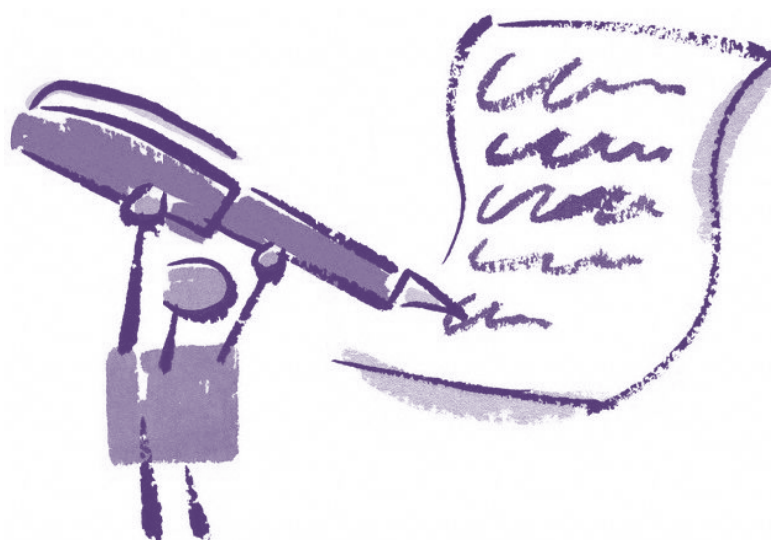


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About CREST



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

CREST signs MoU with National Institute of Technology Karnataka



A Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth a framework of cooperation between NIT-K and CREST was signed on May 6, 2011 at NITK Surathkal. The MoU was signed by NITK Director Prof. Sandeep Sancheti and Prof. D.D. Nampoothiri, Executive Director, CREST. The programs to be initiated through this agreement are based on spirit of cooperation, reciprocity and mutual benefit to both CREST and NITK, Surathkal. The primary objectives of this MoU are: Strengthen the activities of existing SC/ST Cell of NIT-K, Training for Self Development,

Communication skills and employability enhancement skills for NITK students by CREST, particularly students from Scheduled and other marginalized communities, Joint Conferences, training programmes, Seminars, Workshops, Symposia that are mainly targeted to create a larger resource pool among the Scheduled and other marginalized communities of the country for new generation jobs created by the opening up of Indian economy. Internship for CREST alumni at NIT-K that would enable the candidates, particularly those having B.Tech as well as post graduate degree in Science and Technology to work as intern for short duration in various research labs in NITK.

Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development

The XVI Batch of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development commenced on June 2, 2011. Of the 40 candidates who joined for the course, 16 are professional degree holders, 19 are Post Graduate Degree holders and 5 are graduates. 24 candidates are girls. On June 1, parents of the candidates were invited and were briefed about the objectives of the programme, opportunities etc. The ice breaking session was conducted by Sucharita Hota, Nirmal Joy and Vinod



AR on 2 June 2011, at CIGI, Chevayur, Calicut.

Self Enrichment Workshop

A three-day workshop on self development was held at Prateeksha Training Centre, Sultan Bathery, Wayanad from June 4 – 6 2011 for the candidate who joined for the PGCCPD programme (XVI Batch). The workshop covered the themes; Team Building, Corporate communication, and presentations. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Anil Menon.

Professional Skill Enhancement Programme at NITK



undergoing BTech Degree course at NITK. The workshop was held

On invitation from SC-ST Cell, National Institute of Technology – Karnataka , Surathkal , a three week professional skill enhancement programme was conducted by CREST for the final semester students between June, 27 to July 16. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Naresh Penumaka, Commissioner Central Excise and Service Tax) , Chennai. Present were Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Director NITK, Dr. BSN Prasad, Commissioner of Income Tax, Mangalore, Prof. Umesh G, Dean , NITK, Prof. Govindaraj, Registrar NITK, Dr. Rajmohan B, Liaison Officer, SC-ST Cell, NITK and Vinod Krishnan.T.Y., Associate Programme Coordinator CREST. The three weeks in-



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house programme consisted of modules designed to assist students during their placement. The modules covered sessions on self analysis, team building, leadership, conflict resolution, understanding power, opportunities in emerging sector, English communication skills etc. 40 students participated the programme. Valediction ceremony was held on July 16.

