

**"If you Salute your Duty, you need not Salute Anybody
If you Pollute your Duty, you have to Salute Everybody"**

– Prof. K. Parthasarathy



Prof. K. Parthasarathy, former Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu happens to be an eminent academician who has contributed immensely to upgrade the educational scenario not only in the state of Tamil Nadu but at the national level as well. After serving the Bharathidasan University for almost 29 years Prof. Parthasarathy was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Open University. During his tenure he exhibited his excellence in institutional administration. As the Founder- Director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (IECD), Bharathidasan University he not only put-forth a vision of lifelong learning education for the promotion of entrepreneurship and skill development but also translated that vision into action.

Prof. Parthasarathy is associated with IAEA as a Life Member for last 43 years. Recalling his first experience to attend the All India Adult Education Conference way back in the year 1983 at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh he says that the Association stands for leading the adult and lifelong learning movement both at national as well as international stage.

The Indian Adult Education Association as an Apex level Association has been served by men of eminence and excellence who were committed to the cause of development of society and the nation. His first encounter with Shri J. L. Sachdeva, the then Deputy Director of IAEA at the All India Adult Education Conference in 1983 at BHU has had an ever-lasting imprint of excellence in his mind. Prof. Parthasarathy found Shri Sachdeva as an

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excellent administrator and a visionary adult educationist who led the movement from the front.

The collective efforts made by the establishment, institutions and people led movements have successfully helped the country to traverse the path of development during preceding decades resulting into the rising aspirations of the nation and the countrymen. Consequently, the challenges of the day are far different from those of yesterdays and hence institutions as well as society need new objectives, targets and means to achieve the same.

The IAEA as a leading academic institution of the country needs to conceptualize a new course of action for it which can inspire all those academicians, community institutions and functionaries working in the wider domain of adult and lifelong learning education in the country and abroad. Today we need to harness the technological advancement for the sake of development of people materializing the aspirations of youth into a reality. This further requires elimination of age-old social barriers and eradication of existing disparities be it economic, gender, lingual, racial or anything else.

Ours is a vast nation with cherishable cultural and civilizational inheritance and hence, we owe a huge responsibility towards our countrymen as well as the global community. We need to bank upon our profound experience while unfolding the path for future. Each and every academic institution, be it public or private, need to realize this vision and consolidate its resources to cater the skill and learning needs of the population within its own jurisdiction. As IAEA works on national plank it requires to network with the leading personalities and institutions of the country, conceptualize programme and activities capable of giving insight to the whole community and motivate institutions and scholars to undertake innovative researches that can be more meaningful to utilize for the growth and development of the nation. Continuous upgradation of knowledge based human resource is the need of the hour and hence, institution should assign due priority to it. "If you Salute your duty, you need not salute anybody; If you Pollute your duty, you have to salute everybody", this remains to be our core realization.

Interviewed by
Shri B. Sanjoy
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Announcement

66th All India Adult Education Conference will be held at Bhubaneswar

The 66th All India Adult Education Conference will be held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from **January 21-23, 2026**. The conference will be jointly organized by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubneswar. The theme of the conference is **"Fostering Adult and Lifelong Learning for All"**.

Sub-themes are:

1. NEP 2020: Conceptual Framework for Adult and Lifelong Learning for All & Full Employment
2. Adult and Lifelong Learning for All for Full Employment: Role of Academic Institutions
3. Decoding Multidisciplinary Approach for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
4. Catering the Skill Needs and Empowerment of Indigenous People
5. Preserving and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge and Skills among Tribal Community
6. Role of Community Organizations for Upgrading Adult and Lifelong Learning
7. ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All
8. Harnessing RPL for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
9. Promotion of Adult and Lifelong Learning by the Government
10. Fostering University-Industry Linkages for Adult and Lifelong Learning
11. Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning
12. Use of Technology for Skill Upgradation:
13. Skill Development through Lifelong Learning
14. Opportunities and Challenges for Lifelong Learning
15. Sustainable Development for Lifelong Learning

For presenting thematic papers Abstract through e-mail directoriaea@gmail.com not exceeding 500 words has to be submitted on or **before November 15, 2025**. Full paper through (MS Word, Font - New Times Roman, Font Size – 12, Spacing – one and half) to be submitted on or **before December 15, 2025**.

Registration fee

Registration Period	Delegates	Students
Till December 31, 2025	Rs.2500/-	Rs.1500/-
January 1 - 15, 2026	Rs. 3000/-	Rs.2000/-

Local participants will not be provided accommodation and will be served lunch and tea only. The Registration fee for local participants is Rs.1500/- and for on the spot registration the fee will be Rs.2500/-.

Mode of Payment

Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Indian Adult Education Association" payable at New Delhi may be sent by post to **Indian Adult Education Association**, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110 002.

Details for NEFT

Name : Indian Adult Education Association
Bank : Canara Bank
Branch : DTC I.P. Depot
I.P. Estate, New Delhi
A/c No : 91262010001900
IFSC Code : CNRB0019126

QR code is also given for payments with an e-mail (directoriaea@gmail.com) with complete information of payment.

All are cordially invited to attend the conference.

Kindly confirm your participation to IAEA by sending your complete postal address with pin code (both personal and official), e-mail ID, and mobile number through e-mail: directoriaea@gmail.com and copy to iaeadelhi@gmail.com

The month of January will be winter and hence, participants attending the conference may come with adequate woolen clothing for proper protection. Other logistic will be shared to you after registration.

(Suresh Khandelwal)
General Secretary



Note: Registration form for 66th AIAEC is at page no. 7

IAEA appoints Prof. S.Y. Shah as Patron

I am delighted to inform you that Prof. S.Y. Shah, an adult educationist of international repute has been appointed as Patron of IAEA for the period coterminous with the present Executive Committee. The decision was

overwhelmingly endorsed by the EC in its meeting held on August 4, 2025. Prof. Shah has been associated with the IAEA for the last 40 years as a life member and has held various positions, viz, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive

Editor / Editor of the Indian Journal of Adult Education for different periods.

Following are some of the highlights of his career.

- **Shri Suresh Khandelwal**
General Secretary, IAEA

Throughout his association with IAEA Prof. Shah has not only participated in most of the programmes of the Association but also designed and coordinated Research Methodology Course for nine years and the Visiting Scholar Colloquium for four years. In 2002, Prof. Shah took the initiative to plan and establish the International



Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education (IIALE) at the IAEA premises and served as its Director for more than two decades. Under his leadership, the IGNOU Study Centre was established to offer Master's, Diploma, and Certificate programs in Adult Education. In collaboration with the National Literacy Mission (Government of India), UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), he designed an innovative program - Participatory Adult Learning Documentation and Information Networking (PALDIN) - for the professional development of adult education functionaries. In 2007, he established the Indian chapter of the International Reading Association and served as its President for two years, followed by over a decade as Executive President.

During his four-decade-long career, Prof. Shah held several distinguished positions, including: Professor and Director of Adult & Continuing Education at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Senior Fellow at the National Institute of Adult Education, Joint Adviser (Education Division), Planning Commission, Government of India, and Lecturer at the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT), New Delhi. Internationally, he has had teaching and research stints at several prestigious institutions, including: DAAD Visiting Professor at Duisburg-Essen University and Julius Maximilian University, Germany; Erasmus Mundus Visiting Scholar of the European Commission at Aarhus University, Denmark; Development Fellow of the Association of Commonwealth Universities at Warwick University, UK; Kellogg Visiting Scholar at Syracuse University, USA; Senior Social Science Fellow of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute at the University of Toronto, Canada. He has designed and taught innovative courses at both Indian

and foreign universities, undertaken 21 research projects, and contributed significantly to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of numerous adult education initiatives, particularly those of the National Literacy Mission and the IAEA.

