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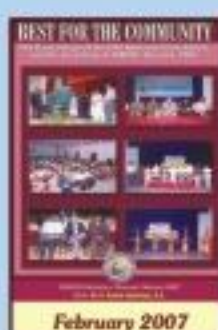
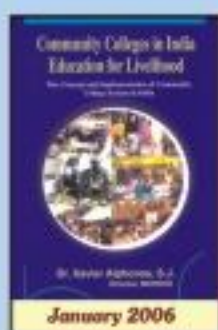
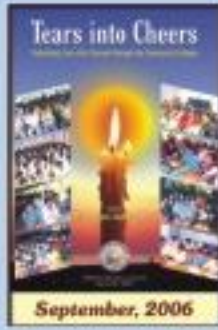
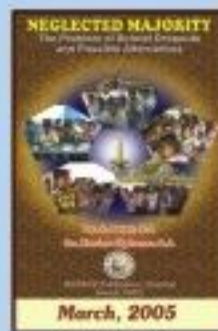
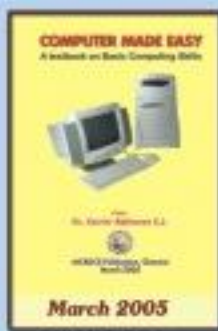
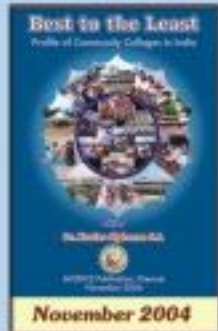
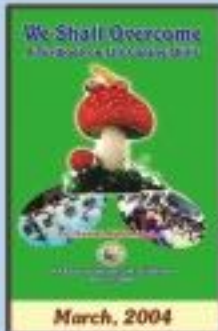
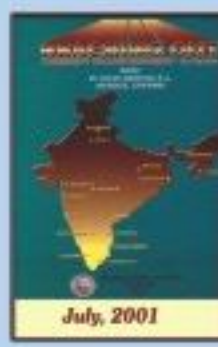
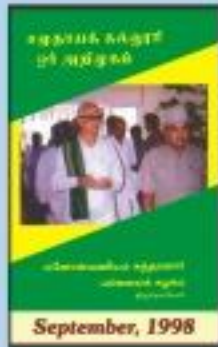
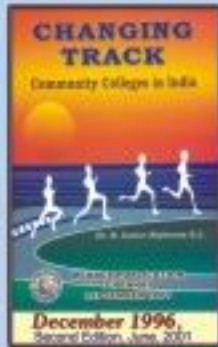
Quality Management of Community Colleges

Greetings from

ICRDCE Team

We started publishing the Annual News Letter from 2001 giving you an update on the growth and progress of the Community College Movement in India as well as a wide spectrum of activities carried out by ICRDCE in terms of establishing, Monitoring, evaluating, training, publishing, research studies and reaching out to other countries.

PUBLICATIONS OF DR. XAVIER ALPHONSE, S.J., - COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION



PAN INDIAN SCENARIO IN 10 YEARS

Sl. No	Month & Year	Number of Community Colleges		
		Tamil Nadu	Other States	Total
1 st News Letter	January 2001	54	5	59
2 nd News Letter	September 2002	68	15	83
3 rd News Letter	March 2004	81	30	111
4 th News Letter	October 2004	83	36	119
5 th News Letter	October 2005	97	54	151
6 th News Letter	June 2007	116	74	190
7 th News Letter	April 2008	126	88	214
8 th News Letter	March 2009	125	72	207
9 th News Letter	January 2010	143	101	244
10 th News Letter	March 2011	207	100	307

The above table shows the growth of the community colleges from the year 2001 and reveal the following:

- ❖ Community College Movement has expanded to 20 states of India.
- ❖ It has taken deep roots in Tamilnadu. It has spread to a few states. It needs to spread to North India as well as the North East. There is the need for the propagation of concept and its implementation in these parts of the country.
- ❖ The Community College also gained acceptance and recognition by **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), Tamilnadu Open University (TNOU) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)**.
- ❖ The Community College Movement has been taken note of by the State and Central Governments especially the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)
- ❖ The gradual acceptance can be seen in the successive Planning commission documents.

9th Five Year Plan (1997 - 2002)

3.3.48 Concerted efforts were made to make higher education relevant by introducing career-

oriented courses as a part of the first degree programme. Further restructuring of courses was undertaken to provide an application component to university education. A study was undertaken to examine the concept of community colleges.

10th Five Year Plan (2002 - 2007)

There should be focus on convergence of schemes like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Adult Education, and Vocational Education Programme at schools, ITIs, polytechnics, community colleges etc.

11th Five Year Plan (2007 - 2012)

1.3.71 Setting up of additional 210 community colleges, mainly in northern, western, and eastern parts of the country will be supported on placement based funding. Existing 190 community colleges (largely in southern States, some of which offer diploma courses) will also be supported for capacity building, training cost (equipment, faculty development, TLM, stipend, etc., but not for civil works and other capital costs). Funding will be based on MoU between community colleges, States, and MHRD.



Mid Term Appraisal for Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012

6.141 Academic programmes of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions need to be assessed and monitored for quality output. It would be worthwhile if Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and ODL are integrated into, say, 100 selected institutions to develop, implement and refine the Blended Model of Learning which can later be up-scaled. **The number of community colleges needs to be increased as it would open up opportunities for accessing higher education and income generating skills to a large number of aspiring learners.** The convergence model operational in IGNOU can be modified and up-scaled with additional funding. The regulatory framework of Distance Education Council (DEC) needs to be rationalized to prevent mushrooming of poor quality distance education institutions.

