



Prof. G.K. Chadha, CEO, South Asian University, New Delhi visits NTS-India

9th March 2009



From L - R: Mrs. Suneeta Chadha, Prof. G.K. Chadha, CEO, South Asian University, Prof. U.N. Singh, Director, CIIL, Prof. Pon Subbiah, Head, NTS-India and Dr. M. Balakumar, RRO, CIIL

Prof. G.K. Chadha [CEO, South Asian University (of SAARC Countries), New Delhi and Member of the Economic Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister of India] visited the NTS Headquarters at CIIL, Mysore on 9th March. During his brief visit, he interacted with the academic staff of NTS. Prior to this, the academic activities undertaken by the Centre for Testing & Evaluation (CT&E) through its project *Multipurpose Indian Languages Evaluation System (MILES)*, and also through the Central Scheme of MHRD *National Testing Service-India* were explained by Prof. Pon Subbiah, the Head of CT&E and NTS-I. He also gave a briefing about the initiatives taken up by the CT&E for evolving a comprehensive basis required for the maintenance of comparability across courses, institutions, and individuals as a step towards achieving equality in education.

While addressing the NTS staff Prof. Chadha emphasized the need for working out a better system of evaluation that could be made applicable for the whole country. He felt that the teachers should equip themselves with various techniques of evaluation with proper insights. On stressing the need for dissemination of information he said that the work being done here should be made known to the outside world. He suggested that

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NTS should play a key role for improving the quality of education in the country and advised the NTS team to visit various universities for creating awareness on this aspect. He further suggested that the adaptation of all the scientific methods that are available across the globe should be ensured for achieving this endeavour of national importance. He pointed out that though India was doing well in higher education, it was not enough when compared to other developed countries.

Prof. Chadha was of the view that the methods of teacher evaluation should be incorporated in the NTS framework and expected the NTS to come up with a standardized way of developing it. He also opined that in future the NTS should emerge as an independent institution well versed in this field of testing and evaluation. Expressing that, as a well-wisher and supporter, he would be very happy to talk about this scheme anywhere and promised to try his best to get the subject of testing and evaluation recognised as an independent discipline in upcoming universities.

Reacting to a query during interactive session, he told that the agency like NTS only could bring the comparability in standards across various boards, universities, and other academic organizations. He lauded that Prof. Subbiah and his team was doing a good job at a time when the education sector in India was poised for phenomenal growth. He believed that it was in the hands of institutions like NTS to ensure the development of a scientific system of evaluation for maintaining quality with pace. He assured all support and cooperation for the NTS in going forward with this mission.

At the beginning of the programme Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh (Director, CIIL) introduced the guest to the audience. Prof. A. S. Dasan (Department of English, University of Mysore) welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Balakumar (Coordinator, Programmes) and other staff of the NTS were present in the interactive session. Mr. M. Saravana, SRP, NTS proposed the vote of thanks.

Research and Development (R&D)

- To undertake in-depth analysis of the concepts of measurement & evaluation in the context of education
- To identify the content inputs & consequential effects of teaching, and learning
- To interrelate the outcome with the objectives of education and the actual needs of the country
- To develop appropriate methodology to meet all the evaluation needs.

Current Activities

IV Phase of the Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi (CCGS)

3rd to 7th & 26th to 28th March 2009 : This programme, organised in two parts was conducted at the NTS headquarters Mysore. The objective was to finalize the dimensions associated with the sub components of language. In the first part of this programme, an attempt was made to identify the dimensions associated with various components of language. The technical terms that refer to the dimensions were defined with illustrative examples. Also the feedback was obtained for enriching a portion of the CCGS material already available. In its second part, the identified dimensions were demarcated and distributed across the seven levels of general education i.e., Primary to Research, where language is taught as a subject of study.

The scholars who participated in the workshop were Prof. Lakshmi Narayana Aurora (Former Director, Prasara, University of Mysore), Prof. C. Shunmugom (Former HOD of Linguistics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore), Mr. Suryanarayana Begur (Former Principal, NIE, Mysore), Prof. M. Susheela (Former HOD of Linguistics, Tamil University, Thanjavur), Dr. K. Pasumpon (Asst. Director of Tamil Development, Madurai), and Dr. A. Srinivasan (St. Joseph's College of Edn., Mysore).

