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Speaking on the 70th Republic Day Celebrations, honorable Union HRD minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar called for taking national pride in celebrating our Republic Day. He said “Let us build a new India culturally rich and Swachh.... a new India devoid of casteism, terrorism, poverty and corruption. This is the resolution of our Prime Minister and let us all make this our national resolution. Let us all build this New India by 2022”.



## 70th Republic Day Celebrations



**MGNCRE** celebrated the 70th year of India becoming a Republic with great enthusiasm. Chairman MGNCRE, while enumerating the varied accomplishments of MGNCRE, also gave the agenda for the path ahead. He called out for the patriotic fervor that would lead the country forward. Dr. C Uma Maheswara Rao, IAS (Retd.),

a distinguished bureaucrat, graced the occasion along with member secretary Sri P Murali Manohar. Dr. C Uma Maheswara Rao talked on teacher education and the qualities of a good teacher. He emphasized on “ownership” of any task that leads to its accomplishment. An interaction session with the Faculty Induction

Program members followed. Instead of waiting for some outside help, it is always best to help ourselves, he said. Good quality students, the future of India, would come out of selfless teachers. Our ancient system of education was reliant on Acharyas... who preached what they taught. This is what is required today, he advised.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

“ Republic Day serves as a reminder of constitutional obligations to those who are in responsible positions. It reminds us of our duties and rights”. MGNCRE celebrated the 70th Republic Day with heightened commitment and enthusiasm. It was also our good fortune that apart from MGNCRE team, we had the FIP batch (third) participating in full attendance. Member Secretary, Sri P Murali Manohar and Dr. C.Umamaheswara Rao, IAS (Retd.), an exemplary example of accomplishment and integrity, graced the occasion and made the day more memorable.

Continuing our previous agenda of FDPs and workshops and roundtables, we are instilling Nai Talim and Community Engagement in all states slowly and steadily. We have a lineup of activities to be furthered in the next month. Our Project Coordinators on field have

have networked excellently and have contributed immensely to making inroads into all states of India. An exciting and challenging task on hand is the development of MBA Curriculum and Course Material in Waste Management and Environmental Hygiene, entrusted by MHRD to us. Riding on the success of the Elective Course on Waste Management, Sanitation and Environmental Hygiene, and the PG Diploma Course in Waste Management and Environmental Hygiene, we are now developing an MBA Program in Waste Management and Environmental Hygiene. Shri VLVSS Subba Rao is the visionary and the philosophy behind the MBA Program. I thank him profusely for giving us this opportunity. We held a workshop with distinguished academicians from IITs, IIMs, reputed private business management schools, government and

local bodies, to review, analyze and finalize the curriculum. The efforts in initiating the introduction of this MBA Program are progressing smoothly. We have successfully completed three batches of Faculty Induction Programmes (under PMMMNMTT) at our FDC. All the batches have key takeaways and have waxed eloquent of our training modules.

The buzzword throughout all our activities has been “Commitment” and unrelenting perseverance. Our commitments are a reflection of who we are, of statements of our identity, of who we believe ourselves to be and of who we believe ourselves to be capable of becoming. So, we march ahead!

**Dr. W G Prasanna Kumar**  
Chairman, MGNCRE

**W**e wish you all Happy Republic Day. During the past 70 years, India has overcome various types of hurdles and has earned recognition at global levels. So if we focus on what we need to achieve and take pride in it, then we can move forward more positively. India has developed socially and technologically. Although, life in several rural parts of the country are yet to get basic facilities like water and electricity, but it is also a fact that many cities count among the global smart cities. India has achieved new heights in education, medicine, science, literature, music, film, sports and space. Education is the key to all developments, hence the education sector must be invigorated and revitalized. The recent inauguration by Union HRD Minister (through Video Conferencing) of a two-day workshop on Leadership Development in Higher Education for Vice-Chancellors on 24th and 25th January in New Delhi is a step towards improving quality of education. Organized by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) the workshop focused on sharing of ideas, experiences, case studies and action plans at institutional and national levels. Quality teacher education leads to quality student education. Swachhta is the way to go forward. Our initiative on cleaning of the river Ganga is slowly inching forward. Namami Gange Forum members ran the sanitation campaign at Manikaranika Ghat in the third week. A Janajagaran Ganga Aarti was done. Members cleaned wastes spread on the ghats of Ganga. As National Convenor, Namami Gange and Ganga Vichar Manch, I call out to all Indians to contribute to the national cause of cleanliness.

