Announcement

Nomination Invited for

Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations are invited for the 1st Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award from individual Indian citizens having outstanding academic/field contribution and/or in theory development in the field of Adult Education, Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning. The award constituted by IAEA will carry a citation, plaque and a cash prize of Rs.51,000/-. Eligible individual may apply for this award latest by June 20, 2026 addressed to the General Secretary, IAEA and the application should be sent to the Director, IAEA through e-mail: directoriaea@gmail.com and a hard copy with all relevant documents/credentials to IAEA House, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi – 110 002. The application may consist of detailed bio-data, documents and pictures showcasing his/her contributions and recommendations from well-known individuals/ institutions known to the applicant.

– Suresh Khandelwal,
General Secretary

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Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2024, 2025 & 2026

The Indian Adult Education Association invites nominations for Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the outstanding work done in promoting literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education.

Nehru Literacy Award instituted in 1968 is given to institutions/individuals in recognition of the services rendered and meritorious work done for the promotion of literacy and adult education in the country. **Tagore Literacy Award** instituted in 1987 is given to those institutions/individuals who have given significant contributions for the promotion of literacy, adult and lifelong education, creating awareness and improving the social and economic status of women in the country.

The institutions / individuals nominated for Awards should have at least ten years of outstanding work in the field of literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education and the assessment will be made on the new initiatives taken and the extent to which the work done can be a model for replication by others. The awardees will be selected on merit from the names nominated by reputed individuals, institutions and Life and Institutional members of IAEA.

The last date for receipt of nominations for both the Awards is October 31, 2026.

Nominations may be sent in a sealed envelope addressed to Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002 with all details about the institution or individual recommended, outstanding work done, award(s) received, if any, and specific recommendation for nominating the institution or individual. One can nominate more than one institution or individual but each one should be in a separate envelope.

Please note that the decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards

Model Nomination Form

1. Name of the Institution/Individual recommended	
2. Complete postal address with pincode, telephone (office, residence), mobile number	
3. Outstanding work done by the Institution/Individual recommended (pl. give as much details as possible. If needed, a separate sheet can be attached alongwith the nomination).	
4. The name of the person who recommends the institution/individual with designation, serving institution and complete postal address with telephone/mobile number	
5. Specific recommendation clearly indicating the reason for suggesting the name of institution/individual for the award	
6. Any other information the recommending person wish to give	

Date:

Signature
Name and complete address

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Eminent Educationist, Philanthropist and Social Reformer Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta Inaugurated 66th AIAEC



The 66th All India Adult Education Conference, with an overarching theme of 'Fostering Adult and Lifelong Learning for All' began with the ceremonial Inaugural Function held in the KIIT Auditorium, Campus 5, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 21, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The function was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KISS & KIIT, Bhubaneswar and a globally recognized educationist, philanthropist and social reformer.



Organised jointly by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar the conference aimed to bring together academicians, practitioners, researchers, policymakers and grassroots workers to deliberate on strengthening adult and lifelong learning for all. More than 210 delegates representing 15 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) and 2 UTs (Chandigarh & Delhi) participated in the conference. All the delegates got themselves registered at the registration desk manged by a team of member of staff of IAEA.

Inaugural Proceedings



The inaugural session commenced with the presentation of a conference video, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Prof. Saranjeet Singh, Vice Chancellor, KISS & KIIT; Prof. L. Raja, President, Shri Suresh Khandelwal,

General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. A welcome song was presented by students, who also felicitated the dignitaries on the dais, setting a culturally rich and respectful tone for the conference.

Welcome Address



The welcome address was delivered by Prof. L. Raja who reflected on the influence of individuals and institutions that shaped his life journey and acknowledged the exemplary contributions of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), and Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), highlighting their transformative role in promoting inclusive education for diverse learners. Referring to Mahatma Gandhi's words, "My life is my message," he observed that in the case of Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta – the founder of KISS, KIIT and KIMS, "My work is my message" truly reflects his lifelong commitment to education and humanitarian service. Prof. Raja expressed hope that such extraordinary work would receive the highest global recognition. He appreciated the commitment of Shri Suresh Khandelwal, acknowledged the contributions of state leaders, grassroots workers and research scholars. Moreover, he emphasized collective learning, sharing of best practices and exchange of ideas. Describing lifelong learning as a continuous process from womb to tomb he recalled that the Indian Adult Education Association, since its establishment in 1939, has played a significant role in bridging the working gap between government agencies, non-governmental organizations, practitioners and academic institutions. Prof. Raja concluded by urging all stakeholders to work together towards the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Introduction of the Chief Guest



Prof. Rajesh, Director In-Charge, IAEA and Senior Professor, University of Delhi, New Delhi formally introduced the Chief Guest, Professor (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta reiterating his realization and philosophical quote that "Education is the third eye of a child." He described Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta as a distinguished humanitarian who overcame immense personal hardship, including the loss of his father at an early age, to establish globally acclaimed institutions with very limited resources. He highlighted the pioneering work of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, which provides free education, food, accommodation, healthcare and skill development to nearly eighty thousand indigenous learners. He also referred to the founder's contributions to holistic human development, his role as a former Member of Parliament, the establishment of an international research centre in his name in the United States of America, and the global outreach of the Art of Giving movement.

IAEA Felicitation for Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta



All the dignitaries on dais including Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh felicitated Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta for his pivotal contributions to the cause of fostering adult and lifelong education in the region. The leaders of IAEA felicitated him by offering a shawl, shreefal and a citation highlighting his inspirational life, journey and the outstanding work done by him.

Address by the Chief Guest



Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, the Chief Guest acknowledged the presence of Prof. Saranjeet Singh, Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Dr. B. P. Mohanty and other dignitaries, including the leadership of the host institutions. He expressed gratitude to the leadership of the Indian Adult Education Association for organizing the conference and acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Manoj Behera. He shared that the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences functions as a residential home for around eighty thousand tribal children. He described an innovative literacy initiative wherein students, during summer vacations, are encouraged to impart literacy to at least ten individuals, including adults, with the outcomes documented and reviewed by teachers. He emphasized that the institution integrates school education, skill education, and value-based learning, thereby contributing meaningfully to adult and lifelong education. Sharing a personal philosophy, he stated that poverty creates illiteracy and literacy eradicates poverty, and described simplicity and humility as his greatest strengths derived from life experiences.

Books Released

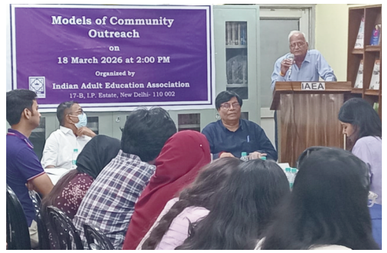


The inaugural session witnessed the release of a few important publications, including "Life for Lifelong

Community Outreach Training Programme







The Indian Adult Education Association organised a "Community Outreach Training Programme under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan" on 18 March 2026 at K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall, IAEA, New Delhi from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM which was attended by more than 40 students and scholars coming from different universities of Delhi including DU, IPU and JMI. The programme brought together educators, students, and development practitioners to discuss innovative approaches to community outreach and grassroots engagement. The session began with a welcome address by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA, who emphasised the importance of lifelong learning and community participation in advancing inclusive education in line with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This was followed by an address by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, IAEA, who highlighted the significance of institutional outreach in connecting academic knowledge with societal needs. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA, introduced the objectives of the programme and underscored the role of universities and voluntary organisations in promoting community-based educational initiatives.







The programme featured presentations on various models of community outreach. Participants were introduced to the Shiksha for Adults Model initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, which focuses on ICT-based adult literacy programmes for underserved communities presented by Shri Bhuvan Chadra and Shri Anuj Goswami. Ms. Shiva Singh presented the Plan India intervention model, highlighting its gender-transformative approach aimed at addressing inequalities and empowering girls and young women. The session also included an interactive discussion focusing on practical strategies for community engagement and outreach interventions. Concluding remarks were given by Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Dr. V. Mohankumar, former Director, IAEA.





The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA, followed by certificate distribution and high tea. Shri Khandelwal emphasized that all such endeavors of the Association should be focused on elevating the quality of life of people at the grassroots level. The programme was moderated by Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Research Scholar, University of Delhi while technical support was facilitated by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA. The event provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and encouraged participants to actively engage in community-based initiatives for social development. A number of queries were raised by the participants which were addressed by the resource persons. At the beginning a "One minute silence for World Peace" was also observed by the participants.

Release of a Coffee Table Publication

A coffee table publications depicting the socio-academic journey of Dr. Ch Hemanta Rao, a life member of IAEA and President, Bharat Janata Samiti was released by Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh Director In-charge of IAEA at IAEA Headquarters. Dr. Rao is well known for his social and academic endeavours specifically in Andman and Nicobar Islands.



Books donated to IAEA Library by Dr. Varsha Das



Dr. Varsha Das, eminent adult educationist, noted Gandhian and former Director of National Book Trust and National Gandhi Museum visited IAEA Headquarters on March 10, 2026 to meet Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and other officials of IAEA. She donated around 35 valuable books including a few magazines for IAEA Library. Interacting with Prof. Rajesh she said although scholars are heavily banking upon online resources now-a-days but the flavor of reading hard copies of books cannot be replaced by any means. She requested all others academicians associated with IAEA to donate books so that the Library here can regain its previous glory.

Visitors



Ms. Shiva Singh, Project Coordinator, Plan India, Gurgaon working on Adolescent Health, Mental Health, Reproductive Child Health among school going children in Delhi through collective intervention of voluntary organizations visited IAEA on February 19, 2026. She had a very fruitful discussion with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA joined by the officials of the Association.



Dr. Letginlen Doungel visited IAEA on March 18, 2026 and handed over copy of his recently completed Doctoral Thesis on "Role of Voluntary Organisations in the Promotion of Adult Education and Lifelong Learning – A Case Study of Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA)" to Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Prof. P.A. Reddy, Vice President, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation officer, IAEA were also present on the occasion.



Dr. A. Mathew, a Life Member of IAEA and former ICSSR Senior Fellow at NIEPA handed over a copy of his recently published book entitled "Caste- Communal Politics, Nexus in Higher Education Policy" to Shri Suresh Khendelwal, General Secrtary, IAEA on March 19, 2026.



Dr. Pradip Kumar Parida, Associate Professor, School of International Studies, JNU visited IAEA to meet Prof. S.Y. Shah, Patron, IAEA on February 26, 2026. He discussed many emerging issues on the day.

Learning", edited by Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Shri B. Sanjoy; "Adult Education Strategies for Sustainability", edited by Prof. L. Raja, Prof. Rajesh, and Shri Suresh Khandelwal; "The Lodhas" authored by Dr. Ratnakar Mohapatra and "Hills Kharias of India: Continuities, Changes and the Sacred Groves" authored by Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera.

Address by the Guest of Honour



The guest of honour address was delivered by Prof. Saranjit Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Deemed to be University and Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar. He appreciated the visionary leadership of Professor (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta and conveyed gratitude to the Indian Adult Education Association for organizing the conference. He acknowledged the contributions of Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Dr. B. P. Mohanty and welcomed participants from the host institutions. He emphasized that education is dynamic and evolving, making lifelong learning essential for improving gross enrolment ratios and achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047. He highlighted the growing importance of vocational education, skill development, and indigenous entrepreneurship, particularly at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences and emphasized that collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association can further strengthen employability-oriented curricula and entrepreneurship initiatives aligned with national programmes such as Startup India.

Vote of Thanks in Inaugural Session



The vote of thanks in the inaugural session was delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi. He expressed sincere gratitude to all dignitaries and participants and thanked the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences for hosting the 66th All India Education Conference. He also acknowledged the guidance and support of Professor S. Y. Shah, Patron, Indian Adult Education Association, Professor N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, International Institute of Adult and Lifelong Education, Dr. Manoj Behera, and other senior members whose leadership has strengthened the Association. The inaugural session concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a group photograph, marking a meaningful and inspiring beginning to the conference.



Thematic Introduction and Appreciation of the books Released



The session on "Thematic Introduction and Appreciation of the Books Released" was focused on scholarly reflection, thematic positioning, and critical appreciation of the publications released during the inaugural programme. The session began with the release of the IAEA's publication "Directory of Adult and Lifelong Learning in Higher Education Institutions – 2026" by the dignitaries on the dais including Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Prof. L. Raja, Prof. P.A Reddy, Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh. This was followed by the welcome of Prof. N. K. Ambasht, former Chairman, NIOS and one of the most senior Life Members of IAEA by Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA.



Thereafter, Prof. Raja gave a brief note on the book entitled "Life for Lifelong Learning". In his speech Prof. L. Raja highlighted the conceptual foundations of lifelong learning, its humanistic orientation, and its relevance in addressing social transformation, equity, and continuous capacity building across the life span. This was followed by the Editor's Note on "Adult Education Strategies for Sustainability" delivered by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. He elaborated on the strategic frameworks, policy perspectives, and sustainable development dimensions embedded in adult education practices, linking them to national and global development agendas. The book "Life for Lifelong Learning" was formally appreciated by Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary and both the Associate Secretaries Dr. D. Uma Devi and Shri Rajendra Joshi. The speakers commended the book for its interdisciplinary approach, theoretical depth, and practical relevance to lifelong learning initiatives in diverse socio-cultural contexts.



Subsequently, the book "Adult Education Strategies for Sustainability" was appreciated by Prof. M. C. Reddepa Reddy, former Director, Department of Adult Education, SV University, Tirupati and a recipient of Nehru Literacy Award. He underscored the book's contribution to policy discourse, community-based learning models, and sustainable adult education practices. He also presented a copy of the book "Prof. VLN

Reddy: An Illustrious Educationist" to the dignitaries on dais. The session also included a brief introduction to the "Directory of Adult and Lifelong Learning in Higher Education Institutions – 2026" by Prof. Rajesh, who emphasized its significance as a comprehensive reference document for institutions, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners working in the domain of adult and continuing education.



The session was concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, Indian Adult Education Association and Former Director & Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. He expressed gratitude to the chairperson, editors, reviewers, contributors, and participants for making the session intellectually enriching and meaningful. The session successfully deepened the academic engagement with adult and lifelong learning literature and reinforced the importance of scholarly publications in shaping informed educational practice and policy.



The release of the three publications by IAEA received a huge appreciation from the Members of EC, Council and staff.

Parallel Academic Sessions

The 66th AIAEC was a step forward to emphasize the need of "Fostering Adult and Lifelong Learning for All" which was also the theme of the conference. To have a detailed discussion among the stakeholders on various aspects, the theme was further divided into 15 sub-themes on which around 100 scholarly papers were submitted by scholars and faculties from universities across the country. These papers were presented in the 15 parallel sessions held as part of the conference each of which was chaired and co-chaired by senior academicians and functionaries of IAEA. All the sessions were meticulously reported by scholars identified as rapporteurs.

Parallel Session -1



Sub-Theme: NEP 2020: Conceptual Framework for Adult and Lifelong Learning for All & Full Employment
Chair: Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President, IAEA & Former Controller of Examinations Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu
Co-chair: Shri V. Ummer Koya, EC Member, IAEA & Director, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Mallapuram, Kerala
Rapporteur: Dr. Lien Doungel, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi, Delhi
The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Fostering Lifelong Learners: NEP 2020 and the New Paradigm of Continuous Education" by Dr. N. Arunachalam & Abinaya. S.
2. "Empowering the Elderly through Technology: Effectiveness of an E-Learning Module for Smartphone Skill Enhancement" by Prof. Avani Maniar, Dr. Krutika Bhate & Shri Nitin Kashyap
3. "Role of Adult / Lifelong Learning in Career Development of Students and Non-Student Youth" by Prof. M.C. Reddeppa Reddy
4. "NEP-2020 & Lifelong Learning (Adult Education)" by Dr. Dilip S. Patil

Parallel Session – 2



Sub-Theme: Adult and Lifelong Learning for All for Full Employment: Role of Academic Institutions
Chair: Prof. Navnath Bhagchand Tupe, Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Pune
Co-chair: Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi
Rapporteur: Ms. Anjali Rathore, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi
The papers presented in this session were:

1. "The Ethos of Lifelong Learning as a Foundation for Empowering Youth in India" by R. Hariharan & Dr. M. Kanaga
2. "Life Skills and Soft Skills for Students in Higher Education: A Pathway to Holistic Development and Employability" by Ms. Varsha. B & Dr. M. Kanaga
3. "Roles of Colleges and Universities in Promoting the Graduate Employability" by Prof. M.C. Reddeppa Reddy
4. "Adult and Lifelong Learning for All: The Role of Higher Education Institutes" by Dr. Lata Das
5. "SMART-L2O (Lifelong Learning-Oriented) Model for Teacher Education" by Ms. Jovita Nathan & Dr. Priya Singh
6. "Role of Teacher Education Institutions in Advancing Adult and Lifelong Learning for All" by Dr. Rasmita Tripathy & Dr. Kanan Kumar Patro

Parallel Session – 3



Sub-Theme: Decoding Multidisciplinary Approach for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development
Chair: Dr. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary, IAEA & Assistant Professor, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Co-chair: Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, EC Co-opted Member, IAEA & Associate Professor, KISS, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar

IAEA Skill Centre - Leadership Development Workshop for Community Women







A "Leadership Development Workshop for Community Women" was organized on March 17, 2026 by the IAEA Skill Centre at Anna Nagar which was participated by more than 150 girls and women from both Anna Nagar and Sanjay Colony. The "Group Sing-a-Song and Dance Competition" too witnessed enthusiastic participation which was continuously appreciated and applauded by the audience with clapping. The participants of the competition were not only blessed by Prof. L. Raja, President; Prof. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge of IAEA but appreciated with beautiful gifts.







Introducing the programme Prof. Rajesh underlined the aspirations of young girls of the community who are willing to fly high and said that such programmes are devised to provide stage to the participants and hone their leadership ability. Prof. Adinarayana Reddy advised the participants to share their feelings and expectations so that programmes can be designed to assist them. Prof. Raja said that people here are blessed with social cohesiveness which is one of the unique abilities of any developing society. He said it really like witnessing a mini-Bharat here. If assisted properly with appropriate interventions, students here can surely realize their dreams. He also sang a song "Galat Mat Kadam Uthao Soch Kar Chalo" with the participants which was enjoyed by all. Shri Suresh Khandelwal appreciated all the learners of IAEA Skill Centre and their trainer Ms. Kajal for creating awareness and motivating community people to come forward and participate in the programme. He assured them that IAEA will always stand by them for empowering them and their wards in whichever way possible. Shri Khandelwal also announced the beginning of a programme for senior citizens care under K. C. Choudhary Memorial Fellowship and a computer application course for the community students.











Seven leading women activists, who have played important role in fulfilling the educational and health need of the society, including - Smt. Bina Maurya, Smt. Vandana, Smt. Meena, Smt. Anjana, Smt. Aaray, Smt. Kavita and Smt. Rakhi were also felicitated by the Association. All of them were offered an angvastram and a gift by the dignitaries.

The Vote of thanks was given by Ms. Kajal while the programme was coordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA. All the members of staff of IAEA took special initiatives to make community people aware and encourage their neighbors to form groups and participate in the programme.



Dr. Viresh Pachisia, K.C. Choudhary Memorial Fellow informed the participants about IAEA's latest initiatives for providing care to senior citizens in the locality. The programme was concluded with the rendering of the National Anthem.

चर्चा का शुभारंभ अतिथियों ने माँ शारदा के चित्र पर माल्यार्पण कर किया। अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं आयोजन परिचय भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उपनिदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी ने किया। आभार श्री उमेश खण्डेलवाल ने माना व सफल संचालन श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने किया। साथ ही आमंत्रित अतिथियों का स्वागत तिलक लगाकर मोती माला से किया गया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान एवं सहभोज के साथ हुआ।

इस अवसर पर श्री मृणाल पंत, श्री राधेश्याम बियाणी, श्री योगेश मूंदड़ा, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री करूणा लोहारिया, श्रीमती निर्मला यादव, सुश्री गीता लखनवी, डॉ. आकांक्षा रितेश, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्री अशीष वर्थवाल, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री शाकीर खान, श्री दिनेश जादम, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ सहित महू शहर के वरिष्ठ नागरिकगण उपस्थित थे।

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महासचिव द्वारा जानेमाने समाजसेवी आर. सी. जाल की प्रतिमा का अनावरण





दिनांक 25 मार्च 2026 को मध्य प्रदेश के महू शहर में आयोजित एक भव्य समारोह में स्व. आर. सी. जाल ट्रस्ट, महू द्वारा शहर के प्रथम विधायक, उद्योगपति, समाजसेवी एवं दानशील स्व. श्री आर. सी. जाल की टाउन हाल के पास गेरीसन ग्राउण्ड के सामने स्थापित प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया गया।

इस अनावरण कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि श्री विकास कुमार, मुख्य अधिशासी अभियंता, छावनी परिषद, महू एवं विशेष अतिथि श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल, महासचिव, भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली, अतिथि श्री योगेश यादव, पूर्व उपाध्यक्ष, छावनी परिषद, महू, थे। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता श्री सत्यनारायण पटेल, अध्यक्ष श्री किशनभाई पटेल शैक्षणिक एवं पारमार्थिक ट्रस्ट, महू ने की। कार्यक्रम के प्रारंभ में अतिथियों का स्वागत स्व. आर. सी. जाल ट्रस्ट के ट्रस्टी श्री दिनेश सेठ एवं सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ ने की। तत्पश्चात अतिथियों द्वारा स्व. आर. सी. जाल साहब की प्रतिमा का अनावरण एवं प्रतिमा पर माल्यार्पण किया। प्रतिमा का अनावरण एवं माल्यार्पण के उपरांत उपस्थित गणमान्य श्रोताओं को श्री विकास कुमार, श्री योगेश यादव, श्री सत्यनारायण पटेल एवं श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल ने संबोधित किया।

इस अवसर पर श्री खण्डेलवाल ने कहा कि मैंने जाल साहब के साथ कार्य किया है, वे काफी सरल व दानशील व्यक्ति थे। हमारे क्षेत्र में नर्मदा पाइप लाइन लाने हेतु किए गए आंदोलन में भी आपका बहुमूल्य सहयोग रहा। श्री पटेल ने श्री जाल द्वारा विविध अस्पतालों एवं स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं को दिए गए अनुदान एवं सहयोग को याद किया। उन्होंने बताया कि महू डिग्री कॉलेज एवं टाउनहॉल का निर्माण श्री जाल के कारण ही संभव हो सका।

कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री योगेश मूंदड़ा एवं आभार सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ द्वारा किया गया। इस अवसर पर श्री राधेश्याम बियाणी, श्री अब्दुल हमीद कुरैशी, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री हंसराज वर्मा, श्री मनीष जायसवाल, श्री विजय सोडानी, श्री शक्तिसिंह गोयल, श्री विष्णु मालवीय, श्री कमल मूंदडा, डॉ. हातिम अली हैदरी, श्री मृणाल पंत, श्री पूनीत शर्मा, श्री सतीश अग्रवाल, श्री हरिशंकर कोलाय, श्री मनीष अग्रवाल, श्री सुनील कौशल, सुश्री सिंथिया जेम्स, सुश्री जूलियट ऑकारा, सुश्री डाली सेठ, सुश्री हेमलता पाटीदार, सुश्री उमा आचार्य सहित महू के कई गणमान्य नागरिक एवं समाजसेवी उपस्थित थे।





Inaugurating 'Ahinsha Kirti Stambh' at Mhow, from L to R: Prof. Shobha Jain, Shri Vimal Chand Jain (President, IAEA State Branch), Shri Vikas Kumar (CEO, Cantonment Board, Mhow), Shri Suresh Khandelwal (General Secretary, IAEA, New Delhi), Shri Satish Agarwal (Office Superintendent, Cantonment Board, Mhow) and Shri Sunil Jain (Engineer and Social Worker).

Rapporteur: Ms. Gaurisha Srivastava, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi
The papers presented in this session were:
1. "Lifelong Learning as a Vital Resource for the Sustainability of Digital Bharat" by G. Kirubakaran & Dr. N. Arunachalam
2. "Integrating Human Resource Development into Lifelong Learning for Sustainable Development in Future India" by Ms. Uma Maheshwari & Dr. N. Arunachalam
3. "Adult Education Under NEP 2020: Empowering Tribal Youth through Lifelong Learning as a Catalyst for Cultural Sustainability and Employment" by Sukul Marndi & Nirashi Bindhani
4. "From Skill Development to Sustainable Citizenship: A Multidisciplinary Perspective on Lifelong Learning in India" by Gaurisha Srivastava
5. "Game-Based Learning through the Lens of NEP 2020: Teacher Attitudes and Lifelong Learning: A Research Framework" by Ms. Komal Gagare & Dr. Priya Singh

Parallel Session – 4



Sub-Theme: Role of Community Organizations for Upgrading Adult and Lifelong Learning
Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Ramachandra G. Pawar, Director, Dept. of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
Co-chair: Dr. Chyanika Uniyal, Member EC, IAEA & Associate Professor, Department of History, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi, Delhi
Rapporteur: Shri Ajay Kumar Kumawat, Research Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi
The papers presented in this session were:
1. "Opportunities and Challenges of Community Organization for Promoting Lifelong Learning in Contemporary India" by Palanikumar K & Dr. N. Arunachalam
2. "The Mission of Community Organizations in Enhancing Adult and Lifelong Learning in Modern India" by R. Isha Preethi & Dr. M. Baladevi
3. "Inclusivity in Action: A Chronicle of a Community-Based Adult Literacy Initiative in Uttar Pradesh" by Shri Anuj Goswami & Swati Mohana Krishnan
4. "Empowering Senior Citizens: A Community-Based Thematic Educational Drive for Elderly" by Dr. Sarika Patel
5. "Role of Continuing Education in Lifelong Learning" by Dr. Anjali D. Patil
6. "Parenting in the Feed: How Social Media Supports Adult Education" by Ms. Padmabati Hembram & Dr. Swapnashri Patnaik



Parallel Session – 5

Sub-Theme: ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All
Chair: Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Secretary, IAEA & Associate Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
Co-chair: Dr. Rashmi Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Bharati College, University of Delhi, Delhi
Rapporteur: Dr. Nitish Anand, EC Member, IAEA & Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) & Research Associate, University of Delhi, Delhi
The papers presented in this session were:
1. "ULLAS & Adult and Lifelong Learning for All" by Dr. Saurabh Misra
2. "Strengthening Adult and Lifelong Learning Through ULLAS: A National Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Learning for All" by Asha Alajangi & Vemala Kiran
3. "Role of Adult and Lifelong Learning in the Implementation of ULLAS" by Prof. (Dr.) Ramchandra Govind Pawar
4. "Alleviating Under Employment Through Lifelong Learning" by Dr. M. Baladevi & Gokila AL
5. "Trilingual Formula in School Education: A Critical Analysis" by Dr. Navnath Tupe & Ms. Millie Pereira
6. "Continuing Education for Better Improvement: A Special Focus on the State of Tamil Nadu" by Dr. S. V. A. Prakash & Dr. A. Senthilkumar

Parallel Session – 6



Sub-Theme: Harnessing RPL for Adult and Lifelong Learning for Full Employment
Chair: Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, Vice President, IAEA & Former Professor, SV University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
Co-chair: Shri Sudhakar Man Singh, Member EC, IAEA & Administrative Officer, India Literacy Board, Literacy House, Lucknow
Rapporteur: Ms. R. Lakshmi, Research Scholar, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
The papers presented in this session were:
1. "Inclusion of Life Skills for Employability in India" by Dr. M. Kanaga & R. Mathuravani
2. "Decision-Making Skills in Lifelong Learning: Strategies and Methods for Students in Higher Education" by M. Nithiyasree & Prof. N. Arunachalam

3. "AI-Enabled Lifelong Learning Framework: Extending ICT Adoption Models to Generative AI" Dr. Neha Kumari & Prof. Rajesh Kumar

Parallel Session – 7



Sub-Theme: Promotion of Adult and Lifelong Learning by the Government

Chair: Dr. Prabhakar Chavan, Director, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai

Co-chair: Dr. Ashish Barthwal, Principal, Asian Institute of Professional Studies, Indore and Life Member, IAEA

Rapporteur: Dr. M. Kanaga, Teaching Assistant, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Kraikudi, Tamil Nadu

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Transforming Lives: The National Endeavour in Fostering Lifelong Education" by M. Veeraragavansri, Prof. Dr. N. Arunachalam and Dr. M. Baladevi
2. "Reimagining Skills for a Lifelong Learning World" by Ms. Parinita Batra & Prof. Rajesh
3. "Role of Adult Learning in Strengthening Local Governance: A Study of Koraput District, Odisha" by Haribandhu Bagria & Prafullo Sabar
4. "Self-Help Groups as Catalysts of Adult Learning - A Critical Analysis of Government Programmes in Odisha" by Binati Pidikaka
5. "Empowerment of Tribal Women and Adult Education: A Review of Government Initiatives" by Dr. Rudra Narayan Mohanty

Parallel Session – 8



Sub-Theme: Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning

Chair: Prof. B. P. Sahu, Head, CDE, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya

Co-chair: Dr. G. N. Kamble, Member EC, IAEA & Former Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Rapporteur: Ms. Al. Gokila, Research Scholar, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Kraikudi, Tamil Nadu

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning in Chandigarh — An Analysis Based on Secondary Data" by Dr. Dazy Zarabi
2. "Women's Education in Lifelong Learning Is the Cornerstone of Female Empowerment" by Dr. M. Baladevi & Prof. N. Arunachalam
3. "Women's Empowerment through Lifelong Learning: Perspectives and Provisions under NEP 2020" by Dr. K. Venkatesan
4. "Lifelong Learning and Skill Development: A Pathway to Women's Empowerment in Rural India" by Dr. M. Kanaga & Dr. N. Arunachalam
5. "The Role of Skill and Vocational Training in Women Empowerment Under Lifelong Learning" by Ms. Sangita Kothari
6. "Lifelong Learning as a Pathway to Women's Psychological Empowerment" by Dr. Bharti Joshi & Ms. Tanuja Khan

Parallel Session – 9



Sub-Theme: Opportunities and Challenges for Lifelong Learning

Chair: Prof. Bharti Joshi, Department of Lifelong Learning, Devi Ahilya University, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Co-chair: Dr. Ajay Kumar, Co-opted Member, EC, IAEA & Associate Professor, Centre for Adult, Continuing Education, JNU, New Delhi

Rapporteur: Shri G. Kirubakaran, Research Scholar, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Empowering Learners in Developing India: The Hybrid Perspective of Potentials and Obstacles in Lifelong Education" by Subashri N. & Dr. N. Arunachalam
2. "Role of Education in Women Empowerment: A Study of Economic, Social, and Political Transformation in Kandhamal District, Odisha" by Mr. Brajabandhu Mallick, Mr. Gundhar Majhi, Ms. Pinki Khadia & Dr. Ajaya Kumar Nanda
3. "Transition of Adult and Continuing Education into Lifelong Learning in Developing India" by Sasikumar A & Dr. M. Kanaga
4. "National Education Policy 2020 & the Agenda for Inclusion of Gender Diverse Students in Higher Education Institutions in Delhi & NCR" by Dr. Geeta Mishra & Prof. Rajesh Kumar
5. "The Impact of Cosmic Energy on Personality Development among University Students in Meghalaya: A Mixed-Method Investigation" by Dr. Subrata Sen
6. "A Study of Retired Professors' Experiencing Epistemic Engagement through Reading Non-Fiction Literature" by Dr. Navnath Tupe & Ms. Millie Pereira

Parallel Session – 10



Sub-Theme: Reviving Sacred Groves through Participatory Adult Learning and Local Governance

successful and dignified lives. Shri Sivaramakrishnan appreciated the teamwork and the functioning of the literacy Centre, which successfully fulfilled the Union Bank's objective of serving the community.

The event, well covered by the local media, was also attended by Shri Balamurugan, Ward Councillor, Peraiyur, and Shri Chinnaraj. The programme was coordinated by Dr. V. Chinna Murugan of SSCD Trust, Peraiyur. The Adult Literacy Programme at Peraiyur stands as a model initiative demonstrating how collaborative efforts between financial institutions and educational organizations can significantly contribute to reducing illiteracy and empowering women through practical and experiential learning. The programme was concluded with the National Anthem.

Kollam, Kerala







The formal Certificate Distribution in Kollam, Kerala was held on March 23, 2026 at the Kollam Panchayat Office, Chadayamangalam, Kollam. The programme commenced with the welcome address delivered by Shri Harish Kumar, Secretary of the Indian Adult Education Association, Kerala State Branch. Along with all the 30 beneficiaries the programme was participated by the officials of IAEA and Union Bank of India, Kollam including Prof. L. Raja, President and Dr. V. Reghu, Vice President, IAEA, New Delhi; Shri J. Subramaniam, Deputy Regional Head, Smt. Kala, Assistant Manager and Shri Chambi, Assistant Manager, Union Bank of India, Kollam; Smt. Nirmala Raichal Roy, District Coordinator and Shri B. Sanjeev, Assistant Coordinator, District Literacy Mission, Kerala.

Addressing the learners Dr. V. Reghu emphasized the significance of lifelong learning and highlighted how the Sakshar Bharat Literacy Programme has contributed to achieving this goal.

Prof. L. Raja in his concluding remarks underscored the success of the programme in promoting digital and legal literacy. He noted how this initiative encouraged active community participation and engagement. Shri J. Subramaniam appreciated the collaborative efforts involved in the programme and stated how effectively it has fulfilled the objectives put-fourth of UBI. Smt. Kala highlighted the dedication and commitment demonstrated by both the learners and instructors throughout the programme.

Shri Chambi expressed his happiness over the success of the scheme. aimed at benefiting women and children. The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri B. Sanjeev. Entire programme was coordinated by Dr. R. S. Haris, a Council Member of IAEA.

वरिष्ठ नागरिक विचार-विमर्श कार्यक्रम







भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के आंचलिक कार्यालय महू द्वारा वरिष्ठ नागरिक विचार विमर्श कार्यक्रम का आयोजन दिनांक 28 फरवरी 2026 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे स्थानीय चोपड़ा वाटिका, महू में किया गया। इसमें विद्वान अतिथियों द्वारा विभिन्न विषयों पर चर्चा की गयी। कार्यक्रम में वरिष्ठ पत्रकार एवं खेल समीक्षक श्री ओमप्रकाश ढोली का भी सम्मान अतिथियों द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल थे। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, मध्य प्रदेश शाखा के अध्यक्ष श्री विमलचंद जैन ने की।

विचार विमर्श में विशेषज्ञ वक्ता डॉ. अमित सोनी ने 'स्वास्थ्य', डॉ. अजरा फर्नीचरवाला ने 'आहार', श्रीमती ओमवती देशमुख ने 'रहन–सहन व योग' एवं अभिभावक श्री मनीष जायसवाल ने 'विधि परामर्श' विषय पर सारगर्भित व उपयोगी जानकारी प्रदान की।

कार्यक्रम में श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल व श्री विमलचंद जैन ने भी अपना उदबोधन दिया। श्री ओमप्रकाश ढोली ने अपने प्रत्युत्तर में कहा कि आज भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ ने वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए अलग–अलग विषयों पर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया है, वह समाज के लिए बहुत आवश्यक व उपयोगी है एवं आगे भी इस तरह के आयोजन होते रहना चाहिए। मेरा जो सम्मान किया उसके लिए मैं संघ का आभारी हूं।

Union Sakshar six-month Functional Literacy Programme

Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Angul, Odisha

The Union Sakshar six-month Functional Literacy Programme sponsored by Union Bank of India and coordinated by Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi was concluded with the Certificate Distribution Ceremony held at Bajirut Chhattrabas, Angul, Odisha.





The programme began with a prayer song, followed by cultural performances by the learners where participants showcased songs, dances, and digital learning outcomes acquired during the course. Learners expressed their happiness and confidence, stating that the programme had helped them understand basic banking procedures, including opening bank accounts and accessing government welfare benefits. Participants also shared that the programme helped them to improve communication with their children and enhanced their understanding of learning through digital technology such as television, radio and mobile phones. Several learners expressed their intention to pursue education further through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), reflecting a growing interest in continuing education.



The ceremony was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi while Shri Antaryami Baral, President of Bajirut Chhattrabas, Angul, and Smt. Krishna Mohanty, Chairperson, Odisha State Gandhi Smarak Nidhi graced the event as distinguished guests. Dr. Kalpana Raja, an adult educationist from Tamil Nadu, along with social activists Ms. Lippy and Mrs. Pittu, were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Prof. L. Raja appreciated the service-oriented approach, commitment and efforts made by Shri Suriyanarayan Nath, the Programme Coordinator which brought positive impact on the learners. The ceremony was concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and the vote of thank given by Shri Chandan Naik.



Peraiyur, Tamil Nadu



The Certificate Distribution Ceremony at Peraiyur was presided over by the Chief Guest Smt. Peryadharshini E. Varusai Muhamed, Vice-Chairman of Peraiyur Town Panchayat. Other dignitaries who addressed the ceremony included Ms. Anjali Das, Assistant Manager, Union Bank of India, Madurai Regional Office; Shri Sivaramakrishnan, Deputy Manager, Union Bank of India, Peraiyur and Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi. Altogether 30 women learners received their certificates of accomplishment with great enthusiasm and pride.



Speaking on the occasion Smt. Peryadharshini emphasized the importance of adult literacy, particularly for women, who benefit greatly from understanding various aspects of literacy essential for daily living and get enabled to apply their knowledge in real-life situations. Referring to the achievements of learners who are now able to read and write Tamil, open and operate bank account and ATM card independently, Smt. Anjali Das appreciated the achievements of the learners of the centre. She also congratulated the local teacher, Smt. Sugapriya, for putting her dedicated efforts and said that the real credit goes to the Union Bank of India and IAEA. Prof. L. Raja said that education has the power to transform one's life and emphasized that poverty can be eliminated only through education, which empowers individuals to lead a

Chair: Dr. Geeta Mishra, Co-opted Council Member, IAEA & Associate Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi, Delhi
Co-chair: Shri Y. S. Chauhan, Advocate & Life Member of Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi
Rapporteur: Shri Baiengskhem S. Lyngdoh, Research Scholar, DACE, NEHU, Shillong, Meghalaya
The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Adult Education: Fostering and Conserving Sacred Groves at the Grassroots Level" by Dullabha Bhatra
2. "Sacred Groves as Sites of Eco- Religious Learning: A Case Study of the Gond Community in Jharsuguda District of Odisha" by Ms. Anjali Bhoi
3. "Traditional Institution and Sacred Grove Conservation: A Study of Tribal Governance System" by Keshab Majhi
4. "Education Beyond Age: Opportunities and Challenges in Adult and Lifelong Learning" by Bhabani Sankar Behera & Deepanjali Mishra
5. "Women Empowerment and Lifelong Learning Among Saora Community in Odisha State: A Case Study on Gajapati District" by Dauda Gamango & Dr. Jhilli Mahapatra
6. "Tribal Language, Literature, and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity: A Socio-Psychological Perspective" by Dr. Sasmita Pattanaik & Ms. Sandhya Majhi
7. "Hope, Fear and Eco-anxiety of the Emotional Psychology of Transformative Adult Learning for Sustainability – A Study of Mayurbhanj District of Odisha" by Dr. Kalpalata Behera
8. "Inclusive Growth of Education Among the Bonda PVTG Girls of Odisha" by Dr. Madhusmita Sahoo

Parallel Session - 11

Sub-Theme: Gender Justice and Literacy Programme for Tribal Women



Chair: Dr. S.V.A. Prakash, Co-opted Member, EC, IAEA & Assistant Professor, School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu
Co-chair: Dr. A Senhilkumar, Assistant Professor, School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University, Tamil Nadu
Rapporteur: Ms. Uma Maheshwari, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Alagappa Puram, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Empowering Women with Lifelong Learning for Gender Equity" by Dr. V. Jagadeeswari
2. "The Role of Lifelong Learning in Enhancing Empowerment of Tribal Women through Adult Education in Odisha" by Ms. Latamani Disari and Dr. Hisi Soren
3. "Gender Justice and Literacy Programme for Tribal Women" by Prof. (Dr.) Raj Kumar Nayak and Mr. Hurendra Parida
4. "Future Prospects of Gender Justice through Education in Tribal Communities: A Study of Balasore District of Odisha" by Dr. Geetanjali Patra
5. "Contemporary Education and Challenges and Issues of Adult Education of Tribal Women in Odisha" by Guddi Saktananda, Saswati Jena and Diptishree

Parallel Session - 12



Sub-Theme: Tribal Language, Literature and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity
Chair: Prof. Dazy Zarabi, Professor, Department of Community Education and Disability Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
Co-chair: Shri Mihir Kumar Bose, Coordinator, Adult Nonformal Education, Loksiksha Parishad, Narendrapur, West Bengal
Rapporteur: Shri M. Subbamanian, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu
The papers presented in this session were:

1. Inclusive Education for Adult Learners: Expanding Lifelong Learning Opportunities for the Kandha Tribe in Rayagada District, Odisha by Mr. Jagulu Dakapraska
2. "Reimagining Tribal Education in Rayagada through NEP 2020: Opportunities and Barriers in Secondary, Adult, and Lifelong Learning" by Anil Tadingi & Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera
3. "Challenges and Opportunities in Tribal Education: A Special Reference to the Tribals of Mayurbhanj District, Odisha" by Raunde Hembram
4. "Kui Folklore as a Medium of Adult Learning: Transmission of Moral and Social Values in Tribal Communities of Odisha" by Lalita Kanhar and Dr. Ratnaprava Parija
5. 'Kadambini' To Protect Tribal Culture by Golak Kanhar
6. "Study of Tribal Language and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity of the Lodha Tribe of Mayurbhanj District in Odisha" by Dr. Ratnakar Mohapatra
7. "The Significance of Tribal Language Literature and Adult Learning for Cultural Continuity" by Dr. Dhanu Murmu

Parallel Session – 13



Sub-Theme: Promoting and Preserving Marginal Literature: An Adult Learning Initiative
Chair: Dr. Nitish Anand, EC Member, IAEA & Assistant

Professor (Guest Faculty) & Research Associate, University of Delhi, Delhi

Co-chair: Shri R. C. Yadav, Council Member, IAEA & Administrative Officer, Literacy House, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Rapporteur: Ms. R. Mathuravani, Human Resource Development, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Adult Education and Tribal Identity: Cultural Practices among the Koya Community in Malkangiri District, Odisha" by Rina Madi
2. "The Role of Lifelong Learning in Promoting Socio-Economic Empowerment among Women Artisans in North Bengal, India" by Dr. Sidhartha Sankar Laha & Mr. Gopal Saha
3. "Empowering Rural Women through Adult Education in Organic Farming: Opportunities and Barriers" by Ms. Jane. L. Lyngdoh & Dr Jacinta. I. Rapthap
4. "Empowered to Learn, Equipped to Lead: Lifelong Education for Rural Women" by A. Narasinga Kalai, Dr. M. Baladevi & Dr. N. Arunachalam
5. "Gender Empowerment and Social Inclusion: Pathways to Integral Development in India" by Dr. A. Senthilkumar & Dr. S.V.A Prakash
6. "Understanding the Digital Divide: Barriers to Financial Literacy in the Elderly Population" by Ms. Ankita Singh (Online)

Parallel Session – 14



Sub-Theme: Preservation of Tribal Heritage through Adult Education

Chair: Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA & Sr. Professor, DCEE, University of Delhi & Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Former Chairman, NIOS

Co-chair: Dr. Jagadeeswari V., Department of Women Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati

Rapporteur: Ms. M. Nithiyasree, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Bridging the Skill Gap: An Assessment of Student Readiness for the Labour Market in West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya" by Prof B. P. Sahu, & Shri B.S. Lyngdoh
2. "Economic Consequences of Unemployment of Youth in East Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya" by Prof B. P. Sahu and Shri Andreas Rynjah
3. "Lifelong Education for Tribal Communities in Tamil Nadu" by Shri M. Subramanian & Dr. N. Arunachalam
4. "Preservation of Tribal Heritage through Adult Education: An Indian Context with Case Studies of the Kuki Tribes in Manipur" by Letginlen Doungel & Lhingneingah Kipgen
5. "Classrooms without Walls: Utilising Local History and 'Unsung Heroes' as a Framework for Adult Heritage Education" by Dr. Kamal Prasad Mohanty
6. "Adult Education and Mass Literacy: Technological Imperatives for a Competitive India" by Dr. Ajay Kumar, JNU, New Delhi

Parallel Session – 15



Sub-Theme: Heritage Ecologies among Indian Indigenous Communities

Chair: Dr. Dilip S. Patil, Former Director and Professor, Dept. of Lifelong Learning & Extension, University of Mumbai, Maharashtra

Co-chair: Prof. J. M. Panara, NSS Programme Coordinator, Sourashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat

Rapporteur: Dr. Subrata Sen, Guest Faculty, Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong Campus

The papers presented in this session were:

1. "Indian Heritage in New Education Policy: A Boon to Future India" by R. Lakshmi & Dr. M. Baladevi
2. "Folk Traditions as Pathways for Preserving Indigenous Knowledge and Skills Among Tribal Communities" by Shivani Mehta & Prof. (Dr). Avani Mania
3. "Heritage Ecologies: Indigenous Environmental Knowledge and Sustainable Practices in Indian Communities" by Shri Manoj Kumar Sabar
4. "Traditional Ghotul System and Contemporary Adult Educational Challenges: An Anthropological Study of Gond Dropout Students in Balangir District, Odisha" by Rajkumar Dharua & Dr. Pragyan Mohanty
5. "Mindful Learning in Heritage Ecologies: Adult and Lifelong Education as a Pathway to Stress Resilience Among Tribal Youths in Odisha" by Shri Anil Kumar Pradhan, Shri Sumati Kisku and Dr. Nilamani Maharana
6. "Adult Education as a Tool for Revitalizing Indigenous Knowledge Systems" by Dr. Sishir Kumar Tripathy
7. "Role of SHGs and FPOs Under Odisha Millets Mission in Promoting Financial Literacy Among Millet-Growing Tribal Women of Kalahandi: Implications for Livelihood Security" by Dr. Nitish Anand, Prof. Rajesh and Prof. Kumar Ashutosh
8. "Adult Education as a Pathway to Gender Justice among Tribal Women in India: Perspectives from NEP 2020" by Ms. Aisurya Dash & Dr. Deepanjali Mishra

Presentation of Group Reports and Discussion

Presided over by Prof. L. Raja, this session was focused on consolidating the ideas, opinion and view-points emerged during the discussions held in all the 15 parallel academic sessions reflecting upon major aspects of the








the audience to dance in their tune. The Street Play enacted by the beneficiaries which was intended to aware people against the adverse impact of child marriage on education and other developmental aspect of women also received the attention of all. A competition entitled "कहो अपनी बात (Speak Your Mind) was also organized in which the participants were encouraged to share their own opinion about women development and the challenges being faced by them. It was really appreciable that a number of women and girls came forward and shared their opinion without hesitation. Each of them was handed over a gift by Prof. Rajesh and others present on the dais. In his concluding remarks Prof. Rajesh appreciated the performances and active participation of all. He said that our kids are having huge dreams to realize in their life and it is we the parents and activists of IAEA need to support them to fulfil it.

Sarvodaya Day Seminar & Centenary Celebration of Padma Bhushan Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan at Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu





A two-day event commemorating Centenary Celebration of one of India's foremost Gandhian social reformers and Padma Bhushan awardee Krishnammal Jagannathan was held at Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu on February 12–13, 2026 which was participated by global thought leaders, gandhian scholars, scientists, activists, educationists, grassroots workers, and international delegates in a powerful reaffirmation of Sarvodaya ideals - upliftment of all. Day one was focused on Peace March & Global Dialogue on Health and Nutrition while the second day was for the Sarvodaya Day Seminar centered on the theme "Women as Vanguards of Social Transformation".

The Peace March Symbolizing Constructive Action was joined by distinguished participants including Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation; Former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization; Prof. N. Panchanatham, Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Vinu Aram, President, Shanti Ashram, Coimbatore and Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi along with many Sarvodaya leaders, Buddhist monks, international scholars, students, and grassroots workers. The Peace March was followed by a compelling keynote address delivered by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan at the 5th Global Classroom for Building Communities, jointly organized by Shanti Ashram, Gandhigram Rural Institute, PSG Centre for Research and Bioethics and Gandhian Constructive Workers' Home. In her address Dr. Soumya Swaminathan highlighted the urgent concerns over nutritional deficiencies among children in India, need for evidence-based policy interventions, integrated action between policymakers and grassroots institutions and promotion of innovative, community-driven health solutions and underscored the moral and scientific responsibility of institutions to ensure equitable health and nutrition access. The day concluded with conferring the Shri Jagannathan Annachi Award to five transformative leaders – four women and one male – for their outstanding contributions to social reform and grassroots empowerment. They are Dr. Jill Carr-Harris, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Ms. Jeyabarathy, Smt. Arna Roy and Shri V. P. Danayutham.




The key speakers in the seminar included Shri P. V. Rajagopal, renowned peace activist and Ms. Aruna Roy, eminent social reformer. Their addresses emphasized women's leadership in shaping equitable, sustainable societies. This was followed by Focused Thematic Group Discussions on three major themes: Women, Community Development & Social Transformation; Women, Education & Social Transformation and Women, Health & Well-being & Social Transformation. Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA speaking in the Panel for Consolidated Presentation highlighted the transformative power of women's education, citing the life and work of Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan as a living example of education-driven social change. The panel was also addressed by Dr. Kezavunu Aram, Shri Vasimalai, Dhan Foundation; Mr. J. M. Balamurugan, IAS and Prof. G. Palanidurai (Retd), GRI.

MoU Signed Between IAEA and Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, DU





A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on March 19, 2026 between Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences (University of Delhi) for the purpose of promoting academic exchange programmes both at national and international level, joint research and training, and the development of professional competencies. Present on the occasion were Prof. Avneesh Mittal, representing Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, while the Indian Adult Education Association was represented by Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge.

Presiding over the event, which was held at the University of Delhi's Vice Regal Lodge, the Dean of Colleges, Prof. Balram Pani, stated that this MoU would further expand international opportunities for the students and faculty of Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, thereby enhancing global connectivity and employment prospects.

On the occasion Prof. Rajesh informed that an implementation team from both the institutions would work on this MoU under the patronage of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi, Prof. Yogesh Singh to realize the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with special emphasis on multidisciplinary education, lifelong learning, skill development, and employability. Underscoring the experience of the collaborative initiatives between Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (Germany), the Indian Adult Education Association, and the Department of Adult, Continuing Education and Extension at the University of Delhi which helped scholars from both sides to have valuable international experiences Prof. Rajesh noted that such efforts will pave the path further for internationalization of higher education through global partnerships as promulgated in National Education Policy 2020.

IAEA Skill Centre - International Women Day Celebration





The women and girls of Anna Nagar and Sanjay Colony associated with IAEA Skill Centre organized a grand cultural function to celebrate International Women Day 2026 at a community place inside the locality which was participated by around 100 girls and women.



The programme was addressed by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA who was joined on dais by some leading women activists in the locality including Smt. Bina Mourya, Representative of ASHI, a voluntary organization, Smt. Vandana, a leading functionary of Anganwadi, Smt. Meena, Health Worker at AHSA Dispensary, Smt. Aaray, a Local Women Leader and Ms. Kajal, the Trainer at Skill Centre. These women activists also shared their opinion on the occasion asking the families to motivate women for opting delivery in hospitals instead of home, getting their babies vaccinated as per schedule prescribed by the government and encouraging girls too to continue their education and acquire skills for economic wellbeing. Members of staff of IAEA including Shri B. Sanjoy, Smt. Neha Gupta, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Shri Surender, Shri Ravi and Shri Kishore took special initiative to make the programme a success.

Students, learners and beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre were joined by enthusiastic people to perform various cultural activities such as Gidda and other sing and dance performances which compelled

central theme of the conference. The session began with the introduction of the Guest of Honour Prof. N. Arunachalam, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Tamil Nadu by Dr. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary, IAEA. Thereafter, each rapporteur presented a brief report which was supplemented by the Chair and Co-Chair of the respective session wherever required. Speaking on the occasion Prof. N. Arunachalam appreciated the efforts made by IAEA to motivate and mobilize scholars to come forward to present their scholarly paper before experts in the field of adult and lifelong learning. Referring to the maiden presentation by most of the scholars he said that the opportunity provided by IAEA is certainly going to boost their confidence and encourage them to participate further in such academic ventures. Underscoring the submission of more than 100 papers for the conference as a overwhelming response Prof. Arunachalam congratulated all the chairs and co-chairs and said that this collective and qualitative effort will give a new boost to teaching and learning in the field of adult and lifelong education in the country. Prof. Raja assured the academic fraternity to extend all the possible support wherever needed. Recalling the commendable role played by Prof. Arunachalam for motivating his students to take part in the conference, he also congratulated the members of faculty and staff of KISS for extending extensive support and cooperation. The session was coordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA and reported by Ms. Parinita Batra, Scholar, DCEE, University of Delhi.







Valedictory Session







The valedictory session of 66th All India Adult Education Conference was held in the Seminar Hall, Campus-6 of KIIT on January 23, 2026 which began with the rendering of Saraswati Vandana by Dr. Kalpana Raja, a well-known adult education functionary.

Delivering the welcome address Prof. Rajesh underlined the importance of All India Adult Education Conferences in



shaping the course of academic dialogue in the country since 1938. It was the first All India Adult Education Conference held at University of Delhi in 1938 when contemporary stalwarts and educationists came together to discuss the educational future of the country which led to the foundation of the Association itself. Since then every conference comes with subtle declaration highlighting the current educational perspective, challenges and demands which has been well utilized and recognized by the policy makers. He expressed his satisfaction on the way the academic proceedings in the conference could be conducted successfully.



Dr. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary, IAEA introduced the dignitaries on the dais including Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Prof. L. Raja, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Shri Mrinal Pant.

Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Chief Guest in the Valedictory Session said that in the era of AI enhancing knowledge



base is no more dependent primely on classroom teaching. It has posed serious challenge before traditional mode of teaching and learning in the domain of higher education. The only hope lies with imbibing lifelong learning as a common practice for people irrespective of their age and geographical location. Referring to the debate and discussions held during the conference he said that the future role of lifelong learning as the only solution for sustainable development has been well recognized.

A committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE with members including Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President, Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, Prof. Asha Verma, Associate Secretary, Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Secretary, Dr. Nitish Anand, Member EC, IAEA to solicit the opinion of the delegates and prepare the draft of Odisha Declaration. The Committee was facilitated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.



The Odisha Declaration read by Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, IAEA was adopted unanimously by the delegates. The Declaration says:



We, the participants of 66th All India Adult Education Conference representing universities, NGOs, civil society organizations, Adult Education functionaries, researchers from different states and UTs of India, assembled at the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from January 21 to 23, 2026, hereby reaffirm our unwavering commitment to promoting adult education and lifelong learning as a

fundamental pillar in shaping India's educational landscape and realizing the collective vision of Viksit Bharat (Developed India) by 2047. Recognizing national aspiration and the emerging needs of individuals and communities, we collectively resolve to:

1. ***Strengthening Adult and Lifelong Learning Movement in India***
   Encourage academic institutions, public and private, to constitute a study to find out how the change of nomenclature from "Adult Education" to "Education for All" has impacted the decades-long struggle/movement to develop Adult Education as a distinct discipline of teaching and learning within the framework of higher education. And motivate all the stakeholders to come together and take necessary steps to strengthen Adult Education and Lifelong Learning movement forward.
2. ***Ensure Lifelong Learning for All for Achieving Cent Percent Job Readiness/Employability and better standard of living***
   Make lifelong learning initiatives an integral part of every educational establishment and training institution, specifically secondary education, higher education, and community-based institutions/organizations, to build a strong foundation for continuous personal and professional growth and achieving cent percent job-readiness.
3. ***Address Societal Needs through Lifelong Learning and Promotion of One Earth One Health for Sustainability***
   Develop practical strategies to promote lifelong learning as a tool to address societal needs and promotion of One Earth One Health, ensuring access to educational opportunities and realisation of the goal of sustainable development for all.
4. ***Adopt and Promote AI-Based Technology for Learning***
   Adopt and promote the use of technology for Understanding the Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS) and Recognition of Lifelong Learning (RPL) to enhance digital accessibility, efficiency, and personalisation of lifelong learning programmes infusing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for research, innovation, and learning.
5. ***Strengthen Public-Private Partnerships***
   Work collaboratively with Civil Society, NGOs, educational institutions, and other stakeholders to implement inclusive and impactful lifelong learning programmes that influence diverse segments of society, specifically women and other disadvantaged sections.
6. ***Promote Adult and Lifelong Learning as Means of Protecting Regional and Tribal Languages, Tribal Heritage, Indian Knowledge System and other Indian Indigenous Communities***
   Incorporate lifelong learning programmes to foster individual and societal well-being, specifically as a means of protecting tribal languages, tribal heritage, Indian Knowledge System and Indian indigenous communities.
7. ***Leveraging from New Trends in NEP 2020 and Focusing on Multidisciplinary Professional and Social Development***
   In the light of emerging trends in NEP 2020 (5+3+3+4 structure, academic bank of credits, and multiple entry and exit points), support initiatives that promote multidisciplinary professional skill development and address social inequalities through targeted lifelong learning opportunities.
8. ***Advocate to Establish New Centres/Departments of Lifelong Learning and Extension for Promoting Lifelong Learning as a Way of Life***
   Renewal and empowerment of existing Centres/Departments in all Universities, Colleges including NSS/NCC/students clubs/social clubs and other youth clubs in the higher education institutions. Encouraging all the citizens to take part in Lifelong Learning activities for harnessing the best of their ability and accelerate the National Development.

Our Call to Action

We commit to turning these resolutions into actionable programmes and projects in partnership with key stakeholders. By doing so, we aim to create a more equitable and dynamic educational ecosystem that supports lifelong learning for all and fosters the path of employment for all in the country.

Together, let us take forward the mission of adult and lifelong learning to empower individuals, transform communities, and accomplish the goal of national development.

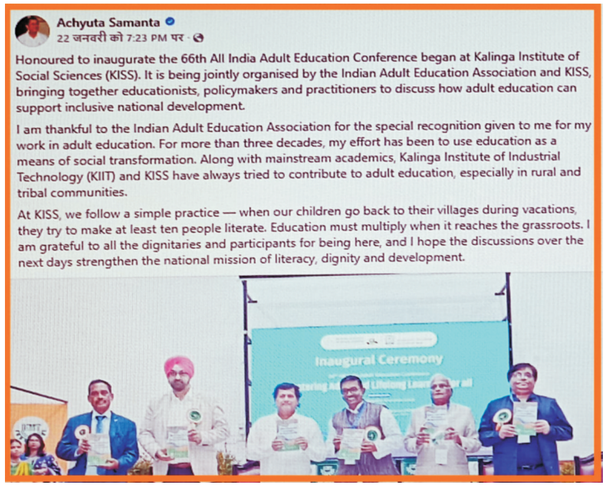
Thereafter, Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, Associate Professor, KISS, Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar and Secretary, Odisha Chapter, IAEA who played a key role in organizing the 66th All India Adult Education Conference at KISS was felicitated with a Shawl and a Bouquet by Prof. L. Raja and Shri Suresh Khandelwal. Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera thankfully accepted the felicitation on behalf of his entire team and said that it was the blessing of Prof. Achyut Samanta sir which encouraged him and his entire team to provide best possible assistance for the conference. He was thankful to the team of IAEA specifically Prof. Raja, Shri Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh for their guidance.







From Prof. (Dr .) Achuyta Samanta's Blog



IAEA Team visited Adult Education Centre at Jasola



A team of IAEA including Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge; Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Shri Vinay Chhetri, Sr. Assistant, IAEA visited the Adult Education Centre at Jasola run jointly by IAEA and the Pocket Full of Sunshine and interacted with some learners. Madam Tasneema Zaidi, Managing Head of PFO was also present on the occasion. The team interacted with some of the beneficiaries and asked them about their preparation for the equivalency examinations. It was found that a couple of elderly who were getting ready for class VIII standard examinations were quite excited for having an opportunity to continue their education at this stage of their life.

Holi Get-together





Members of staff of IAEA along with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge celebrated Holi on March 2, 2026 at IAEA Office.

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Meeting on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace



The first meeting of the "The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal), Act, 2013" was held on 18.2.2026 at 3.00 p.m. at DGPM, Indirect Taxes & Customs, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Indu Bhardwaj, Joint Director and Presiding Officer. The other members present were Mrs. Neha Gupta (IAEA), Mr. Ravindra Singh, Mrs. Ishita Harit, and Mrs. Ritu Sharma.

In the meeting, the members discussed their duties and the process for handling complaints related to workplace harassment. It was decided that all complaints will be handled fairly, confidentially, and within the given time limit. The Committee also planned to conduct awareness programmes to ensure a safe and respectful work environment for everyone.

employment opportunities. He presented NISD's comprehensive approach toward awareness generation, skill development, counselling, and holistic empowerment of senior citizens.



In her address, Prof. Archana Kaushik stressed that productive and active ageing is not a luxury but a necessity, warning that lack of preparedness for demographic ageing could have devastating consequences. She further underscored that no nation can progress unless older adults are placed at the centre of development discourse. Concluding her address, she called for strengthening community bonds, social coherence, and India's indigenous ethos of collective responsibility and togetherness.

Among others who participated included Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Dr. Varsha Das, Shri K.K. Sethi, Dr. A. Mathew, Mrs. Ameli Mathew, Dr. Chyanika Uniyal, Dr. Nitish Anand, Dr. Biresh Pachisia, Dr. Anita Marwaha, Shri Harendra Singh, Dr. Rajkumari Meena, and more than 15 senior citizens from Anna Nagar, a slum adopted by IAEA.





On this occasion the General Secretary handed over certificates to Prof. Rajesh (Chair), Dr. Chaynika Uniyal (Chair), Ms. Anjali Rathore (Rapporteur) and Ms. Gaurisha Srivastava (Rapporteur) for the role played in the 66th All India Adult Education Conference held at KISS, Bhubaneswar.

All the members of staff of IAEA and the learners of IAEA Skill Centre contributed their best to make the programme successful. The programme was coordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Ms. Poonam Rajput, Research Scholar, DU.

The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who thanked all the speakers and the participants and requested them to join upcoming programmes as well. He emphasized the importance of





organizing similar technical consultations on a regular basis. Shri Khandelwal also met all the senior citizens who came from Anna Nagar and expressed his willingness to work further for their welfare. He also responded positively to the quarries raised by the elderlies who wanted themselves and their children to acquire such skills which will provide them opportunities for their economic empowerment and social wellbeing.

IAEA Skill Centre - Certificate Distribution Ceremony







Since last couple of years IAEA has adopted two slum areas viz. Anna Nagar and Sanjay Colony, located in vicinity of its Headquarters at Indraprastha Estate, ITO, New Delhi. Multiple interventions such as organizing awareness campaigns, health and hygiene drive, read and write competitions for school going students and health check-up and eye camps for women and elderly are being made on regular basis to enhance the quality of life of the residents of this locality. Out of all these interventions IAEA Skill Centre has emerged as an effective medium for imparting much sought for Cutting & Tailoring skills to the women and girls in the area. Learners of its 1st batch most of whom were quite hesitant to come to the centre at the beginning have now acquired basic training and are able to design and stitch regular wears for both men and women independently.

A Certificate Distribution Ceremony was organized on



February 9, 2026 at Conference Hall, IAEA Headquarters in which successful learners were blessed and felicitated with certificates by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA. The programme began with lightening the ceremonial lamp by the dignitaries which was followed by rendering Saraswati Vandana by a group of leaners of the centre including Ms. Deepshikha, Ms. Mantasa, Ms. Megha and Ms. Chanchal. Thereafter, both Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh addressed the students who were also accompanied by their family members. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Rajesh said that the skill training is going to be an instrument of change in the life of the learners as well as their families. Shri Khandelwal extended his blessings to all the learners and asked them to grow as an ambassador of change for their community. He assured full cooperation in this journey of community development and accepted their request to open a computer learning centre for them as well. A couple of learners and their parents also shared their experience throughout the programme and thanked IAEA, its officials along with their teacher Ms. Kajal for imparting skills. The programme was conducted by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer. All the members of the staff of IAEA contributed their best to make the programme a success.



The dignitaries on the dais also handed over Certificate of Appreciation to all the faculty members, staff and volunteers of KISS who played important role in the conference. All of them were welcomed and encouraged with a huge applause by the delegates.



Citing the example of a few delegates Prof. L. Raja in his Presidential Address said that the real success of All India Adult Education Conferences lies with those who make all efforts and meet expenses at their own to ensure their presence in the Conference regularly irrespective of the distance to be travelled and availability of other logistical support. He said that efforts should be made to tune our family eco-system to encourage everybody to adopt the path of lifelong learning for improving quality of life as well as contributing the best to realize the goal of Viksit Bharat. He thanked Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge for leading the affairs of Association from the front.





The successful conduct of 66th AIAEC at KISS was a matter of satisfaction and glory for both IAEA and KISS as each and every delegate expressed their satisfaction over both the adequacy and quality of facilities made available to them as well as the meticulous planning for entire academic proceedings held during the conference. In his remarks Shri Rajendra Joshi, Associate Secretary, IAEA said that all the delegates should come forward to maintain the height of quality achieved during this conference. Dr. Geeta Mishra, Council Member, IAEA said that such successes are realized only when each stakeholder plays its role to the best of his/her satisfaction.





The vote of thanks in the Valedictory Session was delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who extended his whole hearted thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta and his team of academicians, member of staff and students for attributing utmost priority to AIAEC, one of the central activities in the field of adult and lifelong education in the country. It was truly inspiring that overcoming all the odds Prof. Samanta, an apostle of simplicity could manage time and made himself available for not only inaugurating the conference but providing guidance whenever and wherever required. Shri Khandelwal thanked Prof. Ambasht, Prof. L. Raja, Prof. Rajesh and all the members of Executive Committee and Council of IAEA for their support and cooperation. He thanked each and every delegate including faculty members, field functionaries and students coming from different universities and NGOs including Chairs, Co-Chairs and Rapporteurs for making the proceedings a great success.



Shri Khandelwal also congratulated all the members of the staff of IAEA including Shri M.L. Sharma, Shri B. Sanjoy, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Shri Vinay Chhetri, Shri Jai Bhagwan, Shri Surendra and Shri Ravi who worked 24x7 to make the conference a great success along with Ms. Neha, Shri Kishore and Shri Bittoo who extended support from the Head Office. Shri Khandelwal concluded his remarks with the request to all the delegates and stakeholders of adult and lifelong learning come forward and join their hands to realize the actionable points emerged in the Odisha Declaration. Let the positive energy emanating from the conference reverberate our minds throughout the year and keep us fit & fine and remain engaged with the activities of lifelong learning. The proceedings of the conference were coordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

The 66th AIAEC was concluded with rendering the National Anthem.

Inauguration of K.C. Choudhary Memorial Hall





Shri Suresh Khandelwal, the General Secretary, IAEA on February 12, 2026 dedicated the Main Conference Hall of IAEA to the cherished memory of late Shri K. C. Choudhary. He along with Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge inaugurated the hall henceforth to be referred as the K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall. The event was joined by a host of eminent personalities associated with IAEA and the field of adult and lifelong learning which included – Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Dr. H.C. Sridhar Ranga Reddy, Deputy Director, National Institute of Social Defence, M/o Social Justice, GOI; Prof. Vinod Kumar, AIIMS; Prof. Dr. Sunil Sharma, MD; Shri K.P. Mandilwar, Retired Director, Indian Oil Corporation; Dr. Mridula Seth; Prof. Archana Kaushik, Department of Social Work, DU; Smt. Nishat Farooq; Dr. Varsha Das; Shri K.K. Sethi, Dr. A. Mathew and many others.

Meetings

Executive Committee



The 169th meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Adult Education Association was held on January 22, 2026 at 4.30 P.M. at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President the meeting was attended by 16 members. After the welcome address delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary members discussed all the agenda items scheduled for the meeting and took decisions including confirmation of the minutes of previous EC meeting held on August 4, 2025 (Online) at 11:00 A.M. The Committee reviewed the programmes and activities conducted by the Association during the period August – December 2025 and expressed its satisfaction and acknowledged the significant progress and achievements made. The Committee also considered and reviewed the estimated budget of the Association for the year 2026-27 and approved it. The Committee approved the Life memberships for 36 individuals and Institutional membership for 3 applicants. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Council



The meeting of the Council of Indian Adult Education Association was held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 22, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. Attended by 36 Council Members the meeting was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA. The meeting began with the welcome address by Shri Suresh Khandelwal followed by introduction of new members. The Council confirmed the minutes of last



meeting of the Council held on December 14, 2023 at Amrita Vishwavidyapeetham, Ettimadai Campus, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and approved the Plan of Action of the Association for the year 2026-27.

General Body



The meeting of the General Body of Indian Adult Education Association was held at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences – Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 22, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Presided over by Prof. L. Raja the meeting was attended by 71 Members. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary welcomed the members. Thereafter, the GB confirmed the minutes of the last meeting of the General Body held on January 9, 2025 at Manmohini Van Campus, Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Abu Road, Rajasthan and adopted the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2024. The GB also adopted and approved the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year 2024-25.

Cultural evening





A cultural evening was also organized by the students and scholars of KIITs Fine Arts Department, young artists and a few delegates which was overwhelmingly enjoyed and appreciated by the delegates. The performance by a group of children really encouraged the delegates to dance in their tune as many joined them to encourage their performance. Prof. Rajesh on behalf of the Association proposed the vote of thanks to all the students-cum-artists. Entire inaugural session and the cultural evening was beautifully coordinated by Dr. Jysamita Kaunar, Ms. Apoorva Pattnaik and Ms. Annya Dash. Along with the cultural programme a campus tour for the delegates was also arranged to get them acquaint with the social endeavor of Kalinga Group of Institutions. As the conference coincided with Saraswati Pooja which is celebrated on a large scale in the state of Odisha and occupies a very important place in the cultural flavor of KISS and KIIT representatives of IAEA were also invited by Dr. Prashanta Kumur Routray, Registrar, KISS to visit pooja pandal and share the auspicious prasad.

