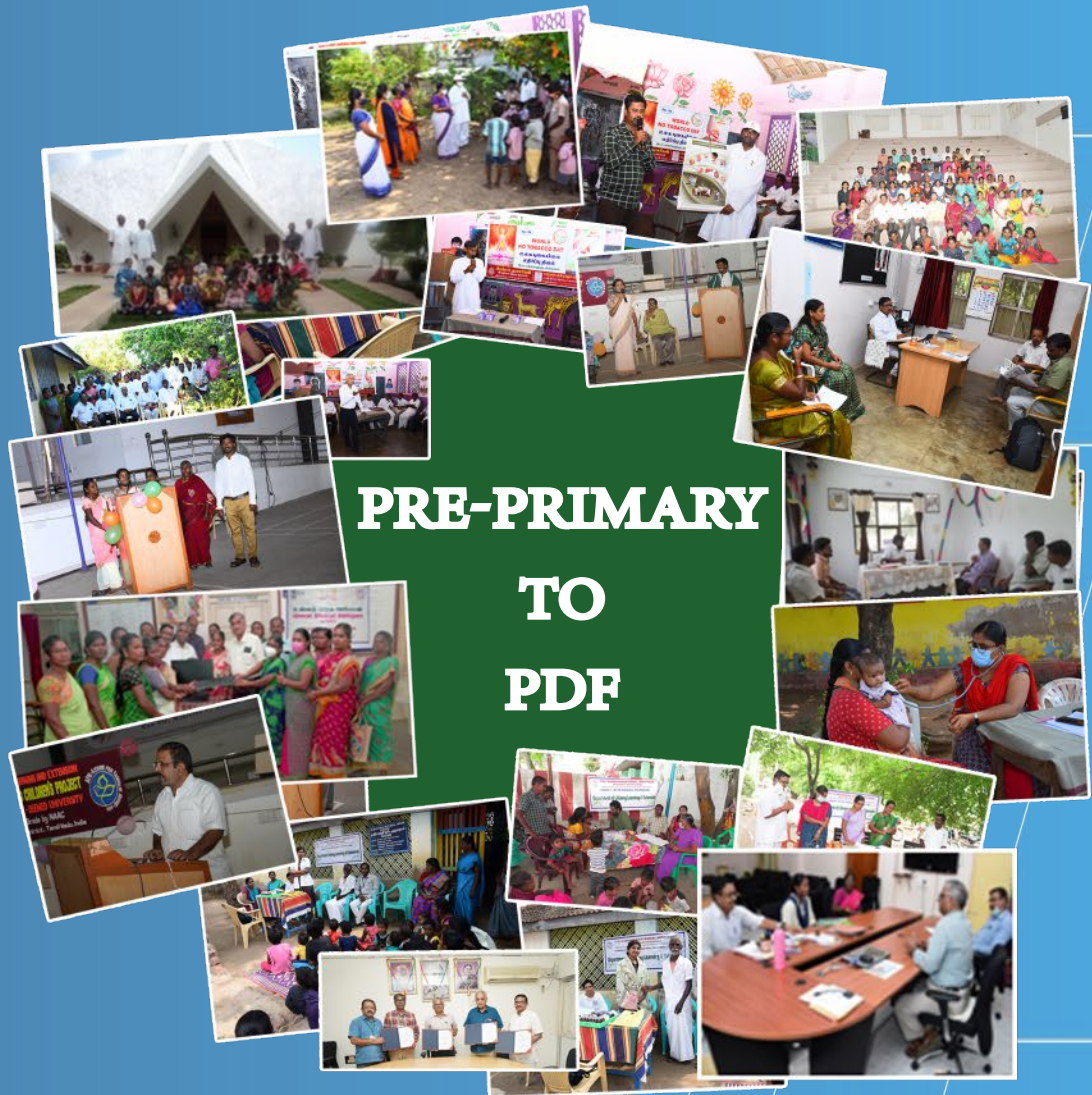


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**Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension**

Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed to be University

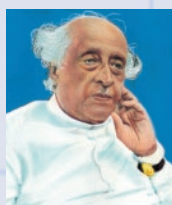
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Gandhigram - 624 302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu, India

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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 fulfilling all aspects from Pre-Primary to Post-Doctoral Research. Over a period evolved a model which envisage an organic linkage from Pre-Primary to Post-Doctoral Fellowship - Catering to the learning needs of various age groups that includes 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 by the NIOS, New Delhi. Linking with International Institution 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. The department is serving a large number of Students / Learners with on-campus and off-campus programmes through teaching, training and field outreach.



## PRE-PRIMARY / EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

### Republic Day Celebration

Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project, Department of Lifelong learning and Extension celebrated the 73rd Republic Day in the premises of the Creche Centre at Melkaraipudur on 26th January, 2022.

Children and Elders in the village along with the staff members of the Gandhigram Creche and Children's Project participated in the programme.



Dr.S. Kavitha Maithily, Associate Professor, Department of Home Science, Gandhigram Rural Institute was the Chief Guest on this occasion of Flag hoisting and Mrs. P. Annamal from Abhirami Nagar, Gandhigram hoisted the National Flag. Dr.Kavitha Maithily while addressing the children spoke about the Freedom Fighters who sacrificed their lives for attaining freedom. She also spoke about the significance of the Republic Day and explained to the children about the sanctity and meaning of our National Flag. Dr.R. Kalpana, Field Organiser cum Research Assistant coordinated the entire programme.

### Spiritual Counseling for Children

A One Day Spiritual Counseling was organised on 13-2-2022 at the Spiritual Retreat Centre, in Alagarkovilpatti Road, Mettukadai. Twenty two children and six staff members have participated in this programme.

The programme began in the main hall with a prayer by the children and staff members. Brother Siva welcomed the children and distributed the small cards and sweet box. Some positive messages were written on these cards and the children read aloud all the messages. He continued by advising the children regarding some spiritual values by stating that they need to enjoy their present childhood that can never return. Children need to express their feelings to parents, teachers and to God also by considering God as their friend. He also emphasized on the fact that God is Light and Light is God. Brother Siva also explained to the children that the most important aspects in life are Knowledge, Energy, Health, Values, Skills, Character and Finance.



The entire day's activities consisted of Value based story telling, Motivational Video shows, Understanding the Spiritually based posters and cultural programme.

### Children's Alumni Meet



The first Alumni Meeting for the children of Gandhigram Creche and Children's project was organised on 20th March 2022 in the Multipurpose Auditorium of the Gandhigram Rural Institute. In this programme Fifty seven children from ten service villages of Gandhigram who were beneficiaries of the Project, since the last fifteen years have participated in this Alumni Meet. The service villages include, Annanagar, Indira Colony, Chettiyapatti, Samiyarpatti, Muthampatti, Thopampatti, Melakottai, J.Outhupatti, Moorthinayakanpatti and Melkaraipudur.

The programme included inter-reigious prayer, welcome address by Prof. L. Raja, Dean, SoHS&RD, welcome dance, Alumni experience sharing, Cultural Programme, Screening of old Photographs and videos and talks by the guests who served as the Resource Persons since the inception of the Project.

## Meeting with Panchayat Chairman



Dr.L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and The Estate Officer, GRI have visited Achampatti and Valayapatti Creches in connection with taking up renovation works. They met the Chairman, Agaram Town Panchayat, Dindigul District on 12.05.2022. The Head of the Department Congratulated the Chairman as he is a young leader of this Panchayat. While reacting in the discussions, the young Panchayat leader expressed hope to perform for the betterment of people in the village. This positive notion would make the Panchayat leaders and people work together.

Then, Dr.L.Raja requested help from Panchayat for renovation of the GRI Crèche buildings at Agaram Town Panchayat and also at Achampatti. The Panchayat leader assured that soon renovation of crèche building will be taken up. He observed that the GRI Creche is a significantly contributing for the development of children in the rural area.

