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About CREST



Centre for Research & Education for Social Transformation (CREST) is an autonomous institution under Government of Kerala. CREST has been conceived as a national institute of humanities, science and professional studies, addressing the needs of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalized communities of India while integrating with the informational society. The Centre was incubated by Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode. The governing council headed by the Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities as Chairman monitors the activities of the Centre. Dignitaries like the Governor of Kerala, Chief Minister of Kerala and the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly are the patrons of this autonomous institution. The Governing Council has representation from institutions like Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Thiruvananthapuram and Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.

Activities

Screening of the Documentary , “salma”

A documentary on Tamil poet Salma was screened at CREST on 9 October 2013. The film “Salma” Directed by the British film maker Kim Longinotto . The documentary focuses on women’s



resistance to a developing world that hasn’t caught up with developments in gender equality. The film , produced by Channer 4, UK depicts the story of Salma, a young girl of thirteen from Tamil Nadu who was forbidden to study due to religious reasons. Words were Salma’s salvation. She began covertly composing poems on scraps of paper and, through an intricate system, was able to sneak them out of the house, eventually getting them into the hands of a publisher. Against the odds, Salma became the most famous Tamil poet: the first step to discovering her own freedom and

challenging the traditions and code of conduct in her village. The poet Salma was present at the screening.

Peer-level mentoring workshop at IIMK

A peer level mentoring workshop was held for PGCCPD students at the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, on October 12, 2013 . The workshop served as an introduction to the



regular peer-level mentoring sessions conducted by IIM students for CREST students. Sessions covered included communication skills, inter-personal skills, CV writing and interview skills

Workshop on Private Sector & Public Sector Employability



A one day workshop on Private Sector & Public Sector Employability was held at CREST on 6 September 2013, conducted by Ms. Remya Roshni and Mr. Arun PT. Remya Roshni was in the Indian Police Service (IPS). She has authored a self help guide book on the Myths and Realities on IAS Exams which was published by DC Books. Mr. Arun P T was in the Indian Postal Service and founder of DOOR Centre for Civil Services in Chennai. The workshop held sessions on CV making, interview and group discussions

Special Lecture on Gender Equity



Ms. Jinu Abraham , Faculty, Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) Satellite Campus, Kozhikode held a workshop on gender equity on 5 September 2013 . The themes covered included the disparities in wages between women and men; participation women in political activities; economic, political and social status of women in society; and women's vulnerability to poverty and violence

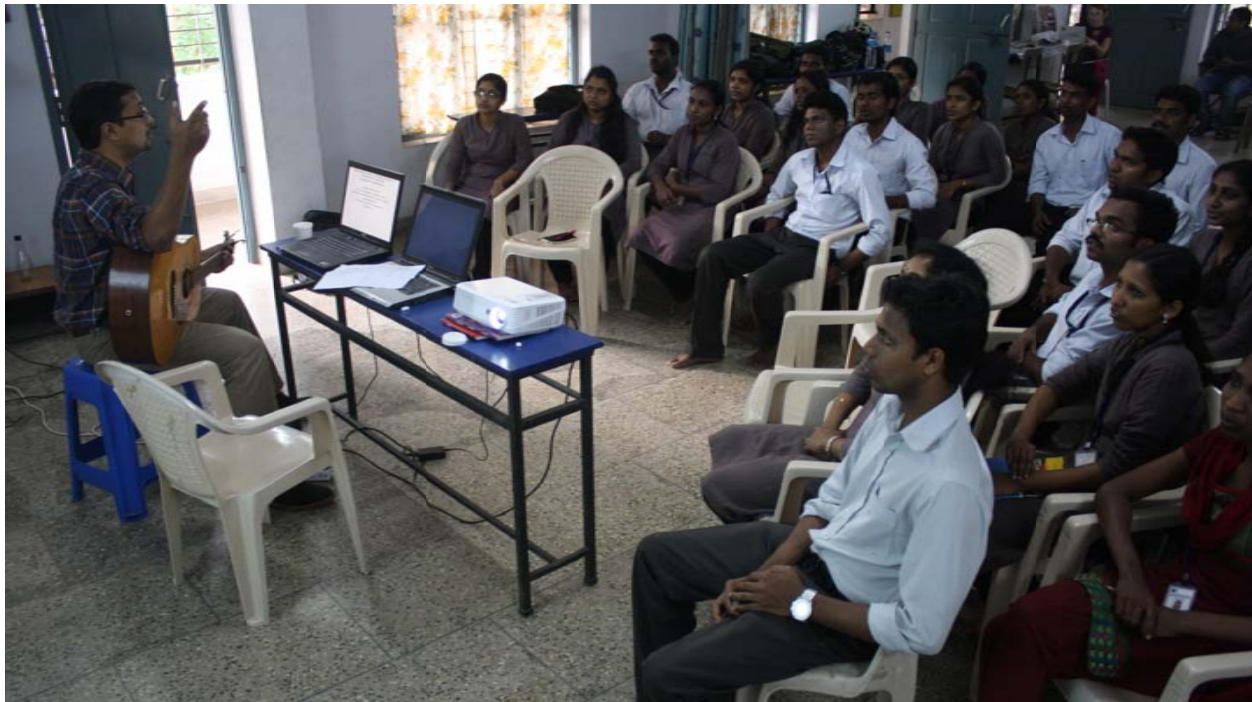
Workshop – “Design Your Destiny ”