- ❖ The concept has emerged as a secular concept going beyond all barriers. It is also noticed that there are a few organisations that have discontinued the experimentation on account of lack of dynamic leadership and financial crunch. It is bound to happen to a dynamic movement like the community college one.
- ❖ It is also to be noted that most of the community colleges started even 12 years ago have consolidated themselves and render excellent service to the target groups. This is also due to the committed and enthusiastic leadership, dedicated teachers and sincere efforts are made by the organisations to make up the financial deficit by way of subsidy and scholarships to the students.
- ❖ The initial phase of establishment and consolidation is getting over. There is an urgent need to assess the quality of the community colleges in terms of the following aspects:
 - ◆ Academic
 - ◆ Administration
 - ◆ Financial
 - ◆ Impact on the community (Job Placement & Higher Education)
 - ◆ Total Quality Management

Hence in this issue we give you an elaborate reporting about the National Workshop on Quality Management of Community Colleges held on 26th & 27th of January, 2011 at Chennai. This workshop gave us an opportunity to do the introspection and evolve collectively Quality Parameters which are published in this News Letter.

We are also happy to give you all the publications of ICRDCE has done during the last 14 years for your reference and assistance to understand, appreciate and to make the concept alive and dynamic and its implementation more effective and quality oriented.

It has been a special privilege of ICRDCE to spread the Indian Model of Community Colleges to other countries especially Papua New Guinea (PNG) and East African Countries which are having 10 Community Colleges each. The emphasis has been creating the PNG Model and the East African Model taking into account the general features, Philosophy of the community college system.

ICRDCE has been really delighted to take up the programmes in the Prisons of Tamil Nadu entrusted by the Prison Department of Tamil Nadu under the name of **Mahatma Gandhi Community College** with 12 campuses serving more than 250 inmates of the Jails in collaboration with local Community Colleges. This is a great challenge for individual transformation and a unique opportunity to change the attitude towards them by the society.

The ICRDCE team thanks all the Community Colleges and its Collaborators and the Funding Agency that has been constantly helping to make ICRDCE and its activities a big success. It is our sincere wish that many more service minded organisations in North India will take up this experiment so that many more young men and women from the disadvantaged sections of the society will be able to lead lives of quality and dignity in the context of the creation of skill-universities and skill-colleges throughout India in the near future.

Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,
Editor, Director, ICRDCE, Chennai

1. PAN INDIAN SCENARIO

The Community College Movement has become a National Phenomenon spreading its wings to many states of India. We have 307 Community Colleges in 20 states of India. The table demonstrates the growth of the Community College movement in India.

1	Tamilnadu	208	2	Puducherry	04
3	Andhra Pradesh	11	4	Karnataka	23
5	Kerala	12	6	Maharashtra	07
7	Madhya Pradesh	06	8	Gujarat	01
9	Jharkhand	11	10	Chhattisgarh	01
11	Goa	01	12	Orissa	07
13	Himachal Pradesh	01	14	Uttar Pradesh	04
15	West Bengal	04	16	Haryana	02
17	Punjab	01	18	Assam	01
19	Jammu & Kashmir	01	20	Bihar	01
Total					307

2. New Community Colleges - January 2010 to February 2011

TAMILNADU

S. No	Name of the Community College	Month and Year of Origin	Agency
1	Hindustan Community College, Padur, Chennai	January 2010	Hindustan Arts and Science College, Padur
2	Theran Community College, Trichy	July 2010	People's Solidarity Association (PSA)
3	Fatima Community College, Jeyakondam	July 2010	Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate society, Jeyakondam (SMME)
4	Samaritan Community College, Elagiri Hills	July 2010	Samaritan Educational Trust, Elagiri
5	Wellness Community College, Kottivakam	August 2010	Noni Bio Tech, Chennai
6	Pope Community College, Thiruvannamalai Dt.,	October 2010	Pope Organization, Thiruvannamalai Dt.,
7	Vasantham Community College, Usilampetti	October 2010	Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW), Usilampetti
8	Little Flower Community College, Nanguneri	October 2010	Little Flower Industrial Training Centre, Nanguneri
9	Doss Community College, Arakkonam	October 2010	Doss Paramedical Academy, Arakonam
10	AMD Community College, Tiruvarur	November 2010	AMD Foundation, Thiruvallur
11	Meenakshi Community College, Madurai	October 2010	INDEA Trust, Madurai
12	Cholai Community College, Chennai	October 2010	Cholai Action for Child Labour, Chennai
13	Santhalingar Community College, Coimbatore	October 2010	Thavithiru Santhalinga Adigalar Satvidya Sanmarka Sanga Arakattalai, Coimbatore
14	Mahatma Gandhi Community College (12 Campuses)	December 2010	Department of Prisons, Government of Tamilnadu



Inauguration of ICCW Vasantham Community College, Usilampetti on 20th of October 2011



Inauguration of Pope Community College, Thiruvannamalai district, 7th of October 2010

KARNATAKA

15	Advantage Elder Care Community College, Bangalore	December 2010	Advantage Elder Care Trust, Bangalore
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16	Arunodaya Community College, Patna, Bihar	June 2010	Arunodaya Social Education Centre, Bihar
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17	Sahavikas Community College, Kandhamal Dt	August 2010	Jesuits of Jamshedpur Province
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WEST BENGAL

18	Maria Goretti Community College, Jalpaiguri	June 2010	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament society, Satna
19	Nekimuddin Community College, Medinipur	January 2010	NHK Welfare Foundation, Medinipur

3. Target Group Served - Student Enrolment from 206 Community Colleges :

1996 - 1997	0,174	1997 - 1998	0,204	1998 - 1999	0,487
1999 - 2000	1,321	2000 - 2001	1,804	2001 - 2002	2,598
2002 - 2003	3,133	2003 - 2004	4,166	2004 - 2005	6,461
2005 - 2006	9,562	2006 - 2007	10,482	2007 - 2008	9,725
2008 - 2009	8,449	2009 - 2010	07,641	Total - 66,207	

4. Target Group Served :

The unique achievement of the movement is the empowerment of the socially, economically and educationally disadvantaged groups leading to employment resulting in the alleviation of poverty.