## Visit of Evaluation Team Members

The Evaluation Study Team from Department of Evaluation and Applied Research, Government of Tamil Nadu visited the GRI Creche Centres functioning in 7 villages which are managed by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

The Evaluation Study Team discussed with Vice-Chancellor i/c and Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram. The Team visited Reddiyarchatram Block, Dindigul Block on 17.05.2022 and they also visited Rengappanur, Agaram, Valayapatti on 18.05.2022. They have interacted with Parents of crèche children, Crèche Teachers and Ayahs. The team expressed their happiness after discussion with the crèche children and Parents.



They have inspected the Records, Stock and Stock Registers, Attendance Registers (Teachers, Ayahs and Children), Graph Note, Income and Expenditure Note, Daily Report Register, Parents Meeting Register.

## GRI UBA distributed Computer to GRI crèche centres

Under the UBA Programme, free computers are provided to the crèche centres run by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension.



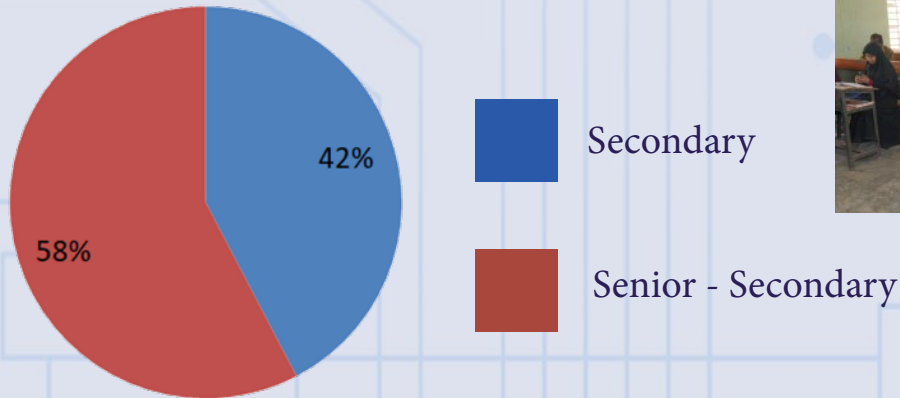
In a function held on 25.05.2022, Dr.M.G.Sethuraman, Registrar i/c, GRI distributed the computers and said that computer is very important for our crèche children. The computer is very much important to show film and pictures to the children. Moreover, the sound and pictures can attract the children to watch them interestingly. While speaking on the occasion Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension explained how the computers are important in the process of learning. This gadget is an important modern tool in the process of teaching the children at village level. Dr.S.Kavitha Maithily, Coordinator, UBA programme, GRI has coordinated the programme. Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor and Dr. Muthukumar, Assistant Professor participated and spoke on the occasion.





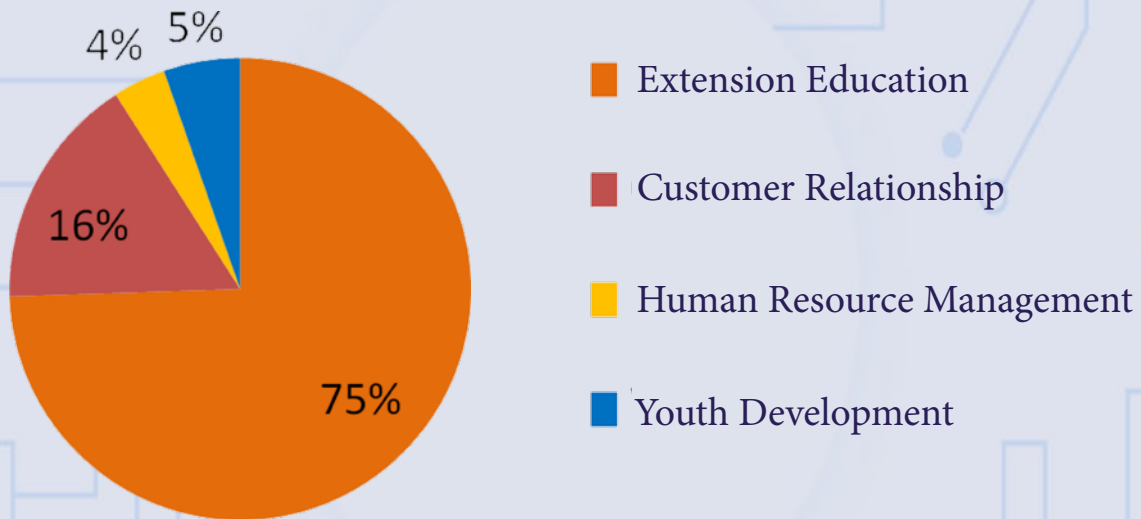
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## Enrollment of NIOS

