

# HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

02 & 03 October 2013



Christuraja Teacher Training College,  
Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu, INDIA

IARF- Human Rights Resource Centre,  
Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA

## Introduction

The two days intensive Human Rights Education training program was organised at Christuraja Teacher Training College, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadi, INDIA on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2013.

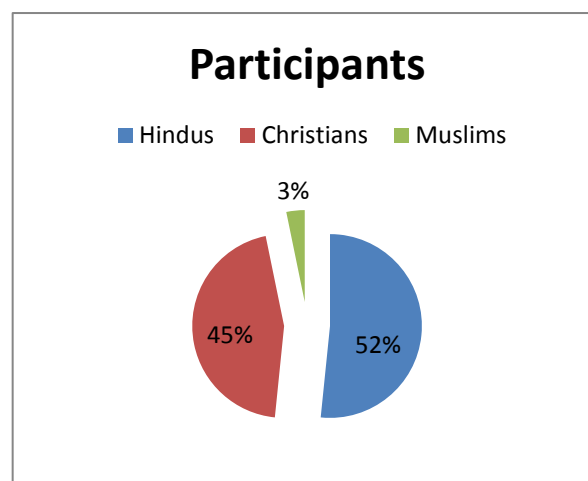
The IARF member groups CIRSM's (Caussanel Inter-Religious Students Movements) President and the correspondent of Christuraja Teacher Training College, Rev. Bro. M.D. Sebastian invited IARF- HRRC to organise Human Rights Education Training program for training 63 young adults.

## The Program Venue

The Christuraja Teacher Training College, Tirunelveli, Tamilnadi, INDIA was established in 1953 at Palayamkottai, Tamilnadu by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the beginning, the institution was open for male gender only, but since 2004 the institution introduced co-education. The institution is also preparing for Diamond Jubilee (i.e. 50 years of successful career) on Nov 2013.

## Participants

Total 63 male and female participants from three different religions participated. They were, qualified as secondary school, graduation and post-graduation.



## Program outline

The first session started with participants' self-introduction and ice-breaking, followed by the History of Human Rights and the UDHR. IARF's three India-produced video; docu-dramas helped participants understand certain key human rights issues in Indian society and particularly in their community. Six participants groups then brainstormed and produced creative presentations on the UDHR. The short UDHR articles film supported the participants to

understand the UDHR in a better way. Based on the UDHR articles the Statue Tableau activity was conducted. The "statue tableau" helped participants bring different solutions for Human Rights related issues across the world.

The second day's sessions were started with first day's evaluation. Then they shared their experiences of human rights violations such as child trafficking, workers' rights, religious freedom, gender discrimination, etc. then all the participants got divided in



to three groups and presented role play on human rights violations in India. After noon there was a deep discussion about future activities to support the Human Rights Resource Centre in creating human rights awareness in the region and around. During the

valedictory celebration the chief guest Rev. Bro. S. Rajan the Secretary General of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart presented participants certificate and encouraged them to involve IARF- RFYN activities especially Human Rights Education programs.



## **Gandhi Jayanthi Day**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti, birthday of the father of the Nation. In India its celebrations are none less than a festival. Since the HRE program was organised on very day, we remembered Gandhiji during the inaugural celebration and learnt his views on human rights. The chief guest Rev. Bro. A. Charles, the Coordinator of Social Action Commission of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart presented a speech about Gandhiji & non violence. Also, a participant provided a brief historical background about Mahatma Gandhi.



## **Issue discussed**

During the open discussion the participants were asked to present various current social problems, which disturbed their daily life in their community.

80% of the participants shared about the main issue they face in their communities as “caste discrimination”. Based on this, report points out two major incidents...

- The incident narrates, the story about two lovers. The girl from high caste whereas the boy belongs to the lower caste of the society. As this was considered against the laws, for people who are “Safeguarding” the high caste; the boy was being killed by girl’s relatives near Vallanadu, Tuticorin District, Tamilnadu

- The second issue relates to communal violence. In this many people lost their lives, rather say; they scarified their life fighting for their Communities! There is critical situation exists among the two communities in the village near Kanyakumari, Tamniulnadu. This issue had encountered much of blood sheds, and the reason for this was identified as; a BC (Backward Class) Community boy criticised a MBC (Most Backward Class) Girl in the bus which has stormed the whole village and created violence among the villagers.

