

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension

(Pre-Primary to PDF)

About the Department:

The Department was established in the year 1984 as Centre for Adult and Continuing Education & Extension. Since its inception the department is focusing on all phases of literacy programmes. In recognition of achievements and service, NLM - UNESCO Literacy Award was conferred by the Government of India in 1999. The Population Education Resource Centre (PERC) was funded by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). The department has been actively involved in Teaching, Research and Extension programmes of the university system. In 2011, the UGC has changed the nomenclature as Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

Vision:

To enhance the quality of life of rural people through meaningful and sustained rapport between the university and rural communities, especially through non-formal and informal education and empower them.

Mission:

- 1.To cater to the educational needs of all age group sections of rural communities.
- 2.To develop and upgrade the employable skills of villagers towards income generation.
- 3.To conduct action research to identify rural problems and find feasible solutions.

From the Director's Desk

Dear Readers,

Peace Greetings from Gandhigram

I am extremely happy to introduce the activities and achievements of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be University, Gandhigram. In India, this is the only department having organic linkages from Pre- Primary to Post Doctoral Fellow (PDF) through in-formal, non-formal and formal education.

Having achieved NLM-UNESCO Literacy Award for the dedicated service to the community, this is very appropriate to the NEP-2020 to provide skill oriented and on the job training with 40% theory and 60% practical, multi-exit and multi-entry option. It has very rich experiences in the field of teaching, research and extension. We hope you will enjoy in reading our activities

Prof. L. Raja

Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension

March 2020

to

March 2021

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Programmes offered by the Department

I. Full time Programmes

- B.Voc Multimedia Production Technology (Three Years) (DDU - KK)
- D.Voc Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (One Year)
- Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance (One Year) (DDU -KK)
- Certificate in Two wheeler Technician (One Year) (Yamaha Pvt. Ltd.)

II. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Accredited Centre for NIOS under MHRD, New Delhi

- Secondary
- Senior Secondary

III. Ph.D and PDF

IV. Publications

V. Extension Activities

a.13 Crèche Centres funded by ICDS, New Delhi

b. One Crèche centre funded by AFN, Italy

VI. Research and Field based Projects

1. Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Centre
2. Child Marriage (Govt. of Tamilnadu)
3. Child Abuse (Govt. of Tamilnadu)
4. Impact of Vocational Training on Skill Development and Employment
5. Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project.

VII.Participation of Staff Members

“ A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step ”

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I. Full Time Programmes

Name of the Programme	Number of Students				
	Enrolled	Passed out	Higher Studies	Employed	Self Employed
B.Voc MultiMedia Production Technology	40	5	-	5	-
D.Voc Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	11	9	2	6	1
Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance	14	13	1	11	1
Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician	10	7	-	7	-

II. National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

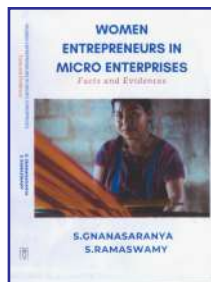
Secondary	71	27	1	19	-
Senior Secondary	99	38	1	30	-

III. Ph.D and PDF

- Ph.D Awarded - 7
 - Part time - 6
 - Full time - 1
- Ongoing Ph.D - 9
 - Part time - 6
 - Full time - 3
- Ongoing PDF - 2
 - Full time - 2

IV. Publications

- Chapter - 1 no.
- Books - 2 nos.
- Papers / Articles - 6 nos.



V. Extension Activities

- a. 13 Crèche Centres funded by ICDS, New Delhi

- Number of Total Children - 380 Children

S.no	Village	Number of Children
1.	Chettiapatti	32
2.	Valayapatti	31
3.	Kondamanayakken patti	27
4.	Vellayampatti	28
5.	Kannimanuthu	27
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

- b. One Crèche Centre funded by AFN, Italy

- Number of Total Children - 16 Children

S.no	Village	Number of Children
01	Malkaraipudhur	16

**“A ship in the harbor is safe
But that is not what a ship is meant for”**

Guest Speaker's



**Dr. L. Raja, Professor & Head
Presidential Address**



**Dr. S.S. Vijayanchali, Professor and Head
Inaugural Address**

**“Actions speak
louder than words”**

Children's Mela

Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension organized the Children's Mela on 1st March 2020 at Silver Jubilee Hall, GRI, Gandhigram. 80 children and 35 parents from 14 villages of Dindigul District participated in the programme. The Programme began at 10am with an inter-religious prayer sung by the staff members and children. Mr. B. Punniyan (one of the stake holders of Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project and at present Research Scholar in the Department of Cooperation, GRI, Gandhigram) welcomed the gathering.

