

# **National Council of Rural Institutes**

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## **Annual Report 2014-2015**

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## 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since its inception, the NCRI have faced many challenges, inspite of it, 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, universities and State Government agencies in various projects connected with the promotion of rural higher education. The objectives of the council primarily focus 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 organisations and NGOs, so that, by conforming to the characteristics of a ‘Rural Institute’, these organizations can make 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.

**Dr.P. Durgaprasad**  
**Chairman**

## 2. HIGHLIGHTS OF PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR 2014-15

- The annual accounts of the Council were audited by the C & AG of India for the year 2013-14.
- The Ministry of HRD originally allocated a budget of Rs.77.50 lakh under Plan head and Rs.119.68 lakh under Non-Plan head for the year 2014-15 to the Council. However, the Ministry has revised the budget to Rs.Nil and Rs.113.01 lakh for Plan and Non-plan heads respectively. Due to carry forward of unspent balance of Rs.103.43 lakh of the year 2013-14 under the Plan head, the Ministry of HRD had not released any grant under the Plan head for the current year. Out of the total revised allocation of Rs.113.01 lakh under Non-plan head, an amount of Rs.80.14 lakh was released by the Ministry during the year 2014-15.
- The Council met on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 to consider proposals and programmes for the year 2014-2015.
- The Governing Body of the NCRI met on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 to discuss various matters relating to the growth and development of the Council and its programmes.
- An amount of Rs.8.79 lakh was spent during the year 2014-15, for the ongoing programmes i.e. Organising training programmes, workshops, project evaluation etc.,
- During the year 2014-15, the Council organized several workshops/sponsorship programmes in various parts of the country in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK's).
- The NCRI interfaces with rural institutes of higher learning like Rural Universities, Rural Development Institutes, National Rural Livelihoods Mission and State Livelihood Action units, Community Polytechnics, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Centres even while collaborating and converging with the objectives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, cooperatives, NGOs including Gandhian Institutes and self-help groups, amongst others, that can make a lasting difference to the life and living standards of the rural masses. HRD is our operational framework

and Human Development is the goal. *Sab Ke Sath Sab Ka Vikas* would be the guiding philosophy and strategy of NCRI, as enunciated by the Prime Minister of India, and in this direction, had proposed 13 training programmes and 5 National Level workshops & seminars of NCRI apart from 3 Research Projects for the ensuing financial year 2015-16, and in collaboration with SRTRI & NIRD.

### 3. HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

3.1 The National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, with its registered office at Hyderabad, has completed 20 years of fruitful service in supporting rural institutes and a myriad of other institutions engaged in pursuit of rural development and promotion of rural higher education.

3.2 The organisation 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.
- 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, Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh. The process of establishing more such rural institutes across the country has lost its relevance in the context of all new universities coming up in rural areas.

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 NCRI PROGRAMMES FOR NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME IN UNIVERSITIES ON "MOTIVATION OF YOUTH FOR INSPIRING RURAL RECONSTRUCTION"

#### 1. Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh :

One day training program on "Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction", was conducted successfully at Rajiv Gandhi University on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The program was conducted by NSS Wing, RGU. All together 78 NSS volunteers including 11 research scholars actively participated in the program. Addressing the participants in the inaugural session, Special Invitee Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor remarks that not only the youth even senior citizens and leaders of the state need motivation. Why officers, doctors and teachers of the state hesitate to work in the rural areas? He

questioned and briefed that, 3680 villages of the state lack basic minimum needs and asked for introspection and reconstruction. Emphasizing, the role of university students, he advocated that every Arunachalee must develop belongingness in order to bring peace, integrity and development in the state. Though the future of Arunachal is bright, the state will shine only when youth shines he added.

Dr. V.N Sharma, State Liaison Officer (NSS) who was also one of the resource persons of the program questioned in the inaugural session that - if youth are not motivated and inspired, what for the youth is? Pointing out the ability and capacity of the youth he shared that today's youth are not careless or useless but youth have been cared less and used less. In his thought provoking and motivational lecture in the technical session, he encourages the participants not to hesitate in sacrificing the strength of self in building the society.

In the day long program resource person, Ms Likha Kiran Kabak, Senior Faculty, SIRD, Itanagar dealt in length about the what? why? and how? to reconstruct the rural areas in the context of Arunachal. Basing on data, she revealed the status of rural areas in Arunachal and inspired as well as informed the participants about the urgency of rural reconstruction through judicious use of schemes and programs for rural development. Quoting the statement of Mahatma Gandhi "Real India lies in villages",

Dr. Nani Bath, Head, Department of Political Science, RGU, also one of the resource persons of the program spoke in length about the role of youth in rural governance. If at all rural reconstruction is made, it is to be made through clean participation in the electoral politics, adult franchise and village panchayat. He also encourage the participants to contribute more to society, by starting in hostel and classroom. Earlier in the welcome speech the program coordinator, Dr.Otem Moyong, Associate Professor cum NSS Prorgam Officer of RGU highlighted the background and essence of conducting the program. Calling youth as the power house of the state and nation, he advocated for best utilization of youth through motivation for the interest and welfare of the society. Highlighting the rural scenario in the technical session, he advocated for the need of change in mindset and attitudes among the youth for real rural construction. Having been motivated, the participants sought that such program be conducted at every

interval in every part of the state. The program was also attended by Dr. Boa Reena, NSS Program Officer RGU, Prof. R.C Parida of Commerce Department and Mr. Anil Mili, ADPE, RGU. The program was sponsored by National Council for Rural Institute, Hyderabad with the support of RGU, Doimukh.

## **2. Vidyasagar University, West Bengal**

The programme was conducted by the NSS Cell of Vidyasagar University according to the guidelineS of NCRI on 30.07.2014. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Vidyasagar University. He addressed the gathering with an insightful lecture. The programme was presided over by the Registrar (Actg.) of Vidyasagar University. The Guests of Honour were Srimati Swami Mayadhisnanandaji Maharaj, Midnapore Ramakrishna Mission; Prof. Ujjayan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce, Vidyasagar University, Professor Jayanta Kumar Kundu, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Vidyasagar University, Dr. Arun Kumar Maity, Development Officer, Vidyasagar University.

There were five technical sessions with five distinguished speakers speaking on different and relevant subjects. There were 113 participants and 07 organizers.