Overall guidance was provided by Prof. Pon Subbiah, Head, NTS. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. Balakumar (RRO) and Mr. M. Saravana (SRP). Dr. R. C. Maurya (RP), Dr. T. Janaki, Dr. T. Amudhan, Dr. G. Sandhya Nayak, and Dr. Md. Rizwan (JRPs) provided necessary assistance by supplying reference materials. Technical support was extended by Ms. R. Shakunthala (JRP).



From L-R: Prof. M. Susheela, Prof. C. Shunmugom, Mr. R. Suryanarayana Begur, Prof. Pon Subbiah, Ms. R. Shakunthala, Dr. T. Janaki, Dr. G. Sandhya Nayak, Prof. Lakshmi Narayana Aurora, and Dr. A. Srinivasan during discussions in CCGS workshop

Survey and Documentation (S&D)

Collecting, consolidating, and creating a grid of resources pertaining to : Contents, methods, and purposes of evaluation • Contact particulars of individuals and institutions involved in preparing and using different types of tests • Syllabi of various courses and corresponding question papers at different levels of education.

Current Activities

More than two thousand new addresses of interdisciplinary scholars representing the fields of medicine, engineering, law, etc., along with their specializations have been added to the S&D database of NTS during the month of March 2009. These addresses were collected from various sources. The list includes the participants of recently conducted National Convention at New Delhi and other programmes like Short Term Workshop-cum-Training programme for young scholars of different disciplines. Wherever possible, these collections were cross checked for their accuracy, before adding them in the mail list used for the dispatch of NTS monthly newsletters, course materials, etc.

Consultancy and Training (C&T)

- Evolving a mechanism for periodical training • Preparing teaching cum training modules
- Producing documentary films • Creating trained manpower in various branches of evaluation
- Extending consultancy on matters related to testing and evaluation.

Current Activities

Preparation of Testing Tools for Language Communication at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, TN

9th to 11th March 2009 : This three day workshop was jointly organized by the Centre for Testing and Evaluation (CT&E), CIIL, Mysore and Department of Extension and Career Guidance, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore at the latter's premises. The objective of this programme was to prepare testing tools for evaluating the communication skills (at the graduate level) that are usually expected by various agencies offering employment. Senior scholars including Dr. M. Ganesan (Prof. of Linguistics, Annamalai University), Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (Prof. of Translation, Tamil University, Thanjavur), Dr. N. Nadaraja Pillai (Controller of Exams., CIIL, Mysore) and Dr. L. Ramamoorthy (RRO, CIIL, Mysore) were involved in the activities of the first day of the programme.

On the second day i.e., 10th March, Dr. M. Balakumar (RRO, CIIL) and Dr. Biresh Kumar (RP, NTS) explained the item types available for the preparation of tools for language communication. They also informed the participants about the activities of the National Testing Service-India in this direction. Altogether there were 42 participants comprising college teachers and researchers. All of them were assigned the task of preparing question items under the areas allotted to them. The items to be identified as reasonably good will be considered for inclusion in the NTS database. The third day of the programme was devoted for consolidating the progress made by various participants. Prof. M. Jayakumar (HOD of Extension and Career Guidance, and Coordinator of the programme) presented the outcome of the programme in a consolidated form. He expressed his gratitude to Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh (Director, CIIL) and Prof. Pon Subbiah (Head, CT&E and DD, CIIL) for providing academic as well as financial support for organizing this programme.

Restructuring of Syllabi for Undergraduate Courses at Karnatak University, Dharwad

20th to 22nd March 2009 : A three day workshop on restructuring the syllabi of undergraduate courses was jointly organized by CT&E, CIIL, Mysore and Institute of Kannada Studies, Karnatak University, Dharwad from 20th to 22nd March, 2009 at the latter's premises.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. G. S. Amur, a renowned scholar of Kannada Literature. Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Pon Subbiah (Head, CT&E and NTS-I). He explained the importance of a syllabus document and the need for restructuring the traditionally developed ones in context of improving evaluation, as has been advocated by the NTS-I. Prof. H. M. Maheshwaraiah (Chairman, Institute of Kannada Studies) presided over the function and Prof. K.R. Durgadas (Chairman, Board of Studies in Kannada and Local Coordinator of the programme) explained the objectives.