A Profile of 66,207 students attending 206 Community Colleges show:

❖ Women	72%
❖ Educationally Weaker Sections	94%
❖ Socially Backward groups (SC, ST, MBC & BC)	88%
❖ Economically Poor	90%
❖ Job Placement	75%
❖ Further Education and towards formal Degrees and other training programmes	15%

IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY (126 Community Colleges)

- ❖ Total number of students employed - **40,763**
- ❖ Total number of students gone for Higher Education - **07,710**
- ❖ Educational Qualification (87 Colleges)

	Tamil Nadu	Other States	Total
Below 10 th to 10 th Pass	2329	743	3072
Below 12 th to 12 th Pass	3287	934	4221
12 to Degree Level	2343	500	2843
	Total		10,136

❖ Salary Range Job Placement From 32 Colleges (Highest Salary Rs.32,000)

	Below 1000	1000-2000	2001-3000	3001 - 4000	4001-5000	5001-6000	6001-7000	7000 & above
Total Number students	155	987	1246	700	326	170	149	195

5. NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON QUALITY MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Introduction

The Community College Movement started in 1996. Today we have 307 Community Colleges in 20 states of India benefitting 70, 000 students during the last 15 years. Though these students do their one year Diploma Programmes in their respective trades, 90% of them have been placed in Jobs. 89% of them are from socially, economically, educationally marginalized sections of the society. 75% of them going to these community colleges are women. **Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE)** is a coordinating agency which helps to establish and monitor the community colleges in the country. 141 community colleges in Tamil Nadu have the Recognition from the Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) and 52 colleges are in the pipe line for recognition.



Honouring
Mr. Anant Kumar Singh, IAS
Joint Secretary, MHRD

National Workshop

The Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) in collaboration with ICRDCE, Chennai has organized two days **National Workshop on Quality Management of Community Colleges on the 26th & 27th of January 2011 at Chennai**. The workshop examined the various aspects of Quality Management of Community Colleges

1. Academic
2. Administration
3. Financial
4. Moving towards Higher Education
5. Impact on the community
6. Vertical Mobility and
7. Job Placement

The Proceedings

There were 166 delegates from 124 Community Colleges throughout the country. 32 members of the teaching staff and administration of TNOU also participated in the workshop and evolved collectively the Quality Parameters for Community Colleges in India.

The participants took the following definition of Total Quality Management and applied it to the functioning of the community colleges: **"A planned proactive process approach to facilitate change by aligning people with processes and technology to achieve an organization's vision and performance objectives"**.

The Honourable Vice-Chancellor of TNOU **Dr. Kalyani Anbuselvan** inaugurated and guided the proceedings. The resource persons of the workshop were the following; Rev. Dr. Casimir Raj, S.J., Former Director of XLRI and LIBA, Prof. Albert Selvanayagam, Bangalore, Mr. Anto Vincent, Former Vice-President of FORD (HR).

Mr. Anant Kumar Singh, IAS, Joint Secretary, Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) interacted with the participants to ascertain their expectations in the ministry in order to workout the National Framework for the Community Colleges.



Participants of National Workshop
on Quality Management of
Community Colleges

Dr. Elizabeth Verghese, Chancellor, Hindustan University released the second work-skills book **"Child is the Future" A Textbook on Early Childhood Care & Education**. The first copy was received by the Honourable Vice-Chancellor of TNOU

Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Director, ICRDCE, Member, UGC is the convener of the National Workshop.

TOTAL QUALITY PARAMETERS COLLECTIVELY EVOLVED DURING THE WORKSHOP

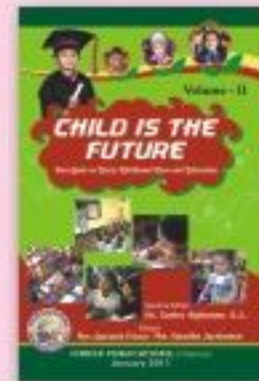
1. Mission and vision
2. Learner centered Quality education
3. Flexible curriculum
4. Cost effective
5. Feed back and evaluation
6. Imparting life skills (including critical thinking & Problem Solving) and core competencies
7. Relevant courses – periodic change
8. Teacher – student Relationship
9. Job Placement and Higher Education
10. Documentation - Success stories
11. Proper planning, budgeting, financing Accounting & Auditing
12. Industrial – Institution tie up

6. PUBLICATION

1. Prince, Queenie', 'Jayakumar, Saradha' and 'Alphonse, Xavier', "**Child is the Future – Text Book on Early Childhood Care and Education**", ICRDCE Publication, Chennai. **January 2011.**



Release of the Second Work-Skills Book
“Child is the Future”
on 26th of January 2011



