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1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the 19 years since its inception, the NCRI experienced many challenges as even a cursory look at its short history would suggest. Nevertheless the Council has the potential to play an important organizational role as is evident from the acknowledgement of the vitality of its mandate and the steady realization that the future of the nation lies in the empowerment through education, of the bulk of India, most of which still resides in villages. There is a continual need to propel higher education towards the rural cause.

NCRI has catalyzed the functioning of rural institutions, Gandhian organizations, NGOs, universities and state government agencies in various projects connected with the promotion of rural higher education. The objectives of the council primarily focuses on promoting institutions engaged in programmes of *Nai Talim*---Gandhian Basic Education strengthening teacher training facilities for this purpose and supporting extension services to the community through micro-level planning. These are important initiatives in the context of the social and economic development of India's villages and rural poor, aimed at contributing to development in rural areas that is sustained, meaningful and effective.

The growth-plan envisaged in the 'Vision Document' of NCRI suggests the extension of support to institutions by involving them in problem identification and development action, initiating new projects to create HRD experiments of higher impact, networking with organizations doing exemplary work in rural education and having exposure to rural development and fitting them into an accepted frame of the definition of a rural institute, developing new institutions and taking up research and publication work. This growth-plan, being the driving force behind its initiatives during recent years, I place before you the efforts made by the Council during the year under report.

The mission of the Council has been to redefine a 'Rural Institute' as a model to be replicated by a large body of civil society organizations and NGOs, by conforming to the characteristics of a 'Rural Institute', these organizations can make a significant headway in bringing development through education, in rural areas. Rural Institutes have a key role to play in disseminating and transferring the new ideas, knowledge, skills and technologies to the communities. Rural Institutes can also play a vital role in narrowing down the gap between governance at the higher level and people at the grass-root level. Over the years, the NCRI has been putting in efforts to identify such institutions and organizations that have the credibility, capability, concern and commitment for rural sector, and to align them with various schemes/programmes of the government so as to open up new vistas of rural development through education.

The Council has expanded its activities to reach out to more parts of the country, and it intends to make further inroads into the remotest and hitherto unreached areas of the country. In its efforts to harness the capacity of rural institutes, the NCRI is constantly working towards strengthening the networking among various rural institutes. During the year under report, efforts were made to bring more number of rural institutes to work under the umbrella of NCRI.

Ramakrishna Ramaswamy
Chairman

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR 2013-14

- The annual accounts of the Council were audited by the C & AG of India for the year 2012-13.
- The annual report, along with the audit certificate issued by the C & AG of India, for the year 2012-13 was submitted to the Ministry of HRD for submission to both the Houses of Parliament.
- The Ministry of HRD originally allocated Rs.350.00 Lakh as Plan grant and Rs.125.00 Lakhs as Non-Plan grant for the year 2013-14 to the Council. However, Rs.50.00 Lakhs & Rs.92.67 Lakhs as revised allocations were made for Plan and Non-plan grant respectively. Due to carry forward of unspent balance of Rs.123.44 Lakhs of the year 2012-13 under plan head, the Ministry of HRD had not released any grant under plan for the year. Out of the total allocation of Rs.92.67 Lakhs towards Non-plan grant, an amount of Rs. 85.83 Lakhs was released by the Ministry during the year 2013-14.
- The Council met on 30th October, 2013 to consider proposals and programmes for the year 2013-2014.
- The Governing Body of the NCRI met on 30th October, 2013 to discuss various matters relating to the growth and development of the Council and its programmes.
- An amount of Rs.7.68 Lakhs was spent during the year 2013-14, for the ongoing programmes i.e. Organising training programmes, workshops and project evaluation.
- During the year Council organized 17 NSS and 21 KVK workshops/sponsorship programmes in various parts of the country.

3. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

3.1 The National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, with its registered office at Hyderabad, has completed 19 years of fruitful service in supporting rural institutes and a myriad of other institutions engaged in the pursuit of rural development and promotion of rural higher education.

3.2 The organization consists of the following authorities:

1. The Council,
2. The Governing Body
3. The Planning Board
4. (A) The Standing Committee
(B) Finance Committee

3.3 The objectives for which the Council is established are to:

1. Promote rural higher education on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's revolutionary ideas on education so as to take up challenges of micro-planning for transformation of rural areas as envisaged in NPE 1986 (as modified in 1992), and as it was suggested by the Radhakrishnan Commission (1948).
2. Consolidate network and develop rural institutes and endow them for recognition.
3. Develop rural institutes into 'Regional Development Institutes and Rural Universities', which shall function as hubs for knowledge connectivity, and emerge as effective agents for rural transformation in the backward regions, through voluntary initiatives, wherever possible.
4. Regulate the quality of education of rural institutes and educational programmes in the area of rural higher education of all the Universities in India.

5. Design a variety of courses at the tertiary level around emerging rural occupations.
 6. Strengthen teacher training facilities for Gandhian basic education.
 7. Strengthen the content of all these institutions with emphasis on science, technology and management on the one hand and traditional wisdom on the other.
 8. Promote vocational training programmes and initiatives for self-reliance.
 9. Encourage field-oriented courses of rural institutes.
 10. Promote action-research as a tool for social and rural development.
 11. Promote extension services to the community through micro-level planning and
 12. Advise the Government of India on all such matters pertaining to rural institutes as may be referred to it from time to time.
- 3.4 Nai Talim or Basic Education, the brain child of Mahatma Gandhi, is the launch-pad designed to harness the growth of human beings in a phased manner. As micro-level planning and research being the other vital components of Gandhian philosophy of education, rural institutes occupy a special place and play a pivotal role in promoting the objectives of the NCRI. Mahatma Gandhi had said, several decades ago, “*Education for life, Education through life, and Education throughout life*”. The NCRI, with its avowed objectives, is committed to translate this Gandhian vision of education into action and a reality in future.
- 3.5 As a sequel to the Action Plan for 1995-96 and 1996-97, it was decided to set-up rural institutes in various parts of the country, that include Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, North-East India and other states. Accordingly, the first rural institute, Swami Ramananda Tirtha Rural Institute, was set up in Jalalpur village, Pochampally, in Nalgonda District of Andhra Pradesh. The process of establishing more such rural institutes across the country suffered a setback due to the demise of Dr. Aram, the first Chairman of NCRI.

India's surge in growth and programmes initiated by the Government opened more opportunities in the rural sector. The radical reforms envisaged for the education sector have not only widened the scope but also provided greater challenges for the NCRI to cope with the emerging requirements.

