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## ACTIVITY REPORT (April 2023 to June 2023)



### 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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## Teaching

### Community College & Yamaha Training School

The Students of Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance and Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician have participated in the Sales Training at Sree Kanna Yamaha Motors and Kanmani Moto bikes, Dindigul for five days.



Diploma in Two Wheeler Mechanism and Maintenance and Certificate in Two Wheeler Technician Students have visited the D.R Tech Pvt. Ltd, Sidco Industrial Estate, Dindigul on 03.05.2023.

These students have visited the Gedee Museum (Automobile & Science) at Coimbatore during 17.06.2023 to 19.06.2023. These visits were arranged as part of Practical Component and Industry Linkage Programme. In these programmes totally 25 students have participated in Industrial Visit.



### Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

#### Inplant Training

Date	Company Name	No. of Students
05.04.2023 to 20.05.2023	Daikin, Chennai	1
	Blue Star, Chennai	2
	LG, Dindigul	2
	Hi - Tech, Dindigul	2
	Blue Star, Madurai	1
	PSR Home Appliance, Dindigul	1

### National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

As part of the Continuing Education opportunities, the Department has been helping the rural youth for Open Schooling under this NIOS. In the month of April 2023, Public Examination was conducted by the NIOS, New Delhi in which 30 Secondary and 60 Senior Secondary students have taken up Examinations. During this period 36 new students have joined in NIOS.



## RESEARCH

### Viva-voce

Research Scholar	Research Supervisor	Topic
Mr. Jobins Joseph (Part -time) Ph. D Scholar	Dr. L. Raja, Professor	A study on role and functions of disabled people's organizations in Kerala

### GRI Fellowship for Ph.D Scholars

Research Scholar	Research Supervisor	Fellowship Per Month
V. P. Faseela (Full -time) Ph. D Scholar	Dr. R. Venkataravi, Associate Professor	GRI Fellowship of Rs.3000/- sanctioned for a period of 3 months from May 2023

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

### Typewriting Training Programme Certificate Presentation

The Department has been conducting the Typewriting Training Programme for the GRI Students. A batch of 150 students have been trained from September 2022 to April 2023. In this process, the Department has organized Certificate Presentation Ceremony on 03.04.2023. Mr. D. Sujan Chinna Maran, Head Operation, Tamil Nadu Apex Skill Development Centre for Health Care, Chennai has delivered the Valedictory Address and presented the certificate to the students. Dr. V. P. R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI has delivered a Special address during the occasion.



Dr. L. Raja, Professor, Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Dr. S. Ramesh, Dr. S. Gnanasaranya, Guest faculties of the Department have participated in the programme. The Training programme will be continued further as already 90 students have joined for the training. Shortly the Department will also organize Training in the Stenography.

### Photography Club

The Department has organized a Photography Club for the GRI Students during the academic year 2022-23. As part of the Programme, Photography Competition was conducted on 19.04.2023. Photographs have taken by the students were displayed and the same was evaluated by the Experts in the Photography to select the Best Photos. In the Valedictory Programme of the Club, Dr. L. Raja, Coordinator, Photography Club delivered the welcome address, Dr. V. P. R. Sivakumar, Registrar, GRI has delivered the Valedictory address and Special address by the Photography Experts. Dr. M. Seethalakshmi,





Dean, Students' Welfare has felicitated the students who participated in the Photography Club Activities. Best Photos were awarded Prizes and Certificates during the programme. Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension proposed the vote of thanks.

## Video Production Training

The Department has organized a Short-term Training Programme on Video Production from 20th to 24th April 2023. The Programme organized in collaboration with Department of Home Science was formally inaugurated on 20 April in the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. Dr. R. Venkataravi has delivered the welcome address, Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Dr. S. Kavitha Maithily from Department of Home Science have spoken on the occasion and felicitated the programme. In this Training Programme on Video Production 13 M.Sc students have participated.



Mr. P. Venkkates, Multimedia Technician and Mr. V. Nirmal, Technical Assistant provided the practical training during the skill programme to make videos. The Department is planning to offer this kind of short term training in the area of Photography and Videography for the GRI students.