Mrs. P. Thanga Muniyammal, President of Gandhigram Panchayat while felicitating the children talked about how she struggled in her life and offered service to the people. By offering service she became the president of the Gram Panchayat.

Mrs. P. Pappathi, helper of Crèche Centre at Melkaraipudur sang a religious song followed by a song about their crèche. Mrs. M. Annamary Selvi, Secretarial Assistant, Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project proposed the vote of thanks. Children from 14 villages participated in all events like Dance, Drama, Mimicry, Story Telling, Public Speech, and Recitation from Thirukural, Fancy dress, and Kolam. Mothers participated in the Kummiyadi. There were eight dances including classical, folk and modern dances. Children of all age group participated in the lively dances. Two street plays were performed. One play was against child marriage and the other street play was about the importance of education. The eight children who acted were from Melkaraipudur village. Manisha of 12th standard had directed the plays in an excellent manner. Children acted very well and the plays were appreciated by all.



Four children participated in the Elocution. They delivered talks about our national leaders, Mahatma Gandhi, Kamaraj, and A.P. J. Abdul Kalam. This was a good attempt. There was a recitation of Thirukkural by two children. Four girls drew beautiful kolams (rangoli). In the fancy dress event a boy was dressed like Mahatma Gandhi and spoke about his life. The mothers were very happy to participate in the Kummiyadi. Like last year, this year also there was no competition and no one was judged as 1st, 2nd or 3rd. All the children received the same kind of prizes. Children felt quite relaxed since they could participate freely in all the events. They could express their talents by being fearless and confident as there was equal participation and no competition.



During the afternoon valedictory function, our Registrar, Prof.V.P.R.Sivakumar delivered the valedictory address and encouraged the children to actively participate in such events. He also distributed the prizes to all the children. Dr.A.Jahitha Begum, Prof. & Head Department of Education, GRI, Gandhigram highlighted the importance of education at a young age.

The stake holders of Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project Ms.M.Manisha, of 12th standard from Melkaraipudur and Mr.B.Punniyan from Samiarampatti, (at present, Research Scholar in Gandhigram Rural University) spoke about their fifteen years experience in the project. They highlighted on how they had benefited by the training programmes and educational tours organized by Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project. Ms.Manisha and Mr.B.Punniyan were given special prizes for their achievements. Mr.S.Kannan, Technical Assistant proposed the vote of thanks. The Children's Mela provided an opportunity for the children to express their talents through the cultural performances. Children were very happy they look forward for a similar event in the future.



**Dr.V. P.R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI - DTBU
Valedictory Address**



**Mr. S. Kannan, Technical Assistant
Vote of Thanks**

**"A journey of thousand miles
begins with a single step"**

International Women's Day

On the eve of International Women's Day celebrated at the Chettiapatti village, Dr.L.Raja, Professor & Head, presided over the function. In his presidential address, he said women are struggling a lot in rearing their children; women are playing multiple roles in their family. They are the mentor of every family. They play a significant role in bringing up their family; everybody should respect women for their remarkable service to the family and the society.

Dr.A.Suriakanthi, Former Professor & Director, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in her special address, said that men and women must travel parallelly in a family, women must fight for their rights. They play creative role in the society. Women's literacy is must for their development and they must take women leaders like Mrs. Kasturiba Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, mother Theresa, Jayalalitha, Kalpana Chawla as their role model.

Dr.S.Kavitha Mithily, Professor in the Department of Home Science, GRI. While felicitating said that women should take care of their mind, they should keep their health in a good condition, everybody is having problems of their own. They should not be afraid of their society towards better relationship.

Four women namely Mrs.E.Selvi, Mrs.M.Mallika, Mrs. Pothumani, Mrs. Papathi were awarded as best achievers of 2020. The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension awarded for their great achievements and sacrifice in bringing up their family in spite of various struggles. Earlier balwadi supervisor, Mrs.T. Philominarosemary, welcomed the gathering Miss.S.Amreetha of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly hundred women from Chettiapatti & Valayapatti, had participated in the programme. All the participants were given Memento on the eve of International Women's Day.