Orientation Programme for Engineering Students

An orientation programme, designed to improve the performance level of students from Scheduled communities enrolling for BTech Degree courses was held at CIGI Kozhikode. during July 28-



August 14, 2011. Forty candidates from Scheduled communities who obtained admission for BTech



Degree courses in Kerala through Common Entrance Examination 2011 were be given intensive in-house training in Mathematics, English, Mechanics, Engineering Graphics and Personality Development. Students were also given assistance in opting BTech branches. Special session on option was held by Prof. Raghunath Pillai , Joint Commissioner , Kerala Common Entrance Examinations . Valediction was held on August 14, 2011. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr.Prabhakaran Paleri , Director, School of Management Studies, NIT- Calicut. Dr.K.V.Kunhikrishnan , Chairman , CREST Executive Committee was the Guest of Honor.

Ten Days Self-Enrichment Programme for First Year BTech students at IIT Delhi

The ten day programme was inaugurated on July 10, 2011, by Prof. Surendra Prasad, Director, IIT-Delhi at a function held at IIT-D in which the students, parents, faculty members of CREST and IIT



participated. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Dean, IIT-D. The workshop was held at the Student Activity Centre and the faculty from Humanities and Social Science department were the observers. During the course interactive sessions were held with



participants and faculty of IIT-D.

The ten days training programme addressing the need of students from Scheduled communities, aimed to enhance the learning skills, communication skills, inter-personal relationships and motivation with an objective to improve the performance level of SC/ST Students who join for BTech Degree courses. The ten days programme intended to equip them to develop study strategies in order to improve their performance as well as aspiration levels. The module, developed over the years at CREST, Kozhikode, draws on the understanding that scaffolding the personal needs (emotional, social) and orientations of an individual enables and facilitates better academic orientation. The pedagogies drawn on for the training programme are that of reflexive teaching, critical dialogues and discourse, personal attention to individual trainees, integration of emotional-

social-intellectual enrichment, preparation and orientation for conflict resolution and stress management etc. The valediction was held on July 18, 2011 with National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes P.L. Punia giving the valedictory address.

Interns at CREST



Ms. Meredith Francis from United States undergoing Masters of Global Management at School for International Training, Graduate Institute Muscat, Sultanate of Oman and Ms. Maryia Saldatsenkava from Belarus doing MA in European Studies at the Lund University Sweden interned with CREST for three months during June- August 2011. They were providing soft skills, particularly communication skills to the students of PGCCPD program on one-on-one basis. They also did special sessions on issues of global concern.

Special Lectures/ Workshops

Six special lectures/ workshops were held during May – August 2011. The resource persons included Balachandran Gopinath, International Trainer JCI Mr. Anil Menon , noted Kannada Dalit writer Dr.Mogalli Ganesh , Dr. Hafiz Muhammed, , Prof.Thomas Abraham and Mr.Muarlidharan Paleri, The special lectures covered a broad range of topics like employability, Istrategic management, communication, interview skills, and career planning and Team Centered Interaction

Visit of UNICEF Education Specialist

UNICEF Education Specialist , UNICEF India Country Office visited CREST on 11 May 2011 and held a session on UNICEF fellowship for the students. He also held discussions with the faculty members of CREST in connection with designing joint programmes , with a focus on skill development programme for the graduates from Scheduled Tribes from Chhattisgarh.

Visit of Deputy Director General, NCC, Kerala

Brigadier C. Sandeepkumar , Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate Kerala visited CREST on 26 August 2011 in connection with organizing self enrichment workshops for NCC cadets from underprivileged background.

International Plastic Carry Bag Free Day Observance



Students of the 16th Batch of PGCCPD observed International Plastic Carry Bag Free Day on 3 July 2011. In connection with the observance, students brought out cotton carry bags with sketch of Henri Matisse and poem of Pablo Neruda imprinted on it.

Onam – Id Celebration

Onam – Id celebration was organized by the students of PGCCPD course on 29 August 2011.



Cultural activities were held at CIGI Kozhikode. Kaikottikali , and other dance forms were among the various art forms that were performed by the students.

Students Participation in TED Event at IIMK

Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) IIM Kozhikode organized a special event on July 9, 2011 for which five students of CREST were invited to participate. Indu, Sethunath, Sreejith, Remya and Abilash represented the students of CREST at the event. The one day event comprised a series of inspirational and cogitative talks by eminent speakers from corporate and academic institutions. This event was supported by Microsoft, Pagalguy and Doattend

Film Screening

The documentary film by K. Stalin, "India Untouched: Stories of a People Apart" that journeys across eight States and four religions and depicts the continued exclusion and segregation of those considered "untouchables" in India was screened at CREST on August 10, 2011. Following the screening, the students did group discussion and presentation on the continuation of caste practices and untouchability in India and within some of India's most revered academic and professional institutions.

