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### THE DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING AND EXTENSION

**We are pleased to connect to you.....**

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has been continuously serving and focusing on Formal, Informal and Non- Formal Learning with the Tri-Part Approach of Teaching, Research and Extension. This department is one of the pioneer models in Higher Education Institutions covering all aspects from Pre-Primary to Post-Doctoral Research. It also runs Creche Centres in 13 nodal places in rural areas for the benefit of working mothers and children. 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 an accredited Study Centre of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi. The department is having partnership through MoU with International Institutions for research and development.

Thus, the departmental activities and programmes reaches Grassroot to Global (G to G approach) involving various Stakeholders and Industries for skill upgradation training under Public Private Partnership. We are grateful to you for having travelled with us by supporting and encouraging us for achieving the vision and mission of our founders Dr. G. Ramachandran and Dr. T. S. Soundram Ramachandran. Continuously working towards achieving the dream of Mahatma Gandhiji's "**Education for life, through life and throughout life**"; it is the basis for our New Education Policy - 2020.

We wholeheartedly thank you and wish you for a Happy and Prosperous life.

With kind regards

**Head**

Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension

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## Highlights of Achievements



GRI-YTS & Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance Students got *Best Remodeled Award* in 4th National Level Mini Bike Race Competition which was conducted by Karpagam Institute of Technology, Coimbatore on 04.03.2023.

GRI-YTS & Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance Students won *First Prize* in E-Bike category with cash award at National Level Mini Bike Design, Fabrication and Racing Contest conducted by Karpaga Vinayaga College of Engineering and Technology Chengalpattu on 30.03.2023 and 31.03.2023.



## Visit by the Founder of the Department



Dr. B. S. Nagarajan, Professor (Retd.) and Founder of the Department has visited and interacted with the Faculties and Staff in the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension on 20.01.2023. He has shared his experience on rural extension programmes of the GRI during the interaction. He was narrating how the community was mobilized and taken up extension programmes in villages. He has also advised to address the changing needs of the village community and accordingly plan for extension programmes in the villages.



## Visit of Foreign Delegates

A team of Research Incubators from the National Research Foundation, Nelson Mandela University Africa interacted with Teachers, Parents and Children of the Creche Centre functioning at Chatrapatti village on 24.01.2023. The Foreign Delegates have appreciated the students/children's performance during the interaction and also understood the initiatives by the community and also efforts of the Department for the welfare of children during the past six decades.



## Capability Enhancement Programme

The department has been organizing various Programmes under the Capability Enhancement Programme (CEP). A students oriented programme was organized on "Preparedness for Facing Public Examination" to the School Students. This programme was organized in the Sevikashram Girls Higher Secondary School, Gandhigram on 07.02.2023. Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head of the Department welcomed the gathering. Dr. L. Raja, Professor spoke about the Yoga and also demonstrated a few Yoga for improving the concentrations and memory power that enable to achieve more in the final examination. He was assisted by Mr. P. Maruthupandi for demonstration of yoga.





Dr. N. Devaki, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, GRI has made a scientific presentation on the various techniques to the students for facing the public examination successfully and score the good marks. She has also demonstrated few techniques to increase the recalling and retrieval abilities among the students which are essential during the examination time. The students have participated with full enthusiasm in the programme. Mrs. Meenakshi, Head Mistress of the Sevikashram Girls Higher Secondary School, Gandhigram has made an elaborate arrangements for the successful conduct of the programme.

### Meet the Partnering Institution

A team of Teachers from Shanthi Ashram, Coimbatore visited and interacted with the GRI - Creche Centre Teachers and Children on 11.02.2023. Dr.L.Raja and Dr.R.Venkataravi have explained about the functioning of Creche Centers under the Public Private Partnership Model with Community Participation. The Department is working with the Shanthi Ashram, Coimbatore through a MoU. The discussion centered around collaborative training programmes on Transformative Learning. There was an elaborate discussion with Faculties of the Department and Team of Shanti Ashram.