Lecture Delivered

Er M.Praveen Kumar has delivered a lecture (IDP sponsored programme) named "Soft skill for Business Managers" to the final year students of ANBIL DHARMALINGAM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI on March 19, 2020.



**Dr. L. Raja, Professor & Head
Presidential Address**



**Dr. A. Suriakanthi, Former Director
Special Address**



“ All's well that ends well “

Er M.Praveen Kumar had published a journal named Automatic Roll cap Crackers Packaging Machine for Fireworks Industry at "International Journal for Science and Advanced Research in Technology" (IJSART) with ISSN 2395-1052 at Volume 6 Issue 4 – APRIL 2020

Er.J. Muthukumar attended a webinar on Funding Hacks for Researchers, How to conduct evidence-based research, How to manage and publish your research data, How to secure funding - ECR edition organized by Elsevier – Researcher Academy

Er J. Muthukumar had published a journal named Converting Waste Plastics into Fuel : A Review at "International Journal for Analytical and Experimental Model Analysis" with ISSN 0886 – 9367 at Volume 12 Issue 5 – May 2020

Er.J. Muthukumar attended webinar on Principles and fabrication of electrodes for electro-chemical sensor applications" organized by Latha Mathavan Arts and Science College.

Rice and Dal to the children of 13 Crèches

There are 13 G.R.I Creche Centres functioning under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and the Vice-Chancellor (Dr.S.Subburaj), GRI discussed about providing rice and dhal to the children for health protection, and for increasing their immunity power.

Dr.S.Subburaj, Vice-Chancellor i/c, GRI distributed the groceries (rice and dhal) on 23.09.2020 to the children (383 Nos.) through the teachers in the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and said that the children are the future leaders in our nation so we should provide hygienic food and vegetables and parents should be advised during corona pandemic period to protect their children's health. So the parents should take much responsibility and take care of the children. Dr. Subburaj thanked Dr.L.Raja, Dean School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, for taking the risk of planning to provide rice and dal during the Corona pandemic period. The G.R.I Crèche Teachers 13nos. received rice and dhal. Vice-Chancellor i/c narrated about how our balwadi (crèche) started .



Dr.S.Subburaj, Vice-Chancellor i/c, GRI distributed the groceries .

" A bird in hand is worth two in the bush "



Team of Balwadi Teachers



Medical Kit



“ Give them an inch and they'll take a mile “

After establishing GRI in 1956 Dr.G.Ramachandran (Mama) and Dr.T.S.Soundram, (Amma), went to visit nearby villages. Some parents worked in the gardens with their children and protected them in readymade cradles that were very difficult for working mothers. That memory was very strong in Dr.Soundram's mind. Gradually Amma planned to construct a balwadi for the children in various villages. All teachers thanked for providing rice and dal for the children. This was very useful in corona pandemic period. All of them were happy to receive the groceries.

Emergency Fund Activities of the COVID-19

In the month of July the Funding Agency (Afnonlus) of the SAD, Focolare Movement, Italy had sent letters to all the implementing agencies to prepare proposals for receiving the COVID-19 Emergency Funds. We sent the proposal to them. The (Funding Agency) had permitted us to use the grant of Rs.1,65,000/-only from the previous year balance amount of Rs.6,47,056 for the poor families of Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project (children and parents).

The following activities were carried out under Covid-19 Emergency Fund.

1. Distributed medical kits to the children of the Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project
2. Provided financial assistance to ten poor families (who have lost their jobs) for their daily requirements like food, medicine, clothing and for their economic upliftment in general
3. Provided financial assistance to three students who have to be admitted in college

Organization of logistics for the concrete development of the activities:

1. Purchased the things required for medical kits
2. Distributed medical kits
3. Provided economical assistance to the families
4. Arranged suitable colleges for the children to join, and provided educational assistance
5. The existing staff had taken care of the above activities

The total number of children in our project is 166. Medical kits were planned to be distributed to the families of these children. The number of parents, grandparents and siblings is 434. The total number of family members is 600. Two masks were distributed to each member. Therefore totally 1200 masks were stitched .Along with the masks, two soaps, one sanitizer and an ayurvedic powder packet to increase children's immunity were given to the families in each bag.