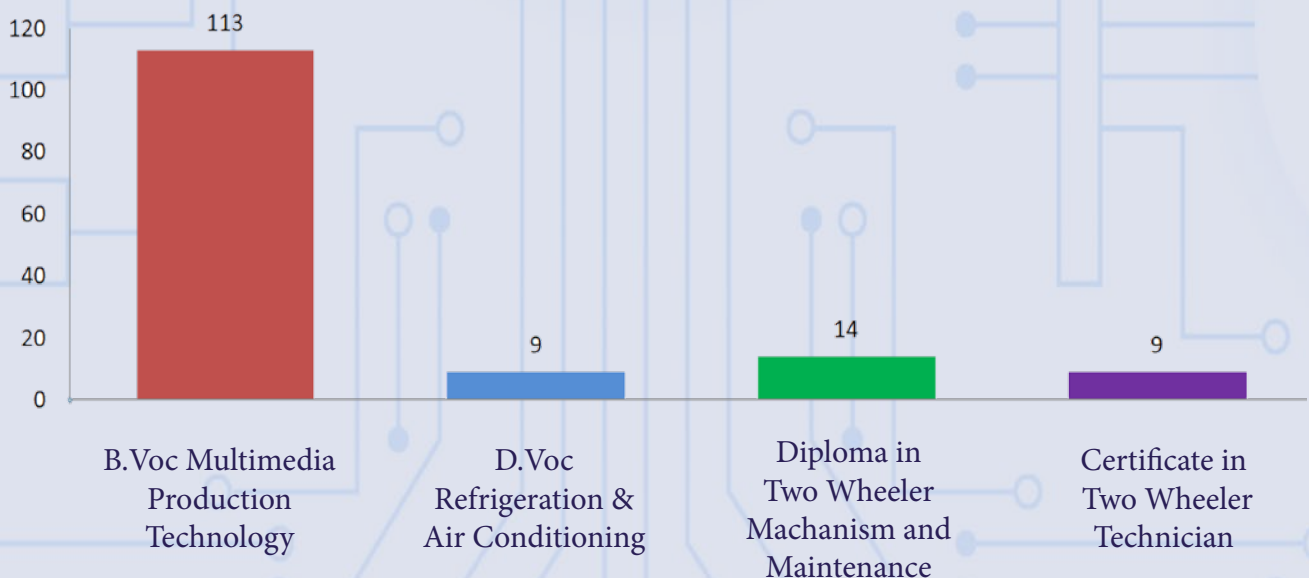


## Students Strength in Academic Programmes

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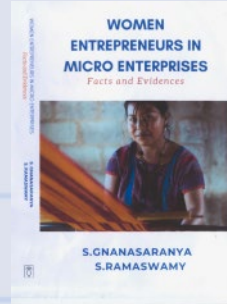
## Ph.D and Post Doctoral Fellow (PDF)

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



## Publications

- Books - 01
- Papers - 05



## Research and Action Project

### Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Centre

- Funding Agencies - CSWB, ICDS, and GRI
- Total Expenditure - Rs.14,07,077
- Name of the Principle Investigator - Dr. L. Raja

### Gandhigram Crèche and Children's Project

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

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



**MoU** : Amirita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

**Purpose:** Academic and research collaboration & Col laboration on conferences, seminars, work shops, training sessions, and additional events through On-line and Off-line Mode, Faculty Development Programmes

**Date** : 17.06.2022

Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI, Dr.R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor, GRI and Dr. Kalpana of GRI visited Amirita Vishwa Vidyapeetham during 7th and 8th June 2022. Inetracted with a team of faculties led by Dr. Bhavani Rao, UNICEF Chair Professor. During the visit explored possible colobration and signing of MoU. Dr. L.Raja presented a set of Publications to Dr. Bhavani Rao.