Prof. Shah has also served as a consultant to several organizations, including UNESCO (India), Commonwealth of Learning, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and Asian South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE). He has been a member or advisor in several expert bodies, including: Standing Committee of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Advisory Committee of the Adult Learning Documentation and Information Network of the UIL, Advisory Board of World Literacy of Canada, Advisor to Rotary Club of India, and Co-Coordinator of the ASEM Network on Professionalization of Adult and Lifelong Learning. He has made thirty presentations at several international conferences held in the US, UK, Germany, Denmark, France, South Africa, Finland, Norway, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, Taiwan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Brazil and South Korea. He has over seventy publications including the special platinum jubilee publication on 75 years of Indian Adult Education Association. He wrote the screenplay for the film on IAEA which is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzuLhAbOGR4>.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of adult and lifelong learning, Prof. Shah has received numerous honours and awards, including Nehru Literacy Award (2007), Honorary Fellowship of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg (2017), Induction into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, USA (2015), Sardar Patel International Literacy Award of Commonwealth Association for the Education and Training of Adults, UK; International Association of Education for World Peace, USA; and The Global Open University, Milan (2002).

For further details on his work, refer to his publication: My Experiences of Working in the Field of Adult and Lifelong Learning in India and Abroad, available on Amazon, Academia.edu, Research Gate, and the IIALE website: www.iiale.org and <https://sites.google.com/view/drsyshah/home>

Workshop on Making Spices at Kolhapur

The Maharashtra State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Narayani Bahuuddeshiy Sevabhavi Sanstha, Kolhapur and Shri Sai Mahila Bachat Gat (Women SHG) organized a workshop on Making Spices on June 11-12, 2025 which was participated by more than 20 women eager to work independently. During the workshop Smt. Prasannata Chavan, the Resource Person, explained the importance of the activity and trained the beneficiaries to make pure and healthy spices like Garam Masala, Chhole Puri Masala, Chicken Masala, etc. which can be sold in the local markets. Another Resource Person Smt. Shubhangi Mali demonstrated the process of



frying, baking, mixing the spices and explained them how to sell the spices in the market.

– Dr. Gorakhnath N. Kamble

Webinar on Sustainable Development and Gender Equality: Observing Issues and Challenges



To commemorate World Population Day a thought-provoking webinar titled "Sustainable Development and Gender Equality: Observing Issues and Challenges" was organized by IAEA on July 11, 2025 which was attended by many distinguished speakers, academicians, research scholars, students, and practitioners. Including the inaugural and concluding the proceedings of the webinar was divided into seven working sessions.

In the first session the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Rajesh in which he warmly welcomed the dignitaries. Emphasizing the significance of World Population Day, he quoted the UN Secretary-General's call for a just and hopeful world where choices, opportunities, and equality define individual destinies. He also underlined the relevance of the day's theme—Sustainable Development and Gender Equality—and spoke about the shared values between IAEA and institutions like Miranda House, known for their commitment to women's empowerment and quality education.

The second session featured an insightful keynote by Professor L. Raja, President, IAEA. Speaking from a rural context, he emphasized the global demographic transitions, especially the

alarming decline in fertility rates in developed and developing nations alike. Drawing on personal experiences and Gandhian philosophy, he underlined the importance of family as a cultural and social unit.

The third session was addressed by Prof. Vijayalakshmi Nanda, a renowned advocate for gender equality. Focusing on the critical intersections of gender, population, and education, she stressed that empowering young people involves ensuring access to accurate information, healthcare, and informed choices. She strongly advocated the inclusion of reproductive rights and family planning education in formal curricula.

In the fourth session Prof. Saroj Garg, Principal and Dean, Lokmanya Tilak Teachers Training College Udaipur and Member, Executive Committee, IAEA offered a critical reflection on how gender equity, social justice, and sustainable development are interconnected yet often neglected in policy and practice. She emphasized that government policies rarely consider the lived realities of women, particularly those working in informal and labour-intensive sectors.

The fifth session was addressed by Dr. Asha Verma, Head, Centre for Women and Child Rights at Gandhinagar National Law University and Associate Secretary of IAEA who offered a compelling legal perspective on gender justice within the framework of sustainable development. She emphasized that achieving SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) requires not just constitutional promises but active enforcement of legal provisions. Drawing from the Indian

Constitution (Articles 14–17, Directive Principles) and specific laws like the Equal Remuneration Act (1976), Maternity Benefit Act (1961, amended), and POSH Act (2013), she highlighted how gender-based discrimination persists despite legislative safeguards.

Dr. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA while addressing the sixth session, offered a powerful reflection rooted in her decades of experience with India's earliest population education programmes. She recalled the resistance and stigma attached to talking about population and family planning in the 1980s, when her centre was among the first selected by UNDP and UNESCO to pilot such efforts. She highlighted how awareness may have grown, but India's population-related challenges still persist.

In the final session Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, DU delivered a deeply insightful and integrative address, tying together gender equality, population trends, and sustainable development. She emphasized the critical interdependence between population dynamics, gender justice, and sustainability. She stressed that true sustainability cannot be achieved without ensuring equal opportunities for women, who constitute nearly half the population.

Entire webinar was facilitated by Ms. Ayesha Siddiqui, Director Intern, IAEA while Ms. Poonam Rajput, Ph.D Scholar, DCEE, DU under the supervision of Prof. Rajesh developed the concept note. The webinar got concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.



पुस्तिकाएं वितरित की गयी। कार्यक्रम में प्रमुख रूप से जनपद पंचायत अध्यक्ष श्री सरदार मालवीय मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे, जबकि कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता कैप्टन एन. एस. रावत ने की। इस अवसर पर संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल एवं विद्यालय प्राचार्या श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोरे मंचासीन रहीं।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री सरदार मालवीय ने अपने उद्बोधन में संस्था की सरहाना करते हुए कहा, “वात्सल्य संस्था द्वारा शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में किया जा रहा सेवा कार्य अत्यंत



प्रेरणादायक है। समाज के हर वर्ग को ऐसे प्रयासों में भागीदारी करनी चाहिए। मैं आश्वस्त करता हूँ कि शिक्षा के किसी भी कार्य में मैं पूर्ण सहयोग करूंगा।” वहीं अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्री रावत ने विद्यालय के चयन पर संस्था का आभार जताया और इस कार्यक्रम को समाज को दिशा देने वाला कार्य बताया।

कार्यक्रम में महू तहसील में म.प्र. माध्यमिक शिक्षा मंडल द्वारा आयोजित परीक्षा में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले विद्यार्थियों को सम्मानित भी किया गया। सम्मान प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों में शामिल थे – कक्षा 5 में सर्वोच्च अंक प्राप्त करने वाले मास्टर हर्ष बोधके, स्काई हाइटस स्कूल; कु. हेतेशी उबनय, यशवंत पब्लिक स्कूल; कक्षा 4 में श्रेष्ठ अंक लाने वाले मास्टर कृष्णा लोवंशी, यशवंत