## **3. SNTD Women's University, Mumbai**

SNTD Women's University, Mumbai in collaboration with National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad, India had conducted one day training programme on **“Motivation Of Youth For Inspiring Rural Reconstruction” on August 7, 2014 at Maharshi Karve Model College, Shriwardhan, Dist:- Raigad, Maharashtra.** The College is situated at Shriwardhan Village in Raigad district, 225 km away from Mumbai City. The College is located at the bottom of the hill. The village is in remote area and govern by local Grampanchayat. This type of training program is really needful to the students. Therefore NSS Cell identified the Maharshi Karve Model College, Shriwardhan, Dist-Raigad for the training program.

The Sarpanch and other dignitaries in the village were invited for this program. The training programme was inaugurated at 10.00 am at the college. Dr. Ashok Salve,

Principal of the College. Dr. Nitin S. Prabhu Tendulkar, Assistant Dean and NSS Programme Coordinator SNDT Women's University, Student President of the college and Member of PTA (Parents Teachers Association) were present for the inauguration programme. The training program was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp and followed by prayer. All of the students sang the University Song and NSS Song.

Dr. Ashok Salve, Principal, Maharshi Karve Model College, Shriwardhan spoke on the **“Need of Life Skills towards career opportunities”** by. He had explained the todays need of life skills for the achievement in all sectors of life. He also explained the career opportunities in the globalization era. The students were enthusiastic and asked questions and queries. All the topics included interactive session.

Dr. Nitin S. Prabhu Tendolkar, spoke of **“Motivation of Youth towards participation in co-curricular activities”**. He had explained the Role of co-curricular and extracurricular activities in development of leadership qualities of individuals and how it is helpful in inspiring the youth in rural reconstruction. The students were enthusiastic and fully involved in the interaction. This session was very interactive and student oriented.

**“The Importance of Community Work and Youth in Rural Reconstruction”** was well explained by the expert. The speaker expressed the importance of Social Work, Community Work and the role of youth in reconstruction of well-equipped villages.

**“Guidelines for Effective Personality Development in Youth”** were given by Dr. V.N. Bhuse, expert, who delivered the speech on Personality Development. He provided valuable inputs for Personality Development of the students. He used play-way method for effective communication in his session. The students enjoyed the session very much.

At the end a panel discussion took place. The panel included Sarpanch, Parent, Teacher, Principal and Programme Coordinator and the topic was **“How to Motivate Youth towards participation in Community Services”**. The students were enthusiastic and asked many questions and queries. The many questions put forth were really touchy and realistic. Students were eager to know the reality in the society and they wished to improve themselves at every step of life.

Overall the one day training program on “Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction” was successful from all aspects. The aim of the National Council of Rural Institutes in conducting one day training programme was successfully met.

#### **4. University of Kalyani, West Bengal**

On 12th November 2014 the NSS Cell, University of Kalyani organized a one-day training programme in association with NCRI, Hyderabad entitled ‘motivation of youth for inspiring rural reconstruction’. This programme was inaugurated by the honorable Vice-Chancellor, University of Kalyani Prof. Rattan Lal Hangloo at 10.30am in the where several faculty members and students were present. Dr. Sukhen Biswas & Dr. Nandini Banerjee Programme Coordinator, NSS, University of Kalyani & HOD, Dept. Of Bengali, University of Kalyan spoke on Rural development through NSS. Dr. Amitava Dutta, Asst. Professor, IRDM, Faculty Centre, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University, Narendrapur, Kolkata spoke on Motivation of Rural Youth through intervention of RKM Loksikshaparisad & Ministry of Youth Affairs. Dr. Sanjib Mridha, Dean, Students Welfare, University of Kalyani, Nadia-West Bengal spoke of Youth as the leader for Promotion of Health & Wellness. Dr. Debjani Guha, Assistant Professor Department of Education University of Kalyani spoke on Youth Motivation: Rural Development & Education. Prof. Arunasish Goswami Department of Veterinary Extension West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences Kolkata spoke on Role of Youth in Rural Reconstruction

After 5.30pm the valedictory programme was organized where all the participants were given certificates. Dr. Sukhen Biswas himself is the NSS Programme Coordinator. Prof. Arunasish Goswami and Dr. Amitava Dutta both are from Kolkata. 80 participants including students, scholars and teachers took the training.

#### **5. University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore**

The programme of one day training started with the prayer followed by NSS song sung by NSS volunteers and Dr. M.S. Nagaraj; NSS Programme Officer, Agricultural College, Hassan welcomed the guests and dignitaries on the dias. Then the programme further

started with lighting of the lamp (Inauguration) by the Honourable the Joint Director of Agriculture (JDA), State Department of Agriculture, Hassan. The programme was presided by the Dean (Agri), Agricultural College, Hassan and other chief guest and lead speakers were occupied the Dias. The chief guest Dr. Balakrishne Gowda, Biofuel Park, Agricultural Research Station, Madenur, Dr. N.E. Tyagaraj, Professor of Entomology, The lead speakers such as Dr. G. Nagesh, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Agril. Extension, The progressive farmers Mr. Krishnappa and Mr. Mahesh. The session ended with the inaugural address by the Joint Director of Agriculture (JDA), State Department of Agriculture, Hassan.

The programme was well organised with four lead speakers and the participants of the programme were the NSS student volunteers of the Agricultural College, Hassan. The main topics covered include:

1. The role of rural education in upliftment of rural economy
2. The role of self employment programme in rural areas
3. The role of small scale industries in rural areas
4. The role Agriculture on the Socio - Economy status of farmers

In the first part of this session Dr. B. Basavaraju, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Seed Science and Technology, Agricultural College, Hassan took over the stage and spoken on The role of rural education in upliftment of rural economy. The actual status of rural education and its impact was well discussed and presented. He emphasised the improvement of rural education in order to avoid migration of people from rural to urban areas.

In the second part of this session Dr. G. Nagesh, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Agricultural Extension, Agricultural College, Hassan took over the stage and spoke on the role of self employment programme in rural areas. He presented the topic with live examples of various self help groups (SHG'S) in local areas and its impact in the upliftment of rural economy. He also emphasised that the self employment which is working very well with rural women. The self employment it's not only of various schemes entrusted for the rural people but the living style of the people as well as society itself will change with the proper use of all the schemes. Especially he stressed more of Agriculture occupation and that itself is a self employment.

In the session after lunch by Mr. Mahesh, proprietor & Progressive farmer, Maravalalu, Arakalgud (Taluk) and Hassan District spoke. He is running the coir pith industry in his village and he took his example and explained how he brought up this industry and income from this small scale industry as good as government employee. He uses the raw material which is available in the local areas and used for the industry. The audience were very much impressed about his presentation.

