working at national or international levels.



Capacity Building Training for the Literacy Personnel of Afghanistan at YMCA, New Delhi.



OFFERING INTERNSHIPS



IAEA strongly believes that scholars pursuing their higher studies in the field of socio-economic development of the society and looking for a sustainable career in this field need to have sufficient exposure about the means and measures through which they can engage with people at grassroots level. The Association, therefore, offers internships across divisions and themes including research, evaluation, networking and mobilization, advocacy, field visit and documentation related support for their benefit. Any interested student may approach the Association for such internships. IAEA also extends financial support to the research scholars working in the area of adult, continuing and lifelong education under Mohan Sinha Mehta Research Fellowship.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

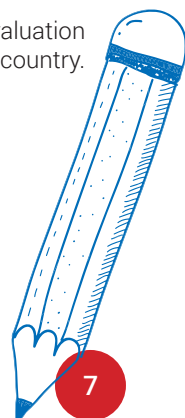
Over the period of time IAEA has developed itself as a well known research and evaluation agency registered with



and many more.



Till date it has successfully conducted more than 68 research and evaluation studies awarded by various government agencies throughout the country. Many of its studies have received accolades from awarding agencies.



IAEA SKILL ENHANCEMENT CENTRE FOR IMPARTING SKILLS



As an organization committed for the development of socially and educationally deprived people, the Indian Adult Education Association is running a Skill Training Centre in its own campus where women and girls from such background can enroll them for a 6 months Skill Enhancement Course. The objective of the Centre is to extend every possible cooperation to youth and adult population especially women and girls towards improving their socio-economic condition.

LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSE THROUGH NIOS

IAEA is an Accredited Vocational Institution (AVI - 990108) with National Institute of Open Schooling from the year 2002 for conducting Certificate in Computer Application (CCA) and Certificate in Library Science (CLS). Computer Application Course was conducted for three years (from 2003-2005) in which 85 persons benefitted. The Library Science course was started in 2008. So far 159 persons have been benefitted.



AWARDS THAT HONOR EXCELLENCE

We celebrate excellence through awards such as the Nehru Literacy Award and Tagore Literacy Award, recognizing individuals and institutions for their outstanding contributions to adult education and literacy.



NEHRU LITERACY AWARD

IAEA instituted Nehru Literacy Award in 1968 to commemorate the distinguished services of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the cause of reason of enlightenment and is given annually to an individual or an institution for outstanding contribution for the promotion of adult education in the country. So far 54 individuals and institutions have been conferred by this award. Some of the awardees include Dr. (Smt.) Welthy H. Fisher, Smt. Durgabai Deshmukh, Shri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, Dr. (Smt.) Madhuri R. Shah, Prof. N.G. Ranga, Prof. Ram Lal Parikh, Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, Prof. H.S.Bhola and Ramakrishna Mission Lokasiksha Parishad, Narendrapur.



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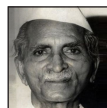
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Dr. Malcolm S.
Adiseshiah



Prof. H.S.Bhola

TAGORE LITERACY AWARD

IAEA instituted the Tagore Literacy Award in 1987 to commemorate the 125th Birth anniversary of the great poet Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and is given annually to individuals/institutions for their outstanding contribution towards promotion and development of literacy among women. So far 35 individuals and institutions have been conferred by this award. Some of the awardees include Smt. Lakshmi N. Menon, Dr. (Smt.) Rajammal P. Devadas, Dr. (Smt.) Phulrenu Guha, Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali, Ms. Mahasweta Devi, Smt. Malati Devi Choudhury and SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.



Smt. Lakshmi N.
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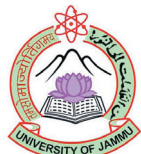
Smt. Malati Devi
Choudhury



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LOOKING BEYOND BORDERS

IAEA extends its influence internationally through the International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE). We collaborate with universities worldwide, offering opportunities for students and scholars to engage in research and learning experiences.



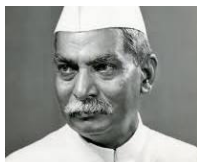
University of Ljubljana



RECOGNITION TO THE CAUSE OF ADULT EDUCATION



The programmes and activities organized by IAEA specifically All India Ault Education Conferences, distribution of the Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards, Zakir Husain Memorial Lecture, Roby Kidd and James A. Draper Memorial Lecture have received great compliments from a number of eminent personalities who accepted the invitation extended by IAEA and graced these programmes with their presence. The lectures delivered by them are the testimonials recognizing the need of adult and lifelong education in the country as well as the efforts made by IAEA towards the same. These includes Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of India (1955), Dr. Zakir Husain, President of India (1964), Shri V.V. Giri, President of India (1974), Shri Arjun Singh, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh (1982), Shri Zail Singh, President of India (1986), Shri Vasant Sathe, Union Minister of Energy (1989), Shri Sam Pitroda, Advisor to the Prime Minister on National Technology



Dr. Rajendra Prasad



Dr. Zakir Husain



Shri V.V. Giri



Shri Arjun Singh



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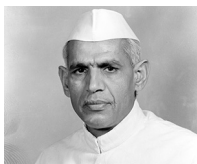
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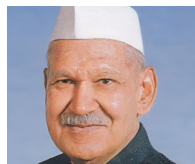
Shri Sam Pitroda



Dr. L.M. Singhvi



Dr. K.L. Shrimali



Dr. Shankar Dayal
Sharma



Dr. Chitra Naik



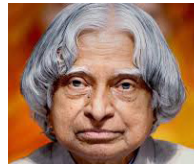
Prof. Madhu
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Dr. Murli Manohar
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Shri Manohar Joshi



Dr. APJ Abdul
Kalam



Smt. Pratibha Devi
Singh Patil

Mission (1989), Dr. L.M. Singhvi, Eminent Jurist & former High Commissioner, UK (1989), Dr. K.L. Shrimali, Union Minister of Education, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, President of India (1994), Dr. Chitra Naik, Member, Planning Commission (1994), Prof. Madhu Dandwate, Union Minister of Finance (2001), Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Union Minister of Human Resource Development (2002), Shri Manohar Joshi, Speaker of Lok Sabha (2002), Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, President of India



Shri Pranab Mukherjee



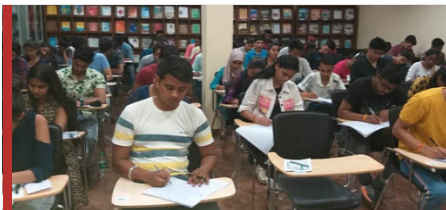
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

(2007), Smt. Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, President of India (2008), Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India (2016), Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India (2018 and 2021).

IGNOU STUDY CENTRE



International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) has also been recognized as a Study Centre by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) with Centre Code: 29049P for the courses Master of Arts in Adult Education (MAAE), Post-Graduate Diploma in Adult Education (PGDAE) and Post Graduate Certificate in Adult Education (PGCAE). The Centre also conducts IGNOU Term End Examinations twice a year.



DISCOVER THE OASIS OF KNOWLEDGE AT AMARNATH JHA LIBRARY



Embark on a journey of intellectual enlightenment at the Amarnath Jha Library, an unparalleled haven for knowledge seekers within the distinguished corridors of the IAEA. Nestled within the heart of our institution, this library stands as a shine of wisdom, quenching the thirst for learning with its extensive collection and rich resources.

The Illuminated Shelves



Step into a world adorned with over 1500 meticulously curated reference books, each a gateway to profound insights. The library proudly preserves digitized copies of all three esteemed publications of the IAEA since its inception, offering a timeless reservoir of scholarly works. Delve into the meticulously cataloged reference materials encompassing the expansive landscape of lifelong learning, including comprehensive resources on major Government of India programs.



A Global Hub for Scholars



More than just a repository of books, the Amarnath Jha Library has become an indispensable destination for both native and international scholars and academicians. Its magnetic allure lies in its commitment to facilitating a holistic understanding of adult education. Scholars from far and wide converge here to unravel the depths of knowledge, making it a truly global center for academic exploration.

Working at the Grassroots Level



Career Counselling Seminar by IAEA State Branch, Madhya Pradesh



Field work conducted by UP State Branch



Seminar being conducted by Kerala State Branch



National Seminar by West Bengal State Branch



Seminars organized by Bihar State Branch

The IAEA derives its strength from the dynamic initiatives undertaken by our state branches. These branches, spread across states and Union Territories, tirelessly execute a myriad of programs and activities throughout the year. Beyond being mere regional outposts, they serve as catalysts for change, fostering grassroots-level engagement and empowerment.

The Amarnath Jha Library and the IAEA state branches stand as testament to our unwavering dedication to the dissemination of knowledge, making a profound impact on the landscape of adult education in India and beyond. Welcome to a world where learning knows no bounds, and the pursuit of knowledge is a timeless endeavor.

JOIN US ON THIS TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY



IAEA is not just an organization; it's a movement that has shaped the landscape of adult education in India. We invite you to be a part of our journey, whether as a member, collaborator, or enthusiast. Together, we can continue to empower individuals, bridge knowledge gaps, and build a brighter future for all through cultivating a culture of lifelong learning.





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