पब्लिक स्कूल; कु. दिव्यांशी सुले, श्री एकेडमी; तथा मास्टर गौरव सिंगारे, चेम्प्स एकेडमी। इन सभी विद्यार्थियों को कैप्टन एन. एस. रावत द्वारा प्रोत्साहन राशि एवं सम्मान पत्र प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ द्वीप प्रज्वलन एवं मां सरस्वती के चित्र पर माल्यार्पण से हुआ। विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा प्रस्तुत सरस्वती वंदना ने सभी का मन मोह लिया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों का स्वागत विद्यालय की प्राचार्या श्रीमती वैशाली वाकोरे एवं संस्था अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम का परिचय श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने प्रस्तुत किया, समन्वय श्रीमती कृष्णा शर्मा द्वारा किया गया एवं संचालन श्री नारायण सिंह चौहान ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ। इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम के संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री विजय विजयवर्गीय, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ सहित अनेक गणमान्य नागरिक, अभिभावक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण उपस्थित रहे।

IAEA Kerala State Branch



Dr. T. Sundaresan Nair, Former Director, SRC, Kerala. With a detailed presentation on “Emerging Trends in Adult Literacy and Life Long Learning in the Context of NEP 2020” he emphasized how literacy initiatives must be redefined to suit the evolving

socio-economic challenges and to foster lifelong learning opportunities for all. Delivering the presidential address Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, Vice President IAEA, New Delhi underlined the importance of literacy as a tool for social transformation and encouraged students and teachers to adopt innovative practices on the lines of NEP 2020.

An oath was administered by Shri Harish Kumar S., Secretary, State Branch observing both the Teachers’ Day and the ILD was taken collectively by all the participants reaffirming their commitment towards literacy, education, and the noble role of teachers. The programme was concluded with a warm Vote of Thanks proposed by Ms. Roshna Mariam Eapen, Research Scholar.

IAEA Signs MoU with I.P. College for Women, DU



The Indraprastha College for Women with its century long standing is one of the most prominent, prosperous and promising colleges of the University of Delhi. Recently, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary along with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-Charge, IAEA visited the college to solemnize a Memorandum of Understanding with it. The MoU was signed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Poonam Kumria, Principal, I. P. College on June 24,

2025 for a period of five years to be renewed further with mutual consent. Prof. Poonam Kumria was accompanied by Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and a Life Member of IAEA.

This Memorandum of Understanding will open a new horizon of collaboration between both the institutions and help to organize programmes and activities such as Research Methodology Courses, Capacity Building Programmes for Faculty and Scholars, Social Outreach Programmes and other academic activities intended to provide grassroots level exposure to the scholars. Thereby, enhancing their capabilities of doing meaningful research under the Four-Year Under-Graduation Programme (FYUP) on the line of NEP 2020. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Jai Pratap Singh also thanked Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA for encouraging such initiatives between two old institutions.

MOU signed with KISS – Deemed to be University



Adding a new chapter in the collaborative efforts towards the furtherance of adult and lifelong education in India IAEA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

(KISS), Bhubaneswar a Deemed to be University and a prestigious institute working in the field of tribal education. The MOU was signed in a solemn function organized on September 17, 2025 in the campus of KISS which was graced and inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Kashi Nath Jena, Pro Vice Chancellor, KISS. The function was participated and addressed by the officials of IAEA including Prof. (Dr.) L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge. From KISS a team of academicians and faculty members including Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Hon’ble Founder, KISS & KIIT, Dr. Prashant Kumar Routray, Registrar, Dr.

Manoj Kumar Behra, Associate Professor and Dr. Disha Bhatt, Assistant Professor, KISS. Dr. Kalpana Raja, Life Member, IAEA also joined the function online along with Prof. Raja from Germany. A book entitled “Sacred Groves of India: Ecology, Culture and Conservation” authored by Dr. Manoj Kumar Behra was also released on the occasion by the dignitaries. During the discussion officials tried to explore the possibility of organizing 66th All India Adult Education Conference jointly in the campus of KISS. Both Dr. B.P. Mohanty, President and Dr. Behra, Secretary, Odisha Chapter, IAEA played important role in organizing the function at Bhubaneswar.

Lecture Session on Tribal Rights

A lecture session on “From Oral Traditions to Environmental Learning: Adult Learning Pathways through Sacred Groves” was also organized on 17th September 2025 jointly by the Centre for Sacred Groves, School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology, Department of Anthropology, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights, and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi. Delivering the Keynote Address Prof. Rajesh discussed the critical role of tribal education in shaping the future of the nation. He pointed out that educating marginalized communities is not merely a social responsibility but also a prerequisite for inclusive national development. Shri Suresh Khandelwal in his opening remarks emphasized the growing importance of lifelong learning and the necessity of



imparting quality education, particularly to tribal communities. The welcome address was given by Dr. Manoj Behra while the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Manoranjan Mohapatra, Head of the Department of Anthropology, KISS-DU. Dr. Sujata Acharya, Associate Professor and Dean of the School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology (STHTI), KISS-DU, provided a reflective concluding remark.

Observed International Literacy Day 2025

Keeping the focus on the theme “Promoting Literacy in Digital Era” a number of programmes were organized under the aegis of IAEA to observe the International Literacy Day 2025. A few of them require special mention.

IAEA Headquarters, New Delhi



A “Padho Likho Pratiyogita (Reading and Writing Competition)” was conceptualized to celebrate ILD while engaging community people with it so that the message of literacy and empowerment reaches to those who are still deprived of the light of learning. As part of the programme intensive awareness campaign in three different spells were conducted by the member of staff of IAEA and the beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre - door to door contact, contacted over phone and one to one reach out on ILD.

Amid heavy rain and flood threat, all the members of staff of IAEA including Shri B. Sanjoy, Smt. Neha Gupta, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Shri Surinder Singh Yadav, Shri Bittoo and Shri Kishore approached residents of nearby slums areas and motivated them to register for the competition. As a result, not only children but a number of neo-literate women also registered themselves and received a set of copy and pen in which they were supposed to write at least two pages from whatever reading material they had. Around hundred sets of stationaries were distributed in the community. Sensing their hesitation, each enrolled participant was further contacted over phone and requested to feel free to submit the copies with text written in own hand writing. On September 8th a team of beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre led by the trainer Ms. Kajal visited the nearby areas and asked the



participants to come in time.

The copies received were evaluated by the organizing team to identify best 10 hand writings. It was certainly a matter of surprise that even the neo-literates took the matter with utmost sincerity and delivered their best. In the evening the Conference Hall at IAEA Headquarters was nearly jam-packed with the participants accompanied by their parents.



The programme started with enchanting the melodious patriotic song “Galat Mat Kadam Uthao, Soch Kar Chalo” by Dr. Kalpana Raja and Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA who joined the programme online from Germany. It was so impressive that all the participants automatically joined singing the song. Thereafter, along with Saraswati Vandana the auspicious lamp was lighted by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge who was joined by Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Docmentation Officer, Shri



Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and all other member of staff. While extending his blessings and support to the cause of community work Prof. L. Raja said that transforming the life at grassroots level is the real testament of our success. This was followed by

सभा को जनसंपर्क विभाग के उपनिदेशक डॉ. हरि शंकर आचार्य तथा जागरूकता समन्वयक डॉ. वाई. बी. माथुर ने भी संबोधित किया। इस दौरान व्यंग्यकार-संपादक डॉ.