The last session of training by Mr. Krishnappa, Progressive farmer, Bitta Goudanahally, Hassan (Taluk) and Hassan District. He emphasised present day Agriculture in the district and also scope of Agriculture. The main crops and the common problems faced by the farmers in the region were well discussed. He also highlighted the price issue of the agricultural product that is cost of input is not atleast equal with the cost of output hence the farmers are leaving agriculture and facing towards the urban areas in order to live. He also suggested the audience to cope up with this issue to go for scientific agriculture and right price for the commodity.

Towards the end, the Dean (Agri), Agricultural College, Hassan was given the presidential address and mentioned the summary of all speakers. Then the programme was wound up with the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Krishnamma, P.N. NSS Programme Officer, Agricultural college, Hassan.

## **6. Kuvempu University, Karnataka**

Kuvempu University have conducted one day training programme to Youth of University through the NSS wing during the year 2014-15 as NCRI directed to conduct one day training programme to the Universities of India. In this contest Kuvempu University of Karnataka State have conducted one Day Training programme to the NSS Volunteers of various colleges of Kuvempu University jurisdiction.

It is the Academic Programme of the Universities and NCRI to motivate and inspire the youth of the Nation to reconstruct the rural structure and thought process of the Youth of the Nation to undertake productive entrepreneurial initiative to have productive goods' services growth and make youth viable to the change process to mach for the development tempo of the Nation. In this juncture Kuvempu University of Karnataka

State have conducted one day training programme for 100 students of various colleges of Kuvempu University region at Prof.C.N.R.Rao Hall, Sahyadri College campus, Shimoga on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 as per the direction of NCRI.

The Programme was started at 10.am with formal inauguration. The guest of honours were Dr Ravindra Gadkar, Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Kuvempu University, Sri. Janadrhana Pai, Social Worker Shivamogga and Dr.Kundan Basavaraj, Co-ordinator, NSS Kuvempu University. Dr. Ravindra Gadkar as the inaugurator of the programme light the lamp and in the inauguration speech he talked about the dynamism and group discussion. He threw light upon the problems of rural mass and mobility. He suggested that the mobility and unemployment is the main cause for the rural disorder.

Another chief guest and resource person of the workshop Mr.Janardhan Pai Social Worker, Shivamogga in the second session threw light upon modernization and urbanization impact on the rural life style. He stressed the importance of indignity and its protection.

In the third session resource person Mr.Kashinath Samanvaya, Secretary 'Samanava' NGO Shimoga explicated the importance of Family, village and rural environment on the youths life. He also exhibited the various models of the village and its problems through group formation and presentation.

The fourth session Sri Ramachandra Gunari, Senior Reporter, Indian Express, Shivamogga explored the possibilities of unemployment and importance of role models in the youths life.

The last session cum valedictory Programme was conducted by Dr.Kundan Basavaraj, Co-ordinator, NSS Kuvempu University. In his speech he inspired the delegates through the values system in rural area and its protection for the younger generation and also he quoted the life instances of Swamy Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi as the role model to strengthen the culture and uniqueness of the Nation. In the beginning he also gave the introductory remark about the training programme and gave concluding remark in valedictory. At the end the opinion of the participants has been gathered and certificates

have been issued to the participants by Dr.Kundan Basavaraj Co-ordinator, NSS Kuvempu University along with other dignitaries.

## **7. Mizoram University, Mizoram**

The NSS Cell Mizoram University often felt the need for Youth empowerment. Fortunately on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015, NSS Cell Mizoram University and NSS Unit, Pachhunga University College organized one day fruitful of interesting and beneficial *Training on Motivation of Youth For Inspiring Rural Reconstruction* at Mizo Department Lecture Hall, Pachhunga University College. Dr. Zoramdinthara, Co-coordinator of the workshop had welcome all the resource persons and participants and this was followed by inaugural short speeches of Dr Tawnenga, Principal, Pachhunga University College. In this seminar we had 5 learned-distinguished resource persons and more than 47 students have participated from different streams in the College. This workshop is organized by NSS Cell, Mizoram University and NSS Unit Pachhunga University College with a view to motivate youth for rural reconstruction. The objective of this workshop is primarily to disseminate information on Creativity and innovation, Community health as tools for rural reconstruction, Personality development, preservation of environment and importance of literature in rural reconstruction etc were discussed in departments. This workshop has been designed to be practical with lectures, examples, encourage participation, to raise various issues, challenges, problems which occur during the past and the present. This would give an idea to make new discourse and dimensions for the better understanding of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction. Therefore, the organizers of this workshop do firmly believe that it will provide us not only essential knowledge but also a great opportunity to share experiences both technical and regulatory issues.

For success of this workshop we have received technical and moral supports from Principal of Pachhunga University College who is also the key architect of this Workshop. Besides this, the organizers of this seminar expressed their gratitude to National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad, Ministry of Human resource development, Government of India who sponsored this One Day Training on Motivation of Youth For Inspiring Rural Reconstruction. Therefore, NSS Cell Mizoram University

and NSS Unit, Pachhunga University College were able to organize this workshop and made this event a reality and without NCRI's support and financial assistance, this workshop could not have been made possible.

#### **8. Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, Port Blair**

A one day training programme on Motivation of Youth for Inspiring Rural Reconstruction was organized by the National Service Scheme(NSS) JNRM under the sponsorship of National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad, Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD); in the college Conference Room. The programme was inaugurated by Shri.M.N.Murali, Director of Industries, A& N Administration. During his inaugural address he emphasized the need to inculcate rural entrepreneurship spirit among the youths to develop the rural areas and also to check the rural-urban migration. Dr. Iqbal Ahmad, Principal, JNRM, was the Guest of Honour and while speaking on the occasion he said, rural reconstruction is the primary need for the National Reconstruction and youth have a greater role to play in that. The Programme was organized in 5(Five) sessions with a special address on Rural Health issues by Dr.AmitabDey, Deputy Director, Malaria, DHS A & N Administration.

Dr. Madhusudan Kundu, Principal Scientist, CIARI, Port Blair spoke on Agriculture with special reference to Animal Husbandry and Rural Development. Shri. A. Sinha Roy, Executive Officer, KVIB on Role of Rural Industries in employment generation, Shri. Ranjan Kumar, Director SBI, RSETI, Port Blair spoke on on Financial Inclusion and Rural Development, Shri. K.Venkateshan, HOD Home Science, JNRM took class on youth participation in Rural Development and had participatory interaction with the NSS students volunteers. In the valedictory session, Shri.Dharmendra Kumar, Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, A & N Administration and also the State Liaison Officer, NSS Andaman & Nicobar Islands was the Chief Guest. He felicitated Shri. Mohan Halder, Pradhan, Tushnabad Gram Panchayat for his innovative leadership to bring a healthy development of the village. Shri. Dharmendra Kumar, while speaking he highlighted the importance of rural India in bringing prosperity to our country. Shri. Mohan Halder also spoke the role and scope of PRIs in Rural Development. Dr. AmitabDey, the Guest of Honor asked the participant students to take up the activities to bring prosperity in the

rural areas. Shri. Kandimuthu, Assistant Professor in Economics, JNRM and State Programme Co-ordinator who also the co-ordinator of this training earlier delivered welcome address and presented the report of the programme in detail and spoke on Towards rural reconstruction - the NSS way and inspiring youth for rural reconstruction respectively. The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Shri.K.Venkateshan, Assistant Professor and HOD Home Science, JNRM. Ms. Sansarwati, Associate Professor in Hindi and Programme Officer, NSS moderated the programme and chaired a session.

### **9. North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon**

School of Education & N.S.S., Department, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon organized one day training programme on “**Motivation of youth for Inspiring rural Reconstruction**” sponsored by **National Council of Rural Institutes** (Ministry of Human resource Development ,Government of India, Hyderabad on 17<sup>th</sup> ,March,2015 at School of Education, Social Sciences building, NMU campus.

This training programme was inaugurated by Dr.A.M.Mahajan, Registrar of North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, Sou.Vijaytai Patil, former sarpanch of Vadgaon(Bk), Prof.S.B.Salve, Director, Department of Students Welfare & Co-odinartor, N.S.S and Dr.S.P.Badgular, Director, Adult and Continuous Education and Dr.Manisha Indani, Head of the Department of Education, N.M.U., Jalogan, while inauguration of training proramme was done by watering the plant.

Prof.S.B.Salve explained the need of the programme. He also explained the schedule of the programme.

Mrs.Vajaytai Patil shared her experiences regarding working with rural people with the participants. She expressed that there are many difficulties in the rural area. But today’s youth can solve these problems with their power and pressure. In her speech she addressed woman that to live independently and think independently.

Prof.A.M.Mahajan, Registrar, N.M.U. Jalgaon expressed dissatisfaction about progress of the villages. He told that after 35 years the problems are the same as before it was. So, there is need to bring change in the mentality of the rural people.

Dr.Vilas Chaven, Associate Professor, M.D. Palesha Commerce Collage, Dhule explained the role of youth through NSS in rural resconstruction.NSS can bring drastic change in the mentality of people.NSS motivates the students for rural development.

Youth & rural development was topic covered by Dr.S.P.Badgujr, Director, Adult and continuous Education, N.M.U., Jalgaon. He has provided the information regarding various schemes conducted by the government for the rural development.

The fourth session was conducted by the Prof. S.B.Salve. He also explained the role of youth in rural development. He shared his experiences regarding organization of NSS camps in rural area.

The participants shared their experiences and views regarding rural development.Validictory speech was delivered by Prof.S.B.Salve. He has taken eye review of the programme. The vote of thanks was passed by Dr.M.V.Indani.

## **Programmes sponsored by NCRI Hyderabad to Krishi Vigyan Kendras**

### **1. KVK Panchmahal, Godhra, Gujarat**

A day long training programme was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Panchmahal, Vejalpur in collaboration with NCRI, Hyderabad on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. This training programme was supported and catalyzed by National Council of Rural Institute under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, Hyderabad. This training programme was conducted to promote the rural technology on “Value Addition of Semi Arid Fruit Crops”.

Participants from different villages viz., Richhiya, Mehlol, Kharasaliya, Harkundi, Isrodiya, Ratnapur, Kakanpur, Ramnath and Mokal of Panchmahal district were trained by the experts on the subject concerned to educate the trainees. All of them 18 male and 12 female trainees were participated in the said training programme.

Dr.(Smt.) Kanak Lata, Programme Coordinator of KVK introduced some Semi Arid Fruits crops and explained their nutritive values in human diet. During her class, some prominent method of preservation were introduced followed by practical demonstration of Karonda Jelly making.

Smt. Shefali Modi, Assistant Prof. (Food Processing) of Agriculture Engineering College of Anand Agriculture University, Godhra, Gujarat explained about wood apple and its value addition and introduced demonstration method to prepare wood apple Jam. She also focused on nutritive values of wood apple. The wood apple is wildly available in the district in huge quantity. The local population consumes it only raw because they are not aware about its value addition and any preservation method. After the training, they can value addition and prepare wood apple jam very easily.

Dr. Navneet Kumar, Associate Prof. (Food Processing), Agriculture Engineering College, AAU, Godhra, Gujarat explained about the tools of food processing and its uses. He also demonstrated various tools among, the participants to educate themselves.

Shri Balbir Singh Khadda, SMS (Animal Science) of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Panchmahal explained use of waste of fruits preservation process for Animals fed and keep the

environment clean and healthy. During the concluding function to the training programme the participants gave their feed back of the course and raised queries and pursue their curiosity in the field of value addition of semi arid fruit crops. Experts clarify all queries raised by trainees.

## 2. KVK Lam, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

One day training programme on Rural Awareness with Gandhian Philosophy was organised on on “Scientific Management of Dairy animals” by Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Lam, Guntur in collaboration with National Council for Rural Institutes ( NCRI), Hyderabad 13.06.2014. The inaugural session was started at 10:00 AM by Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, addressed the farmers to get awareness on important Scientific Management Practices of calves and milch animals for profitable rearing. The livestock farmers should cultivate improved perennial fodder varieties like APBN – 1, Co-1, Co-2, Co-3 along with legume fodders in the available land for feeding their animals. He also advised the farming community to follow integrated system of rearing along with livestock which gives more income and economical to the farmers. Farmers from different villages i.e., Karlapudi, Nambur, Kantheru, Ananthavaram ,Narsaraopet, Morumpudi and Thallur were 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 2 farmers scored more than 50% marks.

Dr. S. Sreedhar KVK delivered a lecture on “*Nutritional Importance of dairy animals in field conditions*”. He also explained the farmers about selection of important feed and fodders for better productivity of milch animals. “*Scientific Management of calf rearing and selection of milch animals for high milk yield*” was covered by Dr. A Srinivasa Reddy delivered a lecture on silage making which will be helpful for feeding the animals during fodder scarcity period.

Dr. A Srinivasa Reddy, interacted with the participants for discussing the problems and issues of dairy farmers at field level. The farmers expressed reproductive failure due to Endometritis and Anoestrus and calf mortality as major problems. Some of the live-stock

owners felt fodder shortage as important problem. 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.