L-R : Prof. H.M. Maheshwaraiah, Prof. J.S. Amur, Prof. Pon Subbiah and Prof. K.R. Durgadas in the inaugural function

There were 12 academic sessions and 21 scholars / researchers attended the programme. All of them presented their views on restructuring the syllabi. The use of language technology in preparing the syllabi was discussed while giving importance to the traditional topics like poetry, drama, novel, short story, etc. Each session was led by a senior subject expert. Prof. Giraddi Govindaraj (eminent critic of Kannada Literature) presided over the valedictory session. Prof. B. Krishna Murthy (Member of Syndicate, Karnatak University) was the chief guest. Prof. Mulla (Head, Department of Foreign Languages, Karnatak University) and Dr. M. Balakumar (RRO, CIIL & Programme Co-ordinator) were present on the dias. While proposing vote of thanks Prof. K.R. Durgadas expressed his gratitude to CT&E and the CIIL for extending academic and financial support to hold this programme.

Regional Field Units (RFUs)

- To disseminate the R & D outcome at the grass root levels
- To ensure wider participation for building up national consensus on materials and methodologies
- To identify scholars and undertake the process of item preparation, test construction, field administration, data collection, and standardisation (of tests) for establishing norms.

Inauguration of RFU at Vivekanandha College, Tiruchengode, TN.

Current Activities

7th March 2009 : NTS Regional Field Unit (No.T-6B) of the Tamil speaking areas meant for college education has been established in Vivekanandha College of Arts & Science for Women, Tiruchengode, Namakkal Dist., TN. The unit was inaugurated and preliminary orientation provided by Prof. Pon Subbiah (Head, NTS-India). Prior to this, Sri. S. Meganathan, CEO of Vivekanandha Educational Institutions welcomed the NTS team. Dr. M. Devatha (Principal) introduced them to the audience. After the inauguration, the team had a discussion with Dr. P. Bama (Local Coordinator of the RFU). Earlier the Science Expo 2009 (organized by the Association of Science and Humanities of Vivekanandha Institute of Engineering and Technology) was also inaugurated by Prof. Pon Subbiah. In the evening the NTS team had a brief discussion with Dr. M. Karunanidhi (Chairman, Vivekanandha Group of Institutions). Dr. Biresh Kumar (RP-Academic), Dr. Md. Rizwan (JRP-Academic), Mr. V. K. Dheeraj (JRP-Technical), and Mr. B.M. Lingaraju (Officer-RFUs) were the other members of the NTS team. This field unit has the jurisdiction of Erode, Namakkal and Karur districts of Tamil Nadu including border areas of Karnataka.



From L-R : Dr. P. Bama, Prof. Pon Subbiah, Thiru. S. Meganathan, Dr. M. Devatha, and Dr. Biresh kumar on the dias

Inauguration of RFU at Thiagarajar College, Madurai, TN.

16th March 2009 : NTS Regional Field Unit (No.T-8B) of the Tamil speaking areas meant for college education has been established in Thiagarajar (Autonomous) College, Madurai. It was inaugurated and preliminary orientation provided by Prof. Pon Subbiah. Earlier the NTS team was received by Dr. N. Karunamoorthy, (Head, Dept. of Tamil) and Dr. R. Malarvizhi Mangayarkarasi (Local Coordinator of the RFU). The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. R. Raja Govindaswamy (Principal). A special address by Prof. Tamizhannal (Former Head, School of Tamil Studies, M.K University) was also arranged by the college to emphasise the objectives of the RFU. The NTS team included Dr. T. Janaki, Dr. Anand Ravi, Mr. Ancy Thomas (JRPs), and Ms. Uma Maheshwari (Asst. Gr.I). This field unit has the jurisdiction of Dindigul, Teni, and Madurai districts of Tamil Nadu.



From L-R : Prof. Pon Subbiah, Dr. Malarvizhi Mangayarkarasi, Prof. R. Raja Govindaswamy, and Dr. N. Karunamoorthy on the dias

Orientation Programme at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, TN.