## Photography Training



The Department and School of English and Foreign Languages jointly organized the Photography workshop from 8th to 10th May 2023. It is basically training workshop for the students of M.A English. In this connection, Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head of the Department has delivered the welcome address followed that Dr. L. Raja, Professor and Dr. G. Baskaran, Professor have felicitated the programme. They have suggested to the students to actively participate and have additional skills. In this workshop, 23 students have participated. Mr. P. Venkkates, Multimedia Technician and Mr. V. Nirmal, Technical Assistant have handled both Theory and Practical Classes of the Training.

## Yoga for Mental and Physical fitness Training

The Department has organized the Yoga for Mental and Physical fitness Training for Rural Students on 17.05.2023 at Agaram Village. Dr. L. Raja, Professor has delivered the welcome address and introduced a team of Yoga Experts from Brahma Kumaris. The Expert Team has demonstrated the yoga for the rural students for improving their mental and physical fitness. They have also explained how daily routine of these activities could impact the physical and mental health. Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension proposed the vote of thanks.



## Computer Literacy Training

The Department has organized the Basics of Computer and Office Automation Training for the Rural Youth in Kodamanayakanpatti Village as part of Extension activities from 20th May 2023 to 31st May 2023. In this connection, Mr. Somasundaram, Head Master, Government Kallar Higher Secondary School, Kondamanayakanpatti delivered the welcome address followed that Dr. L. Raja, Professor has formally inaugurated the Programme. Mr. Muthumayan, Ward Member, Kondamanayakanpatti and Mr. Murali, President, Parent-Teacher' Association, Kondamanayakanpatti have felicitated the Programme. Dr. R. Venkataravi formally proposed vote of thanks. In this Skill Training programme, 26 students have participated. Mr. P. Venkkates, Multimedia Technician and Mr. V. Nirmal, Technical Assistant have conducted the programme.



## Basic Photography Training



The Department in collaboration with the Computer Centre of GRI has organized the Photography Workshop from 5th to 7th June 2023. In this connection, Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head of the Department has delivered the welcome address and explained about the Programme. On the occasion, Dr. L. Raja, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension and Dr. N. Palaniappan, Director of Computer Centre felicitated the programme. In this workshop, 11 students have participated. Mr. P. Venkkates, Multimedia Technician and Mr. V. Nirmal, Technical Assistant conducted the Training Programme.

## MEETINGS

### Creche Teachers Meeting

The Department has organized a Meeting for the Creche Teachers on 12.04.2023 for interaction with the Faculties and Experts. In the meeting, Mr. K. Shivakumar, Managing Trustee has interacted and delivered a Motivational Lecture to the GRI Creche Teachers. In the meeting, Dr. L. Raja, Professor, Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension participated.



### Consultative Meeting

The Department has been collaborating with various Institutions and Universities for academic and Skill Development programmes. The Department has organized the Round Table Consultative Meeting through online mode on 17.04.2023. In the meeting various Partnering Institutions who have signed MoU with the Department have participated. The discussions centered around various programmes to be organized during 2023-24 academic year.

# SPECIAL LECTURES

## Capability Enhancement Programme

The Special lectures have organized by the Department under Capability Enhancement Programme for students in Community College GRI-YTS on 04.05.2023 and Tagore Block, GRI on 06.05.2023.



Dr.L.Raja, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has welcomed the gathering and explained the importance of extension services and its dynamics for the livelihood development at grassroots level. Dr. A. Balakrishnan, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, GRI has emphasized during his speech that extension is one of the key factors to enable the sustainable rural development through its distinctive services. Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has introduced the Guest Speaker Mr.K.Ravikumar and also hosting the programme.



Mr.K.Ravikumar, Former Deputy Director, Rural Energy and Infrastructure Division at Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI), Wardha, Maharashtra was the Guest Speaker on these occasions. Mr.K.Ravikumar has delivered the special lecture on “Technology Transfer and Extension for Rural Development”. He has outlined that technology is base for the development which serves as a tool to enable the livelihood opportunities to rural community by providing employable skills through training. He has aslo outlined the importance of technology intervention for promoting the lives of rural community which redefines the rural energy, employment and health so on.



He further explained that Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI) is working on the field of Khadi and Textile, Bioprocessing and Herbal, Chemical Industry, Rural Craft and Engineering, Energy and Infrastructure and Management System. These areas are highly significant sectors which has directly connected with the rural development. Whereas MGNIRI has developed and invented various technologies like Solar Charkhas, LED light, spinning, garment, powerlooms, Hank-dyeing Machine, Microbial Diagnostic Kit and Goat Milk Soap etc for uplifting the rural communities livelihood at large extend. He has explained that MGNIRI has invented various reliable technologies that could be useful in a productive way for sustainable rural development. With his excellent presentation, the students and the scholars of various Departments of GRI have interacted with the Speaker and got clarified their doubts.