अजय जोशी, शोधार्थी डॉ. गौरी शंकर प्रजापत, इतिहासकार डॉ. फारूक चौहान, शिक्षक श्री भवानी सोलंकी, चित्रकार श्री योगेन्द्र पुरोहित और श्री महेन्द्र जैन ने भी

विचार व्यक्त किए। साहित्यकार श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार ने आगंतुकों का आभार जताया और कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री गोपाल जोशी ने किया।

वात्सल्य द्वारा निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण एवं मेधावी विद्यार्थियों का सम्मान



मध्य प्रदेश के महु शहर एवं आस-पड़ोस के इलाकों में सक्रिय ‘वात्सल्य’ असहाय एवं अभावग्रस्त विद्यार्थियों के उत्थान के प्रति एक समर्पित संस्थान है जो कोशिश करती है कि पठन-पाठन सामग्री के अभाव में कोई छात्र पढ़ना ना छोड़ दे। इस लिए प्रतिवर्ष संस्थान द्वारा छात्र-छात्राओं को निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिकाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाती है। विभिन्न विद्यालयों में निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरण का यह कार्यक्रम इस वर्ष पांच चरणों में आयोजित किया गया।

उदघाटन



शुरुआत स्थानीय देवी अहिल्या बाई होल्कर, सी.बी. कन्या उ.मा.वि. महु में दिनांक 5 जुलाई 2025 को प्रातः 11 बजे आयोजित कार्यक्रम से हुई जिसमें 8 विद्यालयों के तीसरी से आठवीं तक के 160 विद्यार्थियों को अभ्यास पुस्तिका वितरित की गयी। यह कार्यक्रम लायंस क्लब, महु के अध्यक्ष श्री नारायण गर्ग की अध्यक्षता एवं छावनी परिषद कार्यालय अधीक्षक श्री संतोष अग्रवाल के मुख्य आतिथ्य तथा समाजसेवी



श्रीमती निर्मला यादव एवं शिक्षाविद् श्री तपन जिंदल व श्री रामलाल प्रजापति के आतिथ्य में सम्पन्न हुआ। इस अवसर पर संस्था अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

अतिथि श्रीमती यादव ने बच्चों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि जीवन में अपना लक्ष्य तय करके उसकी प्राप्ति के लिए अनवरत प्रयास करें तो सफलता निश्चित ही प्राप्त होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था बहुत नेक कार्य कर रही है। निर्धन एवं असहाय बच्चों की शिक्षा के लिए कार्य करना बहुत बड़ी बात है। श्री प्रजापति ने कहा कि विद्यार्थी जीवन, जीवन का स्वर्णिमकाल होता है। हमें पुरुषार्थ एवं परमार्थ के लिए जीवन जीना चाहिए।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री अग्रवाल ने अपने उद्बोधन में कहा कि महु शहर के वरिष्ठ और बुजुर्ग तथा समाजसेवी बड़ी शिद्दत से सेवा कार्य में लगे हैं, ऐसे में सेवा कार्य का अच्छा होना निश्चित है। अभावग्रस्त बच्चों के लिए संस्था जो कार्य कर रही है, वह सराहनीय है। अपने अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्री गर्ग ने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था का उद्देश्य असहाय विद्यार्थियों की सहायता करना है। इस कार्य को वात्सल्य बड़ी ईमानदारी से कर रही है।

इस अवसर पर महु तहसील में म.प्र.शिक्षा.

बोर्ड के 10वीं व 12वीं में सर्वोच्च अंक प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थी (1) कु. यशस्वी जैन (2) कु. नंदिनी शर्मा (3) कु. विशाका पण्डारे (4) कु. अंजलि शर्मा और (5) मास्टर शैलेन्द्र मानकर को भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के संरक्षक प्रो. एस. वाय. शाह द्वारा प्रदत्त पुरस्कार-राशि प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया।

प्रारंभ में अतिथियों का स्वागत वात्सल्य की ओर से संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा एवं विद्यालय की ओर से प्राचार्य श्री विशाल श्रीवास, शिक्षिका श्रीमती विनीता नायडू द्वारा किया गया। आभार संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने माना एवं आयोजन परिचय श्री राजेश पाटीदार द्वारा दिया गया। कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन श्रीमती मनीषा डेनियल ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ।

इस अवसर पर संस्था सदस्यों श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री नारायण चौहान, श्री मनीष शुक्ला, श्रीमती राजकुमारी अग्रवाल, श्रीमती शोभा व्यास, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री दिलीप वर्मा सहित शहर के गणमान्य नागरिक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण भी उपस्थित थे।

समापन

कार्यक्रम के अंतिम चरण का आयोजन दिनांक 14 जुलाई 2025 को प्रातः 11 बजे क्रिस्टिना कान्वेंट उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालय, शांतिनगर, महु में किया गया।

इस चरण में तीसरी से आठवीं कक्षा तक के कुल 129 विद्यार्थियों को अभ्यास

आईईए आंचलिक कार्यालय, महु

साक्षरता दिवस के अवसर पर भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महु स्थित आंचलिक कार्यालय एवं एकलाय शिक्षण संस्थान द्वारा “साक्षरता ही शक्ति है” शीर्षक से एक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया जिसमें मुख्य वक्ता शिक्षाविद् श्री वेदान्त हजारी थे तथा अध्यक्षता आईईए के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलावाल ने की। शिक्षा विभाग के साक्षरता समन्वयक श्री नीलकण्ठ पाण्डेय एवं उपनिदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी भी मंचासीन थे। अतिथियों का स्वागत श्रीमती स्वाति विजयवर्गीय द्वारा किया गया।

अपने उद्बोधन में श्री वेदान्त हजारी ने कहा कि 21वीं सदी में साक्षरता ही शक्ति है। साक्षरता का मतलब केवल किताबें पढ़ना ही नहीं है। साक्षरता व्यक्ति में जागरूकता लाती है एवं उसे सही व गलत का ज्ञान कराती है। यदि व्यक्ति साक्षर है तो वह अपने अधिकारों एवं कर्तव्यों को भलिभांति समझता है व जीवन में उन्नति कर सकता है। वर्तमान में व्यक्ति इंटरनेट के माध्यम से भी शिक्षा प्राप्त



कर सकता है। साक्षर व्यक्ति समाज में भी सम्मानित स्थान प्राप्त कर सकता है। आज हम यह शपथ लेते हैं कि हम स्वयं भी पढ़ेंगे, स्वयं भी सीखेंगे व दूसरों को भी साक्षर बनाएंगे व किसी भी छात्र को स्कूल से दूर नहीं रहने देंगे।

इस अवसर पर श्री पाण्डेय ने कहा कि मध्य प्रदेश साक्षरता में अन्य प्रदेशों से आगे चल रहा है। वर्तमान में प्रदेश में साक्षरता का प्रतिशत 85 प्रतिशत है और हम लोग साक्षरता को शत-प्रतिशत करने के लिए प्रयासरत हैं। आशा कला केन्द्र का भी साक्षरता में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है। इस अवसर पर श्री सुरेश खण्डेलावाल ने विश्व साक्षरता दिवस की बधाई देते हुए कहा कि सभी लोग यह शपथ लें कि अपने आसपास यदि कोई व्यक्ति



निरक्षर है तो उसे हम साक्षर बनाने का प्रयास करेंगे। रोटरी क्लब महु केन्ट के अध्यक्ष श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने सभी अतिथियों का क्लब की ओर से सम्मान किया एवं उन्हें प्रमाण पत्र भी प्रदान किए।

आभार उप-निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी ने माना व कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने किया। कार्यक्रम में आईईए के संयुक्त सचिव श्री मृणाल पंत, श्री कार्तिक पाटीदार, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री दिलीप वर्मा एवं अनेक छात्रगण भी उपस्थित रहे।