Brainstorming Session on "Productive Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities Faced by Older Adults"





While the Finance Minister Dr. Nirmala Sitaraman was responding on Budgetary Allocations for Senior Citizens in the Rajya Sabha on February 12, 2026 coincidently IAEA too was organizing a special programme for discussing the issues before senior citizens and strengthening the welfare ecosystem for them. The brainstorming session organized on "Productive Ageing: Challenges and Opportunities Faced by Older Adults" by IAEA was intended towards devising a programme of action for the Association which will be addressing some of the vital issues faced by senior citizens.



Held in the newly inaugurated K.C. Choudhary Memorial Hall the programme was participated by a host of eminent academician associated with IAEA who are now senior citizens and eager to join hands to assist fellow senior citizens to make their journey smooth, productive and relishing. The programme was began with the welcome address delivered by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA followed by a brief note on some of the important activities carried out by IAEA for the welfare of Senior Citizens by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, IAEA. While elaborating the concept of "Happy Ageing" as a developmental and social priority, Prof. Rajesh emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between academic institutions, community organizations, and social groups to strengthen elderly support systems.

Prof. S. Y. Shah shared his extensive institutional experience in addressing issues concerning senior citizens. He reflected on the challenges faced in establishing residential facilities and explained the transition toward more sustainable, community-based models



of support. Introducing some of the well-known initiatives such as "Friends of Senior Citizens," he underlined the importance of intergenerational bonding, academic partnerships, research dissemination, and collective responsibility in promoting productive and healthy ageing.

Thereafter, Prof. Vinod Kumar, former Professor of Medicine and Geriatrics at AIIMS, Delhi sensitized the audience with the challenges and opportunities in the present landscape of

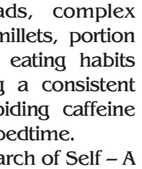


programme and activities for the senior citizens in the country. He underscored the importance of understanding socio-cultural dimensions of ageing, including health concerns, demographic shifts, and educational access. Referring to the National Policy on Older Persons (1999) and subsequent developments, he emphasized the need for targeted and inclusive interventions, particularly for marginalized elderly populations. He also focused on empowerment strategies such as financial inclusion, collective action models, government programmes, and re-employment opportunities and highlighted initiatives like SACRED (Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity), which facilitate dignified post-retirement livelihood opportunities.

Among the others who shared their opinion included Shri K.P. Mandliwar, former Director, Indian Oil Corporation; Dr. Sunil Sharma, MD, Indian Spinal and Injury Centre, Delhi and Prof. Archana Kaushik, Delhi School of Social Welfare, University of Delhi. Shri K. P. Mandilwar sharing his personal experience of participating in GMOHA engagement programmes illustrated how community participation and active engagement can revitalize life in later years and reinforce the spirit of meaningful and joyful ageing.



Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Sharma focused on practical strategies for maintaining health among senior citizens. Referring to WHO guidelines, he emphasized four pillars of healthy living - Regular physical exercise, Balanced nutrition, Adequate sleep and Mental fitness. He further highlighted mindful dietary practices, including seasonal fruits, vegetables, salads, complex carbohydrates such as millets, portion control, and disciplined eating habits and advised maintaining a consistent sleep schedule and avoiding caffeine and heavy meals before bedtime.



A book entitled "In Search of Self – A Journey Within" authored by Dr. Mridula Seth, former Technical Advisor, UNFPA was released by the dignitaries on dais including Prof. S.Y. Shah, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Dr. H.C. Sridhar Reddy, Deputy Director, NISD, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment, GOI. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Reddy



highlighted structured training programmes aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP), including certificate courses in geriatric care and caregiving designed to create

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Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta to receive the prestigious Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award 2026





As decided by the Association's Award Committee Chaired by Prof. N. K. Ambasht with Shri Suresh Khandelwal as Member Secretary, a two-member team including Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Dr. Varsha Das, a senior functionary of IAEA visited Bhubaneswar to meet Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta in Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) and personally apprise him with the decision of the Association to confer him with the prestigious Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award 2026 for his unmatched educational leadership and the valuable contribution made by him towards adult and lifelong learning and being instrumental in uplifting the life of more than 80,000 of tribal students and their families across the state of Odisha and other tribal regions in the country. The team met him on May 5, 2026 at his office in KISS and apprised him with the decision which was gladly and humbly accepted by him for which he sent his acceptance by mail on May 6, 2026. The award distribution ceremony will be held on December 20, 2026 at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi. The visiting team also had a very fruitful discussion with Dr. Prashanta Kumar Routray, Registrar, KISS & President, IAEA Odisha State Branch and Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, Add. Registrar, KISS & Secretary, Odisha State Branch on initiation of research and outreach activities by the State Branch.

National Seminar on Continuing Education and Skill Development at Kolhapur





A National Seminar on "Continuing Education and Skill Development" on May 20, 2026 at Chhatrapati Sahoo Maharaj Hall, Kolhapur was organized by the Maharashtra State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, Shivaji University, Pune. Addressed by Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. PA Reddy, Vice President and Prof. Raejsh, Director In-charge, the seminar not only provided a chance to the members of nearby academic fraternity to deliberate on issues related with continuing education and skill development but also helped to consolidate the organizational structure of the IAEA Maharashtra State Branch as most of the members of the State Branch came together and spent quality time discussing the future course of the State Branch. The programme initiated with the welcome speech by Dr. Ramchandra Pawar, Director of Department of Lifelong Learning, Shivaji University, Kolhapur.





Referring the States Branches as the backbones of the Association, Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA, called upon the members of Maharashtra branch to formulate programmes and activities for strengthening the work of the Association in the state for which relevant support will always be provided by the Association. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA said that the process initiated for strengthening the State Branches of IAEA across the country is now showing its impact. As a result, a number of our state branches have not only planned activities but are able to implement it very successfully which is a very positive sign for the expansion of our work, he said.





Prof. P. Adinarayan Reddy, Vice President, IAEA appreciated the efforts made by Shivaji University, Kolhapur especially the role played by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, President of Maharashtra Branch in motivating people to come forward for the cause of socio-educational development of common people in the region. Dr. Kamble happens to be a multifaceted personality who efficiently utilizes his skills as yoga teacher, artist, stage performer and mass communicator for popularizing community work, said Prof. Reddy.



Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA elaborated the need of adopting emerging fields of skill education specifically digital, financial and marketing skills for the economic wellbeing and welfare of disadvantaged communities while covering both women and transgenders.

Others academicians and experts who shared their views on the occasion included Dr. Bhalba Vibhute, former Director Lifelong Learning, Shivaji University, Kolhapur; Dr. Harschandani, Ex Director, Distance Education Centre, University of Mumbai; Dr. Lesan Azadi, Director of Bahai Academy, Panchgani; Dr. Shyam Kore, Secretary, Antarbharti Sanstha; Shri Vikas Ghogare, expert in Special Education, Divyang Mulancha Aashram; and Dr. Shashi Gaikwad, Educationist, Expert in Special Education.





Along with academic exchanges around 10 experts also showcased their talents related to various fields of performing arts. Smt. Hemsuvarna Mirajkar discussed about 'Dholki playing music' while performing some of the basic dance moves performed during "Baithakichi Lavani". Smt. Rajanitai Gorad explained about her own Orchestra team and music journey. Dr. Dattatray Goilkar, Artist, presented his paintings. Smt. Madhavi Goilkar shared her experiences about learning and teaching drawing and painting. Shri Vasant Singhan, a Modi Script expert exhibited the way Marathi cursive writings which was in use till 1960 in Maharashtra can be written. Dr. Rupa Shah and Dr. Nagesh Shinde shared their experiences about running continuing education courses in college.



Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, President of Maharashtra branch said that almost all the 66 Life Members of IAEA associated with the State Branch had given very positive response about initiating new activities in the state. Their active participation in the seminar has truly exemplified their will. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Aanand Wagh, Treasurer of Maharashtra State Branch.





Prof. L. Raja, Prof. P.A. Reddy, Shri Suresh Khandelwal and Prof. Rajesh along with the Office Bearers of Maharashtra State Branch of IAEA also visited the main campus of Shivaji University, Kolhapur on May 21, 2026.

Singhania University Delegation visited IAEA



A delegation from Singhania University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan visited IAEA on June 15, 2026 to discuss scope of working together with IAEA in order to implement the latest provisions of collaborative research and outreach activities ensuring university's role in the development of community life by the scholars now graduating under FYUP Programme as visualized in NEP 2020. The delegation included Prof (Dr.) Manoj Varghese, Dean & Head and Dr. Narendra Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Singhania University. The meeting was participated by Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, I. P College for Women, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA while Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA joined online.

Post Retirement Welcome Party in the honour of Prof. Rajesh





Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA got superannuated from the University of Delhi on May 29, 2026 as Senior Professor after serving the Department of Continuing Education and Extension for almost 45 years in various capacities including the Head of the Department. The Association organized a get together in his honour at IAEA Headquarters on May 30, 2026. Alongwith all the Office Bearers of IAEA, the function was participated by his family members, friends and more than 70 academicians and experts associated with him and IAEA representing UGC, Government of Delhi, University of Delhi, University of Jamia Millia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, IGNOU, NCERT, and a few colleges of Delhi University.



At the very outset both Prof. Rajesh and his wife Smt. Asha Kumari ji were welcomed with putting auspicious 'Tilak' on their forehead by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA. The formal function began with prayer sung together by Ms. Kajal, Trainer; Ms. Deepshikha and Smt. Ranjan Das of IAEA Skill Centre.





Thereafter, Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA spoke in brief recalling the way they came in contact with Prof. Rajesh, compelled to notice the way he used to lead activities and got influenced by his dedication and extraordinary performance. Prof. S. Y. Shah, Prof. L. Raja and Shri Suresh Khandelwal also offered him and his wife a shawl, shreefal and bouquet and wished both of them a healthy, happy and more active life ahead. The members of staff of IAEA also welcomed him with a gift and wished him a happy and engaging life.

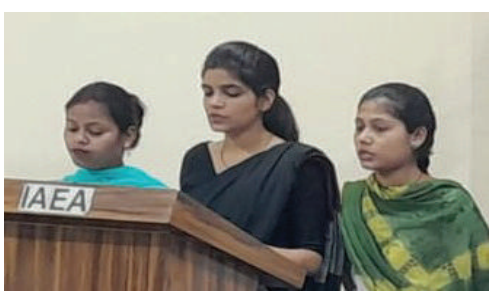
This was followed by sharing of memoires in brief by the other dignitaries present on the occasion. Most of the speakers shared their experiences and other remarkable memories





highlighting the multi-dimensional journey of Prof. Rajesh and all the many attributes he is blessed with.

Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Visitor, IIALE; Prof. Usha Sharma, Director, CNCL, NCERT; Dr. Deepak Vats, Joint Secretary, UGC; Prof. Nasara Sabnam, HoD, Dept. of LLL, JMI; Prof. Ajay Kumar, Group of AE, JNU; Prof. Uma Choudhary, Joint Dean (Academic), Bhaskaracharya College, DU; Dr. Sanjeev Roy, UNESCO Fellow, EU, Unesco; Dr. Jitendra Mishra, Joint Director, Delhi State Aids Control





Society, Govt. of Delhi; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member, IAEA; Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, EC Member; Shri Y. S. Chouhan, Advocate; Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor and Dr. Rahul Yadav, Assistant Professor, DCEE, DU together presented a retrospective reflection on the working, commitment for cause and important attributes of Prof. Rajesh which helped him to develop special bonding with his students and colleagues. As each of them had a very close working relation with Prof. Rajesh they wished that his activism and involvement will motivate many more students and faculty members to contribute their best for the cause of socio-educational development of disadvantaged people through the programmes and activities initiated by IAEA and other government initiatives including Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Movement for Drug De-Addiction and Substance Abuse and achieving gender justice for the transgenders in future as well.

Coincidently, this was the month in which Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA became octogenarian completing 80 years of active life and hence, the Association decided to



celebrate this also. As a mark of respect to the General Secretary and the milestones he achieved in public life he was felicitated with Safa (traditional turban) by Prof. L. Raja and Prof. Rajesh. A cake-cutting ceremony was also performed and distributed among all.



In his acceptance speech Prof. Rajesh underlined the big-picture the Association is attempting to canvassed. He expressed thankfulness to all for making the occasion so special. He said that an individual will come and go but institutions have to be there and hence, our collective focus should be on flourishing the institution we serve. This has been the guiding principle for him, he said.



The vote of thanks was given by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary in which he highlighted the dynamic leadership Prof. Rajesh has been able to provide to his department and other activities assigned to him all across his academic journey. The programme was indeed unique in the sense it provided an opportunity for the academic fraternity to come together and join hand with a renewed vigour to work for lifelong learning under the umbrella of the Association. The function was co-ordinated by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA.

Inauguration of IAEA Computer Training Centre









Expanding the reach of outreach activities, it was planned by the Association to start a centre dedicated for providing Computer Literacy to the girls and women coming from urban slums and other deprived sections of the society. This

was in tune with the assurance given by the Office Bearers of IAEA to a large number of community people who came to meet them during their visit to Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony on March 17, 2026. A team of staff members of IAEA thereafter consulted with a number of persons who have sufficient contact and influence among the residents of both the slum areas for identifying both the learners and a competent trainer from the area. It may be noted that the trainer if belongs to the same fraternity she can act as an influential bridge between the Association and the residents of the area.

After a number of attempts nearly 15 students enrolled themselves for the course submitting a token amount of Rs.100/- as course fee. Promises made to deprived people must be kept so that their interest and participation in development process is ensured. Believing in this the General Secretary immediately ordered to arrange at least five computers and start the centre. On April 11, 2026 all the arrangements were made and the trainer and learners were invited for a fresher's meeting with the staff members who will be helping them throughout their course. Trial classes were conducted prior to inauguration to sort-out problems if any.





On May 30, 2026 the well-equipped computer centre was inaugurated by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA who was also accompanied by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Smt. Varsha Das, Prof. Nasara Sabnam, Prof. Anita Priyadarshini and many others. At first all of them were welcomed with auspicious Tilak by the learners. The dignitaries were also offered a bouquet by the learners as a mark of respect. Thereafter, they lighted the Diyas to inaugurate the centre.





Addressing the learners Prof. Raja said that the Association is committed to work for the socio-educational and economic development of the learners and the digital literacy and computer skills acquired will certainly open the path of joining gainful employment. The only thing required from the learners is the regularity and consistence in attaining the classes and completing the task assigned in time. Shri Suresh Khandelwal requested the learners to feel free in communicating problems faced by them so that it can be fixed at the earliest. He said that a number of learners of Cutting & Tailoring course offered by IAEA Skill Centre have already started working and the learners here too will get good opportunities for their economic self-







reliance. Prof. Rajesh, requested all the learners to motivate others in the locality to come forward and enrol themselves for the computer classes.

The inaugural of the computer centre was concluded with thanks given by Ms. M. Kamachi, the computer trainer. She thanked the Association and its office bearers for starting the courses which is in demand in the locality as most of the learners here come from families who are unable to afford the cost of such classes conducted by privately owned organizations.

Prof. Raja visited Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth





A team of IAEA headed by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA visited Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV), Onakkoor, Ernakulam on June 20, 2026 to explore the possibility of organizing the 67th All India Adult Education Conference in the campus of CVV as a joint initiative of the Indian Adult Education Association and Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth. Prof. Raja was accompanied by Shri Ummer Koya, Executive Member and Dr. Kalpana, Life Member, IAEA. The VCC was represented by Dr. Glory Swarupa, Dean-IEER, Dr. P. Rajendran, Registrar (I/C), Dr. Bindu M.P., Assistant Dean, CE&RD, and Ms. Jayalakshmi S., CPO. At the outset Prof. Raja presented latest issues of IAEA's regular publications – Indian Journal of Adult Education, Annual Report 2024 and IAEA Newsletter to the representatives of VCC and introduced them with the reach legacy inherited by the institution.

Thereafter, all the important aspects pertaining to organizing the conference including the Theme of the Conference, Expected Participation, Probable Dates, Accommodation and Hospitality, Academic Collaboration, Pre and Post conference Publications, Cultural and Institutional Experience and Outreach were discussed in details in the meeting. In principle both the institutions agreed to organize the conference jointly. Along with this in view of exploring broader opportunities for long-term collaboration and institutional engagement the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IAEA and CVV was discussed.

IAEA signs MoU with Miranda House, University of Delhi



In the era of evolving multidisciplinary approach in higher education, it has become essential that institutions/organizations with similar focus area work in collaboration with each other for developing a robust ecosystem for lifelong learning. Exploring such opportunities has always been an important facet of the working of IAEA. Widening its horizon further the Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Miranda House, a leading women college which has maintained top NIRF ranking consecutively for more than 5 years and is known for its academic excellence across the country. The MOU was signed on June 1, 2026 in the august presence of Prof. Bijayalaxmi Nanda, Principal, Miranda House; Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA; and Prof. Rajesh, Director (I/C), IAEA.

This collaboration aims to promote joint academic activities in the fields of adult education, lifelong learning, extension activities, seminars, conferences, and research. A special focus will be placed on encouraging research work by the students under the Four Year Undergraduate Programme (UG) framework.

Discussion with African Delegation in Miranda House





At Miranda House the Office Bearers of IAEA also met a delegation of academicians from South Africa and discuss with them about the possibilities of working in joint collaborations through Miranda House, specifically in the field of lifelong learning. The visiting delegation expressed their interest to work with a national level organization like IAEA. They were quite happy to know that the Association is publishing the Indian Journal of Adult Education since last 87 years which gives lot of emphasis on gender issues, lifelong learning and other developmental areas. The delegation wished to motivate scholars from their universities to write and contribute for the same.

IAEA Organized two Workshops on Gender at Work





On March 24, 2026

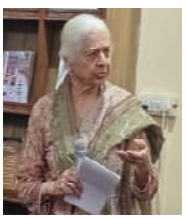
A workshop on "Gender at Work: Building Respectful, Inclusive Workspaces" was organized by ICC, Indian Adult Education Association on 24 March 2026 at KC Memorial Hall, IAEA, New Delhi with a focus on increasing awareness about gender issues, reducing workplace bias, and promoting inclusive and respectful work environments. Along with the members of staff of IAEA a total of 35 participants representing organizations such as IGNOU, Bharat Scouts and Guides, GST, Directorate General of Performance Management, Rajiv Gandhi Study Circle, attended the workshop.





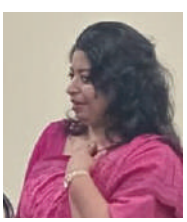






The programme was started with the introductory speech by Smt. Nishat Farooq, Chairman of the Committee who welcomed all the participants and explained the purpose of the workshop and the way it can help fostering a better working environment for women at workplace. Dr. Sujata, Associate Professor, Shyamlal College, DU conducted "Gender Lens" - a fun based activity in which participants were asked to – prepare daily working schedule of a women in urban setting, what would be the way a perfect women should behave according to the men participants, what would be the way a perfect man should behave according to the women participants and in what ways women are often snubbed to express their feelings, perceptions and agony, which helped participants understand how gender bias affects everyday decisions.

The second session was chaired by Dr. Joycia Thorat, ICC Member in which participants learned about basic gender concepts. Dr. Sujata explained the difference between gender and sex and discussed common gender roles, especially focusing on women's responsibilities in urban India.



The third session was chaired by Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, Member ICC, who highlighted gender disparities in health as well as at work place. Prof. Rajyalakshmi, Janki Devi Memorial College (JDMC), University of Delhi, emphasized equal opportunities for both men and women and the need for balance at both the workplace and societal levels. She discussed the concepts of nature versus culture and explained that societal bias often comes from value systems and structures of authority. She further noted that core jobs are often occupied by men, while women are often given peripheral roles, reflecting a clear gender-based division of work. Balance is the pre-requisite for achieving excellence and development which naturally existed for centuries until the emergence of capitalism where everything including women was treated as commodity.





The post-lunch session was focused on legal awareness which was chaired by Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, University of Delhi. The resource person, Advocate Nilofar Khan (Advocate, Supreme Court; Former AAG, Rajasthan Government), explained the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, workplace rules, and the importance of maintaining a safe work environment. She detailed the scope, process and other important aspects so that the Act can be well utilized by any girl/women to safeguard themselves from any sort of sexual harassment.





The concluding session was chaired by Dr. Chayanika Uniyal, Associate Professor, Department of History, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi who allowed participants to share their ideas and suggestions through group discussions, anonymous feedback, and creating plans for inclusive workplaces.



On June 1, 2026



The second Workshop was entitled as "Gender at Work – Building Respectful, Inclusive Workspaces"



which aimed to increase awareness and understanding of gender issues, workplace inclusion, gender sensitivity, and related legal provisions among representatives of Jan Shikshan Sansthans and other voluntary organizations. The workshop began with a welcome address by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. Thereafter, Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA, addressed the participants as the Chief Guest. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. The working session began with a comprehensive introduction given by Smt. Nishat Farooq, Chairperson of the Internal Complaints Committee, IAEA. The first technical session on "Understanding Gender" was conducted by Dr. Geeta Mishra, Associate Professor, University of Delhi who categorically decoded the subject using interactive activities and presentations. A session on "Understanding Gender Inequalities" was led by Dr. Joycia Thorat, Consultant for Good Governance and Standards of Excellence. The discussion helped participants to understand the different forms of gender inequality in society and at the workplace.

The post lunch session was focused on "Workplace and Skill Development from a Gender Perspective" in which Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, President, Voluntary Health Association Delhi was the Resource Person. He highlighted the importance of creating equal opportunities and inclusive work environments. The session on "Policy, Law and Prevention under the POSH Act" was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Pinki Sharma, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. She explained the legal provisions related to the prevention of sexual harassment at the workplace and discussed the responsibilities of organizations in ensuring a safe work environment.



Another session, facilitated by Prof. Pinki Sharma, focused on "Strategies to Improve Workplace Environment from a Gender Perspective" where participants worked in groups and shared ideas on making workplaces more respectful and inclusive. The workshop used participatory methods such as presentations, discussions, group work, experience-sharing, feedback sessions, and a Three Stations Activity. These activities encouraged active participation and helped participants learn from each other. The workshop was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smt. Nishat Farooq.

Both the workshops were coordinated by Smt. Neha Gupta, Librarian-cum-Documentation Officer, IAEA who also moderated the reflections and feedback sessions. Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Ph.D. Scholar, DU was the rapporteur.



IAEA signed MOU with Ganga Social Foundation



In its bid to mobilize voluntary organizations and institutions to come together and join hands with IAEA in order to work effectively at the grassroot level for the welfare of women and senior citizens, the Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ganga Social Foundation (Gokalpuri, New Delhi) a leading non-governmental organisation with grassroots presence in the states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. The MOU was signed on April 23, 2026 at office of the Ganga Social Foundation, Delhi when both Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-Charge, IAEA visited the Foundation. They were accompanied by Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Shri Vinay Chhetri, Senior Assistant, IAEA.

After a brief discussion with Shri Santosh Kumar, General Secretary, Ganga Social Foundation about the ongoing programme and activities the MOU was solemnised between both the organisations with a joint commitment to widen the reach of social outreach programmes in and around Delhi. On behalf of IAEA Shri Suresh Khandelwal signed the MOU while Ganga Social Foundation was represented by

Shri Santosh Kumar. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge witnessed the MOU. Later on all the members of the team also visited "Saksham" a programme of imparting skill-training by the Foundation and interacted with the students pursuing 3- months course on Retail Marketing. Shri Khandelwal blessed them all and invited them to visit IAEA.

GS IAEA visited Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, DU

The team also visited Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi to meet faculty members and search the



feasibility of signing a MOU between both the institutions. It was realised that such an understanding will open a new horizon of doing internship in community outreach for the students.