Distribution of the Medical Kits

The staff members of Gandhigram Creche and Children’s Project along with Dr.R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor in the Department of Lifelong learning and Extension distributed the medical kits in three villages, Melkaraipudur and Aharam on 8-10-2020 and at Chettiapatti on 10-10-2020.

In all the villages Dr. R. Venkataravi created awareness among the children and adults about the COVID-19 pandemic. The other staff members, Dr. R.Kalpana and Mrs. M. Annamaryselvi briefed the children regarding the utility of the medical kits.

The other staff members, Dr. R.Kalpana and Mrs. M. Annamaryselvi briefed the children regarding the utility of the medical kits. Children also spoke on this occasion about how they had spent their time during the Covid 19 pandemic by helping their parents at home, playing with siblings, doing creative activities and studying. A child from each village expressed their gratitude to those who had provided the medical kits. David, a child from the Creche Centre in a correct and interesting manner repeated about how to use the medical kits.

Distribution for Children’s families

Children and their family members from other ten villages were informed to come to the Gandhigram Rural University campus for getting the medical kits.

Prof.V.P.R. Shivakumar, Registrar of GRI was present to motivate the children through his talk and distributed the medical kits to the children on 14-10-2020.

M.Manisha, a student from Melkaraipudur expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of the children and their family members. She also briefly narrated about her fifteen years fruitful experience in the Gandhigram Creche and Children’s Project that had developed her personality through her participation in various activities like skill trainings and workshops.



Medical kit distributed in Melkaraipudhur



Medical kit distributed in Agaram



Medical kit distributed in Chettiyapatti

“ Necessity is the mother of invention ”



Financial Assistance to the Poor Families



Medical kit distributed in GRI



Training Programme on Vegetable Graden

**“ You play with fire,
you’ll get burned ”**

Financial Assistance and Educational Assistance

Dr. L. Raja, Prof. and HOD, Department of Lifelong learning and Extension, and Principle Coordinator of Gandhigram Creche and Children’s Project and Dr. S. Manivel, the Finance Officer were present to provide Financial Assistance to the ten poor families, (Rs. 5000/- each) from Ambathurai, Thopampatti, Melakottai, Kollapatti, Chettiapatti, Melkaraipudur, and Aharam.

Dr.L.Raja introduced to the children and their parents, Dr. S.Manivel, who was an old student of GRI and at present Professor and also the Finance officer of GRI. He further said that Dr.S.Manivel has been invited to hand over the cheques to the parents \ children so the amount is used carefully for the urgent needs.v Dr.S. Manivel before handing over the envelopes said that the staff members of the project have very judiciously identified the families who need financial assistance therefore the amount should be utilized in a right manner.

Educational Assistance (Rs. 16666\ each) was given to the three college going students, R. Praveen Kumar from Annanagar village, M.Mamundi from Chettiyaipatti village and M.Saranya from Oothupatti village.M.Mamundi expressed thanks and gratitude on behalf of the children and also narrated about his positive experiences in the Gandhigram Creche and Children’s project.The follow-up activities will be carried out in the due course.

Awareness Training programme

One day sample nutrition vegetable garden preparation training programme on 16.12.2020 at S.Vadipatti was jointly organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLL&E), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and Unnat Bharat Abiyan (UBA), GRI, Gandhigram. The G.R.I Crèche Teachers(14 nos.) and Ayahs (14 nos.) 28 members participated in the training programme. There are 14 G.R.I Creche centres running under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, UBA and Mrs.K.Srikumari, Scientist, KVK, GRI, Gandhigram discussed about the training on the previous day 15.12.2020. After discussion Teacher, P.Helen Jeyaseeli and Ayah S.Annalakshmi cleaned the site and prepared the soil for setting up the nutrition vegetable garden. The purpose of the training programme was to create awareness among the crèche Teachers and Ayahs that 0 to 5 age children should take nutritious food well.

