

**Report on
One-day National Webinar on**

**Awakening the Youth Power for a
Resilient Society**

*On the Occasion of "National Youth Day" Commemorating Birth
Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda*

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Organising Committee

1. About the University

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University), located in Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, was established in 1984 with objective of providing high quality educational and research opportunities for the learners of all communities. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007 as per notification of the then Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The University offers UG, PG and Ph. D programmes apart from certificates, diploma and vocational course across several disciplines in its departments and centres. There are eleven faculty of Studies, with a total of thirty-eight departments, along with a Centre with Potential for Excellence in Biodiversity. There are 45 colleges affiliated to the University. Ever since its inception, the University has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfill the objectives as envisaged in the University Act. The Faculty members have been actively engaged in research activities. The University has been maintaining its academic excellence. The students from the University are contributing at significant positions not only in State and Central Government Services, but also in various Institutions, Industries and Organizations.

Vision

Rajiv Gandhi University aspires to be India's most vibrant, energetic, responsive and acclaimed University, to be recognized for excellence in teaching, research and providing the highest quality educational opportunities for the learners of all communities. The University aims at nurturing their talent by promoting intellectual growth to shape their personality and serve humanity as multi-skilled, socially responsible, creative, adaptable, contributing and morally sound global citizens.

Mission

Our mission is to provide opportunities and support students from diverse background and assist them to become well-informed global citizens by developing their intellectual, moral, civic and creative capacities to the fullest

through multi-faceted education and sustained engagement with local, national and global communities. The University also aims to carry out academic process for achieving excellence through active and dynamic student-teacher participation and inculcate high moral, ethical and professional standards among students which will enable them to develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their professional goals so as to improve the performance and also provide leadership and service to the community.

2. About the Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work (DSW) at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) was established in 2015 with the vision of providing quality Social Work Education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. DSW at RGU is the first full-fledged Department of Social Work offering face-to-face Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW) Program in the state with a total of four regular faculty members and sixteen students in the first batch. Department offers a Certificate Programme in Environmental Sanitation. The Doctoral Program in Social Work (PhDSW) was introduced with July 2018 to focus on strengthening the research component in the region with an emphasis on 'evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence'. Class room lectures and social work practicum form the main crux of the Program. The students/trainees are also exposed to carefully crafted skill building and personality development programs and are provided with opportunities to participate in workshops, seminars and lectures from external experts on regular basis. The department with a commitment towards 'evidence based practice and practice based evidence' is dedicated in grooming and equipping students to reach their full potential and acquire the knowledge, skills, values and techniques essential to become professional social workers who not only acquire personal and professional competency and growth, but also contribute to the betterment of the society and country at large.

3. About the Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies

Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies (CYDLS) has been established through the vide notification no. AC-108/2007(Vol-II)/397 dated 11 July, 2017 at the Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University), Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh. It aims to address the issues and challenges, building capacities with a special emphasis on utilizing the energy of youth in the North East Region of India especially in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Since its inception CYDLS is continuously working towards the betterment of youth through a host of extension activities, skill and capacity development programs, trainings, workshops, seminars, conferences, and instituting awards and scholarships to motivate the youth. The vision of the CYDLS is to groom youth as potential leaders and contribute to sustainable development. The centre's mission is to create a platform for progressive engagement and empowerment of youth through professional training and guidance. Also, for nourishing leadership traits among youth through innovation, research, and skills development, the CYDLS has set following specific objectives as well:

- To promote psycho-social well-being of youth;
- To develop leadership qualities among the youth and orient them towards community building;
- To involve youth in community development by way of aligning them with developmental programmes; and
- To embark on training and research on youth development and leadership.

In order to operationalize the vision and mission of CYDLS, three specific Cells namely Counselling Resource Cell (CRC), Youth and Community Engagement Cell (YCEC), and Training and Leadership Research Cell (TLRC) are working to achieve the objectives of centre.

4. Background of the Programme

A grateful Nation remembers with love and pride to great son of *Ma Bharati* – *Swami Vivekananda* for his historic speech in the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago On 11th September 1893. On 11th September 1893 Swami Vivekananda, the greatest youth icon ever known to India delivered his historic speech in the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago. The electrifying address held the august audience spell bound for the entire brief while for which he spoke. The spirit of India and the kernel of Indian Philosophical thought came beautifully alive in the words of the venerated monk. Addressing the gathering as “Sisters and Brothers of America”, The Great Swamiji gave a valuable insight on National Youth. The Message was loud and clear that the whole of humanity belongs to just one great global family. The rich message ringing from the noble lips of the great son of India was to flood the world with the milk of love. He reiterated the *Sanatan Mantra* “*Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam*”. The dream emanating from the holy soil of India was to keep the whole world audience mesmerized. The spiritual thought was so emotionally soaked in genuineness that the world audience came instantly to be confirmed that action appropriate to the tenor and dignity of the occasion was going to be the only saving grace. The humanity was required only to get ready to translate the dream into reality. In this regard, the birth day of Swamiji 12 January is observed each year as “**National Youth Day**” is being organized by the Department of Social Work and Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies in Collaboration with Department of Functional Hindi, RGU to Commemorate Swami Vivekananda’s life, vision and message to the youth for a world based on tolerance and universal acceptance.