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा का पुनर्गठन



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा की कार्यकारिणी का पुनर्गठन सितंबर 2025 में किया गया। कार्यकारिणी में श्री सत्यम सम्राट आचार्य, श्रीमति मधु श्रीवास्तव, श्री विमलचन्द्र जैन, अध्यक्ष, श्री नारायण प्रसाद श्री योगेन्द्र मिश्रा और श्री उमेश खण्डेलावाल चौहान, सचिव, सुश्री रेखा द्विवेदी, कोषाध्यक्ष सदस्य मनोनीत किए गये।

जनसंपर्क कार्यालय, बीकानेर

विश्व साक्षरता दिवस पर जनसंपर्क कार्यालय, बीकानेर एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, राजस्थान शाखा के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में “डिजिटल साक्षरता : आज की आवश्यकता” विषय पर 8 सितंबर 2025 को एक संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। सूचना केन्द्र सभागार में आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि वरिष्ठ शिक्षाविद् श्री ओमप्रकाश सारस्वत थे जिन्होंने अपने उद्बोधन में कहा कि आज के दौर में साक्षरता के मायने बदले हैं, अक्षरों की

साक्षरता का स्थान डिजिटल साक्षरता ने ले लिया है। डिजिटल साक्षरता के अभाव में व्यक्ति बड़ी परेशानी में फंसने लगा है। दुर्भाग्य से इनमें युवओं की संख्या सबसे बड़ी है। ऐसे में डिजिटल साक्षरता की अलख जगाना आज की बड़ी आवश्यकता है।

कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के एसोसिएट सचिव श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने कहा कि डिजिटल साक्षरता की उपादेयता को समझते हुए इस बार विश्व



साक्षरता दिवस की थीम ‘डिजिटल युग में साक्षरता को बढ़ावा देना’ रखी गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि साक्षरता किसी भी देश के विकास की आधारशिला होती है। यह नींव जितनी सशक्त होगी, देश भी उतना मजबूत होगा।

depiction of a short film on literacy “Ek Chithhi” based on which a quiz was also conducted. Euphoric students enjoyed it to their core. A number of parents successfully own prizes in the quiz.

Before the prize for the champions of “Padho-Likho Pratiyogita” (Reading

and Writing Competition) was distributed, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary from Mhow and Prof. Rajesh addressed the gathering and encouraged all the community people to keep participating in the programmes organized by IAEA. Shri Khandelwal said that IAEA is ready to

do its best for the upliftment of people in urban slums. All the members of the staff of IAEA and beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre did their best to make the programme a great success. The programme was concluded with rendering the National Anthem “Jana Gana Mana”.

Online Discussion on the Role of AE and LLL Departments under the NILP



To observe International Literacy Week an online discussion was also organized by IAEA on September 10, 2025 on “Catalysing Change: The Role of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning Departments under the New India Literacy Program (2022-2027)” which was participated by eminent adult educationists and scholars from different universities. The deliberation held here came out with certain important working points for strengthening core areas of adult and lifelong learning viz. Training & Capacity Building, Data Collection & Research Repository, Continuing Education & Employability, Social Inclusion & Defence, Recognition of Prior Learning and Collaboration & Networking. The proceeding of this online discussion was divided into inaugural session, interactive session, Q&A session and concluding session.

The inaugural session began with the welcome address delivered by Prof. Rajesh, Sr. Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi and Director In-charge, IAEA was also addressed by Prof. S.Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA and Prof. Usha Sharma, Incharge, CNCL, NCERT. Prof. Rajesh recalled the vision of the Kothari Commission and urged for greater institutional synergy with IAEA for advancing lifelong learning initiatives. Emphasizing leadership role Prof. Shah desired



IAEA to take a lead in the production of manpower and resources for adult education, dissemination of knowledge generated through joint academic efforts and strengthening extension and professional support across departments. He strongly advocated for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through certification programmes and Visiting Scholars Fellowship Programme for young scholars in adult education. Prof. Raja highlighted the importance of NGOs, voluntarism, and university government collaboration to extend the reach of adult education to rural communities. Prof. Usha Sharma delivered a detailed presentation on ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram, designed to achieve 100% literacy by 2030. She explained its framework, which integrates literacy, numeracy, life skills, vocational education, and digital empowerment.

During interactive session Prof. Ajay Kumar, Associate Professor, Group of Adult Education, JNU; Prof. Ram Kumar Mahto, Assam University, Silchar; Dr. Dhananjay Lokhande, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Pune; Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, Head, DCEE, University of Delhi; Prof. Nasra Shabnam, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, Jamia Millia Islamia; Dr. Sangeeta Chatterjee and

Prof. P Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, IAEA gave important suggestions related to the different dimensions of ULLAS, quality research publication, holistic development of community, adult education programmes for enhancing employability, need assessment for generating reliable data, Recognition of Prior Learning and digital literacy.

The interactive session was followed by Q&A session in which pertinent issues were raised by the participants specifically Dr. Atul Gautam, Jamia Millia Islamia who wanted to know how IAEA can play a role in the development of voluntarism.

Thereafter, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA, provided his reflections on the session, offering blessings and stressing the importance of adult education as a national priority. He urged that such initiatives must be pursued with commitment at both institutional and community levels. The programme was facilitated by Shri Kirpal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA while the concept note was prepared by Shri Vivek Chahar, PhD scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA.

Balak Mata Centres, Jamia Milia Islamia



IAEA came forward to collaborate with Balak Mata Centres (BMC), Jamia Milia Islamia and organized colourful programme at the BMC, Beriwalla Bag, New Delhi on September 9, 2025 to observe ILD. BMC has been a key proponent of literacy movement in the marginalized sections of the society which is now focussing on skill training imparted to girls and running pre-primary school for holistic development of kids. The programme here began with the welcome address given by Smt. Yasmeen Parveen, Director of BMC. Thereafter, Prof. Rajesh, Director In charge and Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC member, IAEA addressed the audience. Narrating a number of life experiences, Prof. Rajesh encouraged the participants to imbibe lifelong learning for achieving



the best in their life. The main attraction of the programme was folk dance on the tune of "Bawan Gaj ka Daman Paher Ke Matak Chalungi", " Rangilo Maro Dholna" etc.; Mehndi Application Competition, Poster Making Competition highlighting message of ILD and Musical Chair by the beneficiaries of Tailoring Course run by Balak Mata centres. The programme was also joined by couple of scholars from the Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Milia Islamia University. Excellent performance exhibited by the



participants in all the competitions were appreciated by the audience. The winners were further appreciated with beautiful prizes which were handed over to them by Prof. Rajesh and all. Dr. Gyanendra Kumar and Shri Vinay Chhetri also joined the programme. Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

ILD at NCERT, New Delhi

The International Literacy Day (ILD) 2025 celebration at NCERT, New Delhi was an occasion to trace the achievements made on the count of pre-defined national target of cent-percent literacy for India. Organized on September 8, 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education this programme was addressed both by the Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary.