Dr.S.Kavitha Maithili, Director of UBA explained the importance of nutritious meal program and the nutrients required for the development of children and the use of nutritional vegetable gardening to plan the physical, brain, mental and social activities of children. Mrs. K.Sri Kumari, KVK, Centre for Agriculture Science Gandhigram, Dindigul gave Lady's finger seed, Spinach seeds, Brinjal seeds, Green Chilli seeds, Tomato seeds, Snake Gourd, Bitter Gourd, Bottle Gourd, Bean seeds and explained them about the procedure to plant the seeds. The teachers were excited to work in the nutritious vegetable garden. Crèche Teachers and Ayahs promised to set up a home garden in crèches and at home and thereby set up food for the children. Mrs. M.Annamary Selvi, thanked everyone who gave the training and their precious time for this program.

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Training Programme on Preparation of Vegetable Garden

Dr. L . Raja has been elected as Prisedent of Indian Audlt Education Association, New Delhi for the Period of 2021 - 2024

“ Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today ”



Mushroom Training Programme

Awareness Training Programme (Mushroom Training)

One day Mushroom training programme on 17.02.2021 at KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra), Gandhigram was jointly organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension (DLL&E), Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and Unnat Bharat Abiyan (UBA), GRI, Gandhigram. The G.R.I Creche Teachers (14 nos.) and Ayahs (14 nos.) totally 28 members participated in the training programme. There are 14 G.R.I Creche running under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, UBA and Mrs.M.Shahintaj, Scientist (Plant Protection), KVK, GRI, Gandhigram discussed about the training in the previous week of February, 2021.

The purpose of the training programme was to create awareness among the crèche Teachers and Ayahs about providing nutritious food to the pre-school children. The total numbers of children (400nos) were studying in the 14 crèches under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension inaugurated the session and told the participants that we should be very busy every day physically and mentally, after that we can beat the Covid-19, we should wake up early in the morning and work hard and fast. He advised all teachers and Ayahs to meet the parents and crèche children and guide them to wash their hands in normal water four times a day in order to avoid covid -19 virus; eat hygienic food, and start the Mushroom cultivation.

Mr.S.Senthil Kumar, Head i/c, KVK inaugurated the training programme and told the participants that we have lot of resources in our country and we have to use the resources carefully. All KVK staff members participated in the inauguration session.

Mrs. S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, UBA (Unnat Bharath Abiyan) told the participants to start immediate mushroom cultivation. We need very small space for the cultivation of Mushroom.

Mrs.M.Shahintaj, Scientist (Plant Protection, KVK told the participants, that our children observe every movement and activities of the parents. When parents do good work the children will also do good work.

“ Laughter is the best medicine ”

When the parents take nutritious food the children will also follow them. Therefore parents have to be always careful for their children.

Types of Mushroom: There are 3 types of Mushrooms 1. Sippi(Shellfish) Mushroom, 2. Buds Mushroom and 3.Milk Mushroom and Mushroom with lots of colours.

Preparation of Mushroom: Take one Carry bag, 5cm cut the Grass to keep (itf;Nfhy;) and boil the grass, Water, One small hut (25o C temperature room), and big bag ,Very clean house.

Aim of the Training: All the Children and parents who eat well mushroom twice in a week solved heart problems, it has rich protein equal to non-vegetarian. So the parents should advise the children and prepare well, because the children have to become leaders, in order to change the society. Children should take healthy, wealthy and nutritious food, beginning from the birth. Mrs.M.Annamary Selvi, Balwadi Supervisor and 14 creche teachers and 14 creche ayahs thanked all the resource persons and said that they will try to start the Mushroom cultivation, prepare the energetic food and distribute to the crèche children. They should also prepare nutritious food in their own houses.

Er M.Praveen kumar has delivered a lecture about Employability skills in the programme of Enhancing communication and Employability skills to the final year Agri students of AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MADURAI on February 08 & 09, 2021

Provision of Water Filter to the GRI Creche

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Mr.K.Shivakumar, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust discussed about and distributed the 2 (nos) of Water filter to the GRI Creche Centre one for at Chettiapatti GRI Creche (32 children) and another one for Valayapatti GRI Creche (32 children). This is very useful for the Creche Centre during the hot summer in the period of Covid-19. There are 2 G.R.I Creche Centres running under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in Athoor block. Dr.L.Raja, Dean, Prof. and Head told the teacher to advise the children's parents to provide pure boiled water to the children and all family members so that they you are not affected by the corona. This is safe for children in the pandemic period.



