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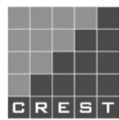
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About CREST



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

Valedictory function for the 21st Batch of PGCCPD



Valedictory function for the 21st Batch of PGCCPD was held on 15 May 2014 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode. Dr. P. Abdul Aziz, Director, Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore was Chief Guest and Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair, Professor, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) was the Guest of Honor. Welcome address was given by Prof. Ashley Paul, Associate Program Coordinator, and the presidential address by Prof. DD Nampoothiri, Executive Director, CREST. The students were felicitated by Prof. Radha Nair, Faculty, CREST, and Mr. Anuprashob, alumni from the 20th Batch. MS. Aksha G Johny and Aswinnath Thadathil shared

their experience as students of PGCCPD at CREST before the audience. Vinod Krishnan, Associate Program Coordinator, gave the vote of thanks.

New Batch of PGCCPD



Classes for the new batch of Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development commenced on June 18, 2014. The Ice-breaking was held at Maria Eugenie Centre . 40 students joined for the program. Orientation workshop for Batch 22 was conducted by Anil Menon. Two day orientation program at Prateeksha Training Centre, Sultan Bathery , Wayanad.

Workshop by Balachandran Gopinath



Balachandran Gopinath, Faculty, Ahmadabad Management Association and International trainer JCI, conducted a two day workshop , “you the Miracle” for the new batch of PGCCPD on 2&3 July 2014 . The lecture covered themes on preparing a career map, long-term professional goals and action steps for achieving them, work style and analyzing strengths and weaknesses and professional reputation development

Special Lecture by Sasikanth Senthil



Sasikanth Senthil, IAS , District Collector of Raichur Karnataka gave a motivation speech on 26 July 2014. . Sasikanth Senthil was the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath at Shimoga, Formerly he was the Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Division, Bellary. Mr Sasikanth is all-India ninth rank holder in the UPSC civil services exam 2008. He has a B Tech Degree in Electronics and Communication from Regional Engineering .College, Bharathidasan University. Tiruchirapalli. He belongs to Tamil Nadu. Within in the short stint in the civil services he could bring forth remarkable improvements in the areas of land revenue and district administration. His interventions in the mine exploitations in Bellary could expose the issue nationally.

Private Sector & Public Sector Employability: A Realistic Perception



A two - day workshop on Private Sector & Public Sector Employability was held at CREST on 6 & 7 August 2014, conducted by Ms. Remya Roshni and Mr. Arun PT. Themes covered included Skills, Values and Competencies, Skill development and Employability and Innovations in Skills development . 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.

Stepping out in the Corporate World



A one day workshop, “Stepping Out in the Corporate World” was held at CREST on 05 August 2014, conducted by Mr. Ramesh Chandran formerly General Manager, AEGON Asset Management (AAM), based in The Hague in The Netherlands. This workshop focused on the aspect of professionalism, the traits of professionalism and the impact of showcasing a professional image. The students were also apprised about the workplace etiquette and the dos and don'ts of workplace behavior in corporate sector.

Self-Enrichment Programme for the MBBS Entry Students at AIIMS



Excellence and (c) Theatre.

CREST was invited by the All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences , New Delhi, a ten days orientation programme entitled” “Self-Enrichment Programme for the MBBS Entry Students” was held from 4 to 12 August 2014 .The program was held with the objective to enhance the self-confidence level of students, particularly hailing from Scheduled and backward communities . The ten days course covered modules in (a) Communication Skills (b) Self Enhancement for Professional

Mentoring workshop at AIIMS

On invitation from All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi, a two-day faculty mentor training program was conducted at Delhi during 13th & 14th of August 2014. The objective of the workshop was to enable faculty members to be teacher-mentors who would have a better understanding of the learning needs of the students, particularly from disadvantaged background undergoing MBBS Degree Course at AIIMS. The Workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr M C Misra, Director AIIMS, AIIMS. Sessions were held by Dr.Ritu Priya, Professor, Centre for Social



Medicine and Community Health, JNU, New Delhi, Prof.D.D.Nampoothiri, Executive Director, CREST, Balachandran Gopinath, Faculty CREST, Dr.Ramesh Bijlani, Formerly Professor, AIIMS, Dr.Sunandan Roy Chowdhury, Professor AMITY University. Mr.T.Y.Vinod Krishnan, Faculty CREST Dr.Rama V.Baru, Professor, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, Dr. Pratap Saran, Professor, AIIMS and Dr.Amar Jesani, Researcher and Teacher in Bioethics and Public Health, Mumbai & Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics

‘Managing Change’ – Special Lecture



On August 8, 2014, Rammohan Nair gave a special lecture on Managing Changes. Mr. Rammohan Nair is the Director of Strategic Accounts (ME & India) Retail Pro International. He is an Advisory Board member of College of Computing AG University and also a member of Member ISACA chapter UAE. He has previously worked as the IT Manager with M H AlShaya, Kuwait and Al Ghurair Group UAE. He has also been the IT Director Majid Al Futtaim UAE