To effectively sustain and complement the Government initiatives, especially in the rural sector, and to definitely play its role as a catalyst, the NCRI has built up a seamless convergence between its efforts and those of the stake-holders actively engaged in region-specific activities in various parts of the country.

- 3.6 The increased response seen in terms of greater number of project proposals received by the NCRI from across the country bears testimony to the awareness created through various efforts made in the recent past.

4. ACTIVITIES OF NCRI

The NCRI conducted various outreach activities and in house programmes throughout the country for creating awareness and attracting proposals relating to its thrust programmes. The details of workshops, outreach activities and in house programmes conducted/organized during the year are as follows:

- 4.1 Programmes Sponsored by NCRI on "Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction"

1. Anna University, Chennai:

The programme was organized on 18th March, 2014 at SRR Engineering College, Padur, Chennai with the financial assistance of National Council of Rural Institutes, (MHRD, Government of India) Hyderabad . 80 NSS volunteers (both boys and girls) from five different colleges namely SRR Engineering College, Jeppiar Engineering College, KCG College of Technology, Madras Institute of Technology, and Jerusalem Engineering College participated in the programme. Among them 64 from Other Category, 14 from SC and 2 from ST categories of NSS volunteers participated in this One day programme.

Dr. E. Sundaramoorthy, the Former Vice Chancellor, Tamil University, Tanjore gave his inaugural address and delivered lecture on Need for Rural Reconstructions.

Dr Rajeswari Murugan, Former General Manager, BSNL Telephone, Chennai explained about the need to improve the facilities in Rural areas like sanitation, primary health centre, drinking water.

The programme was very useful for the NSS volunteers and participants stressed to conduct such programmes for a minimum tenure of two days.

2. Sri Avinashilingam University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Coimbatore :

The one day training programme was organized on 4th March, 2014 with a formal inaugural function Dr. Nirmaladevi, Assistant Professor in Biochemistry, welcomed the Guests and the gathering. Dr. Kumaravadivelu, Sri Avinashilingam Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Coimbatore, delivered the inaugural address.

Latchiya Thenral Lion D. Lakshmi Kanthan, presented a very lively and highly motivating talk for the youth participants. He brought out some points such as coexistence, tolerance and extending hand for brotherhood in the nation which would pave way towards a tranquil life.

3. Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi :

A seminar was organized in BIT Mesra, on 23rd February 2014, NSS volunteers, PG students along with 20 villagers participated in the event. In the first session video was shown which is from the Ministry of “Youth Affairs”, based on inspiring the youth for rural development; another video was shown for re-utilization of waste water which had been developed by the DRDO scientist ‘G’, for helping in water crisis, for the use in agriculture and daily purposes, Prof. MC Pandey, retired professor of Lucknow University, spoke on the following issues: Self employment, Entrepreneurship, Family security, National

Development, Self helped group and the Ill effects of brain drain, Prof Richa Pandey, lectured on the topic “Women Empowerment” and in addition to it she also spoke on rural income generation, for uneducated women.

Shri Balram Mahto, from Navatoli village spoke to the BIT youth, to do some social development for the villagers and the village. An interactive was organized among the youth, villagers and imminent village personalities.

4. Kuvempu University, Shimoga, Karnataka :

The NSS unit of Kuvempu University had conducted a one day training programme for 80 students at the city office, Kuvempu University, Shimoga on 21st February 2014. Sri Loknath, from Life Education Foundation, Shimoga in his lecture covered rural basic scenario and its role and need for Rural Reconstruction.

Sri B. H. Ravi, Dept. of Sociology and Principal of Sharavathi First Grade College, Konanduru highlighted the potentiality of the youth and channelizing it to the Rural Reconstruction.

Dr. Kundan Basavaraj, Coordinator, N.S.S. Kuvempu University vividly explained the various opportunities to start entrepreneurship or small scale undertaking in rural areas to root out the concern from the region.

5. Manipur University, Manipur :

Manipur University NSS unit organized a One Day Training Programme on 28th February, 2014 on Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction sponsored by the National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad.

Speakers Prof. N. Lokendra Singh, mentioned that the country is in the process of transformation and Rural reconstruction which has been an important aspect in this regard, as more than 70% of the population of the country lives in rural areas.

Dr. Ch. Ibohal Singh, Programme Coordinator, NSS Cell, Manipur University spoken on the topic “Towards Rural Reconstruction-The NSS Way”, Prof. N. Rajmohon Singh, Department of Chemistry, MU talked on “Inspiring Youth for Rural Reconstruction”. Dr. Y. Dewan Singh, Assistant Project Officer, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Imphal West, Manipur gave a lecture on “Rural Development and Reconstruction”. Dr. A. Samarendra Singh, Lecturer, State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Manipur talked on “Basic Concepts on Rural Reconstruction”. Shri Y. Lakshman Singh, (National Awardee)-Youth Coordinator NYKS, Imphal West, Manipur spoke on “Role of Youth and Youth Organization in Community Development”. 84 members of the youth community, comprising of NSS Programme Officers, Volunteers of different NSS Units of the state and students of Manipur University actively participated in the Training.

6. Mizoram University , Mizoram :

Mizoram University conducted a one day training on “Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction” on the 20th March, 2014 at the Golden Hall Extension, Government Hrangbana College, Chanmari, Aizawl by the NSS Cell, Mizoram University and Government Hrangbana College Unit in collaboration with the National Council of Rural Institutes and 58 participants took part in the workshop.

The principal of Government Hrangbana College, Mr. Lal Rinawma, gave a short speech mentioning the importance and duties of youth in reconstructing of rural areas. He also requested the youth of today to take an active role in building up of rural areas.

Pu K.T. Pakhuangte, spoke on the various schemes of the central government for rural development and its applications in the rural areas of Mizoram. Dr. Laldinliana talked about the skills and entrepreneurial creativity and innovation required of the youth for undertaking rural reconstruction.

7. Nes Ratnam College of Arts, Science & Commerce Bhandup (W) Mumbai

One day Workshop was conducted on 8th March, 2014 by Nes Ratnam College of Arts, Science & Commerce Bhandup (W) Mumbai and 80 NSS volunteers attended the workshop including volunteers of three other colleges.

Mrs Sangeeta Roy, started with the subtopic of “ An Assessment of the Government Schemes and program on Rural Reconstruction .The students were explained about the different schemes like the NREGA, different Rojgar Yognas, and Gram Sadak Yojnas.