**MoU** : Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

**Purpose:** To promote collaborative research, and exchange of knowledge and technical knowhow between the two institutions in areas of mutual interest

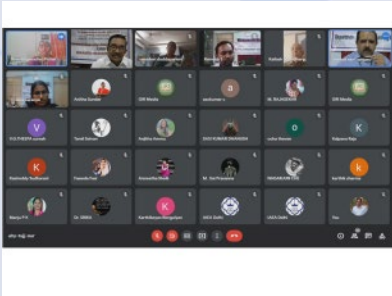
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## Webinar's / Programmes Organized

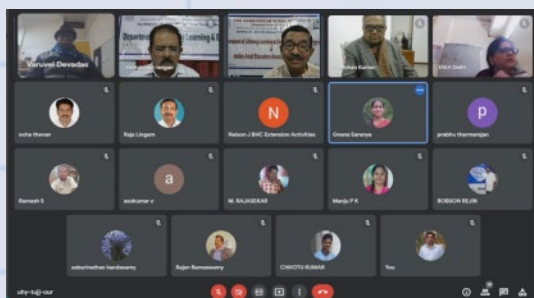
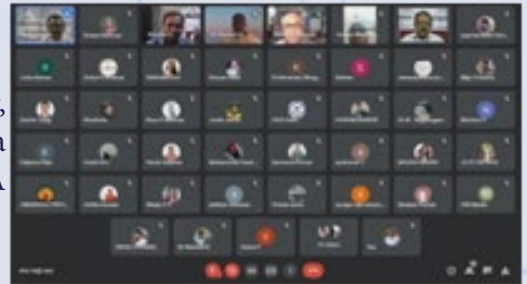
### Special Lecture Series on Role of Higher Education Institutions in Field Outreach Community Engagement

#### January 2022



- Topic of the Webinar - Extension and Community Outreach Programmes by Women's University – Initiatives and Experiences of SPMVV Tirupathi
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. D. Uma Devi**, Associate Professor Centre for Women Studies, Sri Padmavathy Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam Tirupathi
- Total number of Participants - 153
- Date - 24.01.2022

- Topic of the Webinar - Initiatives and Strategies of a University for Tribal Development – A case of IGNTU
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. B. Ramesh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work Indira Gandhi National Tribal University A Central University Amarkantak, M.P
- Total number of Participants - 146
- Date - 25.01.2022



- Topic of the Webinar - Role of Higher Educational Institutions in Micro Level Planning and Development
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. V. Deva Das**, Professor, Department of Architecture & Planning, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, Uttarakhand
- Total number of Participants - 153
- Date - 27.01.2022

#### Febuary 2022

- Topic of the Webinar - Role of Higher Education Institution in promoting Entrepreneurship among Students
- Guest Speakers - **Mr.R. Ramachandran**, Field Coordinator – Hub Office, Madurai Entrepreneurship Development Institute-TN Madurai Kamaraj University Campus
- Total number of Participants - 153
- Date - 28.02.2022 (FN)







- Topic of the Webinar - Technology Transfer for Sustainable Development – Opportunities and Challenges for Higher Education Institutions
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. M.G. Sethuraman**, Professor of Chemistry, Controller of Examination (i/c) Gandhigram Rural Institute, GRI
- Total number of Participants - 151
- Date - 28.08.2022 (AN)

## May 2022

- Topic of the Webinar - Role of Multi Stakeholders in Community Engagement and Development: Experience of Ethiopia
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. S. Sivakumar**, Associate Professor, School of Governance and Development studies, College of Law and Governance, Hawassa University, Post Box: 05; SNNPR, ETHIOPIA
- Total number of Participants - 110
- Date - 25.05.2022



- Topic of the Webinar - Role of Higher Education Institutions in Community Development: Experience of Hawassa University, Ethiopia
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. R. Karunakaran**, Associate Professor, Department of Cooperatives, College of Business and Economics, Hawassa University Post Box: 05; SNNPR, ETHIOPIA
- Total number of Participants - 105
- Date - 26.05.2022

## June 2022



- Topic of the Webinar - Role of Institute Social Responsibility (ISR) in community Development
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. Nihar Ranjan Mishra**, Associate Professor (Anthropology), Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, NIT Rourkela, Odisha.
- Total number of Participants - 163
- Date - 23.06.2022

## Technology Webinar

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Palaniappa Hero Motorcycles, Dindigul organize a webinar on “Hero Motocorp Technologies” at 22-02-22.