### NEP – 2020

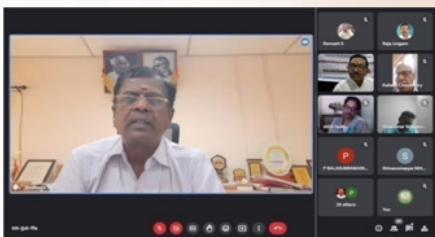


Dr.K.Parthasarathy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai has delivered a Special Lecture on Capability Enhancement Programme in the “Context of NEP – 2020” on 13.02.2023 in the GRI Campus. Dr.V.P.R.SivaKumar, Registrar, GRI has delivered the Presidential address in the session.

Dr. L. Raja and Dr. R. Venkataravi from the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension have participated and spoke in the occasion. In this meeting, Dr.K.Parthasarathy impressed upon the students to plan for utilizing given situation and turn that into opportunities for making their livelihood enhancement.

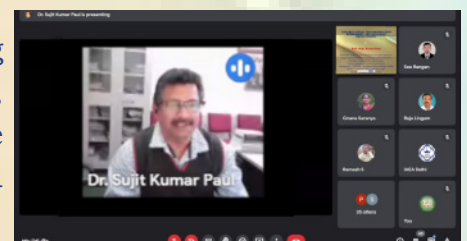


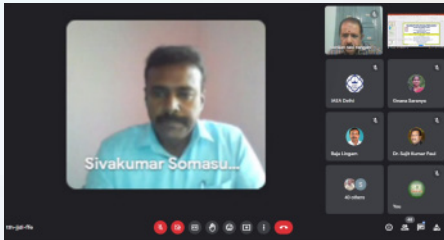
### World Day of Social Justice



The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Centre for Women’s Studies of GRI jointly organized a webinar on World Day of Social Justice on 20.02.2023. Dr. L. Raja, Professor welcomed the gathering. Dr. V.P.R.Sivakumar, Registrar inaugurated the programme.

Dr. Sujit Kumar Paul, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Visva-Bharati University, Shantineketan, West Bengal has delivered a Special Lecture on “Tagore’s Philosophy on Rural Reconstruction and Inclusive Development”.





Dr. S. Sivakumar, Associate Professor, School of Governance and Development Studies, College of Law and Governance, Hawassa University, Ethiopia has also delivered Special Lecture on “Equity and Social Justice: Socio-Political Issues in Focus”.

Earlier, Dr.R.Venkataravi, Head of the Department introduced the Guest Speakers of the programme In this webinar, 200 persons have participated from various national and international institutions. Dr. S. S. Vijayanjali, Director - in - charge of Centre for Women’s Studies formally proposed vote of thanks and concluded the proceedings.

### **Career Guidance at Kamupillaichatram**

A Career Guidance Programme was organized to the school students in Government Kallar Higher Secondary School, K.P.Chatram, Dindigul District on 21.02.2023. Mr. Saravanan, Head Master, Government Kallar Higher Secondary School, K.P. Chatram has welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Venkataravi, Head of the Department and Dr.L.Raja, Professor have interacted with students to face the public examination with confidence.



Dr.S.Gnanasaranya has explained about the Common University Entrance Test [CUET] and Er.Praveenkumar, Er.Muthukumar and Dr.S.Ramesh have explained about various Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programmes that can be availed in GRI after completing Higher Secondary Course. Mr.P.Venkkates, Mr.Thangamuthu and Mr.Vasudevan have made elaborate arrangement for the programme.

### **Career Guidance at Gandhigram**

The department has organized a Career Guidance Programme at Thambithottam Higher Secondary School, Gandhigram on 27.02.2023. Dr.S.Gnanasaranya explained about the Common University Entrance Test [CUET] including steps and procedure in detailed manner. Er.Praveenkumar, Er.Saravanakumar and Dr.S.Ramesh have explained about various Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programmes that can be availed in GRI after completing Higher Secondary Course. Mr.Venkkates, Mr.Thangamuthu and Mr.Vasudevan have made elaborate arrangement for the programme.