Finally, Dr.S.Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has proposed the formal vote of thanks. Dr.S.Ramesh, Mr.Venkkates, Mr.Nirmal and Mr.Vasudevan have made elaborate arrangements for the programme.

# NATIONALLY IMPORTANT DAYS

## World Food Safety 2023

On the occasion of World Food Safety Day, a programme was organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension in collaboration with Department of Home Science on 07-06-2023. This programme is a part of the Department's Capability Enhancement Programme which is conducted in the Campus.

Food safety ensures the physical and mental growth at each and every stage of human development process emphasized by Dr. A. Thahira Banu, Assistant Professor of Home Science, GRI has delivered special lecture on the Sound of Silence: Unspoken Things on Food Safety. She also explained that food standards save the lives of people. However, food preparation and consuming pattern is rapidly changed and caused for food contamination as biological, chemical, physical and allergies so as the food producers and consumers need to follow the standards. During preparation of Food Safety measures such as personal hygienic in handling food and storing and eat right and stay fit.



Food provides essential energy to active life whereas everyone needs to concentrate on selection of food. Dr. R. Sahul Hameed, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, GRI has emphasized the importance of understanding Food Safety Nuances and Complexities. He stressed that fresh and cooked food ensures safety as well as enables the healthy life.

Earlier, Dr.L.Raja, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has welcomed the gathering and indicated that food is essential for adequate growth of the mental and physical. Food standard ensures the safety and security which promotes the essential vitamins and nutrient to require amount to the physical and mental ability pointed out by Dr.K.S. Pushpa, Head, Department of Home Science, GRI.



Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has outlined the Food safety is enriching the standard in food processing and consuming so as be wise while selecting the food for eating. Finally, Dr.S.Ramesh, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has proposed the formal vote of thanks. Dr.S.Gnanasaranya, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has hosted the programme. Mr.Venkkates, Mr.V.Nirmal and Mr.Vasudevan have made elaborate arrangements for the programme.

## World Day Against Child Labour

The World Day Against Child Labour was organized by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI in collaboration with Society for Serving Humanity, Sempatti and under Extension and community Outreach Programme at Ambathurai Panchayat on 12-06-2023.

Dr.L.Raja, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI offered special address and strongly emphasized that Education is a vital process to eradicate the child labour and also that enable to develop the skills to the youths to utilize their latent potential.



Earlier, Dr. Britto Selvaraj, Director, Society for Serving Humanity, Sempatti has welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address, he indicated that 12 per cent of child labour ratio has increased in post Covid-19 that is brought out the adverse effect on the children physical and mental ability. Hence, education is the ultimate solution to end up the child labour issue across the world.

Dr.R.Venkata Ravi, Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI pointed out that Skill Development is “ the need of the hour” to promote the positive vibration among the youth in this process GRI has made necessary arrangements to improve the employable skills among youth at grassroots level. The National Institute of Open of Schooling (NIOS) focuses to provide the education to all sections of people. In addition, he indicated that the GRI has made MoU with various Agencies which supports to enable the skill Training for the rural youth. Dr. S. Eswari, Project Associate, Centre for Women Studies, GRI has stressed that positive approach provides the desired end while focus on the child labour eradication at village level. She advised that parents never allow to the children to earn which caused the adverse effect and shrink down their interest on education.



Mrs. Selvi, MGNREGA – Work Organizer outlined that Children are the asset to the nation and family, whereas parents need to channelize their interest towards learning new knowledge through proper education. Finally, Dr.S.Ramesh, Guest Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, GRI has proposed the formal vote of thanks. Dr.S.Gnanasaranya, Mr.P. Venkkates, Dr.Vellimalayan and Mr.Vasudevan have made elaborate arrangements for the programme.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE FACULTIES

Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head & Dr. L. Raja, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension proposed to have the IAEA conference during 13th-15th December 2023. The GRI is partnering with Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, and Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore in organizing this National Conference at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Etimadai, Coimbatore on 08.06.2023 .



Dr. R. Venkataravi, Head Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension has delivered the special lecture in the planning and management of extension to the Agriculture Students on 29.05.2023



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