5. Objectives

The precise objectives of special lecture commemorating National Youth Day 2022 are specified as below:

- To build capacity of youth with specialized knowledge and skills for a value based social fabric;

- To provide a platform for the youth to understand brotherhood, unity and integrity of the nation;
- To impart knowledge about universal values of brotherhood, empathy and youth empowerment;
- To sensitize youth about symbiotic engagement with different stakeholders for enhanced social and spiritual well-being; and
- To educate youth about leadership as well as self-reliance aptitude.

6. Programme Outcomes

The expected programme outcomes of the special lecture commemorating National Youth Day -2022 are specified below:

- Improvement of social cohesion values among youth;
- Enhancement of aptitude for a socially productive and spiritually healthy youth; and
- Sensitization of youth about symbiotic engagement with different stakeholders.

7. Resource Persons

Smt Vandana Tete, Social Worker and Activist together with Dr. W.G Prasanna Kumar, Chairperson, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Hyderabad were the resource persons of the day.

8. Programme Beneficiaries

The target audience included the postgraduate students, research scholars, and faculty members. Nearly 155 (One Hundred Fifty Five) participants attended the programme.

9. Modus Operandi

Live web sessions were conducted through Google Meet Platform.

10. Session Deliberation

National Youth Day is observed on **12 January each year**. It marks the commemoration of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. His immortalized speech is popularly remembered for its opening words – 'Sisters and brothers of America.'

The programme was organised by Department of Social Work and Centre for Youth Development and Leadership Studies in active collaboration with Department of Functional Hindi, RGU. Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor, RGU delivered the Presidential Remarks. He reminisced his childhood and shared some memories with the students. The key message of accepting the other person in totality and making peace with all; this being the ideal commemoration of National Youth Day' and the motto being, to make this country and the world at large a better place to live in. He concluded mentioning Josephine Baker's lines, "Surely the day will come when color means nothing more than the skin tone, when religion is seen uniquely as a way to speak one's soul, when birth places have the weight of a throw of the dice and all men are born free, when understanding breeds love and brotherhood". Prof. Amitava Mitra, the Pro-Vice Chancellor called upon the teachers to inspire and awaken the youth as rich demographic dividend of the nation.

Smt Vandana Tete, Social Worker and Activist together with Dr. W.G Prasanna Kumar, Chairperson, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Hyderabad the resource persons of the event emphasized on how the youth is the power of the nation, have the potential energy and the power to bring change in the society. He talked on the relevance of being Present Across the Nation (PAN) today via the aid of digital presence and internet connect and therefore, utilizing the same as a boon and consciously exert its positive emphasis on to the children and the youth. He threw light on being responsible citizens of the country and imbibe the true feeling of nationalism moving away

from holding on to just one identity of our own tribe but rather expand one's horizon and spread the concept of love, peace and National Youth.

Essentially, Swamiji advocated the right to follow one's unique nature and disapproved imposing changes on anyone. This he applied from macrocosm to microcosm, which is from nations to individuals. His idea of toleration is the solution to the discords between nations, religions and cultures on one hand, and discord in families and smaller groups on the other. The way forward to diplomatic and domestic peace is then to follow Swami Vivekananda's idea of toleration -accept the other person in totality and make peace with all. This would be the ideal commemoration of National Youth Day.

Nearly 155 participants attended the programme through google meet platform on a virtual mode which included PG students as well as PhD Research Scholars in addition to faculty members, statutory officers, Heads of various Departments, Dean of Students Welfare and those of other faculties of the university. The participants ranged from pan India representing Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu etc.

Annexure

Annexure 1.1.: Programme Schedule



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कार्यक्रम विवरणिका Programme Schedule

(कार्यक्रम संयोजक – डॉ. राजीव रंजन प्रसाद)

समय (अपराह्न)

02:30	स्वागत एवं विषय प्रवर्तन	डॉ. राजीव रंजन प्रसाद हिंदी विभागाध्यक्ष (प्रभारी) राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय
02:35	विशिष्ट वक्तव्य	डॉ. एन. टी. ऋकम कुलसचिव, राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय
02:40	विशिष्ट वक्तव्य	प्रो. अमिताव मित्रा सम-कुलपति, राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय
02:45	सम्मानित विशिष्ट अतिथि का वक्तव्य	श्रीमती वंदना टेटे लेखिका एवं समाज शिक्षिका
03:15	सम्मानित मुख्य अतिथि का वक्तव्य	डॉ. डबल्यू. जी. प्रसन्न कुमार अध्यक्ष महात्मा गांधी राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण शिक्षा परिषद् (एमजीएनसीआरई)
03:45	अध्यक्षीय वक्तव्य	प्रो. साकेत कुशवाहा कुलपति, राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय

धन्यवाद ज्ञापन : डॉ. रवि रंजन कुमार, अध्यक्ष एवं समाज कार्य विभाग, राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय
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Annexure 1.2.: Programme Brochure

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