TNOU Officials with the Honourable Vice-Chancellor

7. WORKSHOPS

* **40th ISTD National Convention** – Quantum Leap of Building World Class Skills through Training and Development organized by Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD), Bangalore in which Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Director, ICRDCE Explained the Community College System in India on 12th of February 2010 at Bangalore

* **Workshop on the Operational Mechanism and Functioning of IGNOU Community Colleges (South India)** organized by ICRDCE, Chennai in which 67 participants from 51 organizations is Participated on 23rd and 24th of March 2010



40th National Convention ISTD, Bangalore on 12.02.2010



IACC Skill Summit, Bangalore, 4th February 2011

“ No Matter Where you are in life
You can be better”

- Joel Osteen

* **Workshop on the Operational Mechanism and Functioning of IGNOU Community Colleges (North India)** organized by ICRDCE, Chennai at Ranchi in which 36 participants from 26 organizations is Participated on 6th and 7th of April 2010.

* **Orientation Programme on Community Colleges** for Sisters from St. Joseph's of Cluny from Bangalore Province at Bellary - 25 Participants. on 9th of October 2010.

* Director of ICRDCE, presented a paper on **“Indian Community College Model and Its Inspiration from USA”** NHRD - IACC Skills Summit - American Experience - Indian Initiatives on 4th of February 2011 at Bangalore.

8. TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMME

- ❖ The ICRDCE has successfully conducted its **24th Teachers Training Programme** at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai from 7th to 12th of June 2010. Sixty Participants from India and PNG attended the programme from 32 Organizations.
- ❖ The ICRDCE has successfully conducted its **25th Teachers Training Programme at St. Thomas International Centre**, Chennai from 15th to 20th of November 2010. 68 Participants from India and PNG attended the programme from 38 Organizations.



24th Teachers Training Programme



25th Teachers Training Programme

9. TAMILNADU OPEN UNIVERSITY (TNOU)

The Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai held the consultation Meeting of 100 Community Colleges on **9th of July 2010**. The Community College movement for the empowerment of the disadvantaged and underprivileged began in 1996. The Community Colleges grew over the next Ten Years all over the country. In 2006 this model was observed by the **Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU)** and the Community Colleges were declared as Vocational Programme Centres (VPCs) in 2006. In the year 2008 with the issue of **G.O 163** by the Tamil Nadu Government, this system was recognized and accepted as an alternative system of education, and the Community Colleges were affiliated to TNOU. Today TNOU has recognized 164 Community Colleges in Tamil Nadu as well as in Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. Inauguration of the Consultation was done by **Dr. Kalyani Anbuchelvan, Vice Chancellor, TNOU**. In her inaugural address she explained the role of Community Colleges. **Dr. Thiyagarajan**, Head, SOCE and Community Colleges, explained the system and all its aspects, step by step. The historical involvement of TNOU with community colleges was elaborated by Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Director, ICRDCE.





Inauguration of Mahatma Gandhi Community College, Puzhal Prison, Chennai on 30th of December 2010

10. MAHATAMA GANDHI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- ❖ **Mahatma Gandhi Community College** is being started by the Prison Department of Tamilnadu in all the 9 Central and 2 Women Prisons. ICRDCE has been entrusted with the responsibility to administer and monitor the entire scheme in collaboration with 9 local Community Colleges. We hope to train 250 prisoners. They will be offered Diploma Programmes recognized by the Tamilnadu Open University (TNOU).



11. PRISON MINISTRY OF INDIA (PMI), INDIA IN COLLABORATION

- ❖ Prison Ministry of India (PMI), Tamilnadu in Collaboration with the Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education (ICRDCE), Chennai organized the workshop at Citadel, Chennai on 6th of February 2011 in which 70 representatives attended from all over Tamilnadu. The purpose of the workshop is to render best services to the inmates through Community Colleges in Tamilnadu
- ❖ Fr. Vincent Xavier, Director, PMI gave us the dynamics, purpose and the objectives

of the workshop and appreciated the gathering for their total support and sacrifice rendered to the PMI.

- ❖ Fr. Stanislaus, Former Provincial enthused the gathering with his felicitations and blessings. He also recalled his cherishing moments with PMI. He reiterated his full support to the new venture of launching Mahatma Gandhi Community College in all the prisons under the able guidance and leadership of Community College founder and veteran Rev. Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,



**Cuddalore
Central Prison,
17th of February 2011**

Rev. Fr. Jayabalan, the New Provincial in his felicitation assured the PMI with his continued support to the PMI and also the new initiative by Fr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J.,

Mr. Muruganandham, ex-convict read the poem on the Prison life and he exhibited his paintings and art work, which was marvelous work which everyone appreciated.

Mrs. P. Raja Soundari, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons gave the history of the partnership between the Department of Prisons and ICRDCE-Community Colleges

Dr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., Director, ICRDCE gave a presentation on the concept of the Community College System and the operational mechanism of the Mahatma Gandhi Community College in the Prisons

His Grace **Rt. Rev. Remigius, D.D., Bishop of Kottar** and Chairman of PMI India appreciated the initiative of starting Community College Campuses in Tamilnadu. He promised to give his utmost and whole hearted to this fruitful ministry.

12. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

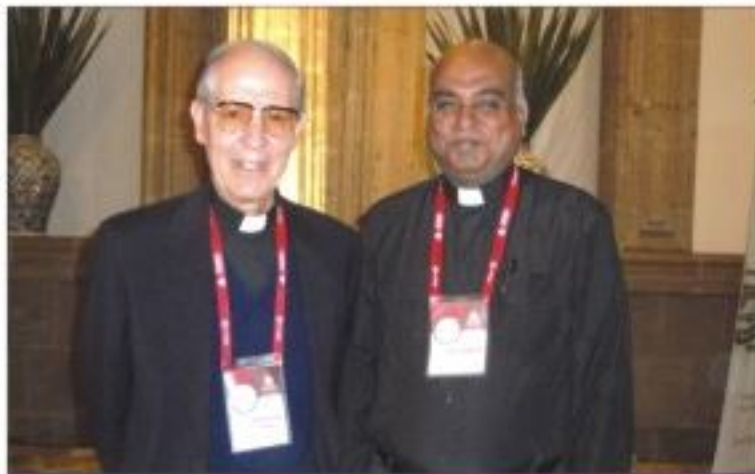
- ❖ Director of ICRDCE attended and presented a paper on **"Skills Development through Community Colleges"** at the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) 34th Annual Conference "Community Colleges: Architects of Global Prosperity" at Houston, U.S.A. on 20th to 23rd of February, 2010.
- ❖ Two Students have been selected by the US Consulate of Chennai for the international educational exchange programme. This programme enables individuals from selected countries to study at a Community College in United States to develop professional skills. This programme is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. The following students have been selected:

1. **Ms. Johncy Lourdu Mary**, Sacred Heart Community College, Villupuram
2. **Ms. Elizabeth Beena**, Sacred Heart Community College, Villupuram

These students are studying in different Community Colleges in USA and their entire expenses is met by the Government of USA.

❖ **Students selected to be sent to US Community Colleges by the US Consulate - 2010 - 2011**

S.No	Name of the Student	Community College Name	Year
1	Ms. Rajendran Jayabharathi	Tarbes community College, Bangalore	2011
2	Mr. Anthony Dass Christopher	Bangalore Community College, Bangalore	2011
3	Mr. Lazar Sajan	Hindustan Community College, Padur	2011
4	Ms. E. Gomathi	YWCA Community College, Chennai	2011



Fr. Xavier Alphonse, S.J., with very Rev. Fr. General Adolfo Nicolas, S.J., Society of Jesus

Director of ICRDCE attended the world Conference on Jesuit Higher Education from 21st to 25th of August 2010, the Theme : **Networking Jesuit Higher Education for the Globalizing World, at Mexico.**

250 Rectors and Representatives of Jesuit universities around the world, gathered together at the Mexico city for the World Congress in the presence of very **Rev. Fr. General Adolfo Nicolas, S.J.,**



Director of ICRDCE attended **The Sixth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning organized by Common wealth of Learning Canada in Collaboration with IGNOU, Kochi, Kerala.** Paper presented on **"Towards Social Justice through the Community College Movement", 24th to 28th November 2010**



Dr. Majumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis on 21st February 2011

Director of ICRDCE conducted the Workshop on "Community College Movement in India" on 21st of February 2011 at **Symbiosis International Conference on Open and Distance Learning**, Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune in which 200 representative from 25 countries participated.



Education Minister of PNG Mr. James Marape

The ICRDCE team went to Singapore to have a review of the community colleges in PNG on the 14th & 15th of January 2011 in which the Honourable Minister for Education **Mr. James Marape**, Education Secretary and the Director of the Community College Secretariate participated with the other officials. We planned together to have 35 community colleges by 2012.

13. SPECIAL VISITORS TO ICRDCE

* **Fr. Bob Grim S.J.**, Financial Advisor to Fr. General from Rome visited ICRDCE on 6th of January 2010.



Mr. Benny Becani & Mr. Richard from Porticus visited ICRDCE on 7th of September 2010.

Mr. James Marape, Honourable Minister for Education, Papua New Guinea (PNG) Visited ICRDCE on 6th of October 2010.



Mr. Tripathy, IAS, ADGP and Mrs. Rajasoundari, DIG, Department of Prison, Government of Tamilnadu Visited ICRDCE on 23rd of November 2010.

* **Mr. Anant Kumar Singh**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India Visited ICRDCE on 25th of January 2011.

**THE ICRDCE TEAM
November 2010**



14. AWARDS

1. **Arutpani Semmal Award**, Presented by C.S.I Vellore Diocese, Vellore, August 2010.



2. **Mother Teresa Memorial Award**, Presented by Education Today, Chennai, September 2010 to ICRDCE
3. **Rashtra Pratibha Puraskar Award**, Presented by Integrated Council for Socio-Economic Progress, Thrissur, February 2011

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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS & RANK HOLDERS OF TNOU - JUNE & DECEMBER 2009, JUNE 2010

CONGRATULATIONS AND FELICITATIONS

1. St. Joseph's Community College, Nagapattinam

DIPLOMA IN REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Tamilvanan.A.	II Rank
2	Rajakumar.R.	V Rank

June 2010

3	Belkishparthipan.W.	II Rank
4	Manimaran.U.	III Rank
5	Benitto.A.	IV Rank
6	Ashok.R.	V Rank

DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER HARDWARE SERVICING - June 2009

7	Theilor Franklin.A.	III Rank
8	Muhil Belevendran.A.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN HOUSE ELECTRICIAN - June 2009

9	Syed Abuthahir.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
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June 2010

10	Viswanathan.R.	I Rank and Gold Medal
11	Jeeva.T.	II Rank
12	Mariyasalaman.S.	III Rank
13	Vignesh.S.	V Rank
14	Aristotle.G.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN MOBILE PHONE SERVICING - June 2009