Balachandran Gopinath, International Training Fellow of the Junior Chamber Training Institute of USA conducted a workshop “Design Your Destiny ” on 24 October 2013 and December 23 and 24, 2013 with an objective to improve the confidence level of students. Balachandran Gopinath is the Certification Commissioner and International Training Fellow for JCI University, U.S.A. He is a H.R.D. Consultant and international trainer with over two decades of experience

Workshop on Understanding Music

Saroop Ommen, Manager-Arts, Unwind Centre, Chennai conducted a two-day workshop on music appreciation on 21 August 2013. The workshop included appreciation lectures, ear-training



exercises, analysis, and composition. It also included basic music theory, rudiments, music styles, and performance concepts. The workshop was designed to help the students critically listen to and to develop a taste for classical forms of music .Following the workshop the students composed Tagore song “ Ek La Chalo Re” , which they performed during the valediction held on November 12, 2013

Theatre Workshop

A theatre workshop was conducted for students on 21& 28 October 2013 by Valeria Olgin , a Chilean



theatre person. Spanish was the medium used by the students, for which language sessions were conducted since the beginning of the PGCCD program in August 2013. The workshop aimed at teaching the students how to use a body's rhythm, movement and space to boost confidence level and effective communication.

Onam Celebration

Onam celebration was organized by the students of PGCCPD course on 13 September 2013. Cultural activities were held at Marie Eugenie Centre for Social Development, Malaparamba . The



main attractions of the programme were *Pookkalam* , group songs, *Thiruvathira Kali* and games .

Valediction

The valedictory function for the 20th batch of PGCCPD was held on November 12, 2013 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Calicut. On successful completion of the course 38 students were awarded their course certificates. Dr.Balakrishnan Pulapre, Director, Centre for Development Studies (CDS)



Thiruvananthapuram was the chief guest for the function. Dr.C.Raju, Professor, IIMK was Guest of Honor. The students were felicitated by faculty member, Prof.Muraleedharan Paleri and Gracious George, 19th batch Alumni, Klara Feldes and Sarah Preuschoff, interns. Jilsa M. S and Aswin Lal S 20th batch students E. Ms representing the students delivered the thanksgiving speeches. The evening concluded with a mass recital of Tagore's "Ekla chalo re."

CREST in Media



Print as well as the visual media of Kerala have given coverage to various programmes of CREST held during September – December 2013. Malayalam news channel "Mathrubhumi News" did coverage on special lectures and the valediction of the 20th Batch of PGCCPD program. The news is available on <http://mathrubhuminews.in/ee/ReadMore/3136/pass-out-function-of-crest/E>

Interns



Ms. Sara Rudberg and AnnaCarin Åkesson from Faculty of Technology, Linnaeus University Vaxjo, Sweden and Ms. Michaela Nummenpää Department of Welfare Policies and Management, Lund University SWEDEN interned with CREST during September - December 2013. The interns were handling sessions issues of global concern , particularly on social exclusion and gender equity .

Admission to 21st Batch of PGCCPD



Interview for admission to the 21st Batch of PGCCPD was held on 15, 16 & 18 of November 2013. Classes commenced on 16 December 2013 with an ice braking session held at Maria Eugenie Centre for Social Development, Malaparamba. A two-day orientation workshop was conducted by Anil Menon on 18 & 19 December 2013. Of the 40 students selected for the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development, 22 are girls.

Faculty Activities

Prof.DD. Nampoothiri, Executive Director, gave a lecture 'Addressing Under -Representation in the time of Globalization: A Kerala Experience in Affirmative Action" on October 2, 2013 at the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) , University of Michigan USA. The lecture formed the Fall 2013 Scholarly Lecture Series at CSAS, University of Michigan

Vinod Krishnan. T.Y. , Associate Program Coordinator did lecture on domestic migrant labor in Kerala on 22 October 2013 and on Social Exclusion on 24 October 2013 at Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway . The lectures were held as a part of "Windows to the World" program organized by Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway.

Forthcoming Events

Visit of Principal Secretary

Dr. Asha Thomas, IAS , Principal Secretary , Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Government of Kerala will visit CREST on 6 Jan 2014

Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship

Ramesh Chandran, who has been working with Aegon, The Netherlands will be conducting a workshop on Social Entrepreneurship for the students of PGCCPD program on 20 January 2013

Workshop on Financial Management

A workshop on Financial Planning & Management will be conducted by Ms.Sujatha, resource person of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) during the third week of January 2014.

KRN Lecture

Dr. Satish Deshpande Professor, Department of Sociology Delhi School of Economics will be delivering the KR Narayanan Memorial Lecture during mid-March 2014

Visit of Prof. Anna Lindberg, Director SASNET

Prof. Anna Lindberg , Director Swedish Association of South Asian Studies, Lund University, Sweden will be visiting CREST during the first week of February 2014.

Visit of Oslo University College students

Twelve Students of Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway will be visiting CREST on 3 February 2014. Students of CREST and the University College will be exchanging views on contemporary issues of global concern.

