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Curriculum Restructuring for the Life Skills and Communication Skills: July, 2016

The meeting regarding the Curriculum restructuring for the Life Skills and Communication skills of **Tamilnadu Open University (TNOU)** was held at ICRDCE on 7th July 2016. **Dr. M.S. Jacob, S.J., Dr. P. Thiyagarajan**, Head, SOCE, TNOU and **Dr. K.D. Francis**, Asst. Professor, Loyola College were the resource persons.

Inauguration - Snehagram:

The inauguration of **Snehagram Community College, Krishnagiri** was held on 20th July 2016. Snehagram will focus on the skill development of the AIDS affected and infected children. Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras the Archbishop of Bangalore was the Chief Guest.



Consultation - "Skill Development: Global Trends and Best Practices"

One-day consultation on **"Skill Development: Global Trends and Best Practices"** was organized by U.S. Consulate General, Chennai in collaboration with Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education on 25th July 2016 at Loyola College.

Dr. M.S. Jacob, S.J., Director, ICRDCE & Vice Principal commended that skill development initiatives enhance value of alternative credentials. He traced the role of ICRDCE in empowering youth through skill development process and also welcomed the gathering.

Dr. Arockiasamy Xavier, S.J., Principal, Loyola College felicitated the organizers for a timely seminar which will help the nation in terms of accomplishing its mission of "Make in India", He also referred to skill development as a process that serves the college's motto of "Let your Light Shine".

Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice Chancellor, Tamilnadu Open University emphasized the importance of skill development as a powerful instrument to usher in prosperity for the entire nation.

Mr. Eric Lund, Cultural Affairs Officer, Office of U.S. Consulate General urged the participants to get the best from the wisdom of Dr. Constant. As Dr. Constant is the eminent expert in the area of workforce development he encouraged the audience to sponge out best and the crucial from the specialist.

Mr. Jambulinkam, Managing Trustee, Arise Foundation introduced the theme for the day. He remarked that skill development is most crucial in present day context considering the thrust given by the Government of India on the “Make in India” call. He was of the view that present day challenges in manpower can be addressed only by comprehensive and focused initiatives concerning workplace development.

Dr. Louay Constant made an exhaustive presentation on the theme “**Skill Development: Global Trends and Best Practices**”. Major parts of the deliberations classified into three key areas.

- Workforce development
- Technical and vocational education and training (TVET)
- Other considerations in skills development



Mr. Joseph Johnson, Centre Manager, ICRDCE proposed vote of thanks. The Whole programme was moderated by **Mr. Anto Vincent**, Former Vice President, Ford India

English Access Micro Scholarship Programme:

ICRDCE is awarded with a grant of USD 83,451 by U.S. Consulate General, Chennai for conducting **English Access Microscholarship Program (ACCESS)** for the poor students in Chennai for two years.

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