15	Prem Kumar.A.	I Rank and Gold Medal
16	Jith.S.	II Rank
17	Rethinavel Pandiyan.S.	III Rank
18	Senthil Rajan.K.	IV Rank
19	Prakash.M.	V Rank

2. ICCW Suder Community College, Srivilliputtur

DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER HARDWARE SERVICING - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Jesuraja.S.	II Rank
2	Saravanakumar.G.	IV Rank
3	Ramakrishnan.I.	V Rank
4	Thirupathiraja. G.	V Rank

June 2010

5	Prasanth.T.	I Rank and Gold Medal
6	Pandiaraj.P.	II Rank
7	Marimuthu.S.	III Rank
8	Muniyaraja.P.	IV Rank
9	Mayalagu.G.	V Rank
10	Kanagavel.K.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

11	Maria Selvaviyagula Mary.G.	VI Rank
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June 2010

12	Kalaiarasi.M.	VI Rank
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3. CSI Diocese Community College, Coimbatore

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Roshitha.R.	II Rank
2	Radhika.V.	III Rank

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2009

3	Anitha Preethi.S.	V Rank
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DIPLOMA IN ANIMATION SYSTEM - June 2010

4	Anitha.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
5	Nagamani.M.	III Rank
6	Loganayaki.S.	IV Rank
7	Yayinthra Poof.P.	V Rank
8	Divyaprasanna.C.	VI Rank

4. Bethel Community College, Coimbatore

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - December 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Kavitha.K.	II Rank
2	Karthikeyan.S.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - December 2009

3	Seetha Lakshmi.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
4	Nishanthi.R.	II Rank
5	Rajeswari.K.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN HOUSE ELECTRICIAN - December 2009

6	Saminathan.A.	II Rank
7	Manikandan.C.	IV Rank
8	Karthik.M.	V Rank

5. Cluny Community College, Tindivanam

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Nallamuthu.V	I Rank and Gold Medal

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2010

2	Jaculin.G.	II Rank
3	Mary Pastina. R.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT

4	Mahimai Santhosh.M.	II Rank
5	Selvi.A.	III Rank
6	Jeyamary.U.	IV Rank
7	Sobana Mary.S.	V Rank

6. Joan of Arc Community College, Tirunelveli Dt.,

DIPLOMA IN CATERING ASSISTANT - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Pandara Muthu.R.	V Rank
2	Selvin Raj.A.	VI Rank

June 2010

3	Arun Pragasam.D.	I Rank and Gold Medal
4	Lawrance.S.	IV Rank

5	Domnic Pani Robert.J.	V Rank
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DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

6	Stella Mary. D.	I Rank and Gold Medal
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7. Madurai Community College, Madurai

DIPLOMA IN REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN
June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Ignacy.J.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Jeyachandran.C.	III Rank
3	Maharajan.B.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN FOUR WHEELER MECHANISM - June 2009

4	Jose Prakash.J.	I Rank and Gold Medal
5	Arockia Raja.P.	V Rank

DIPLOMA IN HOUSE ELECTRICIAN - June 2009

6	Karuppasamy.I.	IV Rank
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8. St. Patrick's Rural Community College, Villupuram

DIPLOMA IN FOUR WHEELER MECHANISM - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Gnana Prakash.M.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Dinesh Kumar.L.	II Rank
3	Perumal.S.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2010

4	Rechal Margret. R.	III Rank
5	Jayabharathi.S.	III Rank
6	Gnanadeepam.P.	VI Rank

9. Sivagangai Community College, Sivagangai

DIPLOMA IN CATERING ASSISTANT - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Anatharaja.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Kannan.K.	II Rank
3	Livin.A.	III Rank
4	Rajeev Gandhi.P.	V Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2009

5	Kaleeswari.K.	VI Rank
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10. Sacred Heart Community College, Villupuram

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Sindhuja.N.	III Rank

DIPLOMA IN BEAUTICIAN - June 2010

2	Bathrunnisa.G.	II Rank
3	Sha Begum.R.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2009

4	Sasikala	III Rank
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11. Krupa Community College, Paddappai

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - December 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Kamsala.S.	III Rank
2	Murali.G.	V Rank
3	Victoria.R.	VI Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - December 2009

4	Suyambukani.K.	IV Rank
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12. Sharon Community College, Salem

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Ranjini . K.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Malarkodi.G.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2010

3	Revathi.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
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13. Seva Rural Community College, Manali

DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Mohanalakshmi.J.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Priya.P.	II Rank
3	Ellakkiya.E.	VI Rank

14. Vivekananda Community College, Ramanathapuram

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - December 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Ahamed Yaseen.D.	III Rank
2	Raja K.S.	V Rank
3	Bhuvanewari.B.	VI Rank

15. Assisi Community College, Chennai

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Gieetha.K.	IV Rank

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2010

2	Syed Ali Fathima. J.	IV Rank
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16. Kodaikanal Community College, Kodaikanal

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Murugeswari. P.	VI Rank

June 2010

2	Jancy.R.	II Rank
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17. Thanthai Augustine Pereira Community College, Tuticorin

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Jerlin Rosaly Testa.S.A.	II Rank
2	Kalaiyarasi.M.	V Rank

18. Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College, Near Puducherry

DIPLOMA IN REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Iyyanar.E.	IV Rank

June 2010

2	Kathiravan. T.	I Rank and Gold Medal
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19. YWCA Community College, Chennai

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Lavanya.M.	II Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2009

2	Banupriya.S.	I Rank and Gold Medal
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20. Holy Cross Community College, Trichy