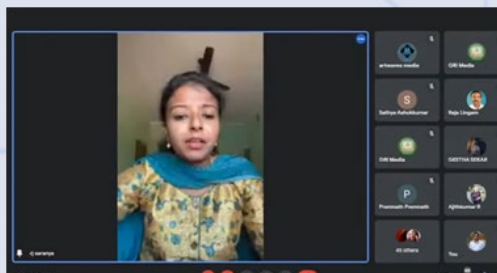
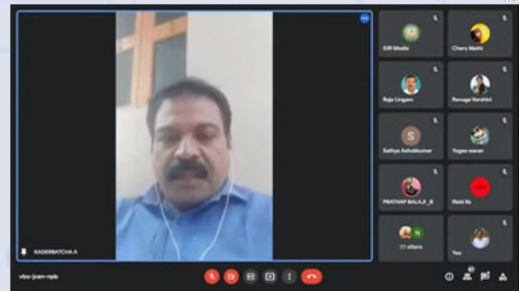
Trainer Details : Mr. Gokularajan  
Area Learning Manager  
Hero Motorcycles, Chennai





## Media Endeavor 2022

Under Media Endeavor 2022 a Webinar on “The Art of Radio” organized under B.Voc MMPT programme at GRI. **Dr Kadhar Batcha**, Chief Information Officer, Pasumai F.M. You Tuber, Thandora Tamizhan shared the session. There are 130 students from GRI and other colleges participated in the Webinar on 04.02.2022.



Under Media Endeavor 2022 a Webinar on “Challenges and Opportunities in Radio” organized under B.Voc MMPT programme at GRI. **RJ Saranya**, Associate Producer, Nellai & Tuticorin, Suryam FM shared the session. There are 230 students from GRI and other colleges participated in the Webinar on 05.02.2022.

Under Media Endeavor 2022 a Seminar on “Evolution of Graphic Design” and “Trends in Animation” organised under B.Voc MMPT programme at GRI. **V. Chenthil Kumar and Bala Seyameshwaran** shared the session on 15.02.2022.



## Insurance Literacy Programme



The Department has organized Insurance Literacy Programme (ILP) as part of the Extension Activities, with the support of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India, Dindigul Branch. Programme was organized on 23 February 2022 – K. Pudur; on 24 February 2022 – Kannimanuthu and on 25 February 2022 – S. Vadipatti.

## International Women’s Day 2022

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, organized two day webinar on occasion of celebration of the International Women’s day on 09.03.2022 & 10.03.2022 on “Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow”

- Topic of the Webinar - “Can Gender Equality be a Shared Aspiration for Women and Men in the 21st century? The role of evidences, experiences and ethics” and Women, Political Participation and Political Culture in Contemporary India
- Guest Speakers - **Dr.Kezevino Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore and **Dr. Antara Ray**, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata
- Total number of Participants - 201

**09.03.2022**



**10.03.2022**



- Topic of the Webinar - “Economic Participation of Women a key to Sustainable Development” and Empowerment of Women
- Guest Speakers - **Dr. N. Manimegalai**, Director & Head, Department of Women’s Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli and **Dr. Varsha Das**, Former Chief Editor & Joint Director, National Book Trust, New Delhi
- Total number of Participants - 189

## Medical Camps

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University) organized Medical Camp in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Health Department under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) at GRI crèche centers during the month April 2022.

