

ACTION TAKEN REPORT for 2017-18

In keeping with its mandate and the decisions taken by the Board at the last meeting, the Board worked on the extra mural component and conducted extra mural courses, besides organizing extension service programs.

More specifically, the activities conducted were as follows:

I. EXTRA MURAL COURSES

a. **Certificate course on Philosophy of Science.** It was the first ever course of the Board conducted by Dr Milan Desai, initially 35 students were registered and 13 students completed the course. It was offered as a Four Credit course

b. **Certificate course on "Documentation using LaTeX'.** It was conducted by Prof R.V. Pai , 23 candidates successfully completed the course. It was offered as a One Credit course

c. **Certificate course on Philosophy of Mind.** For the course on Philosophy of Mind , the Director and Dr Milan Desai visited NIO, Rachol Seminary, Pilar Seminary, BITS Pilani at Sancoale, and Naval Academy at Verem to mobilise potential candidates for the course. 10 candidates completed the four credit course, out of which five were from various Departments and they expressed interest in further courses in philosophy. The four candidates from the Naval Academy attended some lectures and could not pursue further due to their work related engagements.

II. EXTENSION SERVICES

A Programmes on English Teaching/Learning

a. The Board in collaboration with Quepem Taluka Teachers' Unit conducted a one day workshop for High School English teachers of the Taluka with Dr. Isabel Vaz and her team from Mustard Seed Company as resource. The workshop entitled "Drama in the Classroom" was attended by 32 teachers from Quepem and 4 teachers from Sanguem.

In the oral feedback of the participants, they found that the workshop was an eye-opener to them on how to make the class active and interesting. A Headmistress who was present in her capacity as the Secretary of the Quepem Taluka Teachers' Unit, was of the opinion that the pedagogy was useful for all subjects

b. In association with DMC college, Assagao, the Board conducted a two day workshop in spoken English for more than 60 students of Union High School Assagao and New English High School, Keri (Pernem). The programme included sessions on phonetics, with emphasis on pronunciation and enunciation, and basics of public speaking, body language and etiquette, vocabulary building through fun, games and a session at the language lab, conversational skills and role play, art of persuasion and advertising skills, active listening skills and creative story-telling, and an opportunity for the students to display their oratorical skills. Priya Almeida, M. Shanthi were the key resource persons.

B. Programmes for Women

a. The Board in collaboration with Shree Mallikarjun College of Arts and Commerce, Belem, Canacona, conducted an Entrepreneurship Development

Programme for rural women. There were 145 members from 25 self-help groups of Cotigao and Gaodongri Villages. The Principal reported that around 755 of the participating women were illiterate, essentially tribal. They were oriented in marketing skills to market their cane furniture, coir mats and bamboo items. The programme included a talk on need for entrepreneurship development' drawing a business plan, self employment schemes of Goa Government and Government of India, role of self help groups in employment creation. The resource persons included Vividh Pawaskar, Asst. Professor at the College, Abel Barreto, a local businessman, Vaman Samant, Social Welfare Officer, BDO Office, Canacona, Umesh Gaonkar, Sarpanch of Cotigao.

b. On International Women's Day in collaboration with Kare College of Law, Margao, the Board organised a one day state level seminar entitled "Transforming woman's life: issues, concerns and challenges". There were two components: one on legal issues and social challenges and the other on health and well-being of women. The programme included sessions on legal rights of women under criminal law, role of NGOs towards social upliftment of women, legal protection of women: Indian scenario, role of Government in promotion of wellness among women, womans emotional health: life, love and relationship. The resource persons included Public Prosecutor Poonam Bharné, Joan Rebello retired Vice Principal of Damodar college, Goretti Simoes, Asst Prof, Kare College, Cheryl Afonso DeSouza, nutritionist and Asst Professor, Carmel College, Shruti Nadkarni, Asst Professor, Kare Law College, Nisha Costa.

c. In collaboration with Department of Women's Studies, Goa University, a legal awareness program was organized for 29 Anganwadi teachers, who have regular contacts with the local community. The program was coordinated by Ms Jagriti Shankar, who was also a resource person. Dr. Albertina Almeida, an advocate and

human right activist was the resource person, who also assisted in planning and organization of the workshop. The program included interactive sessions on women's rights, legal systems, and women related laws, roles of State Commission for Women, the role of witness, role of Internal Complaints Committees under the sexual harassment law. A need was felt by the anganwadi teachers for continuous interaction, in enriching their interface with the law for the women they engage with from the community.

C. Political Awareness Programs

- a. The Board in collaboration with the Department of Political Science organised an immersion program for the political science students to the far flung tribal villages of Netravali and Tudav, where they interacted with the villagers and compiled a list of concerns of the villagers. The students of the local school were also enlightened about careers in Political Science.
- b. The Department of Political Science visited the neighboring village of St. Cruz, Tiswadi, to get acquainted with the issue of the village being brought under the jurisdiction of the Greater PPDA.

D. Program on History Learning

The Board in collaboration with Department of History conducted a workshop 'Teaching to Learn- Learning to Teach; Recent Trends in History' for history teachers of Higher Secondary Schools of the state. 38 teachers attended. Prof. Kumkum Roy of JNU, retired Prof. B. Surendra Rao, Prof. Nagendra Rao and Dr. Celsa Pinto, were the resource persons.

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