**Dr. Bharat Pathak**  
Vice Chairman

## Calendar Release



**MGNCRE 2019 Annual  
Calendar was released  
by  
Shri Prakash Javadekar**



## Few Glimpses - 2019 Calendar Release Across States



### FIP Third Faculty Induction Program at FDC, MGNCRE



The third Faculty Induction Program (PMMMNTT) started on 3rd January at Faculty Development Centre, MGNCRE, Hyderabad. This was a full time residential training programme, a first for MGNCRE. Chief Guest Prof C Venkataiah, Registrar BRAOU, expressed

his pleasure and satisfaction at the participants' enthusiasm and commended MGNCRE for its stellar contribution in designing an effective pedagogy for the program. As part of the methodologies, Experiential Learning is primary along with skills for administrative functions of Academics. This includes examinations, hostel management, extracurricular activity management, sports and cultural activities, assignments, organising field

trips and administering programs. Every activity is to be taken as a learning activity and to be practiced with required Emotional Intelligence.

Mahatma Gandhi rightly said, "India's way is not Europe's, India is not Calcutta and Bombay. India lives in villages." and "Education means an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man; body, mind and spirit"

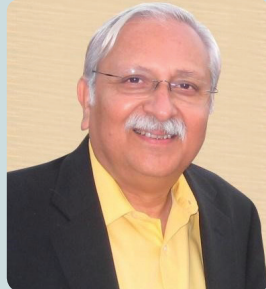


### FDP Faculty Development Programme on Community-University Engagement & Community Based Participatory Research 2nd to 8th January, 2019

Organised by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) and PRIA International Academy (PIA) at Osmania University Centre for International Programmes (OUCIP).

Community-University Engagement & Community Based Participatory Research Programme was inaugurated by Chairman, MGNCRE. Ms. Sarvani Pandey introduced the Guest and speaker of the day Dr. Rajesh Tandon, President, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA). Dr. Rajesh Tandon is an internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. He is one of the founding fathers of Participatory Research. He founded the

Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), a voluntary organisation providing support to grassroots initiatives in South Asia, and continues to be its Chief Functionary since 1982. Participatory Research (PR) is the forte of PRIA's work. It is a methodology that involves experiential knowledge along with intellectual and academic knowledge. His work on bridging the gap between practical and academic work found further support when he was appointed in 2012 as UNESCO Co-Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. The UNESCO Chair grows out of and supports UNESCO's global lead to play 'a key role in assisting countries to build knowledge societies'.



Dr. Tandon, in his address, talked about his long term association with MGNCRE. He said the present education system is getting disconnected with society and community. Higher Education Institutions need to serve

as society's knowledge production engines and preservation centres. Currently, HEIs are becoming just knowledge production institutions with no Experiential Learning elements

useful to the rural society. Universities are designing courses by which they are serving non-Indian markets. Villagers' knowledge is not recognized. The project coordinators of MGNCRE stationed across India were the participants. They shared their experiences during their field visits to villages during Faculty Development Programmes conducted in their respective universities.



- » The FDP was a great learning experience for the Programme Coordinators in improving their communication and report writing skills.
- » Practice and role play in this programme taught how to improve negotiation skills and how to approach and convince authorities.
- » The FDP helped in capacity building and self confidence in participants. It honed their skills in approaching the Higher Educational Institutions for Rural Community Engagement curriculum approval.
- » Participants learnt the importance of participation in community engagement and how it is different from traditional research methods.
- » They learned the importance of participation and research methods in Community Engagement.



**Andhra Pradesh** **FDP** **FDP on Nai Talim - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam - 2nd Jan to 8th Jan**

Hon. Vice Chancellor Prof. K Ramji said that higher education institutions must be connected with nearby societies. Each and every one has to strive for his institutional development. The FDP, attended by faculties from B.Ed colleges, was inaugurated by Prof Dr. G. Tulasi Rao, Principal, College of Arts, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam. MGNCRE's Resource Person, Dr. B. Divakar introduced Nai Talim, Experiential Learning and Work Education to the participants.



**Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of B R Ambedkar University, Srikakulam evinced keen interest in the curriculum for Experiential Learning.**



**Village visit to Salihundam as part of PLA**



**Compost preparation using organic material, kitchen waste, cow dung, water.**

**Andhra Pradesh** **FDP** **FDP on Community Engagement - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Srikakulam, 21st Jan to 27th Jan**



**Explanation of PLA methods to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of BRAU Srikakulam**

Discussing Rural Livelihoods as part of Rural Community Engagement Education in Srikakulam



**Village Visits Gudem, Atchutapuram, Ayyappguda, Kunduvanipeta, Kupplii, Murapaka**

Andhra Pradesh

**FDP** FDP on Community Engagement - Adikavi Nannayya University, Rajamundry 23rd Jan to 29th Jan



The Faculty Development Programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Prof. Suresh Varma, Rector. Dr. K. Subba Rao, Principal & BoS Chairman, and Dr. M. Gopala Krishna, Asst. Prof., were also present. Participants felt they learnt a lot of new teaching concepts and Gandhiji's vision of education. They were motivated to go back and try new techniques. They were convinced that Nai Talim was the only way forward and that rural community engagement should be an essential part of Teacher Education Curriculum.



Bihar

**FDP** FDP on Nai Talim - Patna University, Patna - 6th Jan to 12th Jan



Shri Ras Bihari Prasad Singh, VC, Patna University inaugurated the 7 Day FDP.



Haryana

**FDP** FDP on Nai Talim - UCEK, Kurukshetra, 15th Jan to 21st Jan



Faculty Development Program in Kurukshetra University. Group work in process in University College of Education.



Uttar Pradesh

**FDP** FDP on Nai Talim - K.N.I Campus, Sultanpur 16th Jan to 22nd Jan



FDP on Nai Talim Experiential Learning in Sultanpur - no hierarchies in learning

## FDP

## FDP on Nai Talim - NIT Durgapur, 10th Jan to 16th Jan

A seven day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Rural Immersion and Community Engagement for NSS Programme Officers commenced at D M Sen Auditorium NIT Durgapur on 10th January. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Shri Krishan Rai, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Durgapur. He is also the NSS Programme Coordinator. Welcoming the move by Central Government Dr. Shri Krishan Rai said "Education is effective when transferred

through mother tongue and it is my privilege to start such a programme on Biswa Hindi Diwas." The State Director, NYKS, Mr. NK Naik was the Chief Guest and Key note speaker. In his key note address Mr. NK Naik appreciated the initiative of MGNCRE by saying that "Where there is Gandhi; there is Rural India and I am very happy that

MGNCRE perfectly connects both of them in its name itself." He stressed on the need for community engagement by practicing rural immersion in the villages of India. Prof. KC Ghanta, Chairman, CEC, NIT Durgapur was the guest of honor on the occasion. In his speech he mentioned three development catalysts of rural

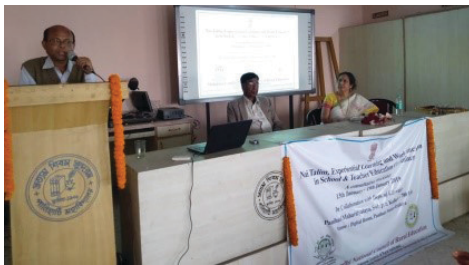
society i.e. Infrastructural Development, Technical Development and Mental Development. NSS Programme Officers from different districts of West Bengal like Birbhum, Asansol, Purba Bardwan, Bankura, Durgapur attended the programme.