17th March 2009 : The NTS team led by Prof. Pon Subbiah visited the RFU located in the premises of the St. Xavier's college and provided preliminary orientation covering the basic concepts of testing & evaluation, their implications, importance and relevance in the context of education, to



The NTS team with the staff of Palayamkottai RFU

the teaching staff of the college. The objectives of the National Testing Service-India and the activities that are expected to be carried out by its Regional Field Units established in different parts of the country were explained to them by Prof. Pon Subbiah. He called upon the faculty members to get involved in the process of item preparation. He also described the facilities offered by the NTS. Later the queries of the participants as well as the journalists were answered during the interactive session. The NTS team included Dr. T. Janaki, Dr. Anand Ravi, Mr. Ancy Thomas (JRPs), and Ms. Uma Maheshwari (Asst. Gr.I).

Grant-in-Aid

NTS-GIA Programme at Periyar Maniammai University (PMU), Thanjavur, TN

3rd to 6th March 2009 : This four day programme on Teacher Development in Testing & Evaluation was organized by the Dept. of English, PMU with financial assistance from NTS-India under its GIA sub-scheme. The objective of this programme was to make the teacher participants aware of the basic concepts of evaluation such as its contents, methods, and purposes, etc. 51 faculty members drawn from different institutions participated in this programme. While delivering the valedictory address, Prof. Pon Subbiah, Head, NTS-India stressed the need for strengthening the system of evaluation in education as it is a neglected area in our country. Dr. N. Ramachandran, Vice-Chancellor, PMU presided over the function. Prof. V. Murugaiyan, Head, Dept. of English, PMU and Coordinator of this programme welcomed the guests. Ms. Hanna Dharmaseelam proposed vote of thanks.

NTS-GIA Programme at PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, TN

30th to 31st March 2009 : This two day training programme on Testing & Evaluation was organized by PSG College of Arts & Science with financial assistance from NTS under its GIA sub-scheme. The objective of this programme was to establish common levels of proficiency balancing the need to set standards, and ensure quality with special reference to Part-I Tamil. Altogether 45 college teachers participated in this workshop and item writing task was undertaken as per the framework suggested by NTS. Dr. Brunda Ravikumar, coordinated the programme under the overall supervision of Dr. Sheela Ramachandran, Principal of the college. Prof. P. Ratnasabapathy (IASE, Chennai) and Prof. T. Sethupandian (MKU, Madurai) were the resource persons nominated by NTS for this programme.

News & Events

Interactive meetings for NTS academic positions

3rd to 4th and 5th to 6th March 2009 : Two interactive meetings for the shortlisted candidates (who had applied for NTS positions of JRPs, RPs, SRPs, and CRPs) were arranged at its headquarters in order to find out their suitability. All the 19 candidates who participated in the interactive meeting were involved in various activities such as written and oral presentation, group discussion, library consultation, and so on. Senior scholars like Prof. B. N. Pattnaik (Retd. from IIT, Kanpur), Prof. Laxmi Narayana Aurora (Retired from University of Mysore) and Prof. Masood Siraj (HOD of Urdu, University of Mysore) were the subject experts. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. Balakumar, RRO, CIIL and Mr. M. Saravana, SRP, NTS.

Inspection of RFU applicant institutions

10th March 2009 : A four member team led by Mr. K. Narayana Devaraiyah, Academic Secretary, CIIL, Mysore, inspected Geetaanjali All India Secondary School, Erode, T.N. in order to find out the feasibility for establishing RFU of NTS. The team was received by Mr. Gopalan, Chairman of the organisation, Mrs. Subbalakshmi, Principal and other staff members of the institution. Dr. T. Amudhan, Dr. G. Sandhya Nayak (JRPs) and Smt. G. Ushanandini, Secretary to the Head, NTS-India were the other members of the inspection team.

12th March 2009 : A two member team comprising Mr. S. B. Biswas, Manager, CIIL Printing Press and Mr. M. Saravana, SRP, NTS visited the Mahad Educational and Welfare Society's As-Sabeel Public School, Purnia (Bihar) in order to find out the feasibility of establishing the RFU of NTS. The team was received by Mr. Niyaz Ahmed Qasmi, Secretary of the School. The team went round the campus of the institution before holding a discussion with the authorities.