Symposium on Formulation of Project Proposal and Developing Research Skill





A Symposium on "Formulation of Project Proposal and Development Research Skill" was organized by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi in collaboration with the Indraprastha College of Women (IPCW), University of Delhi on April 22, 2026 at Shri K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall, IAEA which was attended by more than 40 students and scholars of IPCW. The event was organised in the spirit of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises experiential and research-oriented learning as foundational to higher education.

The introductory speech of the symposium was delivered by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA whose scholarly insights and practical guidance shaped the intellectual character of the symposium. Addressing the symposium Dr. Jai Pratap Singh, Assistant professor, IPCW, DU, thoughtfully detailed the key dimensions of academic research including problem identification, research methodology, and project proposal writing making complex concepts accessible through real-life examples and interactive discussions. It proved to be a deeply enriching experience for all participating students, equipping them with practical research skills directly aligned with the objectives of NEP 2020. Dr. Biresh Pachecia, National Trainer, AIDs Control Society and Dr. Upendra Kumar, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College also shared their views and experiences on the occasion.





The function was graced by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who handed over the Certificate of Participation to the students and scholars. His engagement with the participants brought a rare depth of perspective to the occasion, connecting the ideals of education with the larger vision of nation-building.

The symposium helped the students to gain clarity on how to approach academic research systematically from conceptualising a research problem to structuring a comprehensive project proposal. The programme was facilitated by the members of staff of IAEA while Ms. Vidhi Dhamdhare, a second-year student of Political Science coordinated it well.

IGNOU TEE June 2026
















June 2026 Term End Examination (TEE) of IGNOU which commenced on June 1, 2026 and will continue till July 21, 2026, is being successfully conducted by the Association which has been assigned the IGNOU Exam Centre Code 29049(P). An online orientation programme which was conducted on May 29, 2026 by IGNOU was attended by the Centre Superintendent along with all the members of IAEA involved in this process. This helped them to understand the modified rules and regulations to be followed during the examinations. Accordingly, detailed arrangements were made for ensuring smooth conduct of the examinations. In this spell of the examination a total of 8989 students were allocated by IGNOU RC2 to this centre.

As per the guidelines set-up for online monitoring, day-to-day attendance, relevant photographs and video clippings of all the examination halls is being sent to the concern officials of Regional Centre 2 on regular basis. The entire team of IAEA is making special effort to make the examinations a hassle-free affair for the students which was closely monitored both by the Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron; Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member along with the Centre Superintendent Shri M. L. Sharma. Utmost importance to ensure smooth and fair examination has been given by Prof. Rajesh who ensured almost regular visit to the centre. Regular visit is being also made by the officials of IGNOU to ensure coordination at every level for smooth conduct of the exams.

KC Choudhary Fellowship – 2026



The KC Choudhary Fellowship has been instituted by IAEA in order to promote research-based outreach activities by students and university scholars directed to help senior citizens to live a healthy and comfortable life. The first KC Choudhary Fellowship was sanctioned to Dr. Biresh Pachisia, a freelance Faculty and Trainer, on March 19, 2026 for conducting a short-term research project on "Utilization of Health Care Facilities by Older Adults: Study of Delhi NCR" under the guidance of Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA. He also received suggestions from Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA for making the project effective. Dr. Pachisia, the Principal Investigator, conducted a number of programmes with the support of IAEA for accomplishing the project which included: Visit to National Centre for Ageing, AIIMS; Eye Awareness and Check-Up camp for the Senior Citizens at IAEA Headquarters and Community Need Assessment programme conducted in Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony in different spells.

Visit to National Centre for Ageing, AIIMS



It is often noticed that people, specifically the senior citizens residing in slums or other deprived area lack sufficient information about the schemes and health care facilities initiated by the government for them. Hence, as part of the project a small group of senior citizens from Anna Nagar were taken to National Centre for Ageing, AIIMS offering comprehensive outpatient, inpatient, and ICU services for older adults where they availed the care and treatment they were looking for at one place.

Eye Awareness and Check-Up Camp for the Senior Citizens at IAEA Headquarters







An Eye Awareness and Check-Up camp for the senior citizens was organized by IAEA in collaboration with Venu Eye Institute and Research Center on June 3, 2026 in which more than 150 senior citizens from Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony J.J. Clusters got their eyes examined by experienced ophthalmologists. The camp was inaugurated by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA who was accompanied by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Dr. Biresh Pachisia, Members of staff of IAEA and the trainers and learners from the IAEA Skil Training Centre.





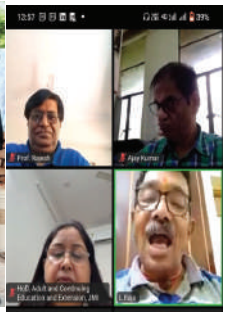
Altogether 9 doctors and technicians with state of art facilities from Venu Eye Institute and Research Centre thoroughly checked each and every senior citizen who enrolled themselves for the check-up. Out of 150 persons 30 were found to be having some problem and hence, were advised for using corrective glasses. On June 16, 2026 a special programme was organized at IAEA Headquarters in which all the 30 needy senior citizens were distributed spectacles (bi-focal and single vision) as per doctor's prescription. Shri. Suresh Khandelwal, Prof. Rajesh and Dr. Pachisia handed over these spectacles to the beneficiaries.

Community Need Assessment programme conducted in Anna Nagar and Sanjay Amar Colony in different spells



A Community Need Assessment programme has been initiated by IAEA for providing adequate field exposure





to more than 10 interns from the Department of Continuing Education and Extension, University of Delhi, Jamia Milia Islamia, Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan, DU and a few other institutions which was inaugurated on June 16, 2026 by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. At the outset a capacity building programme was conducted for all of them in which valuable insight was provided by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA; Prof. Kumar Ashutosh, HOD, DCEE, DU; Prof. Ajay Kumar, Director, Group of Adult Education, JNU; Prof. Nasra Shabnam, HOD, DACEE, JMI; Prof Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and Dr. Biresh Pachisia, the Programme Convener. So far, these interns have visited Anna Nagar, Sanjay Amar Colony and Janta Camp, all J.J. Clusters in four different spells to have intense interaction with community people so that they can document their findings as a report.

Discussion on Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Social Outreach Activity





IAEA in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, DU organized a special programme on May 29, 2026 to discuss various aspects of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Social Outreach Programmes as part of collaborative activity. The discussion was chaired by Prof. Balam Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi. Participating in the discussion Prof. L. Raja, President; Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge expressed IAEA's interest in promoting outreach activities for taking the fruits of development at the grassroots level. They also shared Association's rich experience in the field and the scope and opportunities it has for providing adequate training to university interns which may be availed by scholars as recommended by concerned faculty. The programme was participated by a number of faculty members of the college.

Internship at IAEA



Under "UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN", one of the most focused programmes of Government of India, 5 scholars Ms. Himanshi, Shri Hemant and Ms. Gayatri from the Department of Library Science and Ms. Tanya, ARSD College and Ms. Mushkan, Gargi College, University of Delhi have joined IAEA as interns. The internship started with an orientation programme in which Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA explained the way they can utilize the time spent in IAEA for acquiring a strong academic background for working with community people and motivating them for enhancing their quality of life. During the month-long engagement, they were involved in multiple activities like interaction with veteran professors, a number of field visits, workshop on gender at work, analysis of a few focussed library collections, community outreach programme, preparation of bibliography on transgender research, cataloguing & classification, drug abuse report – literature survey, etc. The internship was concluded with a valedictory programme in which all of them submitted the report prepared by them and received the internship certificate handed over to them by the office bearers of IAEA.

World Environment Day 2026







On the occasion of Word Environment Day on 5 June 2026, a tree plantation drive was organised at the IAEA Headquarters. Professor Rajesh, Director In-charge along with the members of the staff and learners of IAEA Skill Centres along with interns from University of Delhi planted saplings to promote environmental awareness and a sustainable green future. The participants highlighted the importance of trees in maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

Later on, as part of a major initiatives by the Government of India - "Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam" intended to increase the green cover for protecting environment and ensuring healthy leaving for all the citizens, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA also planted a couple of trees in the campus of IAEA. He was accompanied by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and other staff members who also joined the tree plantation initiative.

IAEA Award Committee Meeting



A meeting of the IAEA Award Committee was held on May 30, 2026 at IAEA Headquarters to discuss the details of organizing 'Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award function' in Delhi. Presided over by Prof. N. K. Ambasht, Chairman, the meeting was attended by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, Member Secretary and the members of the committee including Prof. Rajesh, Dr. Varsha Das and Smt. Nishat Farooq. The Committee wholeheartedly welcomed the acceptance received from Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) who graciously extended his thanks to IAEA for identifying him for this prestigious award. It was also decided that the Multipurpose Hall, Kamla Devi Block in India International Centre, New Delhi will be the most suitable place for organizing the award distribution ceremony. The meeting was facilitated by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA.

IAEA Proposal Approval Committee Meeting



The meeting of the IAEA Proposal Approval Committee was held on May 30, 2026 at the IAEA Headquarters under the Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Khandelwal to discuss the efficacy of all the 9 proposals received by the Association for the year 2026. The meeting was attended by members of the committee including Prof. Rajesh, Smt. Nishat Farooq, Dr. Mridula Seth and Dr. Biresh Pachisia. The committee considered the proposals and took suitable decision for sanctioning the projects. The decisions thus taken were intimated to the institutions and individuals whose proposals were accepted. The meeting was facilitated by Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and Shri Jai Bhagwan, Assistant, IAEA.

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निःशुल्क कला एवं हस्तकला कक्षाओं का आयोजन





बच्चों की रचनात्मक प्रतिभा को निखारने और उनकी कल्पनाशक्ति को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के आंचलिक कार्यालय, महू द्वारा 10 से 15 वर्ष आयु वर्ग के बच्चों के लिए दो अलग–अलग बैचों में निःशुल्क आर्ट एंड क्राफ्ट कक्षाओं का आयोजन किया गया। पहला बैच 1 मई से 15 मई 2026 तथा दूसरा बैच 20 मई से प्रारंभ होकर 5 जून तक संचालित किया गया। कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य बच्चों को कला एवं हस्तकला के विभिन्न आयामों से परिचित कराना और उनकी रचनात्मक क्षमताओं को विकसित करना था। शिविर के दौरान बच्चों को ड्राइंग, पेंटिंग, पेपर, पेपर क्राफ्ट, सजावटी वस्तुओं का निर्माण आदि का प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया गया।



प्रथम शिविर का शुभारंभ मुख्य अतिथि श्री योगेश मूंदड़ा, अध्यक्ष आशा कला केन्द्र एवं श्रीमती हीरामणी सोनी, प्रबंध कार्यकारिणी सदस्य की अध्यक्षता में हुआ। इस असवर पर भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी विशेष अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित थे। अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं संचालन प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया। बच्चों को प्रशिक्षण सामाग्रियां वितरित की गयी ताकि वे उत्साह के साथ प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करें। इस अवसर पर कार्यकारिणी सदस्य श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, श्री दिनेश जादम, आदि उपस्थित थे।

इस बैच का **समापन समारोह** मुख्य अतिथि श्री योगेश मूंदड़ा, अध्यक्ष आशा कला केन्द्र एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल की विशेष अतिथ्य में आयोजित किया गया जिसमें सभी प्रतिभागी बच्चों को प्रमाणपत्र के साथ ही साथ उनके द्वारा बनाए गए क्राफ्ट सामग्री भी प्रदान किए गए। वक्ताओं ने उनके उज्जवल भविष्य की कामना करते हुए उन्हें शुभेच्छाएं प्रदान की। कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया एवं आभार भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उप–निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी द्वारा प्रदान किया गया। कार्यक्रम में श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री पवन जैन, कुमारी रंजू, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, शाकिर खान, आदि भी उपस्थित रहे।



द्वितीय शिविर श्री विमलचंद जैन, अध्यक्ष, मध्य प्रदेश शाखा की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 20 मई 2026 को आयोजित कार्यक्रम से प्रारंभ हुआ जिसका संचालन प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया एवं आभार भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उप–निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी द्वारा प्रदान किया गया।





इस बैच का समापन समारोह छावनी परिषद के कार्यालय अधीक्षक श्री सतीश अग्रवाल के मुख्य आतिथ्य एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल की विशेष अतिथ्य में आयोजित किया गया जिसमें बच्चों से निवेदन किया गया कि उन्होंने शिविर में जो कुछ भी बनाना सीखा है उसे घर में भी बनाते रहें। वक्ताओं ने बच्चों से मोबाइल से दूरी बना कर कौशल विकास के लिए कुछ न कुछ नया सीखते रहने का आग्रह किया। समारोह में सभी प्रतिभागी बच्चों को प्रमाणपत्र एवं उनके द्वारा बनाई गयी कलाकृतियां प्रदान की गयी। कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया एवं आभार भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उप–निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी द्वारा प्रदान किया गया। इस अवसर पर श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, श्रीमती संध्या मिश्रा एवं श्री दिलीप वर्मा आदि उपस्थित थे।

निःशुल्क सिलाई प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन

आंचलिक कार्यालय कौशल विकास केंद्र द्वारा 15 व 15 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र की बालिकाओं एवं महिलाओं के लिए 15 दिवसीय निःशुल्क सिलाई प्रशिक्षण के प्रथम बैच की शुरूआत दिनांक 8 जून 2026 को आयोजित कार्यक्रम से किया गया। वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता एवं समाजसेवी सुश्री गीता लखवानी के मुख्य आतिथ्य तथा श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित इस समारोह में श्री कमलेश मिश्रा विशेष अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे।





इस अवसर पर सुश्री गीता लखवानी ने प्रतिभागियों से कहा कि सक्षम बनकर ही वे आत्मनिर्भर बन सकती हैं। श्री खण्डेलवाल ने इस निःशुल्क प्रशिक्षण का अधिक से अधिक लाभ उठाने का आग्रह किया। उन्होंने कहा कि हुनर आपको रोजगार की ओर ले जाएगा। स्वागत एवं कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया। इस अवसर पर श्री मनीष गुप्ता, श्रीमती संध्या मिश्रा एवं श्री दिलीप वर्मा भी उपस्थित रहे।

प्रशिक्षण के प्रथम बैच का समापन दिनांक 30 जून 2026 को आशा कला केन्द्र की प्रबंध कार्यकारिणी सदस्य श्रीमती हीरामणी सोनी के मुख्य आतिथ्य एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के कॉउसिल सदस्य श्री कमलेश मिश्रा, वरिष्ठ पत्रकार श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय के विशेष आतिथ्य में संपन्न हुआ।

आईएईए राजस्थान शाखा

21 दिवसीय समर कैंप का आयोजन



भव्य शुभारंभ



भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, राजस्थान शाखा के तत्वावधान में श्रीरामसर रोड स्थित संत सांईनाथ पब्लिक स्कूल के सभागार में 21 दिवसीय ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर का रंगारंग आगाज हुआ जिसका उद्देश्य बच्चों के संर्वांगीण विकास के साथ उनकी रचनात्मक प्रतिभाओं को निखारना एवं ग्रीष्मकालीन अवकाश का सकारात्मक उपयोग सुनिश्चित करना था। दिनांक 25 मई 2026 से 14 जून 2026 तक संचालित इस शिविर में अनुभवी विशेषज्ञों द्वारा बच्चों को चित्रकला, हस्तशिल्प, संगीत, योग, खेलकूद, आर्ट एंड क्राफ्ट, ए.आई, वाद्य यंत्र, क्रिकेट, पाग–पगड़ी, हेयर स्टाइलिंग, मेंहदी तथा डांस सहित व्यक्तित्व विकास के विभिन्न गतिविधियों में प्रशिक्षण प्रदान किया गया।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ मुख्य अतिथि श्री जानकी प्रसाद पंवार तथा विद्यालय के प्रधानाध्यापक श्री भवानी शंकर आचार्य ने मां सरस्वती के चित्र के समक्ष द्वीप प्रज्वलित कर किया। समारोह में मोटियार परिषद के अध्यक्ष श्री हिमांशु टाक विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे। इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि वर्तमान समय में केवल किताबी ज्ञान पर्याप्त नहीं है, बल्कि बच्चों में रचनात्मक एवं व्यावहारिक कौशल का विकास भी आवश्यक है। उन्होंने कहा कि समर कैंप जैसे आयोजन बच्चों को तनावमुक्त वातावरण में नई चीजें सीखने का अवसर प्रदान करते हैं। उद्घाटन समारोह में स्थानीय गणमान्य नागरिकों, शिक्षाविदों एवं मातृशक्ति की उल्लेखनीय उपस्थिति रही जिसने प्रतिभागियों का अपूर्व उत्साहवर्धन किया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में शाला सचिव डॉ. नमामी शंकर आचार्य ने सभी अतिथियों, प्रशिक्षकों, अभिभावकों एवं उपस्थित जनों का आभार व्यक्त किया।

भावपूर्ण समापन

इस 21 दिवसीय समर कैंप का समापन समारोह 14 जून 2026 को अत्यंत ही उत्साहपूर्वक संपन्न हुआ। समारोह में विभिन्न गतिविधियों में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने वाले





प्रतिभागियों को प्रमाण–पत्र एवं सम्मान प्रदान किये गये। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार, कवि एवं कथाकार श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने की। मुख्य अतिथि पुलिस उपाधीक्षक श्री मुकेश आचार्य तथा विशिष्ट अतिथि शिक्षा विभाग के पूर्व संयुक्त निदेशक एंव 'शिविरा' पत्रिका के संपादक रहे श्री ओमप्रकाश सारस्वत थे।

अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं अभिनंदन राजस्थानी भाषा के शोधार्थी डॉ. नमामीशंकर आचार्य द्वारा किया गया। समापन समारोह के अध्यक्षीय उदबोधन में श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी, सह–सचिव, भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली ने कहा कि साहित्य, कला और संस्कृति मनुष्य के व्यक्तित्व को संवदेनशील बनाती हैं। उन्होंने बच्चों से रचनात्मक गतिविधियों में निरंतर भाग लेने का आह्वान करते हुए कहा कि जीवन में सफलता के लिए ज्ञान के साथ संस्कार और सृजनशीलता भी आवश्यक हैं। मुख्य अतिथि श्री मुकेश आचार्य ने कहा कि समर कैंप बच्चों के व्यक्तित्व विकास, अनुशासन एवं आत्मविश्वास निर्माण के प्रभावी माध्यम हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि शिक्षा के साथ–साथ रचनात्मक गतिविधियां बच्चों को जीवन में नई दिशा प्रदान करती हैं तथा उन्हें समाज के प्रति जिम्मेदार नागरिक बनने की प्रेरणा देती हैं। विशिष्ट अतिथि श्री ओमप्रकाश सारस्वत ने भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ एवं विद्यालय द्वारा आयोजित इस अभिनव प्रयास की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि ऐसे कार्यक्रम शिक्षा को अधिक सार्थक एवं उपयोगी बनाते हैं। समारोह में विभिन्न गतिविधियों के प्रशिक्षकों एवं प्रतिभागियों का सम्मान किया गया तथा विद्यार्थियों ने सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुतियां देकर उपस्थित जनों का मन मोह लिया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन सुश्री भावना ने प्रभावी ढंग से किया तथा अंत में सभी अतिथियों, प्रशिक्षकों, अभिभावकों एवं प्रतिभागियों का आभार कार्यक्रम प्रभारी श्री भवानीशंकर आचार्य ने व्यक्त किया।

विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस का अयोजन

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की राजस्थान शाखा के तत्वावधान तथा राजकीय सार्वजनिक मण्डल पुस्तकालय, बीकानेर के सहयोग से विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर दिनांक 5 जून 2026 को पुस्तकालय सभागार में "पर्यावरण संरक्षणः जनभागीदारी, साक्षरता और सतत विकास" विषय पर संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। संगोष्ठी में शहर के शिक्षाविदों, साहित्यकारों, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं, विद्यार्थियों तथा पर्यावरण प्रेमियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लेकर पर्यावरण संरक्षण के प्रति अपनी प्रबिद्धता व्यक्त की। इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि जीएसटी अधिकारी डॉ. रामलाल परिहार, कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार, कवि एवं कथाकार श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी, विशिष्ट अतिथि साहित्यकार श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार तथा रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी के स्टेट वाइस चेयरमैंन श्री विजय खत्री ने सभी को संबोधित किया। डॉ. परिहार ने कहा कि पर्यावरण संरक्षण केवल सरकारी योजनाओं का विषय नहीं है, बल्कि यह प्रत्येक नागरिक की जिम्मेदारी है। विशिष्ट अतिथि साहित्यकार श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार ने कहा कि पर्यावरण संरक्षण को जन आंदोलन का स्वरूप देने की आवश्यकता है। रेडक्रॉस सोसाइटी के स्टेट वाइस चेयरमैंन श्री विजय खत्री ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि स्वच्छ पर्यावरण स्वस्थ समाज की आधारशिला है। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता करते हुए वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार, कवि एवं कथाकार श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने कहा कि प्रकृति और मानव जीवन का संबंध अत्यंत गहरा है। साहित्य और शिक्षा के माध्यम से पर्यावरण



चेतना को जन–जन तक पहुंचाया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि सतत विकास तभी संभव है जब विकास और पर्यावरण संरक्षण के बीच संतुलन स्थापित किया जाए।

कार्यक्रम का संचालन एवं समन्वय श्री विमल शर्मा, पुस्ताकालयाध्यक्ष ने की। प्रारंभ में परामर्शक सुश्री रश्मि लाटा ने अतिथियों का स्वागत करते हुए कार्यक्रम की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत की। अंत में श्री ओम प्रकाश सारस्वत, सचिव, भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, राजस्थान शाखा ने सभी अतिथियों, प्रतिभागियों एवं सहयोगियों का आभार व्यक्त किया।

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Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2023, 2024

Nomination Invited

The Indian Adult Education Association invites nominations for Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the outstanding work done in promoting literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education.

Nehru Literacy Award instituted in 1968 is given to institutions/individuals in recognition of the services rendered and meritorious work done for the promotion of literacy and adult education in the country. **Tagore Literacy Award** instituted in 1987 is given to those institutions/individuals who have given significant contributions for the promotion of literacy, adult and lifelong education, creating awareness and improving the social and economic status of women in the country.

The institutions / individuals nominated for Awards should have **at least ten years of outstanding work in the field of literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education** and the assessment will be on the new initiatives taken and the extent to which the work done can be a model for replication by others. The awardees will be selected on merit from the names nominated by reputed individuals, institutions and Life and Institutional members of IAEA.

The last date for receipt of nominations for both the Awards is October 31, 2026.

Nominations may be sent in a sealed envelope addressed to Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002 with all details about the institution or individual recommended, outstanding work done, award(s) received, if any, and specific recommendation for nominating the institution or individual. One can nominate more than one institution or individual but each one should be in a separate envelope.