### 3. KVK Utukur, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Utukur, Kadapa organised one day orientation training programme on “Bio-Pesticides and their use in Plant Protection on 13-8-2014 at KVK training hall. The training programme was sponsored by National Council of Rural Technologies (NCRI), Hyderabad (Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India) under the activity of development of rural areas, education to rural youth and exhibition of rural products based on Gandhian Philosophy all over the India.

The training programme participants include 30 practicing farmers of YSR district of Andhra Pradesh. The training programme was conducted with an objective of orienting the farmers about the importance, use and usage practices of various available bio-pesticides suitable for the major crops in the district viz., groundnut, paddy, cotton, redgram, turmeric, Bengalgram, betelvine, papaya etc. Importance and use of available bio-agents like insect predators, fungal pathogens, viral pathogens, plant extracts etc were explained to the farmers along with the demonstration of how to use them in plant protection.

Training programme organised in five sessions with expert speakers on various aspects of the bio-pesticides usage in agriculture. Dr.B.Padmodaya, Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) & Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kadapa; Dr.G.Karunasagar, Principal Scientist & Head, Agricultural Research Station, Utukur, Kadapa; Dr.A.Veraiah, Coordinator, DAATTC, Kadapa, Mr.K.Sunil Kumar, Scientist (Entomology), Agricultural Research Station, Utukur, Kadapa participated as eminent speakers in the training programme and delivered the lectures. Also trainee farmers visited the Bio-control laboratory of State Department of Agriculture location in Kadapa and explained

to them about the production of bio-control agents like *Trichoderma vidiri*, *Pseudomonas* sps. etc., Ms. M V Pusalatha, Agricultural Officer, Bio-Control laboratory, Kadapa explained the farmers about the bio-agents production activities in the laboratory.

A booklet on Bio-pesticides and their use in plant protection was written by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Subject Matter Specialists and printed for the purpose of distribution to the trainee farmers and others farmers in the district. The book was released during the training programme.

KVK staff Mr.Madan Mohan, SMS (Crop Production), Dr.Kadiri Mohan, SMS (Agril. Extension), Ms.Ramalakshi Devi, SMS (Animal Husbandry), Ms. Ranjitha, RA (Plant Protection) and Mr.P.Vinod Kumar, RA (Horticulture) associated in organising the programme and participated in the training programme.

#### 4. KVK West Tripura, (Sri Ramakrishna Seva Kendra)

The programme was organized with the spontaneous participation of 55 numbers of rural youths, farmers and farm women from eight nos. of villages under newly formed Khowai district of undivided West Tripura District. The programme was partitioned with five different sessions of 1hr 30 minute duration.

Lecture on ‘Gandhian Philosophy-Concept and Method of Application in Society’ was delivered by Dr. L.C.Patel, Programme Coordinator of the KVK. He discussed elaborately about the topic and conveyed thankfulness to NCRI for selecting KVK to generate awareness among the beneficiaries of KVK. He opined that honesty, truthfulness, dedication, hard work, interpersonal relation in the society is an urgent need and application of such qualities are required to utilize human resource in optimum ways. He discussed about the non violence movement of Father of our Nation, his patience and selfless nature for greater benefit of nation which should be replicated by every member of the country.

Dr. N. Islam, SMS-Animal Science of the KVK discussed about ‘Community Approaches for Prevention of Livestock Diseases’. He opined that mass vaccination at a same time is required for total eradication of a disease at a locality along with hygienic

practices. Every member of the society should take responsibility to create awareness and knowledge learned during the programme should be propagated. Dead animals and birds were suggested to dispose properly without throwing anywhere else. He discussed about the vaccination schedule of different livestock and poultry along with method of organizing vaccination camp at a locality.

Mr. D.Nath, SMS-Agril. Extension of the KVK discussed about 'Public Participation for Economic Upliftment of Society'. He opined that SHGs, CIGs, Farmer's Club and NGOs can be formed for economic sustainability and several agencies/departments including KVKs are assisting for the same. He also discussed about time management methods for efficient performance in day to day life.

Ms. S. Shil, SMS-Horticulture and Mr. S.C. Biswas, SMS-Home Science of the KVK discussed about 'Women empowerment through fruits and vegetable processing'. They suggested the male participants to assist their female relatives and neighbours to empower as without their development society cannot be uplifted. They also suggested the women participants to undergo detail training under KVK for economic sustainability and empowerment in the society.

Mr. S. Choudhury, Programme Assistant-Fishery discussed about Integrated Approaches for enhancement of Income through Fishery Based Farming System. He opined that organic recycling is very much important in agricultural possession of a farmer and fishery is a good sector to utilize the organic matter to fetch maximum economic benefit.

At the end of the programme, post training evaluation was performed and participant's feedback was recorded. Participants were very much encouraged by the programme and such type of training was requested to organize for more duration upto 3 days. After successful completion of the day long programme, certificates of participation was distributed. Programme coordinator of KVK suggested the participants to be touch with the different sections of the KVK for future guidance. They were suggested to put forward application to Programme Coordinator for any assistance in their agricultural activities.

The whole programme programme was coordinated by Dr. N.Islam, SMS-Animal Science of the KVK and registered vote of thanks to NCRI and ZPD-III, ICAR for selecting KVK West Tripura to impart the awareness programme. Spontaneous participation of the trainees was observed as a good response towards the topic and KVK experts assured assistance to the participants in future.

#### 5. KVK Devataj, Anand Agricultural University, Gujarat

One day orientation programme on Rural Awareness on Gandhian Philosophy was conducted on 16.09.2014 at KVK, Devataj, AAU, Anand. This programme is sponsored by National Council for Ruaral Institute (NCRI), Ministry of Human Resource Development, GOI. Chief guest of programme was Mr. Bhupatsingh R. Sarvaiya (Expert on Gandhian Philosophy, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmadabad) and Director of Extension Education, AAU, Anand Dr. P. P. Patel was present for this programme. Total five lectures were delivered during this programme.

Programme was started with Saraswati Vandana followed by the floral welcome of all the guest. Dr. G.G. Patel, Prog. Coordinator, KVK, Devataj delivered welcome address, then gave the theme of programme, inform farmers about the Gandhian Philosophy. Mr. Bhupatsingh R. Sarvaiya from Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmadabad delivered lecture on Gandhian Philosophy. He narrated some incidences from the life of Mahatma Gandhiji. He persuades all the audience to educate our children morality, culture and honesty. He emphasizes the importance of following Gandhian philosophy. He also narrated the activities of Gujarat Vidyapeeth about Gandhian way of life such as cotton spinning daily for 1 hour, employment generation through 'khadi' industry, self made cloths for students, illiteracy awareness. He started "Charkaha Abhiyan" in four districts of Gujarat State. He also invited all the audience to visit Gujarat Vidyapeeth and see the daily activities.

Another invited guest for this programme was Mr. Dipenbhai Patel, Progressive and National Award Winning farmer of Kunjarav Village of Anand District. He won the national award from Prime Minister of India for Drumstick Processing. He informs the farmer regarding nutritional facts of Drumstick. He also informs all that Drumstick can

cure more than 300 disease conditions. Recently he has applied for the license to produce Drumstick powder.

Next lecture was delivered by Dr. Shrikant B. Katole, Subject Matter Specialist, Animal Science, KVK, Devataj. Dr. Katole gave the introduction of various important events in life of Gandhiji. He also convinced the farmers how Gandhiji's principles have relevance in day to day life and how they will be helpful for future generation. Dr. Katole appeal to keep away from fast food and western culture. Later on he switch over to Animal Husbandry sector and inform farmers various techniques for improving livelihood of farmers through improved animal production. After that lunch break, lunch comprised of one sweet and full dish farmers enjoyed the lunch.

Post lunch session started with the lecture of Dr. G.G. Patel, Prog. Coordinator, KVK, Devataj. He emphasizes the role of KVK for the empowerment of rural youth so that they can be self reliant. He encourages the rural youth to join hands with KVK and start some units like Vermicompost unit, nursery unit, fish farming etc. He requested them to be the manager of Agriculture. After this Dr. P. P. Patel, DEE, AAU, Anand delivered lecture on importance of Gandhiji's life as a guide for economic upliftment of rural areas. By following Gandhian philosophy villages will be self reliant and they can fulfill their own needs. Dr. R.B. Maradia, Executive Director (Agri.), Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited, Gandhinagar while going from our KVK take a break and asked what is going on. Dr. G.G. Patel, Prog. Coordinator, KVK, Devataj told him that a programme on Gandhian Philosophy is being organized at this centre. He happily joined the programme at 15.30 and informed all the audience regarding activities of Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam. He also informed how to use water effectively and water management for agriculture for increasing agriculture output.

Total 40 of which 30 male and 10 female farmers were present and actively participated in this programme. Total 14 invited guest including staff of KVK, Devataj were present for the programme. After Lunch, all farmers were shown two video regarding activities on Gandhiji of Gujarat Vidypeeth and processing of Drumstick.

Dr. Shrikant Katole, Course Co-coordinator asked the farmers to give their feedback about this programme in prescribed format. Shri N.B. Patel (SMS, Agronomy) and Mrs.

Amita Parmar (SMS, Horticulture) assisted in feedback session. The programme anchored by Mr. Jaimin Bhatt (SMS, Fisheries). Shri B.T. Sheta (SMS, Soil Science) and Mrs. Raginiben Rathwa (Computer Prog.) and all other staff of this KVK extended their cooperation for overall success of the programme.

Dr. P.B. Patel (SMS, Plant Protection) also told some incidence of his childhood regarding Gandhiji and later on propose the vote of thanks. He also extends our gratitude to NCRI, Hyderabad for sponsoring this programme.

#### 6. KVK Taralabalu, Davangere, Karanataka

ICAR-Taralabalu Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Davangere, organised one day seminar on the topic 'Rural Awareness on Gandhian Philosophy' sponsored by National Council of Rural Institutes, Hyderabad, on 31-10-2014.

The district administration has trained 5113 youth in district under "Bharat Nirman Volunteer" Scheme. These youth were trained in ongoing rural development programmes of the government and to mobilise people participation in development programmes in rural areas.

These youth were invited for the seminar and in all 22 youth from all 6 blocks were participated. These youth were minimum of 10<sup>th</sup> standard in education level. The average age of the participant youth was 32years.

Inaugurating the conference Dr. Kumar. B.P spoke on Gandhi, Villages, Small is beautiful, Dr. Kumar recalled the real gandhian ideology of rural development. India is seen in villages not in cities towns. Civilisation was evolved and developed in villages, village sanitisation, family food security, water resources, concept of swadeshi and observed that invasion of multinational companies is a big problem Rural self employment and limitation in the area of mechanisation were explained by him.

Dr. R.G. Gollar delivered lecture on "satisfactory rural life based on Gandhian philosophy", highlighted the disciplined, innovative agriculture based on integrated farming system practiced by 'Krishi Pandith' award winning farmers of the state He stressed to utilise social – economic development opportunities through agriculture

resources available in the district. Rural youth should spread the information on development programmes initiated by the government, he added.

Mr. Pradeep. B.S. who spoke on “Gandhi and Rural Development” highlighted the Gandhian Principles like rural reconstruction, truth, non-violence, freedom of equality, full employment, de-centralisation swadeshi and co-operation and their importance in rural development.

Smt. Sumathi Jayappa, who delivered lecture on “Role of Youth in Rural development based on Gandhian Principles.’ She highlighted the social evils like, child marriage, dowry system, inequality, problem of alcohol, illiteracy, poverty, untouchability etc., and there resistance for successful implementation of rural development programmes.

Dr. Devaraja. T.N. Programme Co-ordinator, Taralabalu KVK, Davangere distributed the prizes to winner in quiz programme and in his concluding remarks emphasised the role of youth in bringing desirable changes in rural scenario and in technology dissemination. The Bharath Nirman Youth Should act as linking factor between development agencies and farmers in villages.

The following youth won the prizes in the quiz on Mahatma Gandhiji conducted during the seminar.

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize was shared by Mr. Gopalappa. D., Mr. Revanna. S. and Raju. B. and 4<sup>th</sup> place by Mr. Shanmukha. S.

7. KVK, Sonapur, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

The programme has been organized in which 30 participants were there, it was inaugurated by the hands of Agriculture Development Officer, Zillha Parishad, Gadchiroli G.r. Kapse and SDO Gadchiroli M.K. Sontakee were also present.

G.R.Kapse has given them an example of fruits and vegetables processing of successful SHGs working on processed products and examples of Maharastra state SHG’s. M.K.Sontakke delivered a lecture on government scheme for fruits and vegetables processing. D.N.Anokar agronomist has given all the cultivation practices regarding fruits and vegetables. S.S.Karhale, (Agril.Engg.) has given a demo of Mini Dal Mill and

Cashew processing. Dr.S.P.Lambe has enlightened on the economic growth due to processing of fruits and vegetables.

