

CERSSE COMPLETES FINAL ROUND OF PROGRAMMES OF PHASE TWO OF CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DEMOCRATIZATION PROJECT IN MYANMAR

The Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CERSSE) of Jain University completed the last round of workshops of the Second Phase of the Capacity Building for Democratization project in Myanmar. The University has an MOU with the Forum of Federations – The Global Network on Federalism and Decentralized Governance to provide Resource Persons and academic support for the programme. