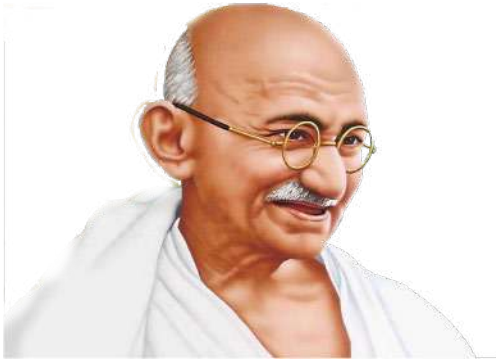




Activity Report

July 2022 to December 2022



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Through Life
Throughout Life**

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What we do.....

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has been rendering services and focusing on Formal, Informal and Non- Formal Learning with the Tri-Part Approach of Teaching, Research and Extension. This department has been one of the pioneer models in Higher Education Institutions in fulfilling all aspects from Pre-Primary to Post-Doctoral Research. Catering to the learning needs of various age groups that include children, school dropouts, passed out and students studying under graduate and post graduate for their overall development. The department has accredited Study Centre of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi and having Linkages with International Institutions for research and development.

Thus, the departmental activities and programmes are covering Grassroot to Global (G to G approach) involving various Stakeholders and Industries for skill development training under Public Private Partnership. We are grateful to you for having travelled with us by supporting and encouraging us for achieving this stage. We wholeheartedly thank you and wish you Happy and Prosperous New Year 2023.

PRE-PRIMARY

Crèche Centres funded by ICDS, New Delhi.

- Number of Total Children - 379 Children

S.no	Villages	Number of Children
1	Chettiapatti	32
2	Valayapatti	31
3	Kondamanayakken patti	27
4	Vellayampatti	28
5	Kannimanuthu	26
6	S.Vadipatti	30
7	K.Pudhur	25
8	Agaram	30
9	Kottur Avarampatti	30
10	Ulagampatti	35
11	Chatrapatti	30
12	Rengappanur	25
13	Achampatti	30



ENROLLMENT IN THE CRECHE CENTRES



The parents were very happy to come with children to join the GRI crèche. The teachers narrate stories and to sing songs with the children. The parents volunteered to send their children to the Crèche. The children were very happy to sing and play.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

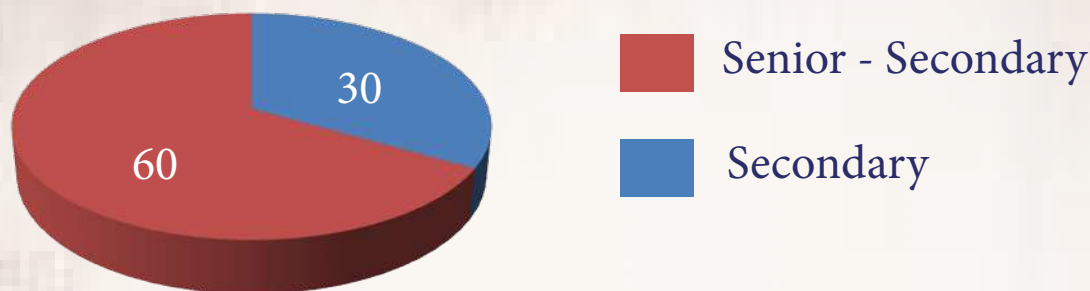
Children's Day Celebration was celebrated on 14.11.2022 by Department of Lifelong Education and Extension at Kondamanayakkanpatti near MuthanamPatti, Dindigul District.

Dr. L. Raja, Head of Department, Department of Lifelong Education and Extension, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) in his speech reminded the late former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (November 14, 1889) that his birthday is celebrated as Children's Day Celebration and he was fondly called Mama by all.



Children. He said it was very gratifying to look like national leaders in disguise. He wished the children who studied in the preschool in the future to become national leaders and achieve high positions. He also said that children should study higher education and be helpful to the country, home and village. Song also taught preschool children and school students a song of joy and encouragement.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)



PRACTICAL EXAMINATION 2022

The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Department of Life Long Learning and Extension, National Institute of Open schooling (NIOS) Study Centre 190022/420077 The Gandhigram Rural Institute was Conducting a Practical Examination to be held on 16.9.2022 to 28.9.2022. Secondary students and Senior Secondary students written the examination at GRI.



Secondary students has written practical Examination such subjects are Tamil, English, Business Studies, Economics, Social Science, Science & Technology, Home Science, Painting, Data Entry Operations, Mathematics, Basic Computing Practical Examination to be held on 12.10.2022 to 23.11.2022.

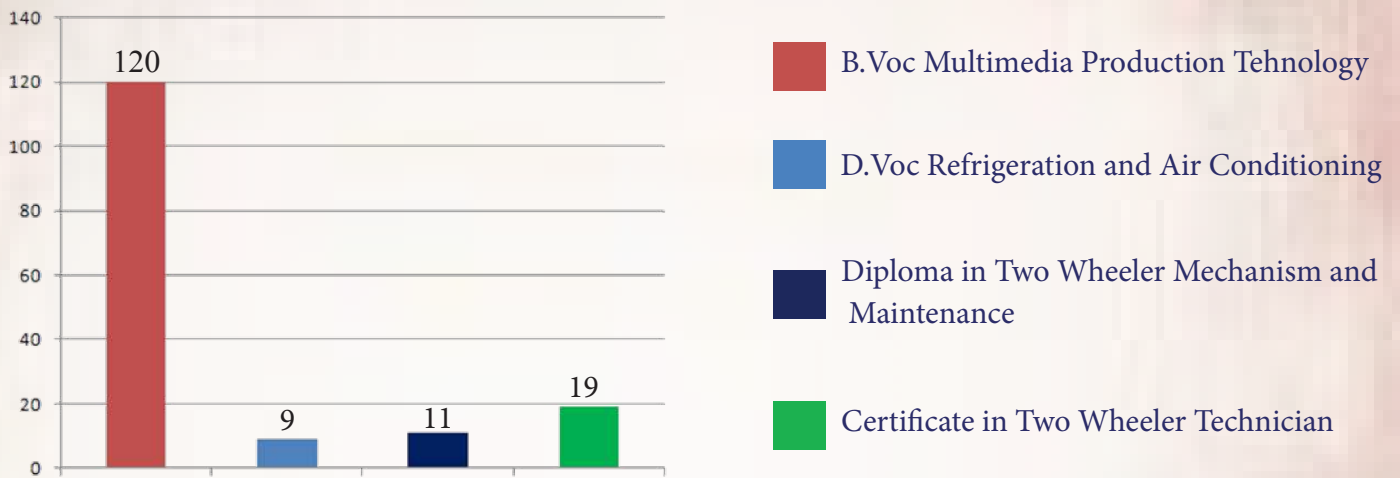
Senior Secondary students has written practical Examination such subjects are Tamil, English, Business Studies, Economics, History, Sociology, Home Science, Biology), Geography, Painting, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Data Entry Operations, Physical Education and Yoga, Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables, Data Entry Operations, Computer and Office Applications, Computer Hardware Assembly & Maintenance Practical Examination to be held on 12.10.2022 to 23.11.2022.

PLACEMENT DETAILS

Name of the Students	Placement / Higher Studies
Arunkumar S	Call taxi Driver (Rs.15000 P.M)
Shanmuga Rajeswar M	B.sc (Visual Comunication) Loyola college chennai
Balasubramani K	BA (Tamil) MKU Open College, Dindigul
Ruba S	BA (Tamil) MKU Open College, Dindigul
Asik A	Uruthu College, Dindigul
Banupriya G	BA (Tamil) MKU Open College, Dindigul
Shri Bala Abirami N	Bsc (Chemistry)Parvathys College, Dindigul
Saiharinivignesh MN	Bsc (Chemistry)Parvathys college, Dindigul
Ziaur Rahman A	Dip.in Urdhu.Uruthu College, Dindigul
Kangu Mani M	TN Police

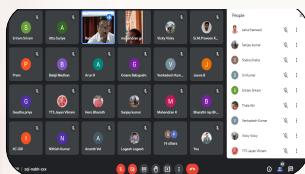
PROGRAMME / COURSES OFFERED

PROGRAMMES



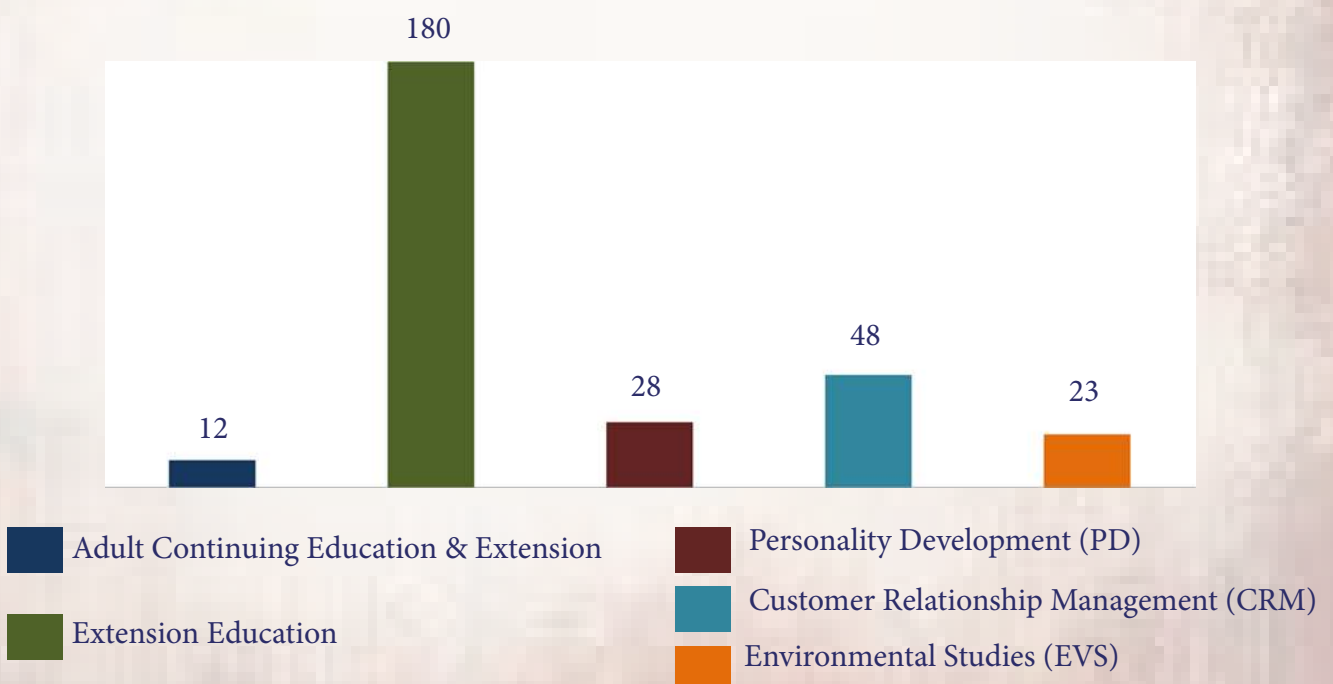
Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician students had visit the D.R Tech at SIDCO Industrial Estate, Dindigul on 08.07.2022

Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician students had attended the Bronze certification Assessment on 08/08/2022 Conducted by Yamaha Technical Academy, India Yamaha Motors Pvt.Ltd. Chennai.



Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with IIC, GRI Dindigul organize a webinar on “Problem solving and Ideation” from the 1st year students of Diploma in two wheeler mechanism and Maintenance, GRI-YTS, B.Voc MMPT & D.Voc R&AC at 30/11/2022.

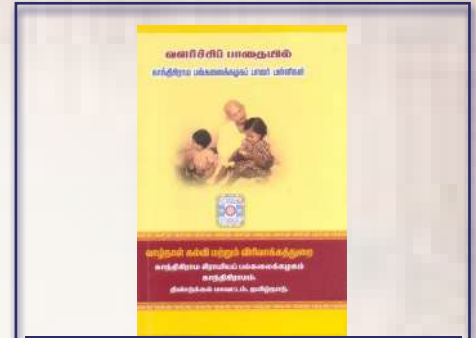
COURSES



Ph.D AND POST DOCTORAL FELLOW (PDF)

- Ongoing Ph.D - 11
 - Part time - 06
 - Full time - 05
- Completed Ph.D - 03
 - Part time - 01
 - Full time - 02
- Ongoing PDF - 02

PUBLICATIONS



“The Gandhigram Rural Institute Creche Centres Towards Development Path” authored by Dr. L. Raja



Dr. M. Sankaramoorthi, Technical Assistant (Rtd.) got Best Extension Worker Award

BOARD OF STUDIES (BoS)

Board of Studies (BoS) of the Department held on 22.07.2022. The BoS approved Five Courses that will be offered to M.A (RDS) and also other Programmes

Date	Course Code	Name of the Courses
22.07.2022	22LLEP0001	Adult Continuing Education and Extension
22.07.2022	22LLEP0002	Corporate Social Responsibility
22.07.2022	22LLEP0003	Life Skill Education
22.07.2022	22LLEP0004	Social Entrepreneurship
22.07.2022	22LLEP0005	Rural Livelihood Promotion

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)



Name: Amirtha Vishwa Vidyapeetham
 Date: 14.07.2022
 Purpose: Interacted with a team of faculties led by Dr. Bhavani Rao, UNICEF Chair Professor. During the visit explored possible colobration

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

OFF-CAMPUS - SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has been working in partnership with Carborundum Universal Limited (CUMI) Murugappa Group for skill development. The GRI has MoU with CUMI Murugappa Group for off-campus skill development programme so as to provide employment opportunities to the rural youths. On 7th July 2022 written test and personal interview was held for the selection of students to CUMI Skill Development programme.

Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Head has inaugurated the programme and gave the special address, Mr. J.H. Sasthri, Principal and Mr. Surendran, Senior Manager from CUMI Centre for Skill Development have briefed the CUMI activities and emphasized the need of skills particularly to the rural youths for enabling their livelihood opportunities.



NEW PARTNER FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT



A preliminary meeting was held on 12.07.2022 at Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram for enabling the possible collaboration in providing skill training to the rural youths, women and differently abled persons. Dr. L.Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram has explained the activities of Department to a Team of delegates from Functional Vocational Training and Research Society, Bangalore and Vaigai Trust, Kodaikanal. Ms. Diviana Nayagi, Programme Officer, Functional Vocational Training and Research Society [FVTRS], Bangalore has explained about the FVTRS activities particularly the vocational skills imparting procedure to the rural community.



SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMMES (FVTRS)

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram is in the process of expanding its network with various skill development institutions to explore the possibilities in organizing skill training programmes at village level.

Team from Functional for Vocational Training and Research Society [FVTRS] visited the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. The Team led by Mr. Jimmy Mathew, Lead Executive, Ms. Divyanayagi and Mr. Prakash visited the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram. The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has made elaborative arrangements to the visitors to the various Departments and Centres, particularly to the Skill Development Units. During the morning session, the



visitors have been given an overview of various Skill Training Programmes organized in the campus and also off-campus. The FVTRS team has visited and discussed with the faculties of the GRI-YTS, Typewriting Training Unit, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Centre for Rural Energy.



Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Head, the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram has initiated the discussion on possible ways through which the skill development training can be taken up in collaboration with FVTRS. Such initiatives will focus mainly on increasing the employability of educated unemployed, drop-outs and less educated youths in the villages. There will be a special focus on women in the villages to improvement for their livelihood and earning capacity

NEW PARTNER FOR SKILL TRAINING

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, the Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram is in the process of widening its network with various Skill Development Agencies. The main goal is to explore the possibilities of organizing skill training programmes for various age groups especially for the school and college students. In this context, a team led by Mr. D. Sugan Chinna Maran, Head-Operation and Mr. Lenin and



Mr. Venkatachalam from the Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Health Care, Chennai have visited the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension on 15.09.2022 for a preliminary discussion for exploring possibilities in collaboration with various Training and Development initiatives.



Mr. Rajesh from Vaname Yellai, Chennai, Dr. R Venkata Ravi, Dr. S. Ramesh and Mrs. Annamary Selvi visited the crèche centres functioning at Achampatti and Valayapatti. During the visit Mr. Rajesh interacted with the village community leaders and also with few parents on crèche related activities. The visitor has also observed the existing infrastructure facilities and expressed his willingness to get some support to improve the facilities in these crèche centres.

LIC INSURANCE LITERACY PROGRAMME

The Gandhigram Rural Institute [GRI], Society for Serving Humanity [SSH] and Life Insurance Corporation of India [LIC] were jointly organized Insurance Literacy Program in sempatti on 17.07.2022. Dr. Britto Selvaraj, Director, SSH has inaugurated the program. Mrs. Rajeswari, LIC, Dindigul has highlighted the available schemes and services in LIC and she emphasized that LIC ensures the money of the customers and made possibility to provide the some assured money with interest to the customers while the policy matured. Mr. David William, LIC, Dindigul has explained the LIC products and services support to the customers in terms of life security and promotional benefits and also he emphasized that LIC has focused to cover all type of customers through its distinct services at affordable cost by customer nature of income. He further added up, LIC is very much flexible to serve at large extend to the customers for enabling their welfare and development.



INDIA POST PAYMENT BANK INSURANCE LITERACY

The Gandhigram Rural Institute [GRI], Society for Serving Humanity [SSH] and India Post Payment Bank were jointly organized Insurance Literacy Program at Thoppampatti on 11.08.2022 and Alagampatti on 12.08.2022.



The program has started with a prayer song of Dr.S.Gnanasaranya and Dr.S.Ramesh has welcomed the gathering and explained the purpose of the meeting. Dr.R.Venkata Ravi has delivered the presidential address; in his address he highlighted the importance of social security particularly in hard-time of the life whereas the financial security provides additional safety to the insurer.

Mr.A.Dhinakaran, Manager, India Post Payment Bank, Dindigul Branch has highlighted the available schemes and services in India Post Payment Bank to the rural people. He further added that that India Post Payment Bank has made possibilities to maintain the accounts at their nearby post office which facilitates the customers to pay the premium at their convenience. He has explained the India Post Payment Bank products and services support to the customers in terms of life security and promotional benefits and also he emphasized that India Post Payment Bank has focused to cover all type of customers through its distinct services at affordable cost by customer nature of income.



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2022 CELEBRATION

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI was organized International Literacy Day 2022 along with Society for Serving Humanity [SSH] at K.Pudukottai, Reddiyarchatram Block on 08.09.2022.



Dr. M. Sankaramoorthy, Former Technical Officer, Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has delivered the special address. During his address, he emphasized that the education is most important tool to enable the livelihood opportunities especially for rural people whereas rural community provide adequate support to their children to learn the education along with skills.

Dr. Britto Selva Raj, Director, SSH, Sempatti has highlighted the Non-Government Organizations support to rejoin in educational those who are drop-outs and discontinued in education at village level.



ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. L .Raja, assumed charges as President, Indian Adult Education Association for the period of 2021 - 2024 and Member, Board of Management in GRI (DTBU).

Dr. R. Venkataravi assumed charge as Nodal Officer in July 2022 (NLM) in GRI - National Level Monitoring (NLM) for Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

He has also appointed as Libr ary-in Charge of the Dr. G. Ramachandran Library of GRI on 20-10-2022

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

The Gandhigram Rural Institute in collaboration with Gandhigram Trust celebrated the 153rd Gandhi Jayanti on 06.10.2022 at Achampatti village. This is part of weeklong Gandhi Jayanthi celebration organized at various places. The Department of Lifelong Education and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute has made elaborate arrangements in consultation with extension wing of Gandhigram Trust that were organized at the village. As part of the celebration various competitions were organized for the women, children and rural youths at the village. This has provided an opportunity for a lot of interactions with the village community.

Dr. L. Raja, Member, Board of Management, Gandhigram Rural University, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development and Head, Department of Lifelong Education and Extension and Mr. Kannan, Member, Agaram Town Panchayat have participated. While speaking on the occasion Dr. L. Raja has emphasized that people's unity, brotherhood and helping tendency are basic pillars of life. He has requested the youth to follow the Gandhiji's principles to lead a proper and peaceful life.



The book was released by Mr. Kannan and the first copy of the book was received by Mr. Arumugam of Achampatti. Subsequently, copies of the book were presented to the family members of Thiru. Perumal Goundar.



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) and Gandhigram Trust have jointly organized the Teachers day celebration on 05.09.2022 at Children's Home Sowbhagya Illam, Gandhigram.

Mr. K. Shivakumar, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust inaugurated the programme and they made wishes on 'Celebration of Teachers Day' to the crèche teachers who participated in the celebration. He has addressed to the crèche teacher's, appreciated them for their dedicative work like a mother in caring of children. He enlightened the proverb that the "teachers are the second mother" in shaping of joyful and peaceful life to the children from 3 years old to 5 years of their early age





Dr.G.Pangajam, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust felicitated the programme and she asked the teachers that they must equip their qualification for providing knowledge, skill and make the children to be more intellectual for coping with the environments

Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor as Guest Speaker of the programme has appreciated the teachers and ayahs about their contribution on the growth and development of crèche over a period, since it was originated under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. He highlighted the role and the significance of the

crèche teachers from morning 8.30am to evening 4.30pm by providing healthy foods, by teaching various skills including teaching the lessons, exercises, songs, name of the week days and months in the year, and other self disciplinary activities, etc., in creating good citizen of the country.



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2022

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram (GRI) and The Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Nilakottai have jointly celebrated the International Literacy Day 2022 on 09.09.2022 at the premises of the Government Higher Secondary School, Nilakottai



Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, has delivered the presidential address to the student youths about the significance of Literacy for their prosperous life and the purpose of celebration in the worldwide theme recommended by UNESCO "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces".

The Presidential address, Dr.P.Dharmaraj, PG Assistant Teacher, GHSS, Nilakottai has spoken about the trends of literacy over a period of Ancient times, Middle ages, and the Modern era. He substantiated that how the Great Leaders of India who had got the powerful administration only because of Literacy during the Freedom struggle and after the Independence of India.



Miss. Mariana Isabella Weber, Scientist, Germany has invited as guest speaker who addressed to the students about the pros and cons of the Germany Education System (GES) and the better opportunities to the International students for higher educations. She also highlighted a few words of Indian Education systems that paved the way for upgrading the student's efficiency. Dr.S.Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty translated in Tamil of her address. More than 100 student youths have participated and benefited.

TYPEWRITING SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME

TypeWriting Skill Training Programme organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension for the for the students of the GRI. Mr. D. Sukan Chinna Maran, Head-Operation, Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Health Care, Chennai has formally inaugurated the training programme. While addressing the gathering he has stated that his Institution will provide all supports to the GRI in the area of skill development and also Certification. He has expressed that the current visit to the GRI campus and discussion has provided a strong based for building a collaboration between GRI and Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Health Care, Chennai.



Dr. V.P.R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI in his presidential address, recalled how he got trained in type-writing skill during his school-days. He has suggested to the students to take maximum advantage of all skill training programmes organized in the campus to increase their employability.

INAUGURATION OF TAILORING SKILL TRAINING

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Center for Entrepreneurship Development jointly started the Tailoring Training Unit in Rengappanur on 09.12.2022.

Women development is essential in order to enable the healthy environment of the country. Women economic independence is more importance for the family progress which supports the entire family to get prosperity in all sphere of development has emphasized by Dr.L.Raja, Member of BoM, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram while delivering the presidential address.



Mrs. Jaipunisha, President, Humanity Foundation, Dindigul has indicated that the opportunity is very much significant to improve the livelihood so as Gandhigram Rural Institute, especially, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Center for Entrepreneurship Development has made the possibilities to bring up such livelihood opportunity at the door step whereas utilize the golden opportunity to enable the skills on tailoring and also imparting this knowledge to needy people

The tailoring field has wide scope to increase the income. However, this field also needs the skilled technicians because it tends to have creativity and dedication so as women are so apt for improving the skills on tailoring which helps them to become an entrepreneur. He has listed out the areas such as textile industries. Hence, this livelihood development initiative is the key for rural women at grassroots level has outlined by Dr. K. Manikandan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics GRI, Gandhigram





Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Director, Center for Entrepreneurship Development, GRI, Gandhigram has explained the significance of skill development especially rural women. The women are playing a multiple role in family and their support is imperative for the better family living so as starting of tailoring training unit is a milestone to enable their skills which provide livelihood opportunity to gradually increase their income and enable their family condition more meaningful.

INAUGURATION OF TAILORING SKILL TRAINING AT GRI

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Center for Entrepreneurship Development jointly started the Tailoring Training Unit in Gandhigram Rural Institute on 21.12.2022.



Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Director, Center for Entrepreneurship Development, GRI, Gandhigram has stressed during the welcome address that the importance to learn employability skills especially girls students in the studying tenure.

Dr.L.Raja, Member of BoM, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram delivering the presidential address in the Inauguration of the Tailoring Skill Training Programme.



Tailoring is providing the enormous opportunities to increase the income range and also has made possibilities to use the creativity to attract the customers so as girls students could utilize this skill development efforts to enable the knowledge on tailoring which would support in future to increase the income earning environment during the dire straight of the family has outlined by Dr. M.Seethalakshmi, Dean, Students Welfare, and Professor, School of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, GRI, Gandhigram.

CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

REFERENCE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAMME

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram was organized a Training Programme on “Reference Management Software [Mendeley]” on 27.09.2022 at Seminar Hall of Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension.

The Research is a vital for the countries prosperity which scales up towards the developmental efforts and initiatives should be done for the grassroots development. Further, the references could be identified for the systematic with its research domain. Therefore, this Reference Management Training [RMS] training programme is an innovative way to create citations easily for the researchers. Keeping that in view to Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development



and HoD, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has highlighted that the importance of the RMS.



The resource person, Mr.S.Samuel Paul Raj, One of the Research Scholars, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI imparted the programme. For this programme, many research scholars have participated from various department of GRI. It has explained to the researchers from various departments of GRI in detail on the basis of hands on training through Mendeley Software [MS]. He highlighted that Mendeley is one of the eminent

freeware for creating references, bibliography and citations easily which provides adequate space to change one format to another like American Psychological Association [APA] format to Modern Language Society [MLA] chicaco and so on. It also facilitates with other researchers [like Elsevier] online so that files can easily transfers to mendeley platform and access papers from anywhere in online.

LEGAL AND HEALTH LITERACY

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies has been conducted on 04.11.2022 at Government Higher Secondary School, Chettiapatti. The balanced food in-take is a key for improving the brain activity during the examinations in the adolescent stage which also ensures the functions of physical strength has expressed by Dr.S.S.Vijayanchali, Director [i/c], Centre for Women's Studies, GRI. In her lecture on "Plan for Balanced Food In-take during Examination period" among the students, stated to have to intake the food with the combination of the cereals and grains, protein foods, fruits and vegetables, fats and sugars and water for enabling their immune system effectively.



Dr.M.Eswari, Research Associate, Centre for Women's Studies, GRI has delivered a lecture on "Gender Equity in Food In-take". Indian society has a culture that food intake variation according to the gender which increases the gap in terms of health and well-being. In general, she portrayed female parents' taking care of their family members with at most care and could not have found to take food punctually so as she took less or over food in many circumstances. She also emphasized the students have to observe their parents intake of food amount and insisted the mother to intake enough amount of food. The balanced intake of food will increase the efficiency of the family performance in large spectrum.

Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has emphasized the importance of the food in-take, particularly during the examination time. The programme was concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr.S.Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Education and Extension, GRI.

- Mr. C. Seerangan, Research Scholar awarded for **ICSSR Fellowship** for doing Ph.D.
- Mr.C.Asokumar, Research Assistant Superannuation in the month of July 2022
- Dr.M.Sankaramoorthi, Technical Assistant Superannuation in the month of August 2022.
- Dr. S. Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty & Ms. V. P. Faseela, Research Scholar jointly selected **Best Paper Award** for the paper title **Role of MGNREGA in Sustainable Agriculture Development - A Study** in the International Conference on Science and Technology for Socio - Economic and Environmental Sustainability at JAIN University, Bangaluru.

NUTRITION GARDEN TRAINING

The GRI Crèche Centres are running under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University). The teachers of GRI crèche centres were participated the Nutritional Garden training at KVK, Gandhigram on 17.09.2022. The aim of the participation is to develop and manage the nutritional garden in every crèche centres with potential knowledge.

Prof. Gurmeet Singh, Vice-Chancellor (Additional Charge), GRI inaugurated the Nutritional Campaign and Tree Plantation Programme at KVK, Gandhigram. He has spoken about the importance of nutrition to human beings and the amount of food required for energetic and healthy life. He also shared the interesting facts of nutritious food and the consumption pattern of food by animals and plants. He recommended the participants to plant trees by providing of nurtured soil and water for better living.



SKILL CHALLENGE



The Department of Lifelong learning and Extension introduce the new startup company (Motolube Engine oil company) of our GRI alumni student Mr. M.Logeshwaran's startup and promoting his brand by Sports bike engine assembly within an hour challenge on 07/10/2022.

Technician Name : Mr. A.Prabu (Senior technician, AS Auto works, Dindigul)

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION PROGRAMME

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in has been conducted on 18.10.2022 at Thambithottam Higher Secondary School, Gandhigram

The Environment protection is our fundamental task in the contemporary emerging society since the nature sources are becoming a key to decide the species of lives. It expressed by Mr. K. Narasapparaju, Health Inspector, Department of Rural Health and Sanitation, GRI during the special address. He also insisted the parents and teachers to encourage the students to sapling a tree in their home and school campus to have the responsibility for safeguarding the Mother Nature from the young age.



Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, Associate Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has advised to the students in his presidential address that collect the waste drinking water bottles and cut as two pieces make the bottom piece as a pot with sands and put the seeds like bitter guard, beans and pumpkin and also another piece of the bottle [top] as a water sources to the pot to cultivate the vegetables at small level. He said that this small initiative at the young age provide clear idea to safeguard the nature by recycling the used materials and also nurturing the habits of the nature protecting by involving themselves.

EMERGING CHALLENGES IN RURAL EXTENSION

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has been conducted a one day special lecture at Multipurpose Auditorium, Gandhigram on 19.10.2022.

Dr. L. Raja, Member, Board of Management, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI in his welcome address, narrated how the department has formulated the skill enhancement programmes at both campus as well as village level with available facilities in the GRI.



Dr. V.P.R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI in his presidential address, recalled how he got experienced in writing a bio-data to get a Job with professional person in United Kingdom [UK]. He advised to the students that CEP is an innovate effort in enhancing the skill for making employable persons so as it is a golden opportunity to make use of it.



Dr.P.Muthuraman, Principal Scientist, Indian Institute of Rice Research [IIRR], Hyderabad has formally inaugurated the training programme. While addressing the gathering he has stated that rural extension is a key tool for the Higher Education Institution [HEIs] in enabling the livelihood development and welfare which provides an opportunity to increase the working capacity from lab

to land. He further added that at present situation there are various issues and challenges have emerged in the field of rural extension like shortage of funds, political interferences and natural calamities which highly a constraint in extension services so as HEIs have to develop unique approaches and strategies to mitigate the challenges to enable the extension services at rural level. Moreover, he emphasized that HEIs could take up the Gandhigram Rural Institute [GRI] initiatives and efforts as a role model in order to enable the extension activities at village level.

STATE OF GROUNDWATER EXPLOITATION IN INDIA

The Special lectures series is organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI under Capability Enhancement Programme for students in the Seminar Hall, Centre for Geo-Informatics, GRI at 10.30am on 04th November, 2022.



Dr. Raja has highlighted the importance of groundwater in context of present day situation and challenges faced by the society due to groundwater exploitation. Dr. S. Meenakshi, Director (Research and Development), GRI has chaired the session. She has elaborated on the Earth's water ratio level and the severe effects of it in future.

Dr Meenakshi has also highlighted the research being conducted on the water purification and its management in the GRI for the benefit of society's wellbeing.



Dr. B. Gurugnanam, Director, Centre for Applied Geology, GRI has spoken with insightful facts and evidences. He has highlighted the water usages in all the sectors, particularly in agriculture production and manufacturing industries. He has also emphasized the water exploitation pattern which causes severe pollution in ground water and leads to water scarcity.

Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Former Member, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACAP), Government of India was the Guest Speaker on this occasion. Dr.A.Narayanamoorthy, currently working as Senior Professor of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi has delivered the special lecture on “State of Groundwater Exploitation in India”. He has warned current level of groundwater exploitation in various fields and its causes. He has spoken on the trends in groundwater exploitation over a period of 75 years and the damages caused by the exploitations in India, particularly in Tamil Nadu. He also suggested the measures to control the over exploitations of groundwater in agriculture by adopting micro-irrigations and shifting non-seasonal crops includes cereals and pulses. Mitigation of water scarcity in the domestic usage, he has also suggested the scientists to invent the reliable technologies to convert the used water in a productive way. With his excellent presentation, the students and the scholars of various departments of GRI interacted with the Speaker and got clarified their doubts.



SPECIAL LECTURE



The programme was organized on 13/11/2022 at 11.30AM in the GRI - YTS campus by Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Principal of Community College & YTS, Gandhigram Rural Institute. Dr. K.Venkatesan, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Home Science and Extension, JNRM, Andaman, Alumni of GRI has delivered the Special Lecturer of career building as an Industrial expert.

ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Gandhigram Trust organised an awareness programme elimination of violence against women at Government Higher Secondary School, Ammanayaganur on 25.11.2022.



In the present environment is very crucial for the safe of Girls child since adverse effect on their protection is debatable across the world due to technological and cultural development has made tremendous changes in living style whereas crime against women is a common incidents so as it should be stopped with implementing stringent actions against who are committing errors against women and child has emphasized by Dr.L.Raja, Member of BoM, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram

Dr. S.S. Vijayanjali, Director-incharge, Centre for Women Studies, GRI, Gandhigram has highlighted that women safety is insurable in the contemporary world which needs to be scaled up through providing proper awareness to both genders to avoid the social evils against the girls. In addition to that she stressed that always girls have to be aware and be cautious to prevent for their protection at any situation.

Dr. S. Eswari, Research Associate, Centre for Women Studies, GRI, Gandhigram has indicated that society needs to be given importance to both gender particularly to girls child since girls are more vulnerable in nature who are easily victimized so as their rights should be ensured through various efforts and actions from home itself and proper awareness needs to be given to parents, teachers to avoid the difficult situation.

NATIONAL CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Department of Cooperation and Youth Red Cross, GRI jointly celebrated the National Consumer Rights Day on 22nd December, 2022.



Dr.L.Radhakrishnan, Dean, School of Management Studies and Finance Officer-in-charge, GRI from the premises of the Department of Cooperation towards the Silver Jubilee Hall, GRI. The students of Cooperation, B.Voc (Multimedia Production Technology), D.Voc (Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration), Diploma in Two-Wheeler mechanism, Yamaha Training School have participated.

The 21st Century is a Consumer world which creates significant changes in Consumerism. Hence, people need to be aware before going to consume a product/ service offered by the business. It was emphasized by Dr.L.Raja, Member of BoM, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI, Gandhigram in his presidential address while he was inaugurating the Special Lecture Session. Earlier Dr.R.Venkatarami, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, GRI has welcomed the gathering for celebrating on the important day. In his address, underlined the importance of the programme in creating awareness about the consumerism.