Name of the Block	Villages
Athoor	Chettiya Patti
	Valaya Patti
Reddiyar chatiram	Kondamanaicken Patti
	Vellayam Patti
	Kannimanuthu
	K.Pudur
	S.Vadipatti
	Kottur Avarampatti
Dindigul	Ulagampatti
	Agaram
	Agaram
	Rengappanur
	Achampatti



Total number of Children benefited - 479  
**Number of GRI crèche children benefited - 395**  
 Total number of Children referred - 25



## Webinar at Yamaha Training School

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Sornam Honda Motorcycles, Dindigul organized a webinar on “New Technologies on Honda Motorcycles” at 24-03-22. Mr. N. Pandiarajan, Service Manager, Sornam Honda Motorcycles, Dindigul presented various New Technologies and explained in his online lecture.



## Workshop on Genre of Photography

B.Voc Multimedia Production Technology Programme offered by Department of Lifelong Learning under DDU-KK. The Department organized a four-day workshop on “Genre of Photography” during April 16 - 19, 2022



### Indoor Photography

Date	Genre of Photography	Resource person
16.4.2022	DSLR camera menu & settings	Mr. K. Musthafa (Mentor, Sony India Pvt. Ltd., Madurai)
	Product & Ad. Photography	Sri. S. Mariappan (Product Photographer, Dindigul)
	Fashion & Portrait Photography	Mr. Ajay Rajkumar (Freelancer, Dindigul)
17.4.2022	Event & Candid Photography	Mr. Ragav Kanna (Photography Mentor, Madurai)
	Journalism Photography	Press Photographer – (Ananda Vikatan, Madurai)

### Outdoor Photography

Date	Genre of Photography	Resource person
18.04.2022	Travel Photography	Dr. M. Sankaramoorthi
	Landscape and Nature Photography	Mr. Ajay Rajkumar (Freelance Photographer, Dindigul)
19.04.2022	Wildlife Photography	Dr. M. Sankaramoorthi Mr. Prince
	Micro and Macro Photography	Mr. Ajay Rajkumar (Freelance Photographer, Dindigul)



## Master Trainers' Training Programme

UGC's Master Trainers' Training Programme on Capacity Building of Faculty as Master Trainers for Community Based Participatory Research was organized by the GRI during 27.4.2022 to 29.4.2022. As part of the programme the department has arranged field outreach for the participants. They have visited Kanimanuthu and K. Pudhur village and interacted with Panchayat and community leaders.



## Industrial visit



Diploma in Two wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance students & Certificate in two wheeler technician students had visit the OVIS Technologies at Hyderabad on 13.05.2022 and 14.05.2022



## Observed World No Tobacco Day

The Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has been organized the "World No Tobacco Day" in collaboration with Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Dindigul at Kannimanuthu Village on 01-06-2022 in the Balwadi premises.

Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram has welcomed the guest speakers from the Brahma Kumaris team and villagers. He advised to all age groups, particularly the youths who have the habits of consuming the tobacco and tobacco products. Further he added that tobacco consuming has become a culture in many people's lives. It causes throat cancer to the life of younger generation. Hence, adequate and appropriate awareness need to be created among the younger generations in the process of promoting the healthy citizen.



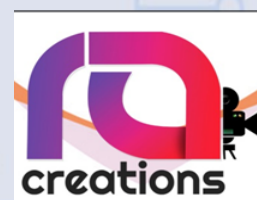
Br. Ramesh Babu, Pictorial presenter, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Dindigul explained in detail that how tobacco consuming practices are occupied among the village people through showcasing the pictures. He has pointed out that tobacco and alcoholism is the main threat to lives of several people. Br. Sivasubramani, chief adviser, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Dindigul emphasized the importance of meditation because the proper practices of meditation promotes the healthy life style.

## In-Plant Training

B.Voc Multimedia Production Technology offered by Department of Lifelong Learning under DDU-KK second and third year students have undergone In-plant training with the following Multimedia Units to explore professional experience in their field of interest.