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Jothi.R.	III Rank

2	Salomi.A.	IV Rank
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21. Melapudur St.Anne's Community College, Trichy

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Jaibunnisa.A.	V Rank

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2010

2	Margaret Janany.J.	III Rank
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22. Don Bosco Community College, Keela Eral

DIPLOMA IN FOUR WHEELER MECHANISM - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Ganeshkumar.K.	V Rank
2	Mervin.J.	VI Rank

23. Jeevan Rural Community College, Srivilliputtur

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH ASSISTANT - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Muneeswari.M.	I Rank and Gold Medal
2	Pandeeswari.M.	IV Rank

24. Don Bosco Community College, Dindigul

DIPLOMA IN HOUSE ELECTRICIAN - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANKS
1	Chandra Mohan.M.	III Rank
2	John Peter.P.	VI Rank

25. Pravaham Community College, Vellore

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Priya. G.	I Rank and Gold Medal

26. Sahaya Annai Community College, Madurai

DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Deepa.D.	VI Rank

27. Periyakulam St. Anne's Community College

DIPLOMA IN FASHION DESIGNING AND GARMENT MAKING - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Karpagadevi.R.	III Rank

28. Stanisma Community College, Sivagangai

DIPLOMA IN CATERING ASSISTANT - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Pandiarajan.P.	IV Rank

29. Adaikala Annai Community College, Pallavaram

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Manjula.E.	V Rank

30. Kancheepuram Community College, Mamandur

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - December 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Gandhi.K.	VI Rank

31. Notre Dame Community College, Colachel

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Vidhya Madona.A.	III Rank

32. Dr. Chandran Devanasen Rural Community College, Karanai Village

DIPLOMA IN DESK TOP OPERATOR (DDTP OPERATOR) - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Gnanajothi Kalaiarasi.J.	V Rank

33. Siga Community College, Uthiramerur

DIPLOMA IN FOUR WHEELER MECHANISM - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Vijay.B.	III Rank

34. Gangasaras Community College, Padukottai

DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING TECHNICIANS - June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Prabu.P.	I Rank and Gold Medal

35. Tamilnadu Community College, Trichy

DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING TECHNICIANS, June 2009

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Raja.P.	IV Rank

36. Development Community College, Medavakkam

DIPLOMA IN CATERING ASSISTANT - June 2010

S. No	Name of the Student	RANK
1	Mahadevi.M.	IV Rank

SUMMARY	
First Rank & Gold Medal	21
Rank II	19
Rank III	22
Rank IV	22
Rank V	22
Rank VI	20
Total Ranks	126

COMMUNITY CONNECT

WITH OVER 300 COLLEGES ACROSS 20 STATES IN THE COUNTRY AND THE PROSPECT OF A REFORMED POLICY, COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE LIKELY TO BLOSSOM ACROSS INDIA.

RADHIKA RAMASWAMY PRESENTS AN IN-DEPTH PICTURE



In the current context of education where quota systems and commercialisation are becoming the norm, the fundamental right to education is a dream for many. The need of the hour is an empowering education system that is not bound by social or economic barriers. It is with this vision that community colleges were born in India. They were founded solely with a vision to empower the underprivileged and the disadvantaged in society with cost-effective and skill-oriented education.

THE INCEPTION

One of its founders in India, Dr Xavier Alphonse S J, Director, India Centre for Research and Development of Community Education, (ICRDCE), a national co-ordinating agency for community colleges in the country, recounts the beginning of community colleges in India. "In 1994, a group of academicians, including the then chairman of UGC, were keen to replicate the community college system of education of the west in India. I was perplexed about the lack of opportunities for the underprivileged in the education system. I founded the ICRDCE and began the first community college in Chennai in 1996 with the objective to empower the marginalised."

Today, around 90,000 students are being trained in community colleges

across the country annually. Reports suggest that only five per cent of the Indian labour force in the age group of 20-24 years has obtained vocational skills through formal education.

Industrialised countries, in comparison, have 60-96 per cent. Community colleges work towards bridging this gap. In terms of content, they offer educational programmes at post-secondary school level in over 50 occupational and technical fields ranging



Today, around 90,000 students are being trained in community colleges across the country

from computer hardware servicing, nursing, electrician, plumbing to health assistantship and pre-school teaching. G V Subramanian, Founder, Swami Vivekananda Rural Community College says, "Community education differs from formal education in a number of aspects while making students industry-ready. Programmes offered by these colleges ensure that a student is ready for life."

S Rajeswari, Principal, YWCA Community College, Chennai, adds, "The one-year diploma programme offered at our institute is divided into four months of training in life-coping skills, four months in work skills and a two-month internship followed by tests and evaluation." Students can also work towards an associate degree (two-year) in hundreds of academic and technical fields which will enable them to transfer to a regular college or university to pursue a degree. To ensure a curriculum that is as industry-focussed, community colleges also have tie-ups with more 2,70 industries across the country.

THE HITCHES

Yet, this system of education suffered from a lack of accreditation by an approved education body until 2008 when community colleges in Tamil Nadu finally received recognition from the Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU). As a result, over 141 colleges in Tamil Nadu and 25 courses are today affiliated under TNOU. A year later, the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) recognised this movement and agreed to approve around 100 community colleges in the country. Latha Pillai, Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU says, "Through its community colleges, IGNOU aims to enhance the pool of skilled labour force, as the largest share of new jobs is likely

to come from the unorganised sector that employs up to 93 per cent of the national work force." IGNOU examines the course materials to ensure standard, accreditation, proper evaluation, value-addition to the course materials and monitor the functioning of the colleges. About 500 more community colleges are likely to be set up within this plan.