Please note that the decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Model

Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards

Nomination Form

1. Name of the Institution/Individual recommended	
2. Complete postal address with pincode, telephone (office, residence), mobile number	
3. Outstanding work done by the Institution/Individual recommended (pl. give as much details as possible. If needed, a separate sheet can be attached alongwith the nomination).	
4. The name of the person who recommends the institution/individual with designation, serving institution and complete postal address with telephone/mobile number	
5. Specific recommendation clearly indicating the reason for suggesting the name of institution/individual for the award	
6. Any other information the recommending person wish to give	

Date:

Signature

Name and complete address

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National Seminar on Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women Issues and Strategies for Sustainable Development





A two-day National Seminar on "Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women – Issues and Strategies for Sustainable Development' held on July 27-28, 2026 at Saveri Seminar Hall, Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam (SPMVV), Tirupati was jointly organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, SPMVV, Tirupati; the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society, Tirupati which was participated by more than hundred academicians/scholars representing



various university departments and voluntary organizations from across the country. Along with the inaugural and concluding sessions, the seminar also had one plenary session, 3 panel discussions and seven thematic sessions accommodating 46 papers to deliberate on some of the important sub-themes such as Status of Women, Digital Divide and Gender Gap, Women Empowerment and AI, Role of Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women, Cyber Crimes, Socio-Cultural Barriers Associated with Digital Inclusion of Women and Strategies for Digital Inclusion of Women. The proceedings of the seminar began with the floral tribute offered to both Late Shri K.C. Choudhary & Late Smt. Kalpana Kaushik by the dignitaries on dais.



Inaugural Session

The inaugural address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr. Ashima Mangla, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi who underlined the essentiality of technological empowerment of women for ensuring holistic development of family, society, and the nation. She emphasized that learning is a lifelong process and lifelong learning has become a powerful instrument for empowerment particularly among the women as it enables them to acquire knowledge, develop digital competencies, adapt to changing technologies, and actively participate in building sustainable societies. The economy in 21st century is often referred as knowledge economy where digital literacy is no longer a luxury but a necessity. The gender digital divide remains one of the biggest barriers to inclusive development and hence, there is an urgent need to remove all the barriers impending before women's digital empowerment, including safety concerns, financial constraints, language barriers, and socio-cultural challenges.

Distinguished Guest Prof. L. Raja, President, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, observed that the digital technology has already become an integral part of the daily life for a considerable section of women. However, the challenge is to reach the unreached and untrained women population, since without this inclusion, they would not be able to catch the pace of progress. Speaking as the Guest of Honour, Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, highlighted the importance of expanding opportunities for women to acquire technological skills for their holistic development. He reiterated, the role played by IAEA over the period of time for empowerment of women at grassroots level and emphasized the need to involve all its state branches in fostering digital literacy for inclusive development. Another Guest of Honour, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and former Senior Professor, University of Delhi explored the role of digital inclusion in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). He categorically elaborated the way university departments and voluntary organizations can support the process of digital inclusion of women by creating awareness and providing training.

In her presidential address, Prof. P. Vijayalakshmi, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and Director, Centre for Women's Studies, stated that digital inclusion is crucial for women's empowerment. She emphasized the need to bridge the gender gap in digital education and ensure equal access to digital learning opportunities for women. Dr. D. Uma Devi, Seminar Director and Associate Professor, Centre for



Women's Studies and Associate Secretary, IAEA outlined the objectives of the national seminar and highlighted both the positive and negative impacts of technology on society. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. P. A. Reddy, Seminar Coordinator, President, Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society and Vice President, IAEA. He said that digital education is a powerful tool for the socio-economic empowerment of women, and in the absence of it, even women in the rural areas are feeling alienated from the course of daily discussion around them. The dignitaries on dais also released the Booklet carrying brief of the proposed proceedings and abstracts of all the papers to be presented during the seminar.

Plenary and Technical Sessions

The plenary session on "Role of Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion of Women' was addressed by Prof. L. Raja. The first panel discussion was on "Status of Women in India in Digital Inclusion' which was chaired by Prof. V. Reghu, Vice President, IAEA; the second panel discussion was on "Gender Divide and Women Empowerment' chaired by Shri Janardhan Reddy, former Professor, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, SV University, Tirupati and presently working as Senior Consultant, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad and the third was on "Cyber Crimes Against Women' chaired by Prof. B. P. Sahu, Dean, School of Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. All the three panels were addressed by senior academicians including Prof. Rajesh, Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, Prof. Asha Patil, Prof. B.P. Sahu, Prof. Muthu Manickam, Dr. Meena Priyadarshini, Shri Mrinal Pant, Smt. Jai Bharathi and Ms. Suneetha.

Technical Session - I was on the theme "Status of Women in India' which was chaired by Prof. Rajesh and reported by Dr. T. Chaitanya; Session - II was on "Digital Divide and Gender Gap' chaired by Prof. K. Devan and reported by Dr. Bala Devi; Session - III was on "Women Empowerment and AI' chaired by Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya and reported by Dr. E. Kona Prabha; Session - IV was on "Role of Lifelong Learning for Digital Inclusion' chaired by Prof. B. P. Sahu and reported by Dr. K. Rani; Session - V was on "Socio-Cultural and Economic Barriers Associated' chaired by Prof. D. Janardhan Reddy and reported by Ms. M. Vidya; Session - VI was on "Cyber Crime' chaired by Prof. K. Devan and reported by Dr. Kanaga and the Session - VII was on "Strategies for Digital Inclusion of Women' chaired by Prof. Gorakhnath Kamble and reported by Dr. P. Sranya.

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session of the seminar was held on July 28, 2026 which was presided over by Prof. P. Vijayalakshmi, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, International Relations and the Director, Women's Studies Centre. At the outset, a brief report on the proceedings of the seminar was presented by Dr. D. Uma Devi. The session was also addressed by Prof. L. Raja, Prof. Rajesh and Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy. The vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. L. Raja said that lifelong learning empowers women to adapt to technological changes, improve their employability, enable them to participate in decision-making, and contribute to economic and social development. He underlined major challenges hindering women's digital inclusion - unequal access to digital devices, internet connectivity, and affordable technology; lack of digital literacy skills due to limited educational opportunities; cultural norms and gender stereotypes that discourage women from using technology or pursuing digital careers; concerns about online safety, cyberbullying, and digital harassment reducing women's confidence in using digital platforms and the lack of content in local languages and limited accessibility for women with disabilities that further widens the digital gap.

Prof. Rajesh said that access to technology is no longer a luxury but a necessity. Digital technologies influence every aspect of our life, from education and healthcare to employment, banking, and governance. However, millions of women, especially those from rural and marginalized



communities, continue to face barriers in accessing and using digital technologies. Lifelong learning offers a powerful pathway to bridge this digital divide and promote sustainable development. Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy opined that the lifelong learning is not merely about acquiring digital skills—it is about empowering women to become active participants in the digital age. By ensuring equal access to education, technology, and opportunities, we can create an inclusive digital society where every woman has the ability to learn, innovate, and lead.

In her presidential address, Prof. P. Vijaya Lakshmi mentioned that digital literacy programmes should be designed to meet the diverse needs of women across different age groups, educational backgrounds, and socio-economic conditions. An affordable internet service and digital devices must be made available, especially in rural and remote areas. Creation of safe digital environments through strong cyber safety education, legal protections, and awareness campaigns will encourage women to participate confidently online. She also advocated for a PPP model to promote digital inclusion effectively. Additionally, she emphasized the need for encouraging women to participate in STEM education, entrepreneurship, and digital innovation as digital inclusion directly contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities. The programme was concluded with the National Anthem.

EC Meeting



The 170th meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Adult Education Association was held on July 28, 2026 at 4.30 P.M. at Saveri Guest House, Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam (SPMVV), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President the meeting was attended by 18 members. After the welcome address delivered by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary members discussed all the agenda items scheduled for the meeting and took decisions including confirmation of the minutes of previous EC meeting held on January 22, 2026 at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Committee reviewed the programmes and activities conducted by the Association during the period January - June 2026 and appreciated the multitudes of programmes and activities conducted throughout the period. The Annual Report of the year 2025 was acknowledged and approved by the EC. The Committee also considered and approved the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2025-2026 and the applications received for Life and Intuitional membership. The EC whole heartedly appreciated the decision to confer Kailash Choudhary Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award to Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KISS and KIIT, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the year 2023, 2024

Nominations Invited

The Indian Adult Education Association invites nominations for Nehru and Tagore Literacy Awards for the outstanding work done in promoting literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education.

Nehru Literacy Award instituted in 1968 is given to institutions/individuals in recognition of the services rendered and meritorious work done for the promotion of literacy and adult education in the country. **Tagore Literacy Award** instituted in 1987 is given to those institutions/individuals who have given significant contributions for the promotion of literacy, adult and lifelong education, creating awareness and improving the social and economic status of women in the country.

The institutions / individuals nominated for Awards should have **at least ten years of outstanding work in the field of literacy, adult education, continuing education and lifelong education** and the assessment will be on the new initiatives taken and the extent to which the work done can be a model for replication by others. The awardees will be selected on merit from the names nominated by reputed individuals, institutions and Life and Institutional members of IAEA.

The last date for receipt of nominations for both the Awards is October 31, 2026.

Nominations may be sent in a sealed envelope addressed to Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, Indian Adult Education Association, 17-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002 with all details about the institution or individual recommended, outstanding work done, award(s) received, if any, and specific recommendation for nominating the institution or individual. One can nominate more than one institution or individual but each one should be in a separate envelope.

Nomination form is available on our website www.iaea-india.com

Please note that the decision of the Selection Committee is final.

Five-day Research Methodology Course organized by IAEA

A five-day long Research Methodology Course, with special focus on the fourth-year undergraduate programme under the NEP 2020 was organized in blended mode from September 8-10 and 14-15, 2026 by the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi in collaboration with the Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi. Held at K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall the course was aimed at providing an overview of the way quality research is being carried out while enabling the participants to understand the basics of research methodology and the practical procedures of conducting academic research.





The course began with the orientation speech delivered by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA in which he not only welcomed all the enrolled students and resource persons but also underlined the importance of quality research in advancing the quality of higher education in the country and its impact on the process of development of the nation. Prof. Raja also emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and the need to develop multicultural skills in contemporary academic and social contexts. He said that unless we are able to produce quality research the reliability of the outcome will be in question. Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA further set the tone of the five days course. Referring to the past experience of organizing such courses by IAEA he said that scholars enrolled should actively participate in the proceedings and involve themselves in the activities assigned to them by the resource person so that they can develop a research acumen.

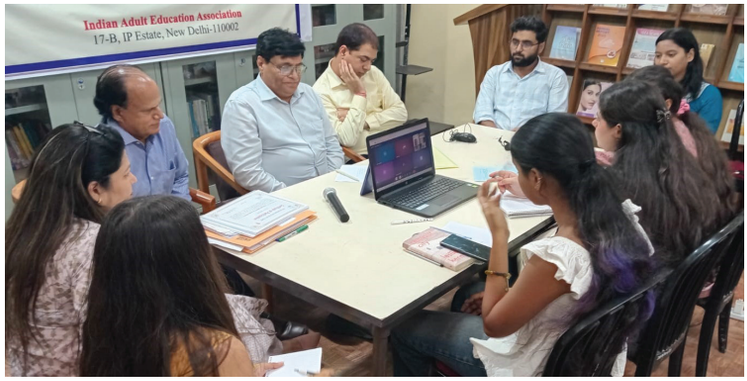
Eight well known academics having profound research experience meticulously guided the scholars through seven PPT and activity-based sessions planned around following specific topics:

1. **"Research Sutra Formulation to Publication'** by Prof. (Dr.) N. K. Chadha, Prominent Indian Psychologist, Global Psychometrics Authority, and expert in Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics.
2. **"Challenges of NEP 2020'** by Dr. J. P. Singh, Assistant Professor, IP College for Women, DU.
3. **"Data Collection and Tools for Research'** by Dr. Neha Nainwal, Associate Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia.
4. **"Formulation of Research Problem'** by Prof. S. C. Rai, Professor, Department of Geography, DSE, University of Delhi and Prof. Asoke Bhattacharya, Vice President, IAEA.
5. **"Research Process and Methodology'** by Prof. Hemant Khandai, Dean & Head, Bharkatulla Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal.
6. **"Planning Your Dissertation: A Guide to Writing a Good Research Proposal'** by Dr. Aakash Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, DU.
7. **"Essential Steps Involved in Conducting and Presenting Quality Research'** by Prof. Harpreet Bhatia, Renowned Psychologist and Expert in Research Methodology and Visiting Professor.



Based on the feedback made available by around 25 participating scholars it was understood that the course immensely helped them to develop a conceptual understanding about research problem identification, formulation of research questions and objectives, literature review, research design, sampling, data collection, data analysis, research ethics, academic writing, referencing and citation, research communication and overall research preparedness.

The course was concluded with valedictory session in which all the participating scholars were handed over the certificates by Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron, IAEA. Prof. L. Raja, President (online), Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and Prof. Harpreet Bhatia were also on dais on the occasion. Addressing the scholars Prof. L. Raja thanked them for the feedback and suggestions given by them. The valedictory session was concluded on a positive note,



with an assurance that IAEA would continue to remain an open space for young and innovative minds, encouraging collaboration, continuous learning and meaningful academic engagement. The successful completion of the Research Methodology Course marked a constructive step towards strengthening the research capacities of the participating scholars and students. At the end Prof. Rajesh extended heartfelt thanks to all the resource persons and both Dr. J. P. Singh and Smt. Neha Gupta who were coordinating the programme. He also assured the scholars that more such courses will be organized in near future for their benefit.

Prof. Rajesh, IAEA called on by Prof. Yogesh Singh, VC, DU



Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA called on Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi on July 7, 2026 at VC office who was selected for the post for the second term. Prof. Rajesh congratulated him on behalf of IAEA for his selection for this academic leadership and briefed him about the support extended by the University of Delhi in the establishment of IAEA. Prof. Rajesh narrated the linkages between the First World Conference on Adult Education held in Cambridge University in 1929 and the first All India Adult Education Conference on March 11, 1938 in the Vice Regal Lodge, University of Delhi where the decision to established an apex level national body for Adult Education in India was unanimously mooted by the participants. This resulted into the establishment of the Indian Adult Education Association on December 2, 1939 in the Second All India Adult Education Conference held at Bhagalpur, Bihar. He also handed over the latest issue of Indian Journal of Adult Education which has completed its 88 years of continuous publication. The Vice Chancellor was a bit surprized and enquired why the journal had not been enlisted in the Scopus Indexed Journals so far. Prof. Yogesh Singh also expressed his willingness to visit IAEA soon.

English Language Proficiency Course at IAEA





During the surveys conducted in a number of slum areas by IAEA to map the skill needs of the residents specifically women and girls it has been noticed that they are interested to learn and improve their communication skills in English and hence, a "English language Proficiency Course' was designed and planned for them by the Association. The "Orientation Session' of this newly initiated "English language Proficiency Course' was held on August 10, 2026 at the K. C. Choudhary Memorial Hall which was addressed by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA and Dr. Joyica Thorat, a leading professional in development sector. Both of them were accompanied by Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, IAEA and Ms. Shalini Merrill, a professional in the field of programme management. Participated by the beneficiaries of IAEA Skill Centre and Computer Literacy Centre, the orientation was intended to motivate the learners in understanding the importance of learning communication skills and the way they can pursue their learning in a systematic manner. Both the sessions were activity based in which beneficiaries were motivated to take part and speak and share their opinion frankly. It was truly appreciable that most of the learners enjoyed the session and found it to be very fruitful for them. Prof. Rajesh assured the learners that their upward journey will always receive the support of IAEA and the blessings of its leadership.

Independence Day Celebration





A colourful event filled with joy and traditional flavour was organized on August 14, 2026 in the K.C. Choudhary Memorial Hall by the Association to celebrate Nation's 80th Independence Day. Attended by all the members of the staff of IAEA, the programme was designed by the learners of both IAEA Skill Centre and Computer Literacy Centre in which the learners performed various dance and music formations. Addressing the participants Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge extended heartfelt congratulations on the eve of India's Independence Day and requested everybody to remember the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on the altar of motherland. Along with the great Tribal leader and pioneering freedom fighter Tilka Majhi he offered tributes to all the freedom fighters of the nation. The programme began with the rendering of National Song "Vande Matram' and concluded with the National Anthem "Jan Gan Man'. On behalf of the President and the General Secretary, IAEA Prof. Rajesh extended Happy Independence Day Greetings to all the participants, members of the Association and their family members.



Free Dental Health Camp under K.C. Choudhary Memorial Fellowship







A Free Dental Health Camp was organized by IAEA in association with Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences on August 27, 2026 at its Headquarters as part of the proposed senior citizen welfare programmes under the recently awarded K. C. Choudhary Memorial Fellowship. Around hundred persons from nearby localities turned-up to get their teeth checked. Two well-equipped Dental Check-up Mobile Vans with a team of 10 staff including Doctors from Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences meticulously treated them and advised for further care. Prior to that, an awareness session was also organized in which the Doctors explained in details all the precautions need to be taken throughout the span of life for maintaining quality dental health which included regular dental check-ups, proper oral hygiene, following healthy dental habits and timely treatment of dental problems.

The beneficiaries were also encouraged by the presence of Prof. S. Y. Shah, Patron and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA who extended their blessings and assured them sustained support of the Association in their journey towards achieving





quality of life. The camp was formally inaugurated with the blessings of Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary; IAEA who joined online. Dr. Biresh Pachisia, the awardee of K.C. Choudhary Memorial Fellowship planned the programme under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh and executed it with the help of the members of the staff of IAEA and the learners of IAEA Skill Centre and Computer Literacy Centre.

World Population Day Celebrated at IAEA





IAEA has been a prominent partner of implementing India's population policy and hosted the National Documentation Centre on Literacy and Population funded by UNFPA and later on by the Ministry of Education (erstwhile MHRD) for the period 1995 to 2008. With its renewed commitment to create awareness about population growth and its impact on development in slum areas, IAEA organized a series of programme to observe the World Population Day on July 11, 2026 including an awareness rally and a public address in the community. The programme began with sharing the messages received from Prof. L. Raja, President and Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA. Thereafter, the rally started from IAEA Headquarters and moved to the nearby slum areas where a large number of residents were approached and shared with the Population Day message. The rally led by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA was participated by all the members of staff of IAEA, interns and the learners of IAEA Skill Centre. Towards conclusion a public address was given by Prof. Rajesh at the Atal Canteen, Anna Nagar which was attended by many local residents. University of Delhi interns Ms. Tanya, Ms. Anjali, Ms. Snehal, Ms. Muskan and Shri Anurag also joined Dr. Biresh Pachisia, recipient of Kailash Choudhary Fellowship in planning and mobilization of the programme.

Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth Ernakulam, Kerala

Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA visited Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Kochi on August 18-21, 2026 to have a detailed discussion on various aspects related with organizing 67th All India Adult Education Conference in the campus of Vidyapeeth. During their visit they also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Ernakulam, Kerala to promote collaboration in the areas of Indian Knowledge Systems, traditional knowledge, and lifelong learning. The MoU was signed by Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, in the presence of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge; Dr. Umer Koya, EC Member, IAEA and Dr. Rajendran Peruma, Registrar, Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth. The collaboration will focus on connecting India's traditional knowledge with contemporary national and international issues, while promoting academic exchanges, exposure visits, joint programmes, and the development of Centres for Lifelong Learning in public and private institutions associated with IAEA.



MoU with Singhania University



A Memorandum of Association was signed between the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi and the Singhania University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan on August 21, 2026 at the Office of the University in Delhi. Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge signed the agreement on behalf of IAEA while Dr. Manoj Kumar, Director and Shri Sunil Kumar Sobti, CFO & Pro-President signed the MoU on behalf of Singhania University. The agreement aims to strengthen collaboration in academics, research and training, benefiting both the institutions, scholars and students.

Assessing the Impact of Adult Education Centre at Jasola



Since last one-year, IAEA in association with Pocketful of Sunshine is running an Adult Education Centre at Jasola, New Delhi. A team comprising Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge; Smt. Nishat Farooq, EC Member and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA visited the Centre on August 11, 2026 to assess the impact of the ongoing classes on the enrolled dropouts. The team interacted with the representatives of the organisation Smt. Tasneema, two teachers Smt. Safiya Mehdi and Ms. Seema as well as around 15 beneficiary learners to evaluate the learning outcomes and progress achieved. Smt. Tasneema gave a brief about the progress made by all the dropouts enrolled with the centre in 2025-2026 which was appreciated by the visiting team.

Theory Examination & Viva-Voce conducted at Computer Literacy Centre







The Theory Examination for the First Batch of IAEA Computer Literacy Centre was held on September 16, 2026 in the Lifelong Learning Centre, IAEA. Planned under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA the three hours examination was conducted by the team including Ms. B. Kamatchi, Computer Teacher and Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate, IAEA. All the 10 regular learners enrolled for the batch were in attendance. The ongoing examination was meticulously monitored by Prof. Rajesh and Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer, IAEA as well.

The viva-voce for the learners of IAEA Computer Literacy Centre was held on September 24, 2026 at IAEA Office in which Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge; Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer and Ms. B. Kamatchi, Computer Teacher, IAEA interacted with the learners to evaluate the level of knowledge and proficiency acquired by them. The level of confidence and perfection with which all the students faced the questions was really appreciable. In due course the learners also appreciated IAEA and its leadership for running the course, specifically Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary, IAEA for his continuous care and support. They also wanted advance course to be started and few more computers to be installed so that they may get more time for hands-on training.

Visit to ULLAS Mela at National Bal Bhawan







To observe International Literacy Day 2026 a special two days ULLAS Mela was organised by the Ministry of Education, Government of India at National Bal Bhawan on September 8-9, 2026 in which innovating practices for the promotion and progress of ULLAS initiated and adopted by various states were showcased through the display of relevant literature and artefacts by state agencies responsible for promoting literacy in states. The mela provided a unique chance to the visitors to interact with various senior officials of government looking after the work of ULLAS as well as to enjoy a number of cultural performances given by the participants from various SCERTs. All these performances were primarily based on the theme of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' a Government of India initiative that aims to improve the present cultural connection across various states of India. A team of IAEA led by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge including Shri B. Sanjoy, Research Officer; Shri Kripal Singh Mehra, Programme Associate and Shri Vinay Chhetri, Senior Assistant, IAEA visited the Mela and had meaningful interaction with Prof. Usha Sharma, In-charge, National Literacy Centre Cell, NCERT; teachers from DIET, SCERT Officials at a couple of stalls and volunteers enrolled under ULLAS.

Series of Programmes organized by IAEA to Observe the 60th ILD



International Literacy Day (ILD) Celebrations has a rich history of evolving commitment and motivating people and governments across the world to work together to change the educational scenario world over. In India it precisely depicts the journey and achievements made step to step from NAEP to ongoing ULLAS, the flagship programme by the Govt. of India which aspires to achieve cent-percent literacy by the year 2030. The 60th ILD with the theme "Literacy for People, the Planet and Prosperity' was celebrated on September 8, 2026 by IAEA and a number of its branches with renewed vigour and commitment to encourage voluntary organizations and people in deprived communities to come forward and get benefited out of the scheme and empower themselves.

At IAEA Headquarters in New Delhi three programmes - a Community Mobilization and Literacy Awareness Rally, ILD Celebration with keynote on "Saksharata Se Viksit Bharat'; Plantation to Celebrate ILD and a Panel Discussion on "People, the Planet and Prosperity' were organized in a sequence to mark the day while involving community people, scholars and academicians from various university departments and colleges in Delhi. All these programmes were meticulously planned under the guidance of Shri Suresh Khandelwal, General Secretary and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA which witnessed the active participation of around two hundred persons from different social background.

Mobilization and Literacy Awareness Rally





Prior to the main celebration, a Community Mobilization and Literacy Awareness Rally was organized by the Association which was flagged off from Atal Canteen, Anna Nagar, and proceeded through the narrow lanes of Anna Nagar and the Sanjay Amar Colony slum areas. The rally was led by Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA, and was actively participated in by all staff members, scholars pursuing internships, learners of the IAEA Skill Centre and Computer Literacy Centre, and members of the local community. The placards with carefully written messages carried by the participants and various slogans raised during the rally created considerable awareness among community members about the importance of literacy, continuing education, digital literacy, and skill development. It was worthwhile to notice that community members showed keen interest in joining literacy and skill-development classes offered through IAEA initiatives.