Water Filter Distribution to GRI Creche Centre

“ Every man is the architect of his destiny ”



Provide Mask and Soap to the children's

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Mr.K.Shivakumar, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust discussed about and distributed the Mask and Soap to the children at Chettiapatti (32 children) and Valayapatti (32 children) GRI Crèche. This was very useful for this Covid-19 period. Among the 13 GRI Crèche Centres there are 2 G.R.I Crèche Centres running under the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in Athoor block. Dr.L.Raja, Dean, Prof. and Head told the teachers to advise to the children's parents every day to wash their hands four times a day and wear masks to avoid the corona; every day take care of the children and prepare hygienic food for good health; as this is safe for children in the pandemic period.



International Women's Day Celebration

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Director and Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, and Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, Unnat Bharath Abiyan jointly organized the International Women's day programme at Ulagampatti on 08.03.2021.

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Asst. Professor, and Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, BOM member, and Asso. Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Mr.Thomas, Village leader, Ulagampatti inaugurated the International Women's Day Programme.

The participants from 14 GRI Creche Centres including teachers and ayahs, staff members of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and the children's parents also participated in the programme.

Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI narrated about his experience, own sister's experiences and neighbours experience during his childhood. He further added that from morning to evening they worked hard continuously. Every woman tried to achieve her goal. Many of the ladies sacrificed their life for their family members and other persons (examples: husband, father, mother, sister, brother and neighbours etc.) Dr.L.Raja citing the examples of his daughter said that, she had donated her liver (65%) to him and she protected him and saved his life. So in the next birth he will be born as his daughter's son said Dr.L.Raja.



**Dr.L. Raja, Professor and Head
Presidential Address in
International Women's Day**

**“ Be slow in choosing
but slower in changing ”**

Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Asst.Professor and Coordinator, UBA congratulated all the women and she explained to the participants why we celebrate the International Women's Day on 08.03.2021. Germany was the first to celebrate the International Women's day on 08.03.2021 in the year 1911. Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily said that this year we will take three themes. First one is to change our life. Second one is to change our family and third one is to change the society.

Among 14 GRI Creche Centres two were honoured by a memento and a shawl. They were Mrs.D.Aishwarya, Teacher from Kannimanuthu and Mrs.K.Murugalakshmi, helper from Kondamanayakkanpatti.

Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, BOM member and Asso. Professor of Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension congratulated all the women by stating that all ladies are eyes of the world in our country He told his story about his mother who had motivated him. "I failed in 10th standard, so I was ashamed, so how I can live in the world, that time my mother politely advised me that you will be able to achieve by studying continuously, and get a good job". Now, I am an Asso. Professor and BOM member in our University and stand before you all. He further said that all ladies can win the world. You all can achieve in any field.

Mr.J.Thomas, Village Leader, Ulagampatti congratulated all the participants and Village people and said that he was very happy to celebrate International Women's Day in the village. He further said that any time you are welcome to start and work for any programme from Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI). I salute the GRI to work for children's growth, development activities, motivation, and encouragement.

Ms. Seetha, Research Scholar performed a classical dance. Her dance was very fantastic and energetic and this was self motivation. Mrs.P.Pappathi, Ayah, Melkaraipudur Balwadi sang a song (Kummi pattu). There were some games that were enjoyed by all. All people had lunch (vegetables rice, curd rice, potato curry and onion riata).

All the Crèche teachers and ayahs narrated about their previous experience in their life from childhood. For example one teacher told about her story: how after marriage she stayed in our GRI Crèche. She is separated. Her two children grew there in a safe environment.



**Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, Assistant Professor
Special Address in
International Women's Day**



**Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor
Felicitation in
International Women's Day**

**“ Cross the stream where
it is shallowest ”**



Roleplay in International Women's Day 2021



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The group song Pengal Sakthi Kilamputhu, Kilamputhu was sung by some women participants. Mrs. Saranya and group acted a awareness drama to avoid cell phone in front of the children. She advised them to teach their child in alphabetical order and numbers, numbers name, calculation, tables, reading books. Therefore they can become leaders.

Dr.R.Kalpna, Field Organiser Cum Research Assistant, delivered the concluding remarks. Mrs. M.Annamary Selvi, Balwadi Supervisor delivered the vote of thanks to all participants, chief guest and village leaders.