NTS-India had a say in Yashpal Committee on Higher Education in India

30th March 2009 : On invitation from Yashpal Committee Prof. Pon Subbiah (Head, NTS-India) attended the meeting to discuss the draft report of the committee, at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. While

participating in the discussion, he emphasised the need for improving the monitoring mechanism in higher education; he also suggested that the problems of quality maintenance should be academically dealt with. He was of the opinion that unless a 'benchmark' was determined for every course (of study), institution (offering such course), and the individuals (at various stages of their educational carrier), no tangible outcome in the direction would be possible. Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, Prof. Pon Subbiah and Prof. A.S. Dasan (University of Mysore) interacted with Prof. Yashpal, Chairman of the committee for about 20 minutes. regarding the evaluation system being followed. Prof. Apoorvananda of Delhi University was also present at that time.

The suggestions made by various participants were taken note of by Chairman and members of the committee. There were about 35 participants comprising Vice Chancellors, Directors of IITs/IIMs, Senior Professors, Social Activists, Educational Advisors, and so on. Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Director, IIM-B convened this meeting.



From L-R : Prof. A.S. Dasan, Prof. Pon Subbiah, Prof. Yashpal, Prof. Apoorvanand

Followup Meeting of the National Convention on Testing, at the University of Madras

30th & 31st March 2009 : NTS team led by its Head visited the University of Madras to provide a briefing about the activities of NTS to the senior officials of the university as desired by its Vice Chancellor Prof. S. Ramachandran. This meeting was held as a follow-up-meeting of the recently held Convention at Delhi. Top officials of the university comprising Prof. M. Ranganathan (Registrar), Prof. V. Thangaraj (Controller of Examinations), Prof. M.R. Srinivasan (Dean -Academic), Prof. D. Velumurugan, Prof. V.K. Padmanabhan, Prof. G. Jayaraman, and Prof. S. Revathi (Campus Directors) attended the meeting. There was also a separate discussion with Prof. Duraisamy (Former Dean - Academic). The dates of the followup meeting were finalised and decided as 7th & 8th May 2009. The other members of the NTS team were Mr.Ancy Thomas, Mr.K.S.Raghavan (JRPs, Technical), Ms. Uma Maheshwari (Asst. Gr. I), and Ms. Anjum (Urdu DEO).



A view of Meeting at the University of Madras, Chennai

Announcement

Following institutions were sanctioned grants for conducting seminars / workshops, etc., on Testing and Evaluation under Grant-in-Aid, a sub scheme of NTS-India. The details of the grantees and the funds released are given below :

Dr. K. Anbarasu Principal, National College, Tiruchirapalli-620001	Rs.100000/-	Dr. Joyce Principal, Teresian College Siddhartha Nagar, Mysore-570011	Rs. 100000/-
Prof. A.R. Fatihi Chairman & Coordinator, Dept. of Linguistics, AMU, Aligarh-202002	Rs.75000/-	Prof. Mazheruddin Faroqui Director, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad -500032	Rs.100000 /

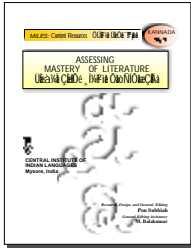
Forthcoming

1. A Follow-up Convention on Testing and Evaluation in collaboration with University of Madras, Chennai is scheduled to be held in the main campus of the UOM on 7th & 8th May, 2009 .
2. A National Seminar cum Workshop on Testing and Evaluation sponsored by the NTS under GIA, a sub scheme, is scheduled at the Department of English, Teresian College, Mysore on 26th & 27th May 2009.
3. An Introductory Meeting for the representatives of newly identified institutions to establish Regional Field Units of NTS from all over the country is scheduled to be convened at NTS-India Headquarters, CIIL, Mysore, on 27th & 28th May 2009.

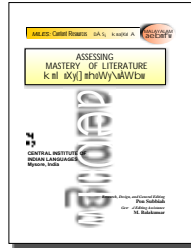
What do they contain?