Mrs. Jennifer Cuhtino, an eminent speaker lectured on relevance to Rural Development and the topic was “ Issues in Indian Agriculture and the need for rural reconstruction”

Mr. Deepak Bansod, of K.B. College, Thane dealt with the History of Rural India and the topic was “History of rural development in India” .

Mr. Ashok Poojari, explained the role of NSS volunteers in building up the rural India and the selected topic was “Awareness on Rural Reconstruction and role of NSS Volunteers”.

8. Rofel Arts and Commerce College, Vapi, Surat Gujarat :

Rofel Arts and Commerce College, Vapi, Surat organized a one day programme on 22nd February 2014, and around 94 participants including five programme officers from the three colleges of tribal taluka, Kaprada, Umargam and Vapi of Valsad district were participated in the programme.

Resource Persons mainly talked about the need for Education, Small Scale Business, Gram Udhog, Agricultural Reform, Women’s Role, Child Nurturing, and Village development for the Rural Reconstruction. Volunteers were also made aware of the professional courses available for the Social Work.

Participating Institutes: Rofel Arts and Commerce College Vapi, Arts and Commerce College, Bhilad and Arts and Commerce College, Motapondha. The

response was affirmative from the students and many of the students, inspired by the seminar took a moral oath to work in the village near their residence for rural development.

9. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore :

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore organized a one day training programme on Inspiring youth for rural reconstruction to NSS volunteers on 8.3.2014.

Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the training and emphasized that youth should be well educated, participate in national administration. 80 participants from constituent and affiliated colleges of TNAU, Government College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, Karunya University and Government College of Technology participated in the Programme. Dr. K. Kumutha, NSS Programme Coordinator, briefed about the training and welcomed the gathering.

A lecture was given by Dr. M. Chinnadurai, Director of Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development studies,

Dr. K. A. Ponnusamy, Director of Extension Education, TNAU, Coimbatore explained the concept of pepper which should be brought in to the family, Education, Political, Economic and religion.

Development of rural areas will have impact on the movement to urban areas and also helps in increasing the Agricultural production. Mainly the youth are the targeted population to be motivated for their role in rural reconstruction. This training included the lectures and activity on rural development and reconstruction as well as the programmes on motivation of the Youth. The best 10 participants were awarded for their performance.

10. Tripura University:

A one day NCRI-Hyderabad sponsored training programme was organized by the NSS Unit, Tripura University on 13th March, 2014. Dr. D. N. Dash, Assistant Director, NCRI, Hyderabad was attended the programme along with Prof. Anjan Kr. Ghosh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Tripura University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. A. Gupta, Dean, Students Welfare, Tripura University was the Guest of Honor for the occasion. While Dr. D. N. Dash briefed about the NCRI's initiatives and role of youth in the present scenario.

Prof. Anjan Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University addressed the august gathering by mentioning the necessity of such programme and how the volunteers will behave to improve the society. Prof. Ghosh also appreciated the initiative of NCRI-Hyderabad to sponsor such type of programmes.

With around 100 participants, all of them, were highly interactive. Most of the participants intervened as discussants in the training programme. The four speakers also took active interest in identifying a number of volunteers in the field of Rural Reconstruction.

On the whole, the Volunteers were oriented about the basic things of rural reconstruction and how innovative thinking can help the self and the society. They expressed that such programmes motivated them to start developmental work in the rural areas. They felt the need for the responsibilities of a civil person for his rural society and its reconstruction. The volunteers claimed that these type of programmes should be sponsored at least thrice a year which will be conducted by the NSS-Unit.

The National Service Scheme Unit, Tripura University, Expressed its gratitude to NCRI-Hyderabad for reposing its faith in NSS-Unit, TU for organizing this programme.

11. University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad :

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Cell, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad in collaboration with National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad organized the training programme on the Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction on 13th March, 2014 at UAS campus, Dharwad.

79 students of College of Agriculture and College of Rural Home Science, Dharwad registered for the training programme. Chief Guest, Dr. L. Krishna Naik, Director of Education UAS, Dharwad, addressed the participants about the training programme. He motivated the youth and advised them to involve in rural development. Dr. G. S. Dasog, Dean (Agri), College of Agriculture, Dharwad motivated the students and explained the role of youth in the rural development and he stressed more on the alleviation of poverty and eradication of social evils such as child marriage and dowry system. Dr. S. K. Patil, Dean, Student Welfare, UAS, Dharwad in his presidential remarks, expressed that the conduct of training programme was very essential and gave several examples of entrepreneurs who have established small industries in rural areas. The following topics were selected for the training programme.

- Sri Prakash Bhat, SCOPE, Malamaddi, Dharwad spoke on “Motivating Youth for Natural Resource Management”
- Sri. S. R.Ganga, General Manager, Head Office, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, Dharwad, lectured on “Self Employment Opportunities for Rural youth”
- Dr. M. B. Pattanashetti, Deputy Director, SAMETI, Dharwad, delivered speech on “Role of Youth for Rural development”
- Dr. S. B. Mahajanashetti, Professor, Department of ABM, UAS, Dharwad talked about on “Agriclinics and Agribusiness centres for rural development”
- Sri.Vijay R. Rao, Management Consultant and Corporate Trainer Dharwad projected a vision for “Motivating Youth for Rural Reconstruction”

12. Tezpur University :

The National Service Scheme wing of Tezpur University had conducted a one day workshop named, Motivation of Youths for Rural Reconstruction funded by National Council of Rural Institutes on 2nd March, 2014. This event had witnessed a gathering of the inquisitive youths who were keen to bring a change in the society.

Dr. Bala Lakhendra, faculty of Mass Communication and Journalism Department, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, shared his concern on the alarming brain drain occurring in India and the migration of the villagers to the cities. This had a heavy impact on the agricultural set up of the agrarian society as it hampered the way of life and reduced the development rate in the villages.

He also mentioned how a woman is an equal and important part of the society. Education of women is an important step towards the initiation of rural development. The reasons like lack of proper toilets and sanitation are an obstacle in the path of attaining education of the village girls post puberty phase. The youth must respond to these problems and try to mitigate it by pursuing the interests at village, district or state level.

Dr. Vivek. K. Mehta faculty of Mechanical Engineering branch, School of Engineering lecture on interesting introspection on the ability of the youth and the cooperation of the people to transform the condition of a place. Hivre bazaar, as an example was cited by Dr. Mehta, which had managed to turn the miserable plight of the place worth living. The transparency and the cooperation of the villagers had changed the fate of the village situated in Maharashtra. Clear vision was sought to pursue the goal of village transformation. Sectors like education, with a scientific approach, sanitation, proper water works and transparency in the village election body had changed the fate of the village which did not even seek additional monetary fund from the Government. The three D's were recognized as the essential element for the progress of villages and they were: Determination to do something for the cause of Village Reconstruction, devotion for the cause and

sympathy for the hardships, dedication to resolve to help for the cause and the workshop was concluded by taking the pledge: **NOT ME, BUT YOU.**

13. Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur.

One day Workshop-cum-Training entitled "Motivation of youth for inspiring rural reconstruction" was organized on 27.03.2014 by the Directorate of Students Welfare, Kerala Agricultural University. Four colleges participated in the workshop with 40 NSS volunteers and 105 general audience participated in the Inaugural function.

Dr. P. Ahamed, Director of Students Welfare, Kerala Agricultural University, spoke on Orientation for rural empowerment. Dr. J. B. Rajan, Project Director, Kerala Institute for Local Administration (KILA), delivered speech on Rural reconstruction and development through local governance and role of youth and professional graduates in rural reconstruction. Mr. Sagi. M. Narrikkuzhi, State level Youth Trainer & Consultant, Kozhikode, spoke on the vision for Social intelligence and rural reconstruction - a participatory workshop for youth.

14. Assam University, Silchar, Assam:

One day training programme was organized on 11th March 2014 at Department of Business Administration, Assam University, Silchar. There were a total 95 students who attended the training programme representing various departments namely, Department of Social Work, Department of Sociology, Department of Mass Communication, Department of Political Science and Department of Law.

Dr. M. Gangabhusan, Programme Coordinator, NSS Cell, Assam University gave a welcome speech and highlighted the background of Organizing this training programme for the youth in motivating the youth towards rural reconstruction initiatives.

Dr. Subhabrata Dutta, Head Department of Social Work and Dean, Student Welfare, spoke on the significance of reviving the rural reconstruction programmes through mainstreaming youth in the development process.

Prof. Gopalji Mishra, from Department of Social work, highlighted the need for mobilizing communities in general and youth in particular to own the process of community based development programmes.

Prof. Ramendu Bhattacharjee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Assam University appreciated the functioning of NSS cell. He wished for the successful functioning of the NSS cell and congratulated on the grant success of the programme.

Mr. Albin Joseph, Programme Officer, NSS Unit, AUS gave his vote of thanks to the dignitaries for their valuable time and comments. Mr. Pinak Bhattachar, former Director, UBI-RSETI, Silchar, spoke on the “Role of youth in rural reconstruction and self employment.

Dr. L. Kathiresan headed the session on “Rethinking Rural Reconstruction”. Mr. Mehbub Alam Laskar, Youth Co-ordinator, NYK, NC Hills District, spoke about “Skill Development of Youth in Entrepreneurship Development”.

Mr. Jishnu Dutta, Social Activist and a school teacher in Lakhipur, describes Bank valley as a valley equipped with resources, but the people need to change their attitude towards themselves. Youth may make use of the online RTI submission for getting information about the functioning of various Government Programmes which will also check the corruption in the programme implementation.

15. University of Hyderabad :

The programme was organized on 04.01.2014 at University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli with the financial assistance of National Council of Rural Institute, Hyderabad. 80 students attended the training programme at University of Hyderabad, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.

One of the speakers talked about the “Role of Youth in Rural Reconstruction in coordination with the self help groups and to play an active role in development of their respective villages.

Ms. Padmavathi another speaker from Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Spoke on the “Socio Economic Conditions in Rural India visa-a-vis the earlier decades, and its relevance to Gandhian thought.

Mr. T. Narayana Rao, Welfare Officer (Retd.) CAG Office, Hyderabad gave a lecture on the “Role of Youth in Rural Reconstruction” and the development to be taken up at the grass root levels and reconstruct their own native villages at the initial stages.

Prof. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad interacted on the Feedback given by participants and the response was good with some of them expressing the below mentioned suggestions:

- a) Quiz programmes also should be organized on Quarterly basis in Training Camp.
- b) Such Training Programmes should be for a minimum tenure of 3 days.
- c) These programmes should be in the form of street plays at village levels for better understanding.
- d) Such programmes should be part of the High School syllabus for better foundation.

16. North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon.

School of Social Sciences and N. S. S., Unit North Maharashtra University, organized one day training programme on Motivation of Youth for inspiring Rural Reconstruction funded by NCRI Hyderabad and M. H. R. Government of India on 14th March 2014 at the Social Science building.

This training programme was inaugurated by Dr. A. M. Mahajan, Registrar of N. M. U, Prof. R. H. Gupta Director, School of Social Sciences and Prof. Oshic from Tukushima University, Japan and the inauguration of workshop was done by watering the plant.

Introduction of the workshop was presented by Asst. Prof. Santosh Khirade. He explained the need for training programme. He said that there is a need to motivate the youth for village development.

Prof. R. H. Gupta, in his inauguration address, said that seventy percent of people of India live in villages. But today, the mindset of people are changed leading all to rush towards urban areas. Therefore, we face many problems and he advised the youth to shift towards villages.

Prof. Oshic in his inauguration address said that in Japan there is no major difference between city and a village.

In Japan, they have many activities and small scale business for villages. He emphasized that according to environment of the village, new business should be started in the village. In Japan they have the model village concept.

Presidential address was delivered by Prof. A. M. Mahajan, Registrar, NMU, Jalgaon. He said that there is a need to motivate the youth for village development. Villages have many problems and difficulties. But these problems can be solved by youth only. Youth should aware about PURA i.e. providing urban amenities in rural area.

In this training programme 5 students from Tukesim University, Japan also participated in the inaugural function.

The first technical session on the topic village development programme we as carried out by Dr. G. A. Usmani, Head, Oil Technology UICT, NMU. By conducting of activity in the classroom he explained the importance of team work. Students understood by practical example that while carried out group activity, we should consider the views, remarks of other also. There was interaction about village problem and solution students are motivated to think about the theme question why villages have less opportunity less resources than urban areas? And what should be opportunity?

Second technical session was open for the discussion participant and they themselves discuss about the solutions for it. This session shows that students are interested to bring changes in rural area. They are inspired to do something for their own villages.

Third session was carried out by Dr. V. V. Katdare he put the example of Hiware Bazar, Ralegaon Siddhi, TikekarWadi, Baripada village, through PPTs. He also emphasized that there is no need of English language big degrees to develop this village. Only our thinking and actions can change the village. Someone should take leadership followers would be there.