Participative Learning and Action as part of Faculty Development Program

## FDP

## FDP on Nai Talim - Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 13th Jan to 19th Jan



Prof Nanda, Head, Education Department Jadavpur University, interacting with the participants

The FDP on Nai Talim started on 13th January in Panihati Mahavidyalaya. Dr. Amulya Kumar Acharya, Programme Coordinator, introduced at the outset the guests present on the dais and initiated discussion about the concerned theme. Welcome address was delivered by the Respected Principal of the college, Dr. Mukti Ganguly. The honourable President of the Governing Body of the college, Dr. Amit Kumar Biswas shared his experience on experiential learning. Prof. Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Chairman SRC and Professor, Department of Education in the University of Kalyani, West Bengal talked about the historical perspectives of experiential learning, Gandhi's concepts of education and the policies undertaken by the Government in this regard. The participants were from various backgrounds and comprised faculty members of education and allied departments of colleges affiliated to different universities such as University of Calcutta, Jadavpur University, West Bengal State University, University

of Kalyani, etc. A holistic and collaborative approach was taken and the relevance of Nai Talim/ Experiential learning was discussed in great detail. Prof. Bishnupada Nanda, Professor and Head, Department of Education, Jadavpur University, delivered an informative and insightful talk on the evolution of different educational systems in India and also discussed the relevance of Gandhi's concept of Nai talim. Dr. Nanda pointed out the significance of sustainable development, experiential learning and Nai Talim. Prof. Partha Sarathi Mallick shared his experiences of Wardha and Sevagram and discussed the need for recognition of



work in society.

Recognition of labour, according to him, lies at the source of experiential learning and this gives a kind of completion to life. He emphasised the need to integrate experience into life and discussed the idea of 'medium of knowledge' which according to him is more important than 'medium of instruction'. The groups went to Gholabhuvanewari, Balika Vidyamandir and Sushil Krishna High School for Boys, and carried out productive team work related to school based activities through which they can learn various skills related to craft and socially useful productive work with the

help of the students and FDP participants. Dr. Bijon Sarkar delivered a lecture as Guest of Honour on Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) to be implemented at schools and villages. A visit was arranged to Gram No.1, Billkanda, P.O. Korno Madhabpur, P.S. Gholab, Dist. North 24 Pgs., WB. Dr. Abhijit Kumar Pal, Head, Department of Education, West Bengal State University, talked about the continuing relevance of Gandhiji's concept of learning and activity-based education. Dr. Asheesh Srivastava, Associate Professor in Education, Visva-Bharati University, delivered an informative and reflective lecture on the major changes in educational systems and policies in India in the 1990s which are comparatively more dynamic than the previous four decades. He also mentioned the new methodology of mapping the rate of development of India, namely HDI which replaced GDP, and was taken as a paradigm after the human development report in 1999.





A National Consultative Workshop on MBA Curriculum for Waste Management and Environmental Hygiene was held at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Banjara Hills, Hyderabad during 11-12 January 2019. Prior to the workshop, a draft curriculum was developed by MGNCRE team with deliberations by industry and subject matter experts. Acknowledging the need for giving mission orientation to the implementation of the much needed MBA program, and to give the curriculum the strength and value addition of management subject experts, MGNCRE conducted the workshop by inviting accomplished academicians from the premier Business Schools of India including IIMs, IITs, NITs, reputed private B-Schools, NGOs, Government and Local Bodies.

#### Objectives

- To bring on one platform eminent academicians from prestigious management business schools and technology institutions to critically analyze the draft curriculum
- Develop and finalize an Action Plan for launching the MBA Curriculum based on the draft circulated
- Quick review and inputs to the curriculum
- Making premier business management institutions take up the MBA course
- Enlisting support from those who can take up the course
- Enlisting resource persons for writing course work, FDP work
- Taking institutional collaboration for rural management/engagement works
- Conduct subsequent institutional level round tables, brainstorming sessions, workshops and Faculty Development Programs

Guest of Honour, **Shri Subba Rao**, Sr. Economic Advisor, MHRD, expressed his happiness on the “glittering” presence of professionals from different streams

of technology and management from premier institutions. Excerpts from his speech - Swachhta is gaining momentum gradually, has got official, step by step. Curriculum development started from single semester Elective to Post Graduate Diploma and now MBA Program. The origin of the curriculum started with the Prime Minister’s thought process of Swachhta. There is an old saying – **“Deho Devalaya Prokto.. Jeevo Deva Sanathana (body is the temple and the indweller is God Himself)”** It means that God resides in you and that God is within everyone. Only realization time differs. We must be internally clean as a clean body houses a clean mind. Cleanliness is next to Godliness. Internally clean thought processes keep the immediate environment clean. The sum total of realization is that God is within you.