Yogita Sanap, Home Science given hands on experience regarding hygiene during processing and demonstration of fruits and vegetables processing.

The SHG members found the lectures and demonstration very useful and they showed their willingness to step in processing of fruits and vegetables.

#### 8.KVK Kapurthala, Punjab

A one day programme was organized at the KVK, Kapurthala in which 30 farmers from the district participated. As per the given programme, there were 5 technical sessions.

Dr Manoj Sharma, Programme Coordinator, KVK welcomed all the farmers, faculty, guests, press and media persons and elaborated the purpose of this awareness programme being organized at the KVK campus.

On this occasion, Sh Rajiv Arora, Senior Manager, IDBI Bank, Kapurthala was the chief Guest and Sh. H S Bawa , Fisheries Extension Officer, Department of Fisheries, Govt of Punjab, was the Guest of Honour. In the opening remarks, Sh Arora appreciated the efforts of KVK in creating awareness among rural youth about KVK activities. Similarly, he told that farmers must use the loan amount for the purpose it is taken otherwise it will be very difficult for them to return the loan amount, if used for other non productive purposes.

Sh. HS Bawa delivered a lecture on adoption of fisheries as subsidiary occupation and requested the farmers to acquire training from the department or from KVK before starting this occupation.

Dr Gurpreet Singh Khalsa, Asstt. Professor (Vegetable Science) delivered a talk on raising summer vegetables for diversification at the household level. He also stressed upon the seed production of vegetables as 70 % vegetable seeds available in the market are non hybrids and thus can be produced at the farmer's level.

Dr Gobinder Singh, Asstt. Professor (Soil science) delivered a lecture on use of balanced fertilizers in kharif crops . He stressed upon that farmers must use fertilizers based on soil test report for which they should get the soil samples tested from the KVK's laboratory. This will definitely increase their margin of profit as fertilizers are becoming costlier day by day.

Dr Jagjot Singh, Asstt. Professor (Agronomy) stressed upon the need of diversification in Punjab in order to save the natural resources i.e soil and water. He emphasized that farmers must cultivate high value crops for increasing their margin of profit in place of rice and wheat. For this purpose , they should create marketing infrastructure also at their own level.

Dr Gurmeet Singh, Asstt. Professor (Plant protection) highlighted the role of honey bee keeping in diversification. Trainees were also exposed to the honey bee hives and provided practical training also.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Programme Assistant delivered lecture on scope of dairy farming in Punjab, whereas Dr. Manoj Sharma highlighted the role of backyard poultry for daily consumption of eggs and meat at household level. He cautioned that before starting these enterprises of dairy and poultry farmers must acquire training from KVK, otherwise, there are chances they may suffer a loss.

#### **4.2 AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON SWATCH BHARATH**

NCRI has conducted one day Awareness Programme on Swachh Bharath Abhayan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 in association with SERVIS a non-profitable well established 20 years old NGO.

The Programme was conducted at Kuntluru Village, Hayatnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. The Programme was being started at 8.45 AM with clean and green environment for which the Municipal Counsellor Sri Jagan Mudiraj, ward committee members, temple committee members were participated and address the gathering the main purpose of conducting this swatch bharat abhyan programme of clean and green to the youth and woman of the kuntlur village. Temple ward committee member Mr. Bikshapati was also address the gathering and he told all the residents members of kuntlur village should keep

their surrounding clean & green environment for 365 days in a year so that the village residents will not have any diseases and doesnot have any health problems.

The actual programme was started at 11.00 a.m. near Sai Saba Temple, Kuntluru (Village.). The Programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Sri S. Satyanarayana, Executive Director, S.'C. Corporation, Hyderabad and which was presided by Nagar Panchayat Municipal Counselor Sri Jagan Mudiraj, and other officials of NCRI Sri B.V.N.R. Srinivas, Accountant Sri Ravi and Local Leaders, Ward Committee Members Sri Lingaiah, Sri Bikshapathi, Sarpanch and Local Co-ordinator Sri Venu and SERVIS NGO, Director HR Smt P.Arunima, Sri K. Sri Ram, Programme Officer, Programme Assistant Smt. Renuka were present. The number of participants was 80 to 90 members of Youth and others. There was a debate and cultural activity and speeches given by the participants. Some of the youth actively participated in giving speech and singing patriotic songs. The following officials were present on the one day awareness camp of swach bharat abhyan programme on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 on the occasion of Gandhi jayanthi celebrations.

Mr K Sriram Programme Officer (Servis) NGO has welcome the dignitaries and Chief Guest on to the Dias. He also introduced the ward members counselors and temple committee members and Village Sarpanch to the Chief guest. Bouquet presentation was given to the dignitaries on the dias by Smt Renuka – Prograame Assistant Servis NGO, Mr Venu Gopal – Co.ordinator and Mr K Sriram – Programme officer.

Mr Jagan Mudiraj – Counselor Nagar Panchayat – Kuntulur village, Hayatnagar Mandal has addressed the gathering and he was stressing on the importance of swach bharat programme and he said everybody including children, youth and women should actively participate in this programme.

The Chief Guest Sri S. Satyanarayana Garu addressed the gathering and informed about the purpose of doing this Awareness Programme by the NCRI and SERVIS NGO about "Swach Bharath" and importance of Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations and he was being told

to youth to start from their house "Clean & Green" and see that all the village community make a group and keep the Kuntulur Village a Clean and Green Environment. And other leaders and Municipal Counselor Sri Jagan Mudiraj has appreciated the NCRI for taking the initiating in conducting this programmes in our village and he also requested to conduct this type of programmes in many places for the Awareness of the people on different social activities and different topics for the Community development.

Sri K. Sri Ram, Programme Officer, SERVIS NGO Organisation has been Welcome the gathering and also told of Vote of thanks and he also told about the programme Agenda and importance and objective of conducting this programme.

### **4.3 NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY**

The Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi through his letter D.O.No.14-PN-1/Dated:15.10.2014 has requested all the Heads of Autonomous Organizations including NCRI, Hyderabad to make necessary arrangements for Celebration of "National Education Day" on 11.11.2014 on the eve of birth anniversary of Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad the Great Freedom Fighter, Eminent Educationist and the First Union Minister of Education, by organizing Seminar/Sympoisa, Essay Writing/Elocution Competitions, Workshops and rallies with banners and Slogans on importance of Education.