On this occasion Shri Pradhan delivered a virtual address highlighting India's progress and vision for universal literacy. Shri Pradhan underscored that literacy goes beyond reading and writing. It is a means to dignity, empowerment and self-reliance. He noted that India's literacy rate has risen from 74 percent in 2011 to 80.9 percent in 2023-24, but emphasised that true progress will be achieved only when literacy becomes a lived reality for every citizen. He spoke



about the transformative role of ULLAS Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, which has enrolled over 3 crore learners and 42 lakh volunteers. Nearly 1.83 crore learners have already taken foundational literacy and numeracy assessments, with 90 percent success. He urged youth and students to contribute to the literacy mission, suggesting such efforts be integrated with academic credits. Shri Pradhan reiterated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of education as the foundation of civilisation and called for renewed commitment to building a literate, self-reliant and developed India.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jayant Chaudhary expressed delight that Himachal Pradesh has joined Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, and Ladakh in declaring

itself fully literate. He noted that it was especially significant that states with difficult terrains were among the first to achieve this milestone.

The programme was also attended by Shri Kishor Barman, Minister of Education, Tripura, Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister of Education, Mizoram, and Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, DoSEL, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Education, NCERT, CBSE, KVS, NVS, NCTE, NIOS, State/UT Education Departments, Volunteer Teachers, Learners, Neo-Literates, and other stakeholders. The celebration of International Literacy Day 2025 reaffirmed India's resolve to achieve the vision of a fully literate Bharat and contribute towards the overarching goal of a Viksit Bharat.

IAEA Organized a Special Session on Research Project Formulation and Academic Documentation

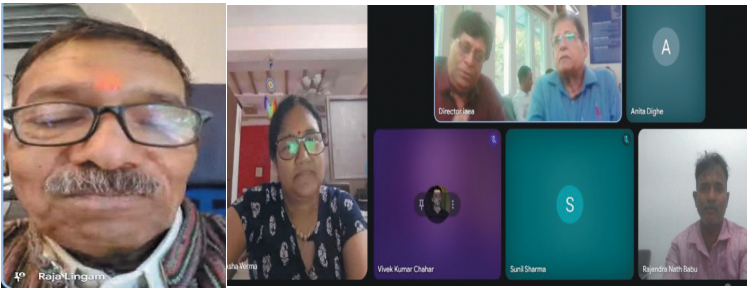


The implementation of Four-Year Under-graduation Programme (FYUP) has widened the coverage of students pursuing academic research as part of their regular course curriculum. This scheme has already acquired appreciation from student community as it will play an important role in enhancing their professional competencies. However, it appears to increase challenges before teaching community on one hand while underlining the lack of infrastructural support in academic institutions on the other hand. IAEA has initiated a number of programmes intended to provide opportunities to the scholars to avail short term training in research project formulation. A special session on "Research Project Formulation and Academic Documentation for Publication Excellence" was organized by IAEA in collaboration with Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi on August 27, 2025 in which the main speaker Prof. S. C. Rai, Department of Geography, University of Delhi delivered a lecture highlighting important steps to be followed by professionals while formulating a research project be it for academic purpose or for any social intervention.

Organized in hybrid mode the programme began with a warm welcome address by Prof. Rajesh, Sr. Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi & Director In-charge, IAEA who also introduced the theme of the session and its importance for young researchers and educators. Thereafter, Prof. L. Raja, President of IAEA, addressed the gathering and shared his insights on the role of adult education and the growing relevance of research in shaping inclusive and impactful policies. Shri S.C. Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA underlined the importance of quality research work in the present global scenario and said that IAEA has a tradition to organize such programmes for the benefit of students.

Prof. Rai said that the excellence in quality starts with adopting a smart title for any proposed research project where "SMART" stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Replicable, and Time-bound approach. He gave a clear overview of primary and secondary research methods, various means of data collection, and sampling techniques. He emphasized that questionnaires should be tailored according to the availability and understanding of the target group. He also highlighted the importance of rapport building during fieldwork and warned against over-reliance on binary (yes/no) questions.

Important interventions were made by Smt. Nishat Farooq and Dr. Asha Verma, both EC Members of IAEA. Smt. Nishat asked the scholars to select the mode of research intelligently so that they can get the desired outcome while Dr. Asha focussed on imbibing



research ethics. Veteran adult educationist Prof. Anita Dighe also joined the programme online. Many scholars including Shri Vivek Chahar, Ms. KM Tanu and Shri Siya Bihari also raised queries which were addressed by the speakers. Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Ph.D Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi played an important role in conducting the programme which was participated by many scholars and members of the staff of IAEA. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA.

Union Sakshar Adult Literacy Programme

As part of the Kerala Union Adult Literacy Programme, an orientation session on women entrepreneurship development with a focus on tailoring and dress designing was successfully conducted on May 24, 2025 at Swaraj Jenavahini Vikas Kendra, Chadayamangalam, Kerala. The programme organized in collaboration with the Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India was coordinated by trainees Ms. Nadha and Ms. Athira K, and addressed by Dr. Hari R.S., Secretary of Swaraj Jenavahini Vikas Kendra. The programme was aimed at empowering women through skill-based learning and promote financial self-reliance through self-employment opportunities. Dr. Hari, who was the resource person said that skill training will open a sustainable source of income.

A "Balavadi" - Children's Club, was also organized by the centre which was aimed at developing leadership qualities, enhance reading habits, and promote social interaction, creativity, and emotional well-being among children through structured group activities. This initiative also served as a platform for children to express themselves freely and interact with peers in a supportive environment.



Social Outreach Club Inaugurated at IAEA



In the era of social media where the visibility of a personality or institution on digital platforms have become synonymous with its presence, impact and existence it is desirous for the Association to utilize these platforms for dissemination of information related to the programmes and activities organized by it. Moving ahead on this line initiation of a Social Outreach Club envisioned as a space for student-led, community-oriented initiatives that can integrate academic engagement with grassroots realities, was conceptualized by the Association which was formally inaugurated on June 25, 2025 at a meeting of stakeholders held at IAEA Headquarters. It is expected that going beyond a formal institutional step this initiative which symbolises reaffirmation of the values of inclusive, community-based education will help reimagining adult education with the power of partnerships and participation.

The occasion was enriched by the presence of eminent academicians including Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. P.A. Reddy, Vice President, Prof.



Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA & Sr. Professor, DCEE, DU and Prof. Bharat Singh, Principal, Zakir Hussain College (Evening). Addressing the meeting (online) Prof. Raja emphasized the need to organize programmes which encourage young scholars to join the activities of IAEA. This will help us to transcend the age boundary, he said. Prof. P.A Reddy explained the need and working of social clubs and asked everybody to be specific and precise so that such manifestations can be optimally utilized to develop the social connect of young scholars.

Prof. Rajesh shared his insights on the evolving role of adult education in addressing social inequalities and fostering civic empowerment. While sharing his views Prof. Bharat Singh said that lifelong learning is going to play a pivotal role in the implementation of NEP 2020 and organizations like IAEA with decades long experience and nation-wide reach can really act as a catalytic agent for the same. Speaking on the occasion Shri Suresh Khandelwal congratulated all the participants for the launch of social club and requested everybody not to make it as one-time affair.

The event also drew reflections from a recently held CSR dialogue hosted by



IIT Madras, where a VC Intern from Miranda House Ms. Sagarika Ghosh also associated with IAEA was invited to observe and explore innovative educational models being implemented through the Centre for Outreach and Digital Education. After a brief discussion on the topic all the dignitaries and participants joined a tree plantation programme in the premises of IAEA.

The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Entire programme was coordinated by Ms. Sagarika Ghosh.