The violence under the banner of caste becomes another very challenging orthodox custom in south Tamilnadu. A little change could be experienced in cities of Tamilnadu whereas the castism is deep rooted in the rural areas. Every year the number of victims of castism increases. This number is proportionate to India's population.

### Decision for future

- ❖ To organise many more HRE program in their college.
- ❖ Adopting Human Rights Education as a co-curricular activities of the Institution
- ❖ Counselling program for school children
- ❖ Supporting and involving in IARF-HRRC and RFYN activities

### Evaluation

The two days HRE evaluation was conducted for the participants. They mainly shared about the importance of UDHR and how it helped them to understand the current problems. They also said the session was very interesting. The Training program was explained in local languages (Tamil) so it was very helpful to understand the subject very clearly.

### Feedback Form

This two days HRE program was very good and useful. It was very useful for my life. I learned unknown information about human rights. The ice-breaking session was very good. I also want to join in your programs always. I want to protect the society from discrimination based on caste, creed, language, colour etc. I am waiting to involve these kinds of programs.



Other comments: இந்த கிரான்ட் நூல்கள் Programme எனக்கு மிகவும் பயனுள்ளதாக உள்ளது. என் வாழ்க்கைக்கு நுழைவாகவும் அமைந்துள்ளது. தெரியாத விஷயங்கள் தெரிந்து கொண்டேன். வினாபயாசைகள் மிகவும் நன்றாக இருந்தது. எனக்கு வேண்டும் உங்கள் Programme-ல் சேர்ந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று விரும்புகிறேன். அதற்கு உதவியாக கிடைத்தது. இந்த பாதிப்பான சமூகத்தையும், சூழ், உருக்களையும், சாதி, கிணம், மொழி, பேரண்ட வேறுபாடுகள் சேரும்போது ஒன்றி தீர விசாரணைகளை விரும்புகிறேன். இந்த கிரான்ட் நூல்கள் வேண்டும் என் உருவம் என்று ஆவனோடு காத்திருப்பேன்.



I learned about Human Rights especially UDHR on 2-3 Oct 2013. I came to know about new information about human rights and I will share to others, what I learned in this training. It was very useful. I will raise my voice against human rights violations in the society.

[illegible]

The HRE session taken by you was very interesting. Through this I came to know more new information's about Human rights. I have read about human rights in the books, but no one handled this subject with more confident way. We cannot forget these two days sessions. It taught us about UDHR and made us to be happy. I also thank God for this opportunity. If I got an opportunity to speak about human rights, I will start my speech with IARF and about you.

Program no. 04		Date:- 2013.10.02 &03	Venue:- Tirunelveli, Tamilnadu	Reporter: Bro. Albert Xaviour
Supervisor	No	---		
Administrator	NO	-----		
Guest	IARF Local Branch and other religious leaders			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>Note</b>	
Facility charge	Room and Chair	2,800	Local Contribution	
Refreshments	Tea, snack etc.	3,750	Local Sponsors	
		2,200		
Visual Aids	VCD/DVD prayer charge	300	Local Contribution	
"	LCD and Audio hire charges	2,100	Local Contribution	
Administrative fee	Stationary	1,880	Chart Paper, Markers, Pens, Tape, etc	
Administrative fee	Printing and photocopying	1,730	Banner, Hand-outs, Certificate etc	
Administrative fee	Postage and courier	200	Report to Office & local organizations	
Travel costs	Facilitator's travel costs	2,800	The Venue is around 1,2000 Km from the residence of the facilitator	
Hospitality	Accommodation & transportation from boarding to venue	4,100	Local Contribution	
Remuneration		3,000		
Miscellaneous & Other		2,150	Gratuity to local helpers, gifts to dignitaries & local organisers	
<b>TOTAL Program Cost</b>		<b>27,010</b>		
breakdown list->	Local Contribution	13,050		
	Supported by IARF Grant	13,960		

*Human Rights Resource Centre*  
Angelo Nagar, Kirikera,  
Hindupur 515211, Anantapur (Dist).



## Program Pictures