Workshop on preparing Training Manual

The workshop on the preparation of training manual for children started with the Inter religious prayer. Head of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension Dr.L.Raja delivered the welcome address. He then introduced the workshop on the preparation of a training manual for children and outlined its purpose. He said that after the COVID-19 issue came up, the reading habits among the students have come down drastically and mobile phone usage has increased. He also said that in the last one year, children have not been exercising or playing. There has been a lack of good understanding between children and parents. Relationships with children have also declined. Parents prevent their children from playing with other children or engaging in other activities. He pointed out that the training manual prepared by the workshop for the development of children would be useful, taking into account the current situation of children who are not paying enough attention to rear their children as both parents go to work. He added that it should be determined that the training should be in what language, to what age children, at what angle, in what type and what technique can be used to train them. He also stressed the need to decide who should be nominated as the members of the Editorial Team.

Dr.R.Venkatarami, Associate Professor, Director - Center for Extension, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (DU), and Member, Board of management, GRI-(DTBU) said that the task of preparing the training manual that we are going to do will be the foundation for the future of the children. Children will be the ones to decide the future education system. It is up to us to tell children what to achieve in their future and what to achieve in life. He stressed that the primary environment determines a child's development.

**“ Don't Judge a Book
by its Cover ”**

Context Setting:

Dr. Jim Jesudoss, Founder and Executive Director of Shakthi Vidyal acted as a facilitator in this two days workshop. He said the purpose of the workshop was to prepare a training manual for disciplining and nurturing children. First and foremost all participants must retain and remember their childhood because that is the basis of this workshop. For that each one shared with each other about 1).What is the happiest moment in their childhood 2).What is the saddest thing in childhood 3).Participants were asked to share with each other who was their favorite teacher during their school days and why 4).What was the most memorable situation during the school days, he said. Then, one by one, the participants expressed their views that the teachers had developed their leadership qualities, they were caring, loving, nurtured, and advised that there should be no caste distinction. They said that they enjoyed cooking and eating together with friends and bathing in wells with friends. They also said that the teachers helped them to study well and to go to school regularly. We have brought with us our experience and childhood when it comes to training. This will be the basis of the training manual we are going to prepare, said Dr. Jim Jesudoss.

Understanding Children:

Dr. Jim Jesudoss spoke about understanding of children. The training manual can only be properly prepared if we have a deep understanding about children. Today, cell phones, TV and movies are very popular among children. They are creating the chances to the children to learn about adult content. He therefore pointed out that only if we know and understand these well we can prepare a training manual for children.

Child Psychology.

Dr. Jim Jesudoss explained about child psychology. First he took a pillow and gave it to one person and asked that person to do something on it and then give it to the other. Then think of the pillow as a child and do something and give it to someone else. Thus everyone should do. In doing so the pillow could be seen handling very carefully. From this he explained that child rearing depends on how it is handled. He then went on to comment on 'Eric Erickson's Psycho- Social Development Theory'. 'The theory is that a man must go through eight stages in his life, the first five of which end within 15 years. He said that in the first stage i.e. from birth to one year of age, the baby confirms its existence by crying after birth and attracts the attention of others. In the second stage, children from 1 to 3 years of age begin to learn objects, imitate the actions of others and take toilet use training, he clarified. In the third stage i.e. from 3 to 6 years, the child starts to take care of his needs and



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Group Discussion in Preparation of Training Manual for Children



Activities in Preparation of Training Manual for Children

“ Strike while the Iron is Hot ”



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the children start asking a lot of questions, he said. In the fourth stage, i.e. from 6 to 12 years of age, children are in a state of impulsiveness and depression. Then, they will develop cultural skills. They will be more involved in team activities. Boys learn to ride a bicycle. He said children should do age-appropriate activities but engaging in activities such as motorcycling at this age is a misguided parenting practice and it is an act of teaching in violation of the law.

Fifth stage is identity and identity confusion (12 to 18 years old). This is the state of realizing who they are. In this situation the responsibility of the parents in rearing the children is very important. Taking the theory of child psychology as above, he said that understanding the developmental status of children would be very useful in preparing a training manual for child rearing.

Framing the Structure of Training Manual.

Dr. Jim Jesudoss explained what the training manual structure should look like. That is, the structure of the manual 1).Title 2) Objective 3).Participants 4).Time 5).Activities 6).Required Material 7). For writer's understanding 8). Class Session Startup 9) Activity-1 10).Activity-2 11).Sum up and 12).Annexure should be inclusive, he said.

Nominations for the Editorial team:

Then the three team leaders and other six members were nominated to the Editorial Team of the Training Manual for Children. Namely Dr.Kavitha Maithily, Mrs.Kalyani, Mr.Ramkumar, Mr.Sankar, Mr.Arockiyam, Dr.Thirunavukarasu, Mr.Vijayaragavan, Dr.Jim Jesudoss and Dr.L.Raja have been nominated as members of the Editorial Team.

Feedback and closure:

Dr.L.Raja asked the participants to comment on what they have learned in the last two days, how many days they will take to prepare training manuals and how they will continue to work on child development work. Then all participants shared about the feedback of the two day workshop. They said that they understood how to tell a subject to children, how to rear a child at any age, how they should behave towards children, learned new things in child rearing and learned about making a training manual. All expressed their desire to continue to be involved in child development-related activities. Finally the interfaith song was sung by all. With this, the workshop for preparing a training manual for children had come to an end.

“ Honest is the Best Policy ”

VI. Research and Field based Projects

Major Projects

1. Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Centre

- Funding Agencies - CSWB, ICDS, and GRI
- Total Grand Sanctioned - Rs.17,73,720
- Name of the Principle Investigator - Dr. L. Raja

Minor Projects

1. Situation analysis on Child marriage in Dindigul district

- Funding Agencies - District Child Welfare Office
- Total Grand Sanctioned - Rs. 7,61,200
- Name of the Principle Investigator - Dr. L. Raja

2. Awareness and situational factors on child protection issues in Erode district

- Funding Agencies - District Child Welfare Officer, Erode
- Total Grand Sanctioned - Rs. 7,30,785
- Name of the Principle Investigator - Dr. L. Raja & Dr. R. Venkataravi

Interdisciplinary Projects

1. Impact of Vocational Training on Skill Development and Employment: A study in Tamilnadu

- Funding Agencies - School of Education PMMMMNMTT, MHRD, Govt. of India
- Total Grant Sanctioned - Rs. 3,74,850
- Name of the Principle Investigator- Dr. R. Venkataravi

International Projects

1. Gandhigram crèche and Children's Project

- Funding Agencies - AFN, Italy
- Total Grand Sanctioned - Rs. 7,85,128
- Name of the Principle Investigator - Dr. L. Raja

VII. Participation of Staff Members

Name of the Faculty Member	Nature of the Programme	Title of the Programme Attended	Level	Date	Organizer of the Programme & Place	Nature of Talk Delivered
Dr.L.Raja	Endowment lecture of Lifelong Learning New Education Policy in 2020	Endowment lecture of Lifelong Learning New Education Policy in 2020	National	10.03.2021	University of Madras	Talk Delivered
Dr.L.Raja	Hindu Christi Dialogue	Hindu Christi Dialogue	Inter National	06.05.2021	Focolare Movement, Italy	Talk Delivered

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Dr.L.Raja	Lifelong Learning in New Education Policy towards sustainability	Lifelong Learning in New Education Policy towards sustainability	National	17.08.2021	New Delhi	Talk Delivered
Dr.L.Raja	Impact of Transgender	Impact of Transgender	National	28.05.2021	Delhi University	Talk Delivered
Dr.R. Venkataravi	Ideology of Gandhian Thoughts For 21st Century Youth	Ideology of Gandhian Thoughts For 21st Century Youth	National	05.10.2020	Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, Karnataka	Talk Delivered
Dr.R. Venkataravi	Entrepreneurship Development	Challenges and Opportunities	National	18.05.2020	Mount Zion College of Engineering and Technology, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu	Talk Delivered
Dr.R. Venkataravi	Entrepreneurship Development Process	Opportunities & Issues	National	11.06.2020	Arumugam Pillai Seethai Ammal College, Tirupattur-	Talk Delivered
Dr.R. Venkataravi	Research Proposal Writing	Research Proposal Writing	National	17.06.2020	Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Keela Eral, Thoothukudi,	Talk Delivered



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