Presentation before the Minister

A presentation on CREST was held by Prof.D.D.Nampoothiri, Executive Director CRERST and Vinod Krishnan.T.Y., Associate Programme Coordinator before the Honorable Minister for the welfare of Scheduled Communities and Tourism Sri.A.P.Anilkumar, who is the Chairman of CREST, on September 3, 2011. Feasibilities of the proposed future programmes were discussed with the minister.

CREST in media



Leading news papers like the Mathrubhumi, Malayala Manorama, New Indian Express, Hindustan Times, Prajavani (Kannada), Deccan Herald and news magazine Tehelka have given coverage to various programmes conducted by CREST during May – August 2011.

The Indian Express

NATIONAL NETWORK

For those who 'must' be groomed

A course aims to help SC, ST graduates find their feet and correct a community's 'collective disadvantages'

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IN AUGUST 2009, the Supreme Court asked IIT-Delhi to provide SC/ST students with additional coaching facilities so that they could do better. So Delhi students had been expelled from IIT-Delhi after performing poorly. Justice P. Satharajah said that students of these communities, socially and economically backward, need to be taken care of even in established institutions such as IITs and IIMs.

The quest for an exclusive grooming programme eventually took representatives of IITs and NITs to CREST. The Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation in Kozhikode, which since 2002 had already been working with hundreds of SC and ST youths, mostly graduates from professional courses.

CREST was recently criticised after launching a programme at IIT-Delhi with some students accused of cheating in SC/ST and other students. The programme at IIT-Delhi was later exposed to all students, but CREST authorities insist that some students do need to be given special care.

CREST Director D D Nambhouthiri said that social development programmes are a must for training students from a disadvantaged background into the main-



A theatre session, aimed at improving communication skills.

stream. Facilities for higher learning, connected to research and the real world at the grassroots, Nambhouthiri said.

"The prevailing social exclusion prevents these students from taking up challenges in the changed social and economic scenarios. We are correcting the collective disadvantages faced by

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Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation to Get Own Campus

by San Paul A

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Faculty Activities

Prof.D.D.Nampoothiri, Executive Director, CREST also Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kannur University, Kerala attended the academic council meeting held in Kannur University on June 14, 2011

Forthcoming Events

Admission XVII Batch of PGCCPD

The interview for admission to the XVII Batch of PGCCPD programme will be held on 2, 3 & 4 November 2011. 40 candidates will be selected for the course based on the marks they obtained at the post graduate/graduate degree and the performance in the interview. Classes for the course will begin on by the third week November, 2011.

Special Lectures /workshops

A one-day workshop on Entrepreneurship Development will be held for students of XVI Batch of PGCCPD programme on September 21, 2011 at CREST, The workshop will be conducted by Ernest T. Poyyail, Managing Director, Excel Int-Ext Pvt.Ltd,

Dr.T.N.Krishnan, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode will conduct a special lecture on career planning on October 7, 2011

Dr.M.G. Sreekumar, Librarian Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode will deliver a lecture on Internet information Infrastructure on October 4, 2011

Balachandran Gopinath, International Trainer, JCI will conduct a one day workshop on October 11, 2011 on interview skills

Self Enrichment Programme for SC/ST and Other Backward Communities at National Institute of Technology – Karnataka, Surathkal (NIT-K Surathkal)

CREST with the support of SC/ST Cell, NIT –K Surathkal will be conducting a five day self enrichment programme for students from SC/ST and OBC communities who obtained admission to BTech Programme at NITK. Fifty first year BTech students will be taking part in the programme which will be held at NITK from 31 August to 4 September 2011.

Executive Committee Meeting

16th Executive Committee meeting of CREST will be held at CREST on October 3, 2011.

KR Narayanan Memorial Lecture

Fourth KR Narayanan Lecture will be held on November 27 , 2011 by Sri. Gopalakrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal. He will be delivering the public lecture entitled “ Kerala and Nehru : A Continuing Dialogue ” at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium.

International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace will be observed in CREST on September 30, 2011. Dr.Vankat Raman , Faculty, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode will deliver a talk on 'Peace and Conflict Resolution' on the day at CREST at 2:00 PM.

CREST Alumni meet

CREST alumni meet will be held in December 10, 2011.

Theatre Workshop

A one-week theatre workshop will be held Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode for the students of PGCCPD course. The workshop will be conducted by Abhilash Pillai & Jilmil Hazarika, Faculty members of National school of drama, new Delhi. It will be held on 25-31 October 2011

Valedictory Function

Valedictory function of the ongoing Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development will be held on 31 October 2011