Dr.K.Ravichandran, Professor of Cooperation, GRI and Member, Dindigul District Level Vigilance Committee on PDS felicitated and highlighted the significance of the programme to the students' community. He advised that the students be aware about the consumer Rights. Because, every human lifestyle will be decided and ruled by the practicing of consuming pattern of products and services offered.

Thiru.S.Devadass, Coordinator, Dindigul District Consumer Rights Protection Association have delivered special lecture on "Rights of the Consumer". He highlighted the Rights of the consumers and the procedures need to be followed while the complaints are submitted to the Consumer Court. Along with the procedures, he also highlighted measures to be taken within the stipulated period to lead the cases in the judiciary. He also motivated and recommended to the students community to have the vigilant against the elimination of evil practices against consumers for better society.



Thiru.S.S.Suresh Kumar, President, Dindigul District Consumer Rights Protection Association have addressed on need for "Awareness on Consumerism". He call attention to the students on the adulteration of products and its harm effects results in health issues including acute disorders such as cancer, tuberculosis, etc. Invariably the pattern of consumerism undergoing changes with advent of Science and

Technology which also indirectly inject the socio-cultural changes among the people.

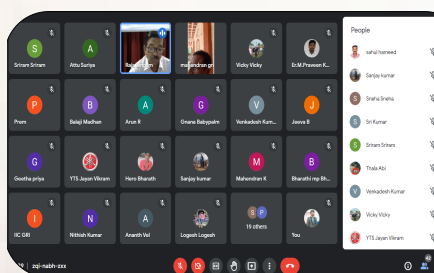
WEBINARS ORGANIZED

SPECIAL LECTURE



- Topic of the Webinar - Higher Education Institutions and Community Outreach Programme in India
- Guest Speakers - Dr. Romesh Singh, Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad, Telangana
- Total number of Participants - 160
- Date - 20.07.2022

ONLINE WEBINAR



The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with IIC, GRI Dindigul organize a webinar on “Problem solving and Ideation” from the 1st year students of Diploma in two wheeler mechanism and Maintenance, GRI-YTS, B.Voc MMPT & D.Voc R&AC at 30/11/2022.

DIGITAL LITERACY DAY, 2022

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has jointly conducted a webinar on the eve of World Computer Literacy Day, 2022 with Department of Computer Science and Application and Dr.G.Ramachandran Library, GRI, Gandhigram on 02.12.2022.



- Topic of the Webinar - Digital Transformation
- Guest Speakers - Dr. Shanmugavadivu, Dean, School of Computer Science and Application, Director – IQAC, GRI
- Total number of Participants - 167
- Date - 02.12.2022

- Topic of the Webinar - Cyber Security
- Guest Speakers - Dr. Sanjit Kumar Ghosh, Senior Computer Programming Associate and Chairman, Engineering Cell, North Eastern Regional Centre (NERC), National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj [NIRD& PR], Guwahati
- Total number of Participants - 167
- Date - 02.12.2022



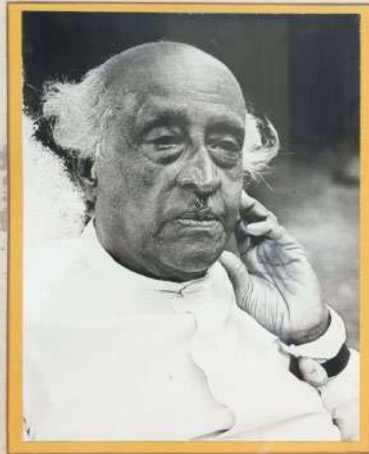
S. Samuel Paul Raj, A. S. Seetha, C. Seerangan, M.P Shalima, V.P. Faseela Research Scholar participated in the Visiting Scholar Colloquium scheduled to be held during 7th to 11th November, 2022 organized by the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi.

Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor delivered the Special Lecture in the State Level Seminar on Trends in Rural Marketing organized by S.S.A. College of Arts and Science, A. Tekkur, Sivagangai District on 29-09-2022

VISITORS

Date	Name of the Visitors	Purpose of Visit
15.09.2022	Mr.Rajesh, Head, Vaaname Yellai, NGO, Chennai	Regarding the renovation of GRI crèche building in service villages made a visit to Achampatti and Valayapatti
15.09.2022	Mr. D. Sujan Chinna Maran, Head-Operation and Mr. Lenin and Mr. Venkatachalam from the Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Health Care, Chennai	Discussion for exploring possibilities in collaboration with various Training and Development initiatives.
16.09.2022	Mr. Jimmy Mathew, Lead Executive, Ms. Divyanaygi and Mr. Prakash, Functional Vocational Training and Research Society, Bangalore, [FVTRS] for Skill Development Programme	The FVTRS team has visited and discussed with the faculties of the GRI-YTS, Type-writing Training Unit, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Centre for Rural Energy
08.12.2022	Mr. Sankar Kumar, Advisor, German, Alumni of GRI (1999-2001) MBA (RPM)	Met with Dr.V.P.R. Sivakumar, Registrar & Dr.P.anandharajakumar, Professor & Head i/c, Dept. of Rural Development. Discussed with various developmental activities of GRI & B.Voc Multimedia Production Technology students.
13.12.2022	Dr.K.Venkatesan, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of Home Science and Extension, JNRM, Andaman	Met with Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development and interacted with Diploma and Certificate in Yamaha Students





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