**“Public awareness must be generated for Swachhta to make inroads.”** Cleanliness affects society positively, thereby growth of economy and development of the country. It changes the image of the country. It is the face and perception of our country. It affects the mindset. Swachh HEIs include value systems equipped with tools and coherent and meaningful managerial practices. This Program has the potential to take this to the next level. Semester 1 has management component while Semester 2 has field component. The management component is oriented to waste management industry perse. Hence, the inputs of experts is vital. Swachhta has an interdisciplinary approach. MHRD is also exploring tie ups with international universities (such as James Madison..). A team can be sent to the international universities and make presentations. Such specialty tie ups can make this MBA Program world class and bring the country to global notice. The bar has been raised now and a whole new thrust and impetus has been placed on the Program. **Shri Parameswaran Iyer**, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, MHRD, is seemingly impressed by this MBA Program effort and expressed his intention to be associated with this “something special” Program. This MBA Program can be on par with global universities and can be

upgraded with demands. Getting UGC affiliations is not to worry and the ministry will be ready to facilitate tie ups, he added. Shri Subba Rao thanked the participants for coming down and evinced his excitement for a good and fruitful round of discussions.

Guest of Honour, **Dr. B Janardhan Reddy, Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Authority**, spoke about the subject of Waste, something very close to his heart.



#### He emphasized –

- Prime area of concern is segregation at source.
- Without knowledge transfer how much ever spending is done is waste of money.
- Living spaces in the urban areas are very scarce, hence composting is a challenge in the urban household.
- Multi disciplinary approach is required for development of curriculum

Any curriculum needs to change as per technology and a fixed mindset must be offloaded. We should accept changes in technology and curriculum must be revised accordingly with continuous R&D. Going by the train of thoughts during



discussions among the participants as well as the written submissions that they made individually and in groups at the workshop, many of them have exposure to one or more aspects of related pedagogical methods. Participants acknowledged the need for the MBA Program in Waste Management and Environmental Hygiene. They all seemed to welcome the MBA Program but were apprehensive of the introduction part and the credits associated with each course. The common thread running through the submissions made by participants was that the Title of the MBA Program must be modified as per the contents of the course for acceptability.

**Workshops**

**Telangana - Palamuru University, 2nd Jan**



Prof. B. Rajarathnam, Vice Chancellor

**Madhya Pradesh - Barkatullah University, Bhopal, 17th Jan**



Prof. R.J. Rao, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the workshop and welcomed the collaboration with MGNCRE.

**Uttar Pradesh - Meerut, 29th Jan**



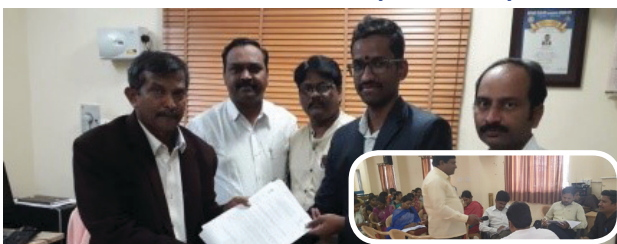
**Jharkhand - Ranchi University, 30th Jan**



**Gujarat - Gujarat Technological University, 28th Jan**



**Andhra Pradesh - Adikavi Nannaya University 31st Jan**



**Telangana - Osmania University, 31st Jan**



**Roundtables**

**Kashmir University 29th Jan**



Vice Chancellor Kashmir University Prof. Talat in Chair



Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, MHOW, Indore 22nd Jan



Devi Ahalya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Indore, MP 22nd Jan



Vikram University, Ujjain 23rd Jan



Makhnallal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal



KIIT University, Bhubaneswar 24th Jan



Ravenshaw University, Cuttack 24th Jan

Odisha - also at IMIS Bhubaneswar (24th Jan) and Utkal University (24th Jan)

Round Tables were also held in Annamalai University, Chidambaram 23rd Jan, Osmania University, Hyderabad 22nd Jan



Ranchi University, Jharkhand - 25th Jan



NRC Centre, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur 8th Jan



**Ongoing FDPs**

Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, 28th Jan to 3rd Feb

CCS University, Meerut, 30th Jan to 5th Feb



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