Literacy to Developed India (Saksharata Se Viksit Bharat)



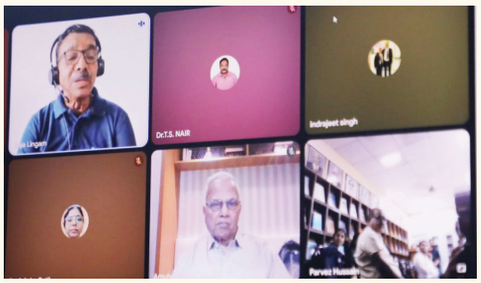


The main programme, "Discussion on Literacy to Developed India (Saksharata Se Viksit Bharat)' commenced with a two-minute silence in memory of the deceased students of the University of Delhi in a PG collapse in the vicinity of South Campus. The ILD celebration held at the K.C. Choudhary Memorial Hall, IAEA began with lighting the auspicious lamp by the dignitaries on dais including Prof. Uma Choudhary, Department of Biomedical Science, Bhaskaracharya College of Applied Sciences, DU; Prof. Ajay Kumar, Group of Adult Education, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Shri K. K. Sethi, IAS, (Retd.), Former Principal Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh; Dr. A. Mathew, former Fellow, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, Deemed to be University and Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA which was simultaneously followed with a prayer "Ham Ko Man Ki Shakti Dena' by Smt. Chanchal, a learner of IAEA Skill Centre.





Delivering the welcome address Prof. Rajesh set the tone of the



programme while stating that the entire fraternity associated with IAEA is committed to work for literacy, education and empowerment of the people. He said that our association with the functionaries and the working mechanism of ULLAS is doubly beneficial as at one hand we are taking the message of development through literacy to the people at fringe, on the other hand the programme is inspiring us to involve more and more scholars for the cause. The programme was presided over by Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA who joined online from Germany. In his message Prof. Raja underlined the need to bridge the gap between society and students of higher learning. NEP 2020 wishes an important role to be played by the students and faculty members of colleges and universities in enhancing the pace of development at grassroots level and organisations like IAEA can act as a strong intermediary for the same, he said.

Shri A.R. Nanda, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, the Keynote Speaker emphasized that the crux of age-old human understanding is reflected in nothing but the way we realize that prosperity of people and planet is not antagonistic but complimentary to each other. We have progressed a lot on the ladder of all the development yardsticks but still far away from realizing the goal of a developed nation. The window of opportunity based on harnessing population dividend is still going to be there with India for another 20 to 30 years and we all should resolve to utilize this opportunity to our best for realizing the cherished goal of Viksit Bharat where nobody is left behind to reap the fruit of progress.

Prof. S.M. Patnaik, Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, University of Delhi and Former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University underlined that the country still have pockets and population which demand specific strategies for their upliftment and progress. The tribal people have their own dialects and cultural nuances which needs a careful approach for encouraging them to be the part of main stream of development. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Smt. Neha Gupta, Documentation Officer, IAEA who was coordinating the programme along with Shri Vivek Chahar, Copy Editor, IJAE.

Plantation to Celebrate ILD






A plantation drive was also conducted in the campus of IAEA Headquarters on the occasion of ILD in which many academicians came forward to plant tree saplings and vowed to nourish and nurture it as a collective commitment towards environment protection and sustainability. Prof. Rajesh, Prof. Uma Choudhary, Prof. Nasara Sbanam, Prof. Ajay Kumar, Dr. A. Mathew, Dr. Neha Nainwal and all the participants join the initiative.

Panel Discussion on "People, the Planet and Prosperity'






A panel discussion on "People, the Planet and Prosperity', the theme of ILD 2026 was also organized which was addressed by Prof. Uma Choudhary; Prof. Nasara Sabnam, Head, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Jamia Millia Islamia; Dr. J.P. Singh, Assistant Professor, Indraprastha College for Women, DU; and Prof. Rajesh. The Session was chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar.

Referring to her interaction with the present generation, their response to community work and their own aspirations towards progress, Prof. Uma Choudhary underlined that the existing disparity in the educational outcome has to be mitigated utilizing the provisions of NEP 2020. Students and scholars are sensitive to their surroundings however, they require proper orientation for the way they can extend their cooperation to the society while maintaining their own spaces and liberty. Prof. Nasara Sabnam referred to the understanding developed during

almost 300 activity-based lectures given by her in various localities surrounding JMI, for promoting literacy and skill education among the deprived sections of society. She attempted to map the contours of literacy movement now-a-days which has been widened to accommodate all the skills and competencies needed for maintain smooth day-to-day life for any citizen. Speaking on the occasion Dr. J.P. Singh elaborated various important dimensions of NEP 2020 specifically those which are of utmost importanceforstudentsgraduatingunder four-year undergraduate programmes. Motivated and encouraged by Prof. Ajay Kumar, Chairman of the session many young scholars came forward to raise questions specifically related to implementation of NEP 2020 and the ongoing debate surrounding India's prospect to become a developed nation by 2047. Their queries were replied by the speakers specifically Prof. Rajesh who shared with them the idea of enrolling young scholars from different departments of universities with IAEA for promotion of the cause of literacy and lifelong learning. The ILD celebration programme was concluded with rendering National Anthem.

ILD Celebrations by IAEA State Branches & Member Institutions

As guided by the Office Bearers of the Association a number of State Branches and Institutional Members of IAEA came forward to organize various programmes to observe ILD 2026 which mobilized academicians, social activists and community people to strengthen literacy movement specifically ULLAS at the grassroots level. IAEA provided special financial assistance to its state branches for organising the programmes. A brief about these programmes will appraise the readers about the ongoing efforts made by IAEA to boost lifelong learning across the country.

Andhra Pradesh





The Andhra Pradesh Branch of the Indian Adult Education Association in collaboration with the Women's Studies Centre, Sree Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam and Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society, Tirupati organized a special programme on September 8, 2026 at the Seminar Hall, Humanities Block, Sree Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam to celebrate ILD which brought together academicians, educators and scholars to reflect on the importance of literacy and education, with particular attention to women's education, lifelong learning and their changing role in society.

The programme was addressed by Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy, President, Sarvodaya Women Welfare Society; Prof. K. Munirathnam Naidu, Professor of Economics (Retd.), Department of Economics, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, and Member, IV Finance Commission, Government of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. D. Janardhan Reddy, Adjunct Professor of Psychology (Retd.), Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad; Prof. M. C. Reddeppa Reddy, Former Director, Department of Adult and Continuing Education, Sri Venkateswara University, and Former Principal, S.V.U. College of Education and Extension Studies; Prof. B. Niranjan Reddy, Retired Professor and Head, Department of Adult Education, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and Dr. D. Uma Devi, Associate Professor, Women's Studies Center, Sree Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam, Tirupati.

Delivering the welcome address Prof. P. Adinarayana Reddy highlighted the significance of International Literacy Day and emphasized that literacy and education are important for creating awareness, promoting empowerment and encouraging active participation in society. He noted that education provides opportunities for individuals to acquire knowledge and develop relevant skills for the betterment of individuals, families and society. In his Presidential address Prof. K. Munirathnam Naidu highlighted the importance of literacy and education as a level playing field among different socio-economic strata of society. While delivering the Keynote Address Prof. D. Janardhan Reddy emphasized the role of education in developing awareness, confidence, decision-making ability and social participation, particularly among women. Prof. M. C. Reddeppa Reddy, the Guest of Honour encouraged women to develop digital skills and make effective and purposeful use of technology for education, self-development, professional advancement and economic independence. Prof. B. Niranjan Reddy explained the importance of woman education and said that the influence of women education extends beyond individual and contributes to the educational development of the next generation. The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. D. Uma Devi who thanked all the participants as well as the leadership of IAEA for extending all the support necessary for organizing the programme.

Bihar



A One-Day National Seminar was organized by the Bihar State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with the Department of Education, Gaya College, Gaya on the theme "Lifelong Learning and Sustainable Development.' Under the guidance of Prof. Satish Singh Chandra, the Principal of the College, the seminar began with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Dhananjay Dheeraj, Head, Department of Education and Secretary, Bihar State Branch of the Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi. Other speakers who addressed the participants included Shri A. H. Khan, President, Bihar State Branch and Vice President, IAEA, New Delhi along with Prof. Ravikant, Dr. Atul Kumar, Dr. Markandey Pandey, and Dr. Rajesh Kumar Mishra. The seminar could successfully underline the importance of lifelong learning, literacy, women's literacy, digital literacy, social empowerment, and sustainable development through the valuable thoughts and opinion expressed by the speakers.

The seminar was actively attended by more than hundred participants including faculty members, non-teaching staff and students some of whom also presented their research papers on various relevant and contemporary issues. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to all participating students by the Department. The programme was successfully coordinated by Dr. Md. Sadre Alam while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. R. N. Priyadarshini.

Kerala

The Kerala State Branch of IAEA organised a number of programmes in collaboration with different educational institutions to observe International Literacy Week from September 7 to 15, 2026 which was attended by a large number of students and faculty members.

Inauguration

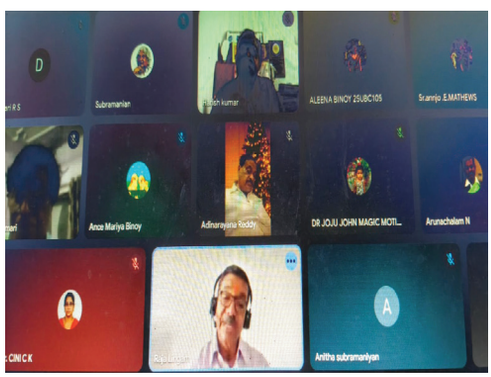


The inaugural programme was organized on **September 7, 2026** at the Department of Education, Kariavattom Campus, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram in which Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu, President, State Branch and Vice President, IAEA, New Delhi delivered the inaugural address. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Reghu underlined that literacy movement need to be oriented against state specific scenario so that it can be harnessed well for accelerating the pace of development. Referring to the UNESCO theme for International Literacy Day 2026, "Literacy for People, the Planet and Prosperity,' Prof. Reghu explained its relevance to the Indian context. He stressed that literacy must contribute not only to individual development but also to the creation of an inclusive, environmentally responsible and economically productive society. The inaugural address was followed by an academic presentation by Dr. M. S. Geetha, former Dean of Education, University of Kerala and Vice President, IAEA Kerala State Branch, who presented a paper on "Women as Lifelong Learners: From Learning to Leadership.' The presentation generated an active and meaningful discussion among the participants. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks extended by Dr. D. Bindu, Head of the Department of Education, University of Kerala.

Thereafter, a series of activities were organized at different institutions which were as follows:

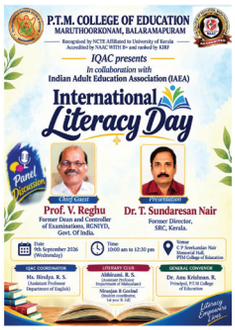
An online panel discussion was organised on **September 8, 2026** in collaboration with NSS and Mar Theophilous Training College, Trivandrum which was addressed by the central office bearers of IAEA including Prof. L. Raja, President; Prof. P.A. Reddy, Vice President, Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, Shri Mrinal Pant, Joint Secretary, Dr. Asha Verma, EC Member, along with Prof. Arunachalam, Alagappa University, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Ahammedul Kabeer, Director, KSLMA; Dr. Promod





Dinakar, Associate Professor, Chinmaya University, Kochi; Dr. Ancy. A. S and Dr. Sheena Biju Kumar. The programme began with the Presidential Address delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Joju John, Principal, MTTC. Collectively the speakers touched various important aspects of Lifelong Learning in India. The discussion was participated by more than 100 students, teachers and field functionaries. Shri Harish Kumar S. Secretary, IAEA Kerala welcomed the participants while Dr. R. S. Hari, Treasurer, IAEA Kerala Branch expressed vote of thanks.

On **September 9, 2026** the members associated from PTP College of Education and Institute of Teacher Education, Kottukal along with the State Branch worked together to prepare reading material for distribution to the participants during the ILD week long programme. Dr. Anu Krishnan. R, Principal, PTP College of Education and Institute of Teacher Education also participated in the discussion.





On **September 14, 2026** Prof. (Dr.) V. Reghu delivered a lecture at SN Guru Kripa College of Teacher Education at Trivandrum which was attended by a large number of students and faculty members. Dr. Salini, Principal, SN Gurukripa B.Ed College; Dr. Dhanya.



C.S, IQAC Coordinator and Shri Harish Kumar. S also participated in the programme as Resource Persons.

A seminar on "Women as Lifelong Learners' was also organized on the day in association with the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha in which Prof. (Dr) V. Reghu, Dr. M.S. Geetha, Shri Harish Kumar S. and Dr. Madhubala Jayachandran, Principal, Acharya College of Teacher Education, Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha were the key speakers.

A Symposium on "Literacy for Dignity, Equity and Empowerment' was also organized on **September 15, 2026** in collaboration with N.V.K.S.D College of Education, Attoor, Tamil Nadu which was presided over by Dr. R. Mukundan, Vice President, N.V.K.S.D College of Educational Society. Literacy Day message was delivered by Dr. S. Sreelatha, Principal, N.V.K.S.D College of Education. Prof. (Dr) V. Reghu, Dr. Madhubala





Jayachandran, Dr. K. Rajeswari, Professor & Head, N.V.K.S.D College of Education and Harish Kumar S. also shared their opinion in the symposium.

The literacy week was concluded on **September 15, 2026** with a special discussion organized on the topic "AI for Lifelong Learning: Empowering Minds, Transforming Society'. Along with Prof. Reghu this discussion was also addressed by Shri Harish Kumar S., Secretary, Kerala State Branch of IAEA. The weeklong celebration was a way forward for strengthening the state branch as many new students and faculty members were successfully motivated to participate in the programmes.

Madhya Pradesh

श्री एकेडमी, महू में ज्ञान, जागरूकता और सम्मान का संगम





अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस पर भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की मध्य प्रदेश शाखा के तत्वावधान में ग्राम कोदरिया स्थित श्री एकेडमी में एक व्याख्यान एवं सम्मान समारोह आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम में विद्यार्थियों को साक्षरता के महत्व के साथ जीवन में सफलता, समय प्रबंधन, सामाजिक जागरूकता और निरंतर प्रयास के लिए प्रेरित किया गया। कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल रहे। अध्यक्षता मध्य प्रदेश शाखा के अध्यक्ष श्री विमलचंद्र जैन ने की। मुख्य वक्ता शिक्षक एवं सोशल मीडिया इन्फ्लुएंसर श्री वेदांत हजारी तथा प्रतिष्ठित अधिवक्ता श्रीमती गीता लखवानी ने भी विद्यार्थियों को संबोधित किया। विशेष अतिथि श्री एकेडमी की प्राचार्य डॉ. हेमलता पाटीदार रहीं।

कार्यक्रम की शुरूआत डॉ. सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन एवं मां सरस्वती के चित्र पर माल्यार्पण और विद्यार्थियों के मंत्रोच्चार के साथ हुई। विद्यालय की प्राचार्य डॉ. हेमलता पाटीदार एवं विद्यार्थियों ने स्काउट बैंड के साथ अतिथियों का स्वागत किया। मुख्य वक्ता श्री वेदांत हजारी ने कहानी, खेल एवं रोचक गतिविधियों के माध्यम से विद्यार्थियों को जीवन में सफलता के सात सिद्धांत बताए। उन्होंने समय प्रबंधन, सम्मान, विश्वास और लक्ष्य के प्रति निरंतर प्रयास को सफलता की कुंजी बताया तथा विद्यार्थियों को सकारात्मक सोच के साथ आगे बढ़ाने के लिए प्रेरित किया। अधिवक्ता गीता लखवानी ने महिला साक्षरता एवं दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा के प्रसार पर जोर देते हुए विद्यार्थियों को साइबर अपराध, यातायात सुरक्षा और सामाजिक जागरूकता से जुड़ी महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी दी। अध्यक्ष श्री विमलचंद जैन ने भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ द्वारा देशभर में साक्षरता के प्रसार के लिए किए जा रहे प्रयासों की जानकारी देते हुए समाज के प्रत्येक वर्ग तक शिक्षा पहुंचाने का आह्वान किया। मुख्य

अतिथि श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल ने कहा कि संघ देश के सभी वर्गों को साक्षर बनाने तथा जनजागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए विभिन्न गतिविधियों के माध्यम से निरंतर कार्य कर रहा है।

समारोह में रोटरी क्लब ऑफ महू कैंट एवं इनर व्हील क्लब की ओर से समाजसेवा में विशिष्ट योगदान के लिए श्री सुरेश खंडेलवाल, श्री विमलचंद जैन एवं सुश्री गीता लखवानी को पशस्ति पत्र प्रदान कर सम्मानित किया गया। वहीं शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए श्री वेदांत हजारी, श्री कार्तिक पाटीदार एवं सुश्री पांचाल मैम को टीचर्स एक्सीलेंस अवॉर्ड प्रदान किए गए। कार्यक्रम का संचालन डॉ. राजेश पाटीदार ने किया। संयोजन सीनियर कोऑर्डिनेटर श्री संदीप पाल एवं



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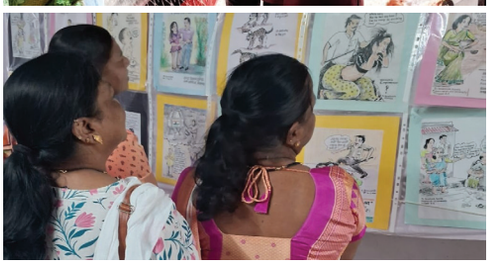
Maharashtra



The Maharashtra State Branch of IAEA in collaboration with Prerana Jyeshth Nagrik Sangh, Yerawada, Pune organized a programme on September 5, 2026 in the campus of Prerana Jyeshth Nagrik Sangh to observe both the Teacher's Day and the International Literacy Day together in which Dr. Siddhartha Dhende, Ex Deputy Mayor, Pune City Municipal Corporation was the Chief Guest. The programme was addressed by a number of well-known citizens of the city including Shri Umesh Gite, Police Inspector, Yerawada Police Station who spoke about the importance of legal literacy for managing one's life smoothly. Smt. Vidya Gorakhnath Kamble, Retired Principal, B.J Medical College of Nursing Education, Pune enlightened the audience about the pivotal work done in the field of education by Savitribai Phule, Mahatma Phule, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Smt. Jayashree Bulbule, Retd. Principal, offered heartfelt tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and Shri Babanrao Sandbhor, as President, reviewed the activities of Prerana Jyeshth Nagrik Sangh and encouraged people to join various social awareness programmes being conducted by the organisation. Entire programme was coordinated by Shri Pramod Salvi, Vice President, Prerana Jyeshth Nagrik Sangh.

An exhibition was also organized to showcase the Dialogue Drawings, quite similar to cartoons depicting interesting moments of day-to-day life prepared by Dr. Gorakhnath Kamble, President, State Branch which was inaugurated by Smt. Nandini Siddharth Dhende, Corporator, Pune Municipal Corporation. Speaking on the occasion Smt. Nandini appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Kamble and said that his





drawings are capable of conveying message mostly related to literacy, health issues, importance of save girl child, women empowerment, problems of farmers, water scarcity, education, value education, digital literacy, police department and public etc in a very subtle form. Planned and decorated by Shri Kailash Ranpise, Shri Dhalule and Shri Devidas Lonakar the exhibition displaying around 400 paintings was visited by more than 300 people.

Odisha





The 60th International Literacy Day was observed on 8th September 2026 at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The programme was jointly organised by the Centre for Sacred Groves, School of Tribal Heritage and Tribal Indology; Department of Anthropology, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights; SC & ST Cell; and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), KISS-DU, in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi. Addressed by Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera, EC Member, IAEA and Additional Registrar; Dr. Pragyan Mohanty, Dean, School of Tribal Legal Studies and Tribal Rights and Dr. Manoranjan Mohapatra, HOD, Department of Anthropology, KISS, the programme was aimed to create awareness about the importance of literacy, education and lifelong learning with special emphasis on the significance of literacy among tribal and marginalised communities.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Behera spoke about the significance of International Literacy Day and the transformative

role of literacy in promoting education, empowerment and social development. He also highlighted the importance of adult education and lifelong learning in the changing social and technological environment. Dr. Pragyan Mohanty emphasised on the importance of literacy in creating awareness about constitutional rights, legal entitlements, social justice and responsible citizenship and Dr. Manoranjan Mohapatra spoke about the importance of literacy from an anthropological and community perspective. The observance was concluded with a renewed commitment to promoting literacy, adult education, lifelong learning and inclusive educational opportunities, particularly among tribal and marginalised communities. The programme was successfully conducted with the active participation of faculty members, research scholars and students of KISS-DU.