Valedictory session was chaired by Dr. Pankaj Nannaware, Director, Students Welfare Department, NMU and DAR. S. P. Badgujar, Director of Department of Adult and Continuing Education, NMU.

Dr. S. P. Badgujar emphasised that there is a need to change the thinking of the people if we have positive thinking we can solve any social problems.

Dr. Pankaj Nannaware, said that there is a need to reconstruct working system in villages. If we provide all basic facilities to rural people, they will not run towards urban villages should be develop by small business and self-funded activities.

Participants expressed their views on this training programme. They expressed that this training programme motivated them for rural development. This training programme was attended by 101 students from different departments and schools.

5. Programmes Sponsored by NCRI Hyderabad to Krishi Vigyan Kendra's on Different Topics

1. Sri Venkateshwara Veterinary University, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lam, Guntur.

One day training programme on Rural Awareness with Gandhian Philosophy was organized on 24.07.2013 on "Scientific Management of Diary Animals" by Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Lam Guntur in collaboration with NCRI, Hyderabad.

The inaugural session started at 10:00am by welcoming the dignitaries by Dr. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, NCRI, Hyderabad as Chief Guest, Dr. K. Venugopal Naidu, Director of Extension, Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati and Dr. D. Raghava Rao, Associate Dean, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram were Special Invitees for the programme.

Dr. E. Ragahava Rao suggested the live stock farmers to provide concentrates for high milk yielders for sustained milk production. He stressed the farmers on importance of vitamins and minerals in dairy animal nutrition.

Dr. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, NCRI addressed the farmers to get awareness on important Scientific Management Practices of calves and milch animals for profitable rearing. He also advised the farming community to follow integrated system of rearing along with live stock which gives more income and is economical to the farmers.

28 farmers from 5 villages i.e., Karlapudi, Gorantla, Revela, Kantheru and Morampudi participated in the training programme. Before starting the orientation programme “PRE EVALUATION” on the training was conducted for the farmers. Marks scored by the farmers were recorded. Only two famers scored more than 50% marks.

“*Nutritional Importance of Dairy Animals in Field Conditions*” by Dr. E. Raghava Rao, Associate Dean, NTR College of Veterinary Science, Gannavaram attracted the attention of all the farmers and the lecture was well taken. “*Scientific Management of Calf rearing and Selection of Milch animals for high milk yield*” by Dr. S. Sreedhar, Programme Coordiantor, KVK, Lam, Guntur, was the highlight of the training sessions. Dr. S. Sreedhar and Dr. E. Raghava Rao, interacted with the participants for discussing the problems and issues of dairy farmers at field levels. During the session the farmers were advised for proper deworming and vaccination of calves at regular intervals and cultivation of improved fodder varieties in the available land.

After completion of the orientation programme “Post Evaluation” of the training was also conducted for the farmers. Marks scored by the farmers were recorded and 80% of the farmers scored more than 70% and got awareness about the training programme. There feedback mostly was a request to organize such training for a minimum tenure of two to three days on a half yearly basis.

2. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kurumbapet, Puducherry, Tamilnadu

One day training programme on “*Value added products from Fruits and Vegetables Income Generation activities for women empowerment*” was organized at KVK,

Kurumbapet, Puducherry, Tamilnadu on 26th July, 2013. 30 women participants also participated in this programme; and the programme generated immense response from one and all, and was surmised as very useful for the women at village level entrepreneurship. The organizers requested for conducting of more such programmes in the near future.

3. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agril. University, Gujarat

The one day training programme on *Rural Awareness on Gandhian Philosophy – “Efficient use of limited water for higher productivity”* for different crops was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sardarskrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Khedbrahma, Dist: Sabarkanta on 30th July, 2013. 30 participants participated in this training programme.

The inaugural function of training programme was chaired by Dr. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, NCRI, Hyderabad. The training programme was divided into five sessions. The first session was handled by Dr. D. M. Patel, Associate Professor (Agronomy), C.P. College of Agriculture, who emphasized the need for effective use of limited water resources; for higher gains.

Dr. K. J. Vihol, Subject Matter Specialist (Agronomy), KVK in relation to different crops, and their limitation within the means of the water available & its economical usage for greater benefits.

The third session was handled by Dr. J. R. Patel, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Protection), KVK covering the topic efficient use of limited water for higher productivity in relation to management of diseases and pests of different crops. After the technical sessions, group discussion with the participants was arranged. At the end feed back from participants were collected; and every one expressed, that; they were highly enlightened by the programmes, which proved to be very useful, specially, in their water parched villages.

4. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Tamilnadu

One day training programme on Rural Technologies was conducted by KVK, Dindigul Tamilnadu on 04.09.2013. The training was attended by 30 progressive farmers from seven villages.

“Different types of Bi-Manure Preparation” was explained at length by Dr. A. Udayakumar, (Agronomy) *“Maintenance and Minor repairs to Sprayers”* was by and large demonstrated practically by – Mrs. M. Shahintaj, (Plant Protection) *“Use of Tree Climbing Machine in Coconut”* was put up as an exhibit and shown about its utilities by Mr. S. Senthilkumar, (Horticulture). *“Value addition of Minor millets”* in daily recipes was thought to them for the better yield of their millet cropsly - Mr. K. Srikumari (Home Science) *“Cultivation of Pulp wood trees in Agro Forestry”* by Mr. P. P. Saravanan (Agro Forestry) was the best session as per the feed back of the trainees and all the trainees appreciated the way the NCRI was inculcating such programmes through KVK’s

5. BIRDS – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tukkanatti, Belgaum, Karnataka.

One day programme on *“Rural Awareness on Gandhian Philosophy”* conducted by KVK, Belgaum, Karnataka was held on 29.07.2013, with the sponsorship of NCRI, Hyderabad.

“Own Your Seed (Self seed production) on Rice-Introduction” was given by Dr. S. Shashikumar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tukkanatti, Belgaum who went on discussing the various processes in the seed production of self utilization in their fields, and also for mass production for the upliftment of other farmers in and around their villages. *“Paddy Seed production–Conservation, Multiplication and Protocol”* by Dr. N. G. Hanamaratti, Senior Scientist and Campus Head, ARS–Paddy, Mugad was the most use full session to many farmers who welcomed the way the lecture was put forth. *“On farm production of Agri. Inputs”* Gram and Ward Sabha Gandhian Philosophy – Shri R. M.Patil, Chairman, BIRDS, KVK, Takkanatti, Belgaum, was explained in detail and most of trainees were very happy to have such a training session. *“Group Discussion with the Participants”* Dr. Shweta Biradar, SMS, Home Science conducted the group discussion and the outcome was very successful to all trainees. *“Feedback from the participants”-*

Shri S. S. Sharma, SMS, Horticulture, encouraged the organizers to hold many such programmes in sponsorship with NCRI.