66th All India Adult Education Conference at Bhubaneswar

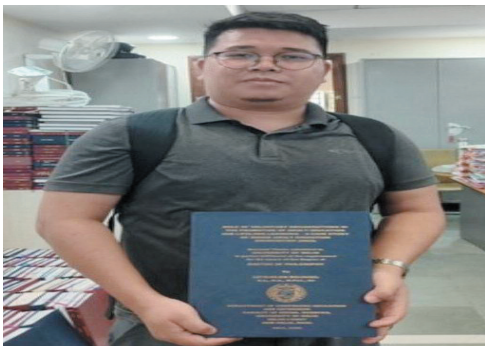
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Congratulations Dr. Letginlen DOUNGEL

Dr. Letginlen DOUNGEL of Somphung Village, Lungtin Subdivision, Saikul, Sadar Hills, Kangpokpi District has successfully completed his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) on the topic: "Role of Voluntary Organisations in the Promotion of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning – A Case Study of Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)" from University of Delhi. His thesis conducted under the supervision of Prof. Rajesh, Senior Professor and former HoD, DCEE, DU explores the historical and contemporary roles of voluntary organisations, with a particular focus on the initiatives of the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA) across three significant phases: the pre-independence period (1939–1946), the post-independence period (1947–1990), and the post-



liberalisation period (1991–2024). His work highlights the evolution of adult education in India and underscores the significant contributions of the IAEA in promoting adult education and lifelong learning across the country. The Association commends Dr. DOUNGEL, a Life Member of IAEA for his outstanding scholarly contribution and wishes him continued success in his academic and professional pursuits.

Kind attention please



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Staff Meeting

A meeting of the members of staff of IAEA was organized on August 5, 2025 which was addressed by both Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Raja appreciated the working of all the staff members and said short-term capacity building programmes may be organized in order to accommodate emerging challenges. Shri Khandelwal while appreciating the staff advised to welcome forthcoming challenges with pro-active attitude. He said the vast academic exposure and experience of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge will certainly help us to achieve excellence.



Visit to Open an AEC at Okhla Vihar



IAEA and the Pocket Full of Sunshine, a voluntary organization working in slums and disadvantaged colonies of Delhi have decided to work together for the cause of development of malnourished children and enhancing the educational attainment of dropout adolescents. In view of opening an adult learning centre Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member along with Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer visited

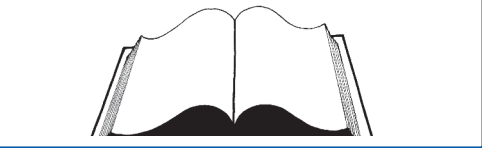


the Okhla Vihar Centre of Pocket Full of Sunshine on July 4, 2025. Both of them had a detailed discussion with Smt. Azra Naqvi, Board Member and Ms. Seema, Coordinator of the centre about identification and enrolment of dropout adolescents, training of volunteers and teachers interested in teaching the dropouts, availability of infrastructure needed etc. It was noticed that situated between Okhla



Vihar and Jasola Janta flats, New Delhi the centre is surrounded by a number of disadvantaged colonies where children often get involved in some sort of work for earning something and stop going school. To bring them to the centre requires motivation and hence it was decided to conduct a need assessment where one to one contact is established with the drop outs.

Documents



UNESCO. **CONFITEA VII Seventh International Conference on Adult Education: Final Report: Adult learning and education for sustainable development: A transformative agenda.** Germany, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, 2023: 115p.

The conference brought together over 1,100 participants from 149 countries to discuss how adult education can contribute to achieving social justice, health, and sustainable development.

- The objectives of CONFITEA VII were to:
- Bring together the international community to advance the right to education for all.
 - Take stock of achievements in Adult Learning and Education (ALE).
 - Discuss challenges in the field of adult education and recommend solutions.
 - Develop a new framework for action – the Marrakech Framework for Action – to make ALE a reality globally.

UNFPA India. **State of the World Population 2025: The Real Fertility Crisis: The pursuit of reproductive agency in a changing world.** India, UNFPA, 158p.

The 2025 State of World Population report, which includes a UNFPA-YouGov online poll survey across 14 countries—India, Brazil, Morocco, South Africa, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Italy, Thailand, Hungary, United States, Sweden, Republic of Korea, and Germany—with 14,000 respondents, reveals multiple barriers to reproductive autonomy in India, such as financial

limitations as one of the biggest barriers to reproductive freedom.

Nearly 4 in 10 people said financial limitations are stopping them from having the families they want. Job insecurity (21%), housing constraints (22%), and the lack of reliable childcare (18%) are making parenthood feel out of reach. Health barriers like poor general well-being (15%), infertility (13%), and limited access to pregnancy-related care (14%) add further strain. Many are also holding back due to growing anxiety about the future—from climate change to political and social instability—whereas 19% faced partner or family pressure to have fewer children than they personally wanted, the report said.

India's adolescent fertility rate remains high at 14.1 per 1,000 women aged 15–19 in comparison to countries like China (6.6), Sri Lanka (7.3), and Thailand (8.3). This high rate of fertility amongst adolescents endangers both maternal and child health and affects education and employment outcomes.

The report says that India's population growth has become stable, with most families having around two children. But there are significant differences between states—some, like Bihar, still have high birth rates, while others, like Kerala, have low ones. Many people, especially women, don't have full freedom to decide when or whether to have children because of money problems, job insecurity, poor healthcare, family pressure, and social expectations.

In India, one in three adults have had unintended pregnancies, and nearly 30% couldn't meet their personal goals for having children. This shows the real fertility crisis is not about having too many or too few children, but about people not being able to make the choices they want. The report calls for better health services, education, childcare, and support to help everyone make free and informed decisions about parenthood.

- Neha Gupta
Librarian-cum-Docummentation Officer

Inauguration of Adult Education Centre



Executing the above plan an Adult Education Centre jointly managed by IAEA and a locally based organization named Pocket Full of Sun Shine was inaugurated at Okhla Vihar, Jamia

Nagar, New Delhi on July 19, 2025. The center formally began with an interaction with some identified dropouts motivated to continue their study further. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Member, EC, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA along with the officials of PFO Sun shine Smt. Azra Naqvi and Ms. Seema assessed the overall preparedness. The programme was concluded with the blessings given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, CS, IAEA.



Book Release



President and Dr. Uma Devi, Associate Secretary, IAEA was released on September 13, 2025 by Prof. A. Mathew, Senior Adult Educationist, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, DCEE, joined by Dr. Biresh Pachisia and Ms. Poonam Rajput, DU. Prof. Gajendra Singh, Chief Vigilance Officer, DU graced the function as the Chief Guest. The book was released during the "Training Programme of Training of Trainers on Transgender Persons Protection of Rights Act 2019 and Rules 2020" programme organized on September 11-13, 2025 by the DCEE, University of Delhi in collaboration with Kirori Mal College, DU and National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), MSJE, Govt. of India.

A book entitled "A Paradigm Shift of Indian Higher education" edited by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice

Commemorating 84th Birth Anniversary of K.C.Choudhary



Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri A.H. Khan, Vice President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer and Director In-charge along with all the members of the staff offered reach tribute to late K.C.Choudhary on his 84th Birth Anniversary. Dr. Kalpana Raja was also present on the occasion who enchanted versus of Shanti Mantra.

79th Independence Day Celebration Programme



A cultural programme was organized by the IAEA Skill Training Centre on August 14, 2025 to celebrate the 79th Independence Day. Learners on this occasion performed various cultural activities including singing and dancing on patriotic songs and delivering speeches remembering the valour of great national heroes. It was really appreciable that the girls who were found to be hesitant to introduce themselves only a couple of months ago were now delivering speeches showcasing their aspirations. Lauding

their performances Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head and Office Coordinator extended his blessings to them on behalf of Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Kahandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge. Later on, all the 3 Office Bearers also interacted with the beneficiaries over video calls. The programme commenced with hoisting the National Flag and singing the National Anthem "Jan Gana Man" and concluded with rendering the National Song "Vande Matram".