Rajasthan

राजस्थान राज्य शाखा ने 13 साक्षरताकर्मियों को 'अक्षर मित्र सम्मान' से सम्मानित किया







भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली की राजस्थान शाखा के तत्वावधान में 8 सितंबर 2026 को 60वें विश्व साक्षरता दिवस के अवसर पर होटल राजमहल, बीकानेर के सभागार में एक राज्य स्तरीय साक्षरता समारोह आयोजित किया गया। समारोह में प्रदेश के विभिन्न जिलों में साक्षरता अभियान के माध्यम से वंचित एवं निरक्षर वर्ग तक शिक्षा की रोशनी पहुंचाने वाले 13 साक्षरताकर्मियों यथा श्रीगंगानगर के श्री सूरजाराम सियाग, हनुमानगढ़ के श्री दीनदयाल शर्मा, चुरू के श्री ओमप्रकाश तंवर, नागौर की सुश्री पुष्पलता व्यास, बीकानेर ग्रामीण के श्री महबूब अली पंवार, श्रीडूंगरगढ़ के श्री नेमीचंद मारू, नोखा के श्री रामनारायण शर्मा, बीकानेर के श्री मांगीलाल भद्रवाल तथा श्री लीलाधर बोहरा को राज्य स्तरीय 'अक्षर मित्र सम्मान' से सम्मानित किया गया। सम्मानित हुए अक्षर मित्रों में से श्री महेंद्र सिंह शेखावत ने अपने विचार भी व्यक्त किए। अतिथियों ने सभी सम्मानित साक्षरताकर्मियों को अभिनंदन पत्र, शाल, स्मृति चिन्ह, बैग एवं श्रीफल भेंट कर सम्मानित किया। सम्मानित हुए साक्षरता कर्मियों के अभिनंदन पत्रों का वाचन गीतकार श्री राजाराम स्वर्णकार ने किया।

समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि महाराजा गंगा सिंह विश्वविद्यालय एवं राजस्थान तकनीकि विश्वविद्यालय के कुलगुरू प्रोफेसर अखिल रंजन गर्ग थे तथा विशिष्ट अतिथि साहित्यकार श्री बुलाकी शर्मा रहे। समारोह की अध्यक्षता भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के राजस्थान शाखा के अध्यक्ष एवं वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार राजेन्द्र जोशी ने की। इस गरिमामयी समारोह के स्वागताध्यक्ष पोकरमल राजरानी गोयल ट्रस्ट के अध्यक्ष डॉ. नरेश गोयल थे। इस अवसर पर बोलते हुए कवि–कथाकार श्री राजेन्द्र जोशी ने कहा कि अक्षर मित्रों ने अपने समर्पण से अनेक लोगों के जीवन में बदलाव लाने का कार्य किया है। उन्होंने साक्षरता को लोकतंत्र, सामाजिक न्याय और विकास से जोड़ते हुए निरंतर जनजागरण की आवश्यकता बताई। मुख्य अतिथि कुलगुरू प्रो. अखिल रंजन गर्ग ने कहा कि किसी भी समाज के समग्र विकास की पहली सीढ़ी शिक्षा और साक्षरता है। वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार श्री बुलाकी शर्मा ने कहा कि अक्षर मनुष्य को अपने समय और समाज को समझाने की दृष्टि भी देते हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि साक्षरता अभियान से जुड़े कार्यकर्ताओं का सम्मान वास्तव में उस सामाजिक चेतना का सम्मान है, जिसने निरक्षरता के अंधकार को दूर करने का प्रयास किया। डॉ. नरेश गोयल ने कहा कि शिक्षा और साक्षरता समाज के वंचित वर्ग को मुख्यधारा से जोड़ने का सबसे प्रभावी माध्यम है। उन्होंने कहा कि सामाजिक संस्थाओं को भी साक्षरता और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अपनी जिम्मेदारी निभानी चाहिए। राज्य शाखा के सचिव एवं शिक्षाविद् श्री ओमप्रकाश सारस्वत ने कहा कि साक्षरता अभियान के जमीनी कार्यकर्ताओं ने विपरीत परिस्थितियों में भी निरक्षर लोगों को शिक्षा से जोड़ने का काम किया।

अंत में समीक्षक श्री अशफाक कादरी ने सभी के प्रति आभार प्रकट किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन ज्योति प्रकाश रंगा ने किया।

Uttar Pradesh

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस 2026 के अवसर पर जिला जेल, बरेली, उत्तर प्रदेश में एक प्रेरणादायक सुलेख प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। यह पहल उन बंदियों के लिए विशेष रूप से महत्वपूर्ण रही, जिन्होंने जेल में आने से पूर्व पढ़ना–लिखना नहीं सीखा था और अब साक्षरता की नई रोशनी से अपने जीवन को बदलने की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। जिला जेल बरेली में अनपढ़ बंदियों को पढ़ना–लिखना सिखाने का कार्य जेल अधीक्षक रहते हुए श्री अकरम खान द्वारा प्रारम्भ किया गया था। इसी प्रयास के अंतर्गत नव साक्षर बंदियों को प्रोत्साहित करने तथा उनके आत्मविश्वास को बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से इस सुलेख प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। प्रतियोगिता में 27 पुरूष एवं 1 महिला बंदी सहित कुल 28 नव साक्षर बंदियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक प्रतिभाग किया।

प्रतिभागियों को सरल एवं छोटे–छोटे 14 वाक्यों को नकल करके लिखना था। बंदियों ने अत्यंत सुंदर, साफ–सुथरे एवं व्यवस्थित अक्षरों में इन वाक्यों को लिखा। उनकी लेखन प्रतिभा और उत्साह देखकर उपस्थित सभी लोग अभिभूत हो गए। सबसे



भावुक और प्रेरणादायक बात यह रही कि जिन हाथों ने कभी अक्षरों को पहचानना तक नहीं सीखा था, उन्हीं हाथों ने आज इनती सुंदरता से शब्दों को कागज पर उतारा। यह केवल सुलेख प्रतियोगिता नहीं थी, बल्कि शिक्षा, आत्मविश्वास और जीवन में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन की एक जीवंत मिसाल थी। इस अवसर पर उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन करने वाले प्रतिभागियों को प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय पुरस्कार प्रदान कर उनका उत्साहवर्धन किया गया। ये पुरस्कार कोमल फाउंडेशन, फिरोजाबाद के सौजन्य से प्रदान किए गए। यह पहल इस विश्वास को मजबूत करती है कि शिक्षा का अधिकार और सीखने का अवसर हर व्यक्ति के लिए है। सही मार्गदर्शन, प्रोत्साहन और अवसर मिलने पर कोई भी व्यक्ति अपने जीवन में सकारात्मक बदलाव ला सकता है। साक्षरता केवल अक्षर ज्ञान नहीं, बल्कि आत्मसम्मान्, आत्मनिर्भरता और बेहतर भविष्य की पहली सीढ़ी है।

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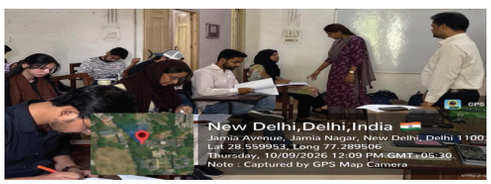


The Department of Adult and Continuing Education and Extension (DACEE), Jamia Millia Islamia, observed International Literacy Day 2026 on 10 September 2026 by organising an MCQ-Based Quiz Competition in Room No. 7 of the Department. A total of 21 students from the M.A./M.Sc. Development Extension and PG Diploma in NGO Management programmes participated enthusiastically in the competition. Shri Zeeshan Ahmed, Semester I, PG Diploma in NGO Management, and Shri Sumit Singh, Semester I, M.A./M.Sc. Development Extension, secured the highest marks and were adjudged the toppers of the competition.

The programme was graced by the presence of Prof. Nasra Shabnam, Head, DACEE; Dr. Neha Nainwal, Associate Professor and Programme Coordinator; Dr. Anwara Hashmi, Associate Professor; and Dr. Mohammad Rehan, Guest Faculty. Following the competition, Letters of Appreciation were presented to all participating students in recognition of their active participation, while Certificates of Merit were awarded to the toppers for their outstanding performance. The programme reflected the Department's continued commitment to promoting literacy, learning and meaningful student engagement.

Visitor

Prof. Tusti Bhardwaj, Professor, Department of Social Work, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College and three students of BSW, Ms. Vanshita (3rd Year), Ms. Roshni (1st Year) and Mr. Ahmed Yaseen (2nd Year) from the Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, University of Delhi pursuing their internship at IAEA under the guidance of Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge, IAEA visited IAEA Office on August 19, 2026. They had a comprehensive discussion with Shri M. L. Sharma, Finance Head, IAEA on the genesis, establishment, mission and vision of the Association. They also viewed a documentary film on IAEA followed by a brief discussion with other members of staff including Shri B. Sanjoy, Shri Kripal Singh Mehra and Shri Jai Bhagwan.



Prof. Harpreet Bhatia, Department of Psychology and Senior Consultant visited IAEA on August 11, 2026. She had a discussion with Prof. Rajesh, Director In-charge and Shri M.L.Sharma, Finance Head on a number of aspects related to initiating more skill based courses in IAEA. She also visited IAEA Skill Centre and interacted with the learners of Cutting and Tailoring courses. During her interaction she also discussed about the feedback received from the students on the English Language Proficiency Course conducted for the learners.





Prof. B. K. Pattanaik, Former Director, at the School of Extension and Development Studies in the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and currently Visiting Professor the Institute of Human Development (IHD), New Delhi visited IAEA Headquarters on September 15, 2026. He was received by the officials of IAEA and offered a copy of the latest IAEA Newsletter. Prof. Pattanaik was appreciative of all the regular publications of IAEA.



Mrs. Y. Naoko Simhadri, Managing Trustee of the Nomura Trust for Lifelong Integrated Education, India visited IAEA Headquarters on September 18, 2026. Both Mrs. Y. Naoko and Shri Venkatagiri Sastry, Former DDG (DOT) Government of India was in Delhi for having a consultation meeting at the Institute of Lifelong Learning in University of Delhi. Wife of Prof. Y. C. Simhadri, a distinguished academic leader and former Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Andhra Pradesh University, Patna University and Acharya Nagarjuna University, Mrs. Y. Naoko leads a very simple life committed for the cause of fostering lifelong learning in the society. During her visit she had discussion with Prof. Rajesh who explained the prolific work done by IAEA as apex level institution in the field of lifelong learning in the country. She also met the members of the staff of IAEA and had interaction with the learners of IAEA Skill Centre. It was appreciative that she expressed her willingness to work together with IAEA in future.

हिंदी पखवाड़ा का आयोजन





विविधताओं के श्रृंगार से सुशोभित भारत में मौलिक एकता को अक्षुण रखने वाले भी अनेकों पैमाने उपलब्ध हैं। इनमें से भाषायी एकता भी एक प्रमुख उपादान है जो हिन्दी भाषा की गरिमामयी राष्ट्रीय उपस्थिति से मुखरित होती है। हिन्दी के पहुंच को और व्यापक तथा कारगर बनाए जाने के लिए प्रतिवर्ष 14 सिंतबर को हिन्दी राजभाषा दिवस के रूप मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली तथा इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय, क्षेत्रीय केंद्र, दिल्ली – 2 के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के उपलक्ष्य पर कैलाश चौधरी मेमोरियल हॉल में दिनांक 18 सितंबर 2026 को एक विशेष साहित्यिक कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया जिसके मुख्य अतिथि भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के प्रभारी निदेशक प्रो. राजेश थे।

कार्यक्रम की शुरूआत डॉ. मीना सिंह, क्षेत्रीय उप–निदेशक, इग्नू द्वारा दिए गये प्रस्तावना से हुई, जिसके बाद इग्नू के क्षेत्रीय निदेशक डॉ. डी. पी. सिंह ने स्वागत भाषण दिया। उन्होंने देश और उसकी सीमाओं के पार रहने वाले भारतीय मूल के लोगों को एकजुट करने में राजभाषा हिंदी के महत्व पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि हिन्दी की समृद्धि ही इसकी मजबूती है और बाजारवाद की इस दौर में हमें इसके व्यवहार को और लचीला बनाना होगा। तदुपरान्त कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि प्रो. राजेश ने हिंदी भाषा और स्वयं के साहित्यिक विकास के बारे में अपने अनुभव साझा किए। राष्ट्रकवि रामधारी सिंह दिनकर की काव्य रचना का उल्लेख करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि देश प्रेम की अलख जगाने में हिन्दी साहित्य का अभूतपूर्व योगदान रहा है। हमें इसे स्वयं की मजबूती के लिए अपनाना चाहिए।

इस कार्यक्रम में राष्ट्रीय संचार भाषा के रूप में हिंदी के महत्व को बहुत अच्छे ढ़ंग से उजागर किया गया। दोनों ही संस्थानों के अधिकांश अधिकारी और कर्मचारियों ने इसमें उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया और अपने विचार साझा करने के साथ–साथ कविताएँ और गीत भी प्रस्तुत किए। हिंदी भाषा और उसके विस्तार से जुड़ी जानकारी पर आधारित एक प्रश्नोत्तरी प्रतियोगिता भी आयोजित की गई। कार्यक्रम का समापन डॉ. डी. पी. सिंह के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के साथ हुआ, जिसमें उन्होंने कार्यक्रम को शानदार सफलता दिलाने में सक्रिय भागीदारी के लिए सभी का आभार व्यक्त किया।

भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ आंचलिक कार्यालय, महू, मध्य प्रदेश

कौशल विकास केन्द्र





भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के आंचलिक कार्यालय महू के कौशल विकास केन्द्र में 1 जूलाई 2026 से 15 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र की बालिकाओं एवं महिलाओं के लिए निःशुल्क सिलाई प्रशिक्षण के दूसरे बैच का शुभारम्भ सामजसेवी श्रीमती निर्मला यादव के मुख्य आतिथ्य एवं भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल के विशेष आतिथ्य में प्रारम्भ किया गया। इस अवसर पर श्रीमती यादव ने प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि ऐसे निःशुल्क प्रशिक्षणों का लाभ लेकर सभी बालिकाएं एवं महिलाएं आत्मनिर्भर बनें एवं स्वावलंबी बनकर अपना एवं अपने परिवार का भरण–पोषण करें और साथ ही साथ केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार की योजनाओं का लाभ भी लें।

कार्यक्रम के विशेष अतिथि श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि इस निःशुल्क सिलाई प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का स्वयं तो लाभ लें, साथ ही अपने आस–पास रहने वाली बालिकाओं एवं महिलाओं को भी प्रशिक्षण लेने के लिए प्रेरित करें। कार्यक्रम के प्रारम्भ में अतिथियों का स्वागत संघ के उप–निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी ने किया एवं कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्रशिक्षण प्रभारी श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर द्वारा किया गया। इस अवसर पर श्रीमती संध्या मिश्रा, श्री दिलीप वर्मा, आदि भी उपस्थित थे।

प्रशिक्षण के द्वितीय सत्र का समापन समारोह दिनांक 20 जुलाई 2026 समाजसेवी एवं रोटरी क्लब के सदस्य श्री शैलेन्द्र शुक्ला के मुख्य आतिथ्य और भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल एवं वरिष्ठ पत्रकार श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय के विशेष आतिथ्य में संपन्न हुआ।

कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए श्री शैलेन्द्र शुक्ला ने प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त बालिकाओं एवं महिलाओं को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि 15 दिनों में आपने जो कुछ भी सीखा है उससे स्वरोजगार प्राप्त करने का प्रयास करें





और साथ ही साथ अपने हुनर से आत्मनिर्भर बनने का प्रयास भी करें। इस अवसर पर संघ के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने प्रशिक्षणार्थियों के उज्जवल भविष्य की कामना की और तीसरे सत्र की शुरूआत 25 जुलाई 2026 से करने की बात कही। कार्यक्रम में अतिथियों द्वारा प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को प्रमाणपत्र भी वितरित किये गये। कार्यक्रम का संचालन, अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं आभार भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ के उप–निदेशक श्री राजेश चौधरी द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम में श्रीमती संध्या मिश्रा और श्री दिलीप वर्मा भी उपथित थे।

मध्य प्रदेश राज्य शाखा

वात्सल्य ने बढ़ाया शिक्षा के लिए सहयोग का हाथ







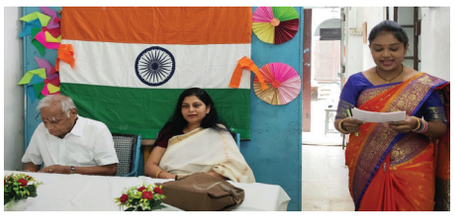
असहाय एवं अभावग्रस्त विद्यार्थियों की शिक्षा को संबल देने के उद्देश्य से कार्यरत वात्सल्य संस्था, महू द्वारा प्रति वर्ष निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिका (कॉपी) वितरित की जाती है। इस वर्ष अभियान के द्वितीय चरण के अंतर्गत दिनांक 10 जुलाई 2026 को चोपड़ा वाटिका में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में आठ विद्यालयों के कक्षा तीसरी से आठवीं तक के 200 विद्यार्थियों को निःशुल्क अभ्यास पुस्तिकाएँ वितरीत की गईं। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता समाजसेवी श्री राधेश्याम बियाणी ने की। मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में शिक्षाविद् श्रीमती डॉली सेठ, शिक्षाविद् डॉ. आकांक्षा रितेश तथा समाजसेवी श्री शैलेन्द्र उपस्थित रहे। संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल भी मंचासीन थे।

मुख्य अतिथि श्री शैलेन्द्र शुक्ला ने विद्यार्थियों को लक्ष्य निर्धारित कर निरंतर परिश्रम करने की प्रेरणा देते हुए कहा कि दृढ़ संकल्प और मेहनत से सफलता अवश्य मिलती है। डॉ. आकांक्षा रितेश ने कहा कि वात्सल्य संस्था निस्वार्थ भाव से जरूरतमंद बच्चों की शिक्षा के लिए सराहनीय कार्य कर रही है। ऐसे प्रयास समाज के लिए प्रेरणादायक हैं और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में सकारात्मक बदलाव ला रहे हैं। श्रीमती डॉली सेठ ने संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल एवं उनकी टीम की प्रशंसा करते हुए कहा कि आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर विद्यार्थियों को इस प्रकार की शैक्षणिक सामग्री उपलब्ध कराने से उनकी पढ़ाई सुगम होती है और वे अपनी प्रतिभा को बेहतर ढ़ंग से विकसित कर सकते हैं। अध्यक्षीय उद्‌बोधन में श्री राधेश्याम बियाणी ने कहा कि संस्था पूरी निष्ठा और ईमानदारी से असहाय विद्यार्थियों के भविष्य को संवारने का कार्य कर रही है। उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों से मन लगाकर अध्ययन

करने तथा जीवन में श्रेष्ठ नागरिक बनने का आह्वान किया। कार्यक्रम के दौरान वात्सल्य संस्था द्वारा महू तहसील में एम. पी. बोर्ड की कक्षा 10वीं एवं 12वीं की परीक्षा में सर्वोच्च अंक प्राप्त करने वाले विद्यार्थियों – कुमारी मुस्कान, मास्टर अर्णव चौहान, कुमारी रागिनी सिंह, मास्टर सुमित पाटिल तथा कुमारी आर्या पाटील का सम्मान किया गया। विद्यार्थियों को श्रीमती डॉली सेठ द्वारा प्रदत्त प्रोत्साहन राशि, श्री मोतीलाल सोनी के सौजन्य से मेडल तथा रोटरी क्लब महू की ओर से प्रशस्ति–पत्र प्रदान किए गए।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ अतिथियों के स्वागत एवं आयोजन परिचय से हुआ, जिसे श्री राजेश पाटीदार ने प्रस्तुत किया। संस्था के अध्यक्ष श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने आभार व्यक्त किया तथा कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री नारायण चौहान ने किया। कार्यक्रम का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ हुआ। इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम संयोजक श्री कमलेश मिश्रा सहित श्री विमलचंद जैन, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री राजेश चौधरी, श्री कमल मूंदड़ा, सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्री पवन जैन (गब्बू), श्री दिलीप वर्मा, श्री मुन्ना वर्मा, श्री दिनेश जादम, श्री मनीश गुप्ता एवं शहर के अन्य गणमान्य नागरिक एवं विभिन्न विद्यालयों के शिक्षकगण उपस्थित रहे।

आशा कला केन्द्र, महू में स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह





मध्य प्रदेश के महू शहर के सामाजिक जीवन में आशा कला केन्द्र का महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है। प्रतिवर्ष की भांति इस वर्ष भी इस केन्द्र में स्वतंत्रता दिवस पारंपरिक उत्साह एवं हर्षोल्लास से मनाया गया। प्रसिद्ध समाजसेवी व लेखिका, पर्यावरण एवं संस्कृति संरक्षक श्रीमती तृप्ति मिश्रा कार्यक्रम की मुख्य अतिथि रहीं जबकि, अध्यक्षता भारतीय प्रौढ़ शिक्षा संघ, नई दिल्ली के महासचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल ने की। कार्यक्रम की शुरूआत अतिथियों द्वारा ध्वजरोहण से हुई। तत्पश्चात प्रशिक्षणार्थियों द्वारा देशभक्ति से ओत–प्रोत कविताओं व गीतों को प्रस्तुत किया गया।

इस अवसर पर श्रीमती तृप्ति मिश्रा ने 80वें स्वतंत्रता दिवस की बधाई देते हुए अपने उद्‌बोधन में कहा कि वे एक सैनिक परिवार से जुड़ी हुई हैं। इसलिये देश उनके लिए सर्वोपरि है। नागरिक अपने कर्तव्यों का पालन करें व बच्चों को भी अच्छी बातें बतायें, जिससे बच्चे आगे चलकर अच्छे नागरिक बन सकें। हमें सरकार के ऊपर निर्भर नहीं रहना चाहिए और स्वयं भी समस्याओं के निराकरण के लिए पहल करनी चाहिए। प्रतिभागियों को संबोधित करते हुए श्री खण्डेलवाल ने सभी को स्वतंत्रता दिवस की शुभकानाएं दी और कहा कि सिलाई कार्य को पूर्ण निष्ठा से सीखते हुए आत्मनिर्भर बनने का प्रयास करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि आशा कला केन्द्र समाज के सभी वर्ग के लोगों के लिए अलग–अलग प्रकार के प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित करने जा रही है।

श्रीमती तृप्ति मिश्रा ने केन्द्र द्वारा समाज के हित में किए जा रहे कार्यों की भरपूर प्रशंसा की एवं उनका सहयोग करने के लिये हमेशा तत्पर रहने की बात कही। अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं आभार श्रीमती संध्या मिश्रा ने किया। अतिथि परिचय एवं कार्यक्रम का संचालन प्राचार्या श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर ने किया।

शिक्षक दिवस का आयोजन







दिनांक 5 सितंबर 2026 को आशा कला केन्द्र, महू द्वारा शिक्षक दिवस के अवसर पर 'शिक्षक सम्मान कार्यक्रम' आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ अतिथियों द्वारा मां सरस्वती के चित्र पर माल्यार्पण कर किया गया जिसके बाद श्री मनीश कुमार गुप्ता द्वारा मंचासीन अतिथियों का स्वागत किया गया। कार्यक्रम शिक्षाविद् प्रो. शोभा जैन के मुख्य आतिथ्य व आशा कला केन्द्र की प्रशिक्षण प्रभारी श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर के विशेष आतिथ्य तथा आशा कला केन्द्र के अध्यक्ष श्री योगेश मूंदड़ा की अध्यक्षयता में संपन्न हुआ। कार्यक्रम में संस्था के सचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल एवं अध्यक्ष श्री योगेश मूदड़ा द्वारा शिक्षाविद प्रो. शोभा जैन का शॉल व श्रीफल से सम्मान किया गया। अभिनन्दन पत्र का वाचन श्रीमती हीरामणी सोनी ने किया। इसी के साथ संस्था के पदाधिकारियों व प्रशिक्षणार्थियों द्वारा प्राचार्य श्रीमती कमलेश पिंपलेकर सहित अन्य शिक्षकों का भी सम्मान किया गया।

इस अवसर पर श्रीमती शोभा जैन ने अपने उद्‌बोधन में कहा कि शिक्षक ही समाज का दपर्ण है। एक शिक्षक का शिष्टाचारी, क्षमाशील कर्तव्यनिष्ठ होना परम आवश्यक है। शिक्षक ही छात्र के भविष्य का निर्माण कर उसे जीवन में उन्नति के शिखर पर पंहुचाता है। श्रीमती पिंपलेकर ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि मैं अपने गुरू मैडम श्रीमती शोभा जैन का सानिध्य पाकर अत्यंत अभिभूत हूं। मेरा हमेशा प्रयास रहता है कि मैं प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को कला में दक्ष बना सकूं। अध्यक्षीय उद्‌बोधन में श्री योगेश मूदड़ा ने कहा कि श्रीमती शोभा जैन सरल हृदय व वात्सल्य से परिपूर्ण शिक्षका हैं। वे हमेशा छात्रों की समस्याओं के निराकरण के लिए तत्पर रहती हैं। छात्रों को ऐसे गुरूओं को आदर्श मान कर जीवन में उन्नति करनी चाहिए।

समिति की ओर से आभार संस्था सचिव श्री सुरेश खण्डेलवाल द्वारा माना गया एवं स्वागत भाषण व कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री नारायण चौहान ने किया। कार्यक्रम में आशा कला केन्द्र के पदाधिकारीगण व सदस्य, प्रशिक्षणार्थीगण तथा गणमान्य नागरिक सहित सुश्री पूर्णिमा सेठ, श्रीमती राजकुमारी अग्रवाल, श्री रामलाल प्रजापति, श्री विजय कुमार विजयवर्गीय, श्री मोतीलाल सोनी, श्री कमल मूदड़ा, श्री पवन जैन (गब्बू), श्री दिलीप वर्मा और श्री मुन्नालाल वर्मा भी उपस्थित रहे।

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