6. Sri Ramakrishna Seva Kendra, Unit Divyodaya Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tripura.

Training programme on Self Employed Opportunities in Agril & allied sector for Rural Youth was organized by Divyodaya Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Tripura on 24th August, 2013 at DKVK, Chebri Campus and sponsored by NCRI. Agri ventures for self employment / entrepreneurial development was introduced by Dr. L. C. Patel (Programme Coordinator). Mushroom production for self employment was explained by Mrs. S. Chakaraborty (SMS, Plant Protection). Vermicompost production for self employment was dealt with by Dr. N. Islam (SMS, Animal Sc.). Apiculture production for self employment was the topic covered by Mr. S. C. Biswa (SMS, Home Sc.). Cultivation of Ornamental fishes was covered by Mr. S. Chourdury (PA, Fishery)

32 numbers of rural youth from nine villages of West Tripura district attended the training programme. Out of the total, male & women participants were 17 and 15 respectively. The organization did not summarize the report in detail.

7. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bhadrak, Orissa

One day training programme on “*Rural Technology for Livelihood Security*” was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Ranital, Bhadrak, Odisha, on 20.09.2013 by NCRI, Hyderabad. The programme was organized with an objective to strengthen the rural livelihoods by educating the farmers on the latest technological development in agriculture and allied sector.

Mr. P. K. Behera, DDA, Bhadrak in his address said that as *majority of the rural population depend on agriculture and allied sector* for their sustenance, this training programme was rightly planned and organized by NCRI and KVK for improving their livelihood condition.

Dr. D. N.Dash, Assistant Director, *NCRI highlighted the aims and objectives of his organization* in spreading rural education and told that this was the first programme on agriculture education organized in collaboration with KVK Bhadrak. He emphasized on

the need for technology revolution in rural areas to improve the standard of living of rural poor. He admired the role of KVKs in the dissemination process.

The Technical session started with the topic on “*Concept of Integrated Crop Management (ICM) in rice cropping system*” by Dr. A. Das, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Bhadrak.

Mr. A. P. Nayak, SMS (Fishery Science) in his deliberation on “*Multiple Cropping patterns in pisciculture for livelihood security in rural areas*” discussed the potential of scientific pisciculture technology in improving the livelihood condition of small and marginal farmers of rural areas.

While imparting training on “*Eco-friendly management of major insect pests of important field crops*” Dr. U. S Nayak, SMS (Plant Protection), KVK, Bhadrak highlighted the changing insect pest scenario in agricultural crops and their extent of economic damage.

During the post lunch session Mr. M. K. Jena, SMS (Soil Science) discussed on “*Organic farming and low external input based agriculture*” to make agriculture environment friendly and economically viable.

8. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bhandara, Sakoli, Maharashtra

One day training programme was conducted by KVK, Bhandara (Sakoli) on Poultry Farming and Rabbi Crop Management Technology on 25th November, 2013.

“*Soil Health Management*” Shri Ganesh R. Khedikar presentation was received well by all the trainees explained in their mother tongue. “*Rabbi Crops Management*” by Dr. Usha R. Dongarwar stressed the need for the crop management for better results & management. “*Poultry Management*” by Smt. Rashmi Hashmi was the highlight of the training and was well received by the trainees for the betterment of their future. “*Honey Bee Rearing*” by Shri Vijay Kumbhare which was most popular in this region drew the attention of all the trainees, more so, because of the effect of explaining in their regional language which proved very helpful to them.

9. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

One day orientation programme on “*Nutritional Security for Farm Women*” was organized by KVK, Chamarajnagar, Bangalore.

Objectives of Training was to;

- To educate the rural women and women workers or member of self help groups on the importance of balanced nutrition for farm women.
- To impart the knowledge on value addition of locally available food and role of value addition on nutrition of farm women.
- To impart the knowledge on the importance of kitchen garden on domestic nutritional security of family.
- To impart the knowledge on government schemes for women empowerment.

Mr. Mohan Kumar, A.B. spoke about “*Kitchen Gardening for Domestic Nutritional Security*”. Kum. M. Netravathi gave a short speech on “*Importance of Value Addition on Nutrition of Farm Women*”. Mr. Govinda Naik, delivered a lecture on “*Importance of Balanced Nutrition for farm Women*”. Dr. C. Doreswamy, Programme Coordinator said about “*Role of Women in Commercial Agriculture*”. Smt. Jagadambha, Development Inspector, Women & Child Development Department spoke about “*Government Schemes for Women Empowerment*”.

10. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Banavasi, Yemmiganur Mandal, Kurnool, A.P.

A training programme sponsored by NCRI on the topic “*Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Horticultural Crops*” was organized for the benefit of thirty (30) farmers on 24.12.2013 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Banavasi, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. Y. Narasimhudu, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Banavasi. The training programme included five sessions covering various aspects of integrated pest and disease management in Horticultural crops including feed survey.

“*Major Pests and Disease in Horticultural Crops*” was presented by Smt.B.Amareswari. “*Integrated Disease Management in Horticultural Crops*” was addressed by Dr.Y.Narasimhudu, Programme Coordinator. “*Integrated Pest Management in*

Horticultural Crops” session was handled by Sri U. Somasundar. “*Precautions to be taken in Integrated Pest and Disease Management in Horticultural Crops*” session was taken by Dr. V. Jyothi

The training belonged to various farmers in two mandals of Kurnool district. The mandals included Yemmiganur and Kodumur. In Yemmiganur mandal the trainees hailed from four villages namely Guvaladoddi, Ralladoddi, Paralapalli and Soganur.

The feedback was very enthusiastic and most of the trainees wanted the programme to be conducted on a quarterly basis.

11. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Anora, Durg, Chhattisgarh

A one day training programme sponsored by National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI) was held on 26.12.2013 at KVK, Dist. Durg, Chhattisgarh. “*Women Friendly Farm Implements and their Utilities*” by Dr. Ajay Verma, Principal Scientist, Agriculture Engg. IGKV, Raipur, was explained at length and was well received by all the trainees.

“*Improved Implements & Important Technique of Horticulture*” used for drudgery reduction in nursery activity of ornamental crops – Dr.L.S.Verma, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Anjora, was practically explained and was liked by one and all.