In-Plant Training for Second years students of B.Voc MMPT in the following Units

- Cini digital Video & Studio
- Raja Studios
- Glo color Lab
- Silamba color lab
- Tamilan Kalai Koodam
- Team Joker
- Recreation
- Vimal Fotoz
- Roja Studio



## In-Plant Training for Third years students of B.Voc MMPT in the following Units

- Harini Photoshop
- RA Creations
- G. K Digital Studio
- Theni 360' photography
- News 7 Tamil
- Big shot studios



## TN Health Skills Summit – 2022

Er.J.Muthukumar had participated in TN Health Skills Summit 2022 which was conducted by Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Healthcare (TNASDCH) at Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Guindy, Chennai on 28th June 2022.



## Visitors to the Department Meeting For Collaboration



The Department has been exploring partners for collaboration in the process of skill development. In this direction, there was a meeting on 1st June 2022 with Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Center for Health Care. Mr. D. Sukan Chinna Maran, Head Operation has visited the department and discussed the possibilities of collaboration. Dr. L. Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI, Gandhigram has explained the ongoing extension activities and skill development programmes; the role of department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in planning and conducting community outreach activities in the villages and also at various levels.

## Foreign Delegates Visit

The Canford School, United Kingdom Professor Danial Neil, Richard Fenwick, and Mary Thorne have been visited to the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram on 02.06.2022. During their visit, Dr.L.Raja, Professor and Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI, Gandhigram has welcomed them and introduced the staff and explained the activities of the department in detail. Professors from Canford School, UK have impressed of the department initiatives and efforts which are part and parcel welfare and development of the rural people.



The department has arranged an interaction section with Foreign Delegates to exchange the knowledge and experience, at the time the Professors team have shared their experiences and also looking forward the possibilities to collaborate with the department in order to bilateral initiatives, efforts and action for the grassroots development.



## Participation of the Faculty Members in Different Forums

Name	Date	Activity	Venue
Dr. L. Raja	20.01.2022	Innovative initiatives for the best implementation of Adult Education programmes In Tamil Nadu	Online - The Directorate of Non-Formal & Adult Education, Chennai - 6 & Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Chennai.
Dr. L. Raja	12.02.2022	Sarvodaya Worker's Day - 2022 International Dialogue on Building Peaceful Societies	Constructive Worker's Home, Gandhigram
Dr. L. Raja	15.02.2022	4th Research Council Meeting	Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai
Dr. L. Raja	25.02.2022	Expert to the Selection Committee for the selection of two Assistant Professor's, Community College of viluppuram and Kothagiri.	Tamil Nadu Open University, Syndicate Hall, Chennai
Dr. R. Venkataravi	26.02.2022	Lecture delivered on Report Writing during the Faculty Development Programme (FDP)	Sri Padmavathy Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam, Tirupathi
Dr. L. Raja	01.03.2022	Dr.M.A. Sudhir Endowment Lecture, New Education policy and Multidisciplinary research (Felicitation)	Online
Dr. R. Venkataravi	16.03.2022	Lecture on Business Opportunities and Enterprise Development	The Department of Adult and Continuing Education, University of Madras
Dr. L. Raja	17.03.2022 to 19.03.2022	Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Training programme on Non-Violence and Panchayat Raj to Bala Shanti Sena Children	Government Higher Secondary School, Chettiyapatti
Dr. R. Venkataravi	23.03.2022	Lecture delivered on Road Map for Life Skills	Parvathy's Arts and Science College, Dindigul
Dr. L. Raja	11.04.2022	Innovation council internal hackathon	Centre for Rural Technology, GRI
Dr. R. Venkataravi	12.05.2022	Inaugurated a National Seminar on Recent International Crisis and Its Impact on Indian Economy	Department of Economics, Arignar Anna Government Arts and Science college, Namakkal
Dr. L. Raja	22.05.2022	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (1961 - 62 to 2021 - 22)	DR. Soundaram Auditorium, Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram
Dr. L. Raja Dr. R. Venkataravi	07.06.2022 08.06.2022	Visited Amirita Vishva Vidyapeetham, Amirthapuri	Discussed possible colobration and signing of MoU.



# “ THE COUNTRY PROSPERS AS ITS VILLAGE DEVELOP “



## Core Team

Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Head

Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor

Dr. M. Sankaramoorthi, Technical Assistant

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