NCRI Hyderabad has organized National Education Day in collaboration with Department of Education, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack (Odisha) on November 11, 2014 in the Heritage Hall of the Ravenshaw University. The registration of the participants was done at 9 a.m. and about 230 participants were registered for the programme. The inauguration of the event took place at 10 a.m. For the Inaugural session, the distinguished guests were:

Post-graduate and Undergraduate students covering following institutions including the students of Department of Education, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack participated in the event.

1. Radhanath Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Cuttack

2. Sailabala Womens College, Cuttack
3. Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar
4. B.J.B. Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar
5. Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar
6. Jayadev College of Education, Naharkanta, Cuttack
7. P.N. Autonomous College, Khurdah
8. Banki College, Banki, Cuttack
9. Panchayat Prahallad College, Nishchintakoili, Cuttack
10. Salipur College, Salipur, Cuttack
11. Christ College, Cuttack

About half of the above colleges are situated in rural areas of Odisha. These colleges were selected from three districts of Odisha: Cuttack, Khurdah and Jagatsinghpur. Most of the student participants were from rural background.

The event started with lighting of the lamp and a chorus by the students of the Department of Education. Welcome address was delivered by Prof. G.C. Nanda. He introduced the guests on the dias and the participants coming from different colleges. In his address, he spoke about the importance of National Education Day.

During his introductory note on National Education Day, Dr. D.N. Dash oriented participants about the role of National Council of Rural Institutes (NCRI), Hyderabad towards promoting rural education in the path of Gandhiji's educational thought. He also deliberated upon the role of Maulana Azad in the freedom struggle and promoting education in the country. He also extended his thankfulness to the Department of Education towards organizing this event.

Prof. P.K. Mohapatra, Chairman, Council of Deans, Ravenshaw University emphasized upon the role of education in creating a good human being rather providing information to the children. Further, he also threw light on Maulana's effort for communal harmony and national education system.

The Vice-Chancellor in his inaugural address focussed on the life and achievement of Maulana Azad. He pointed out that Maulana was a learned person and a symbol of

communal harmony; he laid the foundation of a national system of education and nurtured the processes accordingly. The establishment of UGC, IITs and IISc were possible due to his endeavour. Prof. Tripathy said that the aim of Education is not to impart knowledge or skill but to create a good human being.

At the end of the inaugural session, Dr. Sudarshan Mishra extended vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and the participants coming from different institutions. The inaugural session ended at about 11.45 p.m.

The second session which was started at 12 noon, an inter-college essay writing competition was held at two levels: Undergraduate and Postgraduate level. The topic was “Contribution of Maulana Azad in India’s Development”. Four colleges participated at postgraduate level and ten colleges participated at undergraduate level. The competition was monitored by faculty members of the Department of Education as well as the faculty members of different colleges.

After the Essay competition, an inter-college Quiz competition was held at two levels: Undergraduate and Postgraduate level. Five colleges participated at the postgraduate level and eight colleges participated at undergraduate level quiz competition. The competition was monitored by faculty members of the Department of Education as well as faculty members of different colleges. There were about five to six participants from each college each at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level.

There were three rounds in the quiz and each round was having five objective type questions related to education. In round-I, multiple choice questions with 30 points for correct answer and no time limits for the answer. For incorrect answer the same question was passed to the next two successive groups with 15 points for correct answer and second pass with 8 points for correct answer. For round-II, five objective questions with true/false were asked and each correct answer carried 10 points and 10 seconds time limit for each questions. Round-III was rapid fire round with five questions and each correct answer carried 20 points and 10 seconds time limit for each question. There were no negative point for incorrect answer and no passing of the same question to the next succeeding group for round II and round III. The faculty members Dr. A. Dansana, Dr. S.P. Mohanty, Ms.

Praveen Bobby Binjha, Dr. S.K. Rout, Dr. B.C.Das, Mr. Kulmani Sahoo and PG III Semester students conducted the activities.

A Panel Discussion on the theme “Contribution of Maulana Azad as an Educationist” was held at 3 p.m. There were two distinguished panelists: Prof. Pritish Acharya, Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar and Prof. Abhiram Biswal, Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar. The session was chaired by Prof. G.C. Nanda. While Dr. Biswal highlighted about Maulana’s personal and public life and his contribution to Freedom Movement and communal harmony, Prof. Acharya focused on Maulana as an educationist and his vision for a national system of education. The Panel Discussion was followed by an interaction session in which house was opened for questions and reflections from audience gallery. The participants including the faculty members from different colleges share their experiences about the event.

After panel discussion, prizes and certificates were given by Prof. B.C. Tripathy, Vice Chancellor, Ravenshaw University. The Valedictory Session of the event was addressed by Prof. B.C. Tripathy. During his valedictory address, he appreciated the organization of National Education Day by the Department of Education in collaboration with NCRI, Hyderabad. He said that the National Education Day passes a strong message to the society for promotion of education at different stages and consequently the society will understand the bigger role of education in development and enhancing the quality of life.

## 5. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2014-2015

### 5.1. Budget:

The Ministry of HRD originally allocated a budget of Rs.77.50 lakh under Plan head and Rs.119.68 lakh under Non-Plan head for the year 2014-15 to the Council. However, the Ministry has revised the budget to Rs.Nil and Rs.113.01 lakh for Plan and Non-plan heads respectively. Due to carry forward of unspent balance of Rs.103.43 lakh of the year 2013-14 under the Plan head, the Ministry of HRD had not released any grant under the Plan head for the current year. Out of the total revised allocation of Rs.113.01 lakh under Non-plan head, an amount of Rs.80.14 lakh was released by the Ministry during the year 2014-15.

## 5.2 Submission of Utilization Certificate

The Ministry of Human Resource Department (HRD) approved the utilization certificate of the Council for the year 2013-14.

## 5.3 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 12.04.2012 to 07.01.2015.

Dr.P. Durgaprasad assumed the charge as full time Chairman, NCRI Hyderabad on 07.01.2015.

- 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 23.02.2011 to 22.07.2014.

Dr. Debendra Nath Dash, Assistant Director (R&N), NCRI Hyderabad took the charge of Member Secretary (FAC), NCRI, Hyderabad from 23.07.2014 to 04.11.2014. Prof. M. Sudhakar, who is working as a Deputy Registrar, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad was appointed as Member Secretary In-charge with effect from 05.11.2014 to 30.01.2015.

Dr. Debendra Nath Dash, Assistant Director (R&N), NCRI, Hyderabad taken the charge of Member Secretary In-Charge from 31.01.2015 to till date

- 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 2014-15.

**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 2014-2015 have been audited by a Chartered Accountant and also by the Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Hyderabad.