“*Common Tools / Implements used in Crop Protection*” for drudgery reduction Dr. S. K. Thapak, SMS, Plant Pathology, KVK, Anjora and how to put them into practice was explained at length with practical demonstration.

“*Drudgery Reduction Implements for Post Harvest Processing*” of produce and their valued benefits by Dr. Smt. Karmana Pandey, Programme Assistant, KVK Anjora, was the highlight of the day and the trainees requested to conduct many such programmes at least once a month to cover all farmers of the nearby villages.

12. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, TamilNadu Agricultural University, Tamilnadu:

One day orientation training programme on “*Drudgery reduction implements for farm women*” was sponsored by National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad to the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pechiparai, Kanayakumari district of Tamil Nadu. The training programme was held at Training Hall of Agricultural Research Station, Tamil Nadu

Agricultural University, Thirupathisaram. Twenty six farmers from Kanyakumari district, who are involved in agriculture and using machineries were selected for the training. Dr. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, NCRI interacted with the farmers initially.

Dr. J. Jane Sujatha, Programme Coordinator, spoke on “*Socio-economic Impact of Farm Women*” due to mechanization and loss of regular livelihood of women in particular & men in general.

Dr. S. Irulandi, SMS-Agril. Entomology lectured on Handling of plant protection equipment and implements the ways & techniques of handling the equipment was elaborately explained.

Dr. N. Thavaprakash, SMS-Agronomy discussed about “*Farm Implements for Field Crop Cultivation*” and their usefulness in handling the implements was narrated at length.

Dr. I. Muthuvel, SMS-Horticulture said about “*Farm Implements for Horticultural Crop Production*” and the basic structure of implements were also explained in details.

Dr. S. Suresh, SMS-SS&AC analyzed “*Mechanized Rice Cultivation its Usefulness & the pros & cons of the Mechanical utilities to all the trainees.*”

13. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pulutheri, Karur Tamilnadu

The Saraswathi Krishi Vigyan Kendra organized a one-day workshop on “*Traditional Paddy Cultivation and Value Addition to Mitigate Climate Change*” impacts in Karur district, at Puzhutheri, on Friday the 24th January, 2014.

Dr. K. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, NCRI presiding over the function outlined the various initiatives being undertaken by NCRI to link interest groups in various fields including agriculture.

NABARD Assistant General Manager A. Parthiban, highlighted the *Ill-effects of the Non-conventional Food Habits* and suggested consumption of traditional variety of rice and minor millets that could provide good health supplements.

Mr. Parthiban sensitized the farmers to adopt cluster approach by forming producer organization model for taking up cultivation, sorting, grading, value addition and marketing of traditional paddy and minor millets.

The first technical session was handled by Mr. Dhalapathy, an organic farmer from Kumbakonam, who detailed his experience in *Cultivation of Traditional Paddy Variety and their Medicinal Importance*. He also shared the strategies adopted by him in processing and branding of the traditional varieties, apart from the promotion of a Farmers' Producer Organization for organic products.

Followed by a session on "*Marketing of Traditional Rice and its By-products*" by K. S. Senthil Kumar of Tiruchi, who was involved in marketing organic rice and other products. He suggested various business models for marketing the products and 30 progressive farmers actively participated in the programme.

14. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Anand Agricultural University, Devataj, Gujarat

One day orientation programme on "*Animal Science*" was conducted on 24.01.2014 at KVK, Devataj, AAU, Anand, around 40 participants were present.

Dr. G. C. Mandali, Prof.of Vet. Medicine, Veterinary College, AAU, Anand delivered the lecture on "*Common Diseases of Livestock of their Prevention*".

Dr. A. C.Vaidya, Associate Professor of Veterinary Extension, Veterinary College, AAU Anand lectured with reference to *Krishan Bhagwan* citing references of *Satyayuga and Tretayuga*. His emphasis was on ideal livestock farming. He gave scientific evidences as to how ideal livestock farming gives better output and more economic returns.

Dr.Shrikant Katole, Specialist in (Animal Science) discussed the role of "*Nutrition in Health and Production of Animals*" and various processing methods.

Dr. G. G. Patel, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Devataj spoke on Role of "*Livestock – Small Scale Farming in Rural Development*". He said that there is fragmentation of land which causes reduced income for farmers which deteriorate their economic conditions. He informed the farmers that there is need to develop entrepreneurship among farmers for Animal Husbandry Sector.

40 trainees took part of which 20 were male farmers and 20 female farmers present all of whom actively participated in this programme.

15. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navasari Agriculture University, Navsari, Gujarat :

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navasari Agriculture University, Navsari, Gujarat conducted one day orientation training programme on Rural Technology entitled “*Processing & Preparation of Value added Products with Soybean*” on 28.01.2014. The participants were very happy to know the pros & cons and the value added productive clues from the lectures in the 5 session programme.

16. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Navasari Agriculture University, Vyara, Tapi, Gujarat

One day training programme on “*Livestock Feeding Management*” was conducted on 29.01.2014 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, NAU, Vyara District, Tapi, Gujarat.

Dr. H. J. Derashri explained that “*Nutrition Requirement Calculation of Dairy Animals*” as per production-reproduction needs. Dr. J. K. Raval spoke about “*Computation of Balanced Ration and Preparation Using Common Resources* available in South Gujarat. Dr. V. R. Patel delivered a lecture on “*Fodder and Feed Improvement/Enrichment and Preparation Techniques*” (including conditions of natural calamities. Dr. V. R. Rathod said about “*Feed Nutrients and their Role in Animals Production and Reproduction*”. Dr. J. K. Raval talked about “*New Feeding Technologies in Animals and their Benefits*”.

17. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madanapuram, Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh

KVK Madanapuram, conducted a one day training programme on “*Organic Farming and Compost Making Technologies*” on 06.02.2014 at KVK campus for 30 progressive farmers and responsive rural youth of our working mandals.

“*Organic farming Soil Environment, Plant Growth, Soil Organic Matter and Humus*” was lectured by Dr. K. Murali, Scientist (Agronomy) from Dr. YSRHU, Mojerla. “*Production of Compost & Compost Making Technologies*” were explained in detail by Dr. A. Ramanjaneyulu, Scientist (Agronomy), ANGRAU, RARS, Palem. “*Bio Intensive Nutrient Management Issues*” & explained at length by Dr. A. Ramajaneyulu, Scientist (Agronomy), ANGRAU, RARS, Palem. “*Ecological Pest Management & NPM*”

Methods” was briefed by Sri V. Rajendra Kumar, Senior Scientist (Entomology), KVK, Madanapuram. “*Organic Farming in Vegetables and Fruits*” was well received by the trainees – Sri K. Suresh Kumar, Scientist (Horti.) KVK, Madanapuram, conducted an interactive session with the farmers & the responsive rural youth.

18. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hamirpur, Uttar Pradesh:

The programme was organized on 22nd February, 2014 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hamirpur, Uttar Pradesh with the financial assistance of National Council of Rural Institutes, (MHRD, Government of India) Hyderabad. 30 farmers participated in the programme.

Er. R. C. Dwivedi, Ex-Professor of Agricultural Engineering spoke about “*Maintenance of Sprayers*”.

Dr. V. P. Nagaih, Breeder / PI Oil Seeds talked about “*Advanced Technology of Oil seeds Crops*”.

Dr. R. D. Mahan, Associate Professor & Head, Soil Science, BNPG College gave a speech on “*Soil Management & Identify of Fertilizers Soils*” of Bundel Khand.

Dr. Pramod Kumar - Agronomist gave a speech on “*Improved Cultivation Technology*”.

Dr. Amitab Sachan, V.O. - Spoke about “*Profitable Animal Husbandry*”.

19. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tabiji Farm, Ajmer:

A one day training programme on Soil & Water Conservation for Improving Production was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ajmer on 26th February, 2014. 32 farmers from operational area of the Centre have attended the training programme.

In this programme, all the important issues related with rural technologies including soil and water conservation, protected cultivation, composting and vermi composting IPM techniques and dairy farming were covered in five sessions.

Dr. Balraj Singh, Director National Research Centre on Seed Spices. Tabiji Farm, Ajmer also gave a lecture on technologies of protected cultivation to the participants. Many of

the scientists from different disciplines and Officer of Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of India, Ajmer also delivered a lecture on modern techniques in dairy farming.

20. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hailakandi, Assam:

One day orientation programme on “*Poultry Production*” sponsored by NCRI was successfully conducted on 27.02.2014 at KVK training hall. The training was given to 30 participants from different villages of the districts. At the end of the training programme 10 nos. of 3 weeks old Gramapriya birds were also distributed to each trainee by Mr. Mukul Saikia, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Hailakandi.

Dr. Bijoy Chhetri SMS (Animal Science) spoke about “*Selection, housing and housing management of poultry birds*” Dr. Sk. Ad. Azizur Rahman, Programme Coordinator talked about “*Prospects of Poultry Rearing for Income Generation*”. Dr. R. A. Laskar, VEO, Monachera, delivered a lecture on “*Diseases and Disease Management of Poultry Birds*”. Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim, gave a speech on “*Integrated Poultry Fish Farming*”. Md. A. R.Ahmed, ADO, Lala spoke on “*Different Poultry Schemes*” running in the district. Dr. Jayanta Talukdar, VAS, Veterinary Hospital, talked about “*Feed and Feeding Management of Poultry Birds*” for both backyard and commercial chicken production. Distribution of 3 weeks old 10 Gramapriya birds each to all the trainees by Mr. Mukul Saikia, ADC Hailakandi, was a welcome gesture to the trainees.

21. KVK-Khordha, Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar

The one day “*Training Programme for Practicing Farmers on Rural Technologies*” was held at KVK-Khordha on October 18th, 2013 sponsored by National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. P. Jayasankar, Director, Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Bhubaneswar in the presence of Dr. D. N. Dash, Assistant Director, National Council of Rural Institutions (NCRI), Hyderabad and Dr. P. N. Ananth, Programme Coordinator, KVK-Khordha.

The one day training was attended by 35 farmers of Khordha district with four lectures on “*Focussing on Rural Technologies*” viz., Technologies extending shelf life of Horticultural crops and Value Addition, Commercial Cultivation of Honey Bee, Vermi composting and Bio-pesticide Preparation and Demonstration on preparation of Phenyl from cow urine.

All the 35 participants provided their feedback towards the conclusion of the programme and have suggested to extend the duration of the programme to a minimum tenure of two days with more number of rural technologies and to also include fish processing and other viable rural technologies. The lectures were handled by Dr. G. S. Sahu, Associate Professor in Horticulture, Dr. Jayraj Padhee, Associate Professor in Entomology, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, Mr. P. Bishoi, Director and Sushant Kumar Ram, Master Trainer of Gramin Product Market, Bhubaneswar. The programme was coordinated by Dr. P. N. Ananth, Programme Coordinator and Mr. A. K. Dash, SMS (Horticulture) of KVK-Khordha.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2013-2014

5.1. Budget:

The Ministry of HRD originally allocated Rs. 350.00 Lakhs as Plan grant and Rs.125.00 Lakhs as Non-Plan grant for the year 2013-14 to the Council. However, Rs.50.00 Lakhs & Rs.92.67 Lakhs as revised allocations were made for Plan and Non-plan grant respectively. Due to carry forward of unspent balance of Rs.123.44 Lakhs of the year 2012-13 under plan head, the Ministry of HRD had not released any grant under plan for the year. Out of the total allocation of Rs.92.67 Lakhs towards Non-plan grant, an amount of Rs.85.83 Lakhs was released by the Ministry during the year 2013-14

5.2 Submission of Annual Report and C & AG's Audited Accounts

The Annual Report and C & AG's audit certificate on the accounts of NCRI for the year 2012- 2013 were submitted to the Ministry and the same were laid on the tables of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha on 26.04.2013 and 08.05.2013, respectively.

5.3 Submission of Utilization Certificate

The Ministry of Human Resource Department (HRD) approved the utilization certificate of the Council for the year 2012-13.

5.4 Staff of NCRI

- a) **Chairman:** Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy who is the Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad was appointed as in-charge Chairman with effect from 12th April 2012.
- b) **Member-Secretary:** Dr. K. Sudhakar, who was working as a professor in Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University, Tirupati, was appointed on deputation, as Member-Secretary with effect from 23rd February, 2011.
- c) **Regular Positions:** During the year under report the following three officials are in regular positions.

S.No.	Position	Name of the Person
1	Asst. Director (Research/Networking)	Dr. D. N. Dash
2	Private Secretary	Smt. S. Saroja
3	Accountant	Shri B. V. N. R. Srinivas

No regular positions were sanctioned during the year 2013-14.

(d) Persons deployed and their contribution:

To co-ordinate the work relating to administrative as well as programmes and policies of the Council, suitable professionals/experts, DEOs & DPOs were engaged on outsourcing basis.

6. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

The accounts of the Council for the year 2013-2014 have been audited by a Chartered Accountant and also by the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.