Assessing Mastery of Literature

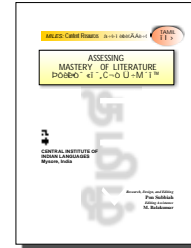
This volume is available in Kannada, Malayalam, and Tamil. It consists of two parts. Part I is on introduction. Part II has got four main sections viz., genesis, generics, aesthetics and affectives. The objective of these sections are to provide content resources through scores of illustrative examples for developing tests for assessing mastery of literature. The illustrative examples are listed under each of the dimensions associated with the components of literature. Every question item included here is based on a problem and is presented in an Item File Card (IFC) format for the purpose of storing as well as retrieving. These items are presented in the order of sequence as shown in the General Frame of Reference (GFR) for literature brought out by the Centre for Testing and Evaluation of CIIL. This volume can be procured by placing orders to Sales Executive (Publication), CIIL, Mysore-570 006, Karnataka. e-mail: chandrasekhar@ciil.stpmy.soft.net, ph: 0821-2345040.



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Activities of NTS

April 2008 to March 2009

1. Third Introductory Meeting of the Representatives of RFUs at CIIL, MYSORE (April 29-30, 2008)
2. Meeting of the Working Group on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (June 2-6, 2008)
3. Followup Workshop on Framework for Aptitude, Achievement and Proficiency Tests at CIIL, MYSORE (June 9-11, 2008)
4. Pre-Convention Meeting (Hindi) at Central Hindi Institute (CHI), AGRA (June 23-25, 2008)
5. Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (June 26-28, 2008)
6. II Phase of the WS on the Framework for Aptitude, Achievement and Proficiency Tests at CIIL, MYSORE (July 10-12, 08)
7. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Venkateswara Teacher Training Institute, PUDUCHERRY (July 16, 08)
8. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at National College, TRICHY (July 18, 2008)
9. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at St. Xavier's College, PALAYAMKOTTAI (July 21, 2008)
10. Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (July 23-26, 2008)
11. Workshop for shortlisted applicants of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships at CIIL, MYSORE (July 29-31, 2008)
12. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Sona College of Technology, SALEM (August 8, 2008)
13. One day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. E. Annamalai, Former Director, CIIL, MYSORE (August 18, 2008)
14. Second Scrutiny Committee Meeting for synopses of training modules at CIIL, MYSORE (August 29-30, 2008)
15. Orientation Programme for the staff of RFU at Uma Maheshwara Higher Secondary School, THANJAVUR (Sep. 4, 08)
16. Workshop for Module Presentation by Module Writers at CIIL, MYSORE (September 10-11, 2008)
17. Meeting of NTS Staff with Ms. Anita Bhatnagar Jain, JS(L), MHRD, New Delhi at CIIL, MYSORE (Sep. 18, 2008)
18. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Jaya College of Education, Thiruniravur, CHENNAI (Sep. 19, 2008)
19. Second Scrutiny Committee Meeting on GIA Proposals at CIIL, MYSORE (October 10, 2008)
20. Workshop for Orientation to the Module Writers - I Phase at CIIL, MYSORE (October 14-15, 2008)
21. Short Term Project for the Scholars of Hindi, Tamil, Urdu for Three Months at CIIL, MYSORE (from October 15, 2008)
22. Interactive Workshop for Recruitment of SRP & RP (applied on deputation basis) at CIIL, MYSORE (October 16-18 2008)
23. Pre - Convention Meeting (Hindi) with Prof. S.C. Jaswal, Regional Director, CHI, NEW DELHI (October 20, 2008)
24. Meeting for Shortlisting of Applicants for Doctoral & Post Doctoral Fellowships at CIIL, MYSORE (October 21,08)
25. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. Akhtar Siddiqui, Chairperson, NCTE, New Delhi at MYSORE (Nov. 5-6, 08)
26. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Dr. P.A. Ramiah, IAS, Chairman, TRB, CHENNAI at MYSORE (Nov. 7-8,08)
27. Interactive Meeting with the applicants selected for GIA at CIIL, MYSORE (November 7-8, 2008)
28. Workshop on finalisation of the Framework for Aptitude, Achievement & Proficiency at CIIL, MYSORE (Nov. 10-14, 2008)
29. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Eram Intermediate College, LUCKNOW (November 19, 2008)
30. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Kanpur Kanya Mahavidyalaya, KANPUR (November 20, 2008)
31. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Ewing Christian College, ALLAHABAD (November 21, 2008)
32. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at Purvanchal High School, DARBHANGA (November 26, 2008)
33. Workshop on finalisation of the Framework for Aptitude, Achievement & Proficiency at CIIL, MYSORE (Dec.1-4, 2008)
34. Preliminary Orientation Programme of RFU at PSG College of Arts & Science, COIMBATORE (December 3, 2008)

35. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. S.Ramachandran, VC, University of Madras at MYSORE (Dec. 4-5,08)
36. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. Anandkrishnan, Chairman, IITs Kanpur & Rajasthan at CIIL, MYSORE (December 15-16, 2008)
37. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. Abdul Azis, VC, AMU, Aligarh at MYSORE (December 26-27, 2008)
38. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. Ved Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) at CIIL, MYSORE (December 29-30, 2008)
39. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. H.A. Ranganath, Director, NAAC, Bangalore at MYSORE (Dec. 4-5, 2008)
40. Two day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. Jacob Tharu, Former Prof. of Evaluation, CIEFL, Hyderabad at CIIL, MYSORE (December 5-6, 2008)
41. RFU Inspection to Shimla, Kangda, Dharmshala, Chandigarh, Delhi by Dr. Jogaraj and Dr. M. Balakumar (Jan.13-17, 09)
42. RFU Inspection to St.Joseph College of Education, Ooty, a team led by Mr. M. Saravana, SRP, NTS (January 14th, 2009)
43. Pre-convention Meeting on 3rd National Convention on Testing with CHI Delhi at CIIL, MYSORE (Jan. 15-16, 2009)
44. RFU Inauguration & Orientation Programme, Reshmi Welfare Educational Society, HUBLI (January 17, 2009)
45. Three day Meeting with the Documentary Producer on Achievement Test, CIIL, MYSORE (January 19-22, 2009)
46. NTS Workshop to identify suitable candidates for Data Entry Operators for Hindi & Urdu at CIIL, MYSORE (Jan. 22, 09)
47. NTS Workshop to identify suitable candidates for the Assistant Positions at CIIL, MYSORE (January 23, 2009)
48. V Phase WS on Aptitude, Achievement, & Proficiency Tests at CIIL, MYSORE (January 27-30, 2009)
49. Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (February 2-6, 2009)
50. RFU inspection to Ramanathapuram; Thoothukudi; Tirunelveli Dist.by the team led by Prof. Pon Subbiah (Feb.3-6, 09)
51. RFU inspection to Ambur, Kalavai at Vellur Dist. led by Mr. K. Narayana Devaraiiah (AS, CIIL), (February 4-6, 2009)
52. Workshop for shortlisted Applicants of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships at CIIL, MYSORE (Feb. 12-13, 2009)
53. Third National Convention on Testing & Evaluation (w.r.t. Hindi) at IIMC, NEW DELHI (February 18-21, 2009)
54. Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (March 3-7, 2009)
55. Interactive Meeting to findout suitable candidates for CRPs / SRPs (Acad.) at CIIL, MYSORE (March 3-4, 2009)
56. Interactive Meeting to findout suitable candidates for RPs / JRP (Acad.) at CIIL, MYSORE (March 5-6, 2009)
57. NTS-GIA Programme at Periyar Maniammai University, Vallam, THANJAVUR (March 6th, 2009)
58. RFU Inauguration & Orientation, Vivekanandha College of Arts & Science (W), Tiruchengode, NAMAKKAL (Mar. 07, 09)
59. One day Interactive Meeting on NTS with Prof. G.K. Chadha, CEO, South Asian University (of SAARC Countries), and Member, PM's Economic Advisory Council, NEW DELHI (March 9th 2009)
60. RFU Inspection to Geetaanjali School, Erode, a team led by Mr. K. Narayana Devaraiiah (AS, CIIL) (March 10, 09)
61. RFU Inspection for applicant institution to Mahad Educational Society's As-Sabeel Public School, PURNIA by Mr. S.B. Biswas, Manager, CIIL Press & Mr. M. Saraana of NTS (March 11-13, 2009)
62. RFU Inauguration & Orientation Programme at Thiagarajar College, MADURAI (March 16, 2009)
63. RFU Orientation Programme at St. Xavier College, PALAYAMKOTTAI (March 17, 2009)
64. Workshop on Concept based Continuum of Graded Syllabi at CIIL, MYSORE (March 26-28, 2009)
65. Pre-convention Meeting on 4th National Convention on Testing & Evaluation : Tamil at UOM, CHENNAI (March 30-31, 09)

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