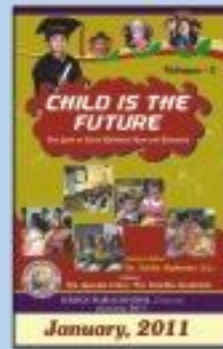
With IGNOU stepping into the picture, the hope is that the system of community colleges will grow across India. There are concerns and challenges aplenty no doubt – the fact that most colleges are run privately, either by NGOs, churches or universities; the need for financial and managerial assistance by the government, et al. Dr Xavier presents a picture. "India has currently 90,000 skilled workforce; the demand is 500 million. To fulfill this, India should establish over 1,000 community colleges. And that, believe me, is not possible without government intervention."

FUTURE BRIGHT

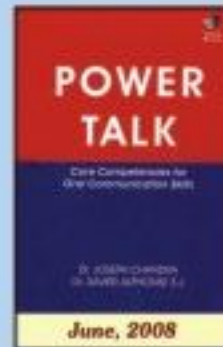
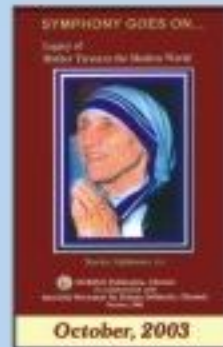
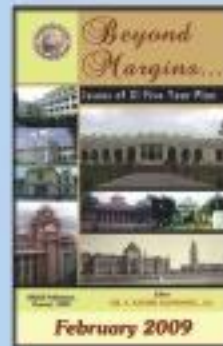
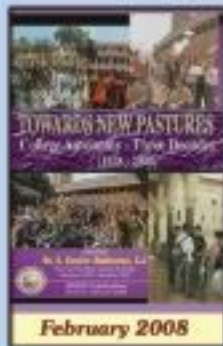
Fortunately, there is hope as according to the 11th five-year plan the number of community colleges in the country will be increased and the convergence model operational in IGNOU will be modified and up-scaled with additional funding. Pavan Agarwal, Advisor – Planning Commission, Education, says, "There is definitely an urgent need to develop a structured framework for community colleges in the country. We are in the process of creating an ecosystem for such institutions to flourish. Our focus is to restructure curriculum, strengthen industrial ties, reward recognitions and associate degrees. It will be a matter of time before this system of education will no longer be considered an alternate system but a complementary system of education." We hope.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE MEDIA

THE TIMES OF INDIA Monday, February 23, 2009 Education Times

The Indian education system has to be reformed for the sake of meeting a growing requirement after several secondary education or higher education levels which have been opened and now...

A community college often is regarded as a unique institution of higher learning which serves the needs of the community and is not subject to government control... This is where community colleges are...

In keeping in view the needs of people in our country for the UK, the emphasis is more on work skills than the theoretical to job as well as the skills... The need for the need to improve the standard of education...

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Latest developments in the field of education... The need for the need to improve the standard of education... This is where community colleges are...

Giving community colleges their due... This is where community colleges are... This is where community colleges are...

THE HINDU Education Plus 6th February 2011



FIGURE 1: Community colleges have a role to play in the growth of education...

Giving community colleges their due

A look at the recommendations of a report submitted by the All India Council for Technical Education...



SPECIAL COMMENTARY... The report submitted by the All India Council for Technical Education...

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES

GROOM 'ED' TO WORK

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALL SET TO GRANT NATIONAL RECOGNITION TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN INDIA. SARDAR BHANUJA EXPLORES THE SCOPE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN INDIA.



There is a lot of talk about the need for opening up a community college. The government is all set to grant national recognition to community colleges in India.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS Friday, February 18, 2011 Chennai

Towards a goal in goal

Prison community college: 228 convicts enrol in vocational courses

R Gubharkar | ENI Channel, February 17

THE Mahatma Gandhi Community College project has got off to a flying start, with over 200 convicts in the nine Central and two women prisons in the State enrolling themselves in various vocational courses.



“Candidates have been carefully screened and selected taking into account their reformer status from prison,” Tripathy said. Each prison is attached to a community college in the district and facilitates their four-hour classes every day.

At the top of the one-year programme is installation of IT-copier skills. For the next four months, the convicts will learn spoken English, other communication skills and computing and their job aptitude will also be tested alongside.

Prison officials are happy with the response of the convicts of all age groups - the youngest is 28 and the oldest 47 - enrolled in the project. On the security aspects involved, the learners get to handle different kinds of implements, she said: “At the first phase itself, when they learn fire-extinguishers, we have noticed a big change in their attitude. It is clear that they look at tools as tools and not potential weapons.”

THE HINDU Saturday, October 23, 2010 New 9

Changes sweeping over female infanticide belt

Multi-pronged strategy bears results in Usilampatti taluk

A 40-year-old strategy that aimed to reduce the practice of female infanticide has changed for the better. With the help of Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCCW), Tamil Nadu, and the Mother-Child Welfare Project, major development changes have taken place in Usilampatti taluk.



EXCLUDED AND GIVING THE BEST TO LAST... The Government had put forward Community College, which would have PTP, health services, income assistance, welfare services, and health insurance...

WOMEN CHANGE... The most important thing was that the women themselves took the responsibility and fought against this practice. About 1,900 children were rescued by the organisation over a period of two decades and most of them were being helped to pursue their education at various levels.

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