Executive Committee Meeting



The 168th meeting of the Executive Committee of IAEA was held online on August 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Prof. L. Raja, President which was participated by 21 EC members. At the very outset rich tribute were offered to late K.C. Choudhary on his 84th birth anniversary followed by a silent prayer. Thereafter, the EC confirmed the minutes of the last EC meeting held on March 20, 2025 at the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bikaner, Rajasthan; approved the report

of programmes and activities conducted from March – July 2025, Annual Report – 2024 and the Audited Statement of Accounts 2024-2025; and deliberated on the points mentioned under any other matters. The EC also approved the Life Membership of 40 individual applicants. The meeting was facilitated by the members of staff of IAEA.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Rajesh, Treasurer and Director-Incharge, IAEA.

DU Vice Chancellor's Interns visited IAEA



The University of Delhi has created an opportunity for internship for its students/scholars. The programme entitled "Vice Chancellor's Paid Internship programme" provides opportunity to receive first hand working experience while getting certain emoluments to meet their

daily expenses. Two VC interns – Ms. Sagarika and Shri Keshav and two scholars pursuing their Masters - Ms. Vanshika and Shri Shourabh visited IAEA on June 20, 2025. They had very fruitful discussion with Prof. S.Y. Shah, former Head, Group of Adult Education, JNU, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, former Chairman, NIOS and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. Prior to coming to IAEA office these interns viewed the documentary on IAEA and raised a couple of queries related to the inception, management and role of IAEA which were addressed by the senior professors.

Webinar on the Role of IAEA in Strengthening Undergraduate Research Culture

A webinar on "The Role of IAEA in Strengthening Undergraduate Research Culture" was organized by the Association on July 8, 2025 which led to some important recommendations including engagement of students and scholars as interns, organizing project formulation workshops and conducting research methodology training with interdisciplinary focus for supporting sustainable research culture. The webinar began with a welcome address by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA, who laid the foundation by articulating the paradigm shift in Indian higher education brought by NEP 2020.

Quoting the evocative lines "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference." from The Road Not Taken, Prof. Dinesh Khattar, Principal of Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi opened the webinar on a thoughtful note. Delivering an enriching presentation on ethical research and the art of academic writing he encouraged the students to pursue research not merely as a means to acquire marks but as a creative and intellectual journey.

Drawing on his research experience at Gandhigram Rural Institute, Prof. Raja highlighted the Association's previous initiatives in running short-term research-oriented courses, particularly for non-traditional learners. He emphasized that such interventions have the potential to nurture research habits. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, School of Extension and

Development Studies, (IGNOU), outdted the major functions of a teacher in higher educational institution as Research, Teaching, Extension, Publication.

Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, HOD, Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi, stressed the importance of building a culture of critical inquiry, capacity building, within extension-based programs and continuing education. Additional academic reflections were shared by Ms. Parinita Batra, Research Scholar, and Dr. Biresh Pachisia, Life Member of IAEA, who pledged his voluntary support to strengthen outreach efforts in future academic programmes led by IAEA.

Moreover, the event was graced by the presence of prominent academicians like General secretary Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. S.Y. Shah, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Prof. Anita Priyadarshini, IGNOU, Dr. Ajay Kumar, JNU who joined it offline from IAEA and other eminent professors like Dr. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary and Smt. Nishat Farooq, Member EC, IAEA from diverse academic disciplines and regions of the country, whose participation brought depth and breadth to the deliberations. The session was concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

– Ms. Sagarika Ghosh
Vice Chancellor's Intern, Miranda House, DU

Free Eye Checkup Camp Organised by IAEA

Eyes plays an important role in our overall wellbeing. However, due to lack of awareness people often take it for granted and do not take precautionary measures

to keep their eyes fit and fine for long. This careless attitude invites lot of eye related problems even at very early age. Hence, IAEA developed a practice to conduct Eye

Exploring Medical Support



Manager and Shri Rakesh Kumar, North Regional Coordinator, Eicher Driver Care Programme, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Daryaganj, Delhi visited

Door to Door Campaign



To make them sensitize door to door campaign was conducted on June 20, 23 and 24, 2025 in which more than 250 families were approached and designed posters were displayed at major locations around ITO. A team of IAEA staff members including Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, Smt. Neha, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer,



Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Sr. Assistant, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Assistant, Shri Surender Singh Yadav, Caretaker and three MPS Shri Bitoo, Shri Ravi Subhramani and Shri Kishore Kumar visited different areas and invited the residents to come and get their eyes checked by qualified doctors from Dr.

The Eye Care Camp



The Eye Care Camp was inaugurated on June 26, 2025 by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Prof. S. Y. Shah, former



Vice President, IAEA; Shri Mahesh Kumar Yadav, National Programme Manager and Shri Rakesh Kumar, North Regional Coordinator, Eicher

Check-up Camps for community people as well as drivers in the nearby areas. This year the camp was organized on June 26-27, 2025 at IAEA Headquarters.

IAEA on June 19, 2025 and had a detailed discussion with Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate about the modalities of cooperation extended by Dr. Shroff's team. They not only agreed and offered to extend medical support but also assured that they will keep supporting IAEA's philanthropic activities in future as well.



Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital, Delhi the collaborating partner for this camp.



Driver Care Programme, Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital, Daryaganj. Adequate arrangements were made to ensure hassle free check-up for all

the visiting beneficiaries including welcome and waiting room, registration desk, separate desks for recording BP, Sugar and Wight. A well-equipped mobile Ophthalmic Van was arranged by Dr. Shroff's Charitable Eye Hospital for two consecutive days where thorough testing was done and prescription for corrected glasses were given to each



beneficiary. The Doctors on role also given advises for other eye related treatment wherever required.

All the staff members and



volunteers from IAEA Skill Centre co-operated the Doctors and other medical practitioners to make the check-up smooth.

Distribution of Corrected Glasses on Nelson Mandela International Day

The series of the programmes conducted in the areas surrounding IAEA Headquarters intended towards creating health awareness and getting sensitized to take care of one's eyes was culminated on July 18, 2025 when a programme was organized to celebrate the Nelson Mandela International Day. On the occasion

around 80 persons from nearby communities received corrected glasses handed over to them by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. The programme began with a brief introduction by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA about the life

and message of Nelson Mandela, an apostle of Mahatma Gandhi and the first black President of South Africa, who fought against apartheid and spend more than 27 long years behind the bars. His struggle resulted into awarding voting rights to the adults and the eradication of some of the most discriminating practices imposed on the common people of South Africa. Thereafter, Shri Mukul Kumar, representative of the Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital enlightened the beneficiaries about important measures to be adopted for keeping the eyes healthy. He also replied a number of queries/doubts raised by the participants. Most of the beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction for the way they were welcomed, got their eyes checked-up and received the corrected glasses as promised to them.

This month-long initiative received much appreciation from the community people for the dedicated efforts made by IAEA for their wellbeing. The programme was concluded with the blessings given by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. Entire staff of IAEA took special effort to make the programme a great success.



Prof. L. Raja attends ILB - GB meeting

Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA attended (online) the General Body meeting of the India Literacy Board, Lucknow held on July 2, 2025 at the Headquarters of Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority. He gave constructive suggestions for materializing the aims and objectives of ILB.