Workshop on Criminal Law Practice and Human Rights Advocacy

CREST in association with National Law School of India University Bangalore and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy Training, (MILAT) Trivandrum organized a one week workshop on Criminal Law Practice and Human Rights Advocacy for lawyers from Scheduled communities of Kerala from 01-



06 July 2014. Leading criminal court advocates, trial court judges and professors of law were handling the sessions of the workshop held at Hotel Monad , Kunnamangalam , in Kozhikode . The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.R.Hariharan Nair,Former Judge, Kerala High



Court and Chairman, Fishermen Debt Relief. Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, IBA-CLE Chair and Chairman, MILAT introduced the audience the theme of the workshop. Thirty advocates from Scheduled communities of Kerala participated the in-house workshop. The workshop aimed to build the professional capacities of young advocates of Kerala belonging to Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes who may use the laws designed to protect these communities through better advocacy practices while advancing their own development in the profession.

Orientation Programme for SC/ST B.Tech Students of Kerala

A ten days orientation program for SC/ST B.Tech Entry Students (2014-15) of Kerala was held from July 3 to 13, 2014 in Calicut. The in-house programme was held at the Government Youth Hostel, Calicut. The programme included 160 sessions (1 hour 15 minutes) covered modules in Mathematics, English, Mechanics, Engineering Graphics and Personality Development. The sessions were held by faculty of CREST and Government Engineering College Calicut. Apart from the training, the students were given facility for 'option' selection for courses. As a part of the programme, CREST did a session for parents on 3rd of August 2014.

Need Assessment in Government Medical Colleges in Shimla and Kangra

CREST was invited by the Aman Kachroo Trust, a Trust constituted by the Government of Himachal Pradesh Government to involve



with anti-ragging activities in educational institutions in Himachal Pradesh, to conduct short term programmes for the students undergoing MBBS Degree courses in Government Medical Colleges in Himachal Pradesh. The Trust which was set up basically to involve with anti-ragging activities in educational institutions in Himachal Pradesh, in its effort to broaden its activities, requested CREST to conduct workshops/training programs that would help in improving the performance level of the medical students of the State. Following the

invitation from the Coordinator of the Trust, a faculty team of CREST comprising of Vinod Krishnan TY & Anita Ramesh visited Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Kangra and Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla during 26-31 May 2014 to conduct a need assessment study. During the need assessment a series of meetings were held with faculty members, students (MBBS as well as Nursing) and deans and the head of the institutions. It also held discussion with the Principal Secretary, Department of Health who is a Trustee of the Aman Kachroo Trust

Faculty Activities

Prof.D.D.Nampoothiri, Executive Director delivered the Felicitation Address at the book release function organized by Mathrubhumi Publications at 6.00pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in which

'Jathivyavastha' (Caste System) originally written by the renowned political thinker and activist late Dr.Ram Manohar Lohya and translated into Malayalam by Sri.Vinod Payyadi was released. On Friday, June 20, 2014 he conducted a full day session on 'social science theory and research' for the college and university teachers attending the UGC Refresher Course for History teachers being organized by the Academic Staff College, Kannur University .On 24 August, 2014 , he delivered the presidential address during the book release and felicitation function held in honour of the renowned historian Prof.M.G.S.Narayanan , held at Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode

CREST in Media



Print as well as the visual media of Kerala have given coverage to various programmes of CREST held during May – August 2014. Malayalam news channel “Mathrubhumi News” did coverage on special lectures and other programs. Malayalam translation of the KR Narayanan Memorial Lecture by Dr.Satish Deshpande was published in Mathrubhumi Weekly (May 11, 2014) .

Forthcoming Events

Orientation Programme for Entry Level Students at Government Medical Colleges, Himachal Pradesh

On invitation from the Government of Himachal Pradesh , orientation program for entry level students of Dr.Rajendta Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda and Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla during 5 to 12 September 2014.

Teacher –Mentor Program for Faculty Members of Dr.Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College

A one day teacher-mentor workshop for the faculty of Dr.Rajendta Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, Himachal Pradesh will be conducted by CREST on 15 September 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 30th and 31st of October 2014.

Special Lecture on Academic Writing

Teddy Primack, Director Academics Documents Associates, USA will conduct a special lecture on essentials of academic writing for students of CREST on 31 October 2014

Theatre Workshop

A theatre workshop will be held on 7 to 13 of November 2014 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium , Kozhikode. The workshop will be conducted by the “purple Mangoes” , a theatre group based in New Delhi.

Valedictory function

Valedictory function for the 22nd Batch of PGCCPD will be held on 15 November 2014 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium , Kozhikode. Dr. Prabhakaran Paleri , former Director General Indian Coast Guard will be the chief Guest.

Admission to 23rd Batch of PGCCPD

Interview for the admission to the 23rd Batch of PGCCPD will be held on 10, 11 & 20 November 2014. Classes will commence from the first week of December 2014.