## Students Photography Club

The department of Lifelong Learning and Extension formed the Photography Club among the students of Gandhigram Rural Institute for 2022-23 on 15.03.2023. Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head of the Department welcomed the gathering. Dr. L. Raja, Professor emphasized about the importance of the documentation. He has also narrated the role of Skill Photography for effective documentation. Dr. V. P. R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI has inaugurated the club and outlined the essentially of the photos for remembering and documentation. Dr. M. Seethalakshmi, Dean-Students' Welfare, GRI spoke on the occasion and advised the students to focus on the quality and other details of the picture. Because taking and perserving photos add color to our memories



## International Women's Day

The department has organized the International Women's Day at Vellayampatti. Dr. R. Venkataravi has welcomed the gathering. Dr. L. Raja, Professor has highlighted the importance of Women's Day and Women's role for the growth and development of the family and society. Dr. S. Seethalakshi, Director, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust, Gandhigram has emphasized need for promotion of the sanitation and hygienic at grassroots level as that directly has impact on the women. A Team comprising of Dr. S. Gnanasaranya, Mrs. Annamaryselvi, Dr. S. Ramesh, Mr. P. Venkates, Mr. Vasudevan and Mr. Thangamuthu have made elaborate arrangement for the programme on 10.03.2023.



## Ph.D. Synopsis and Thesis Submission

Date	Programme Details
03.01.2023	Mr. R. Venkateswaran, Ph.D. Research Scholar (Part-time) under the guidance of Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor submission of Ph.D. Thesis.
20.03.2023	Mr. G. Rose, Ph.D. Research Scholar (Part-time) under the guidance of Dr. L. Raja, Professor submission of Synopsis
27.03.2023	Mr. G. Rose, Ph.D. Research Scholar (Part-time) under the guidance of Dr. L. Raja, Professor submission of Thesis
24.03.2023	Mr. D. Suga Chinna Maran, Ph.D. Research Scholar (Part-time) under the guidance of Dr. S. K. Gopal, Professor (Retd.) submission of Synopsis
31.03.2023	Mr. D. Suga Chinna Maran, Ph.D. Research Scholar (Part-time) under the guidance of Dr. S. K. Gopal, Professor (Retd.) submission of Thesis

## Activities of the Faculties

Date	Name of the Faculty	Details of the Activities
04.01.2023 to 06.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja & Dr. R. Venkataravi	Delivered special address in one of the session in the 3 days International Seminar on “Professionalization of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Indian Universities under New India Literacy Program (2022-2027) and National Education policy 2020” at University of Delhi. Organized by Indian Adult, Continuing Education & Extension, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi
12.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Delivered a state Level Pre-Conference Symposium on the focal theme of “75 Years of Indian Independence and Tamil Nadu” organized by the Erode Arts and Science College, Erode.
25.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Gave Special Address to the One Day International Symposium by the Centre for Applied Research, GRI
26.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Dr.L.Raja, Professor & Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI will unfurl the National Flag at 8.00 am at Bell Maidan and deliver the Republic Day Message.
29.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Sakthi-Vidiyal’s 29th Anniversary Theme: Towards a society that affirms the Dignity of Children” at Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College served as guest speaker.
31.01.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Provided Felicitation to the Institution’s Innovation Council process of Innovation Development & Technology Read lines level (TRL) & Commercialization of Lab Technologies & Tech Transfer (Through Online mode)
27.02.2023 to 28.02.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Served as subject external expert for the selection committee meeting of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati on 27.02.2023.
13.03.2023 To 14.03.2023	Dr. L. Raja & Dr. R. Venkataravi	Served as subject expert Workshop for the Higher Education Institutions in India Under Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram, NEP 2020 recommendation on Adult Education ‘New India Literacy Programme (NILP) through online mode
29.03.2023	Dr. L. Raja	Children’s Module book released at Sakthi Vidyal and GRI, Gandhigram jointly published.

## Additional Responsibilities of the Faculties

- Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor assumed charge as Head of the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension on 01.02.2023.
- Dr. R. Venkataravi, Library in-charge has planned and coordinated the following programmes:
  1. Conducted Orientation Programme
  2. Oriented Training programme for Research Scholars for Social Science and Languages on 09.01.2023 & 10.01.2023
  3. Training programme for Research Scholars for Science and Technology on 11.01.2023 & 12.01.2023.
- Dr. R. Venkataravi, Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development coordinating the On-going Training programmes:
  1. Tailoring Training on GRI campus (Since December, 2022)
  2. Tailoring Training at Rengappanur village (Since December, 2022)
  3. Tally with GST for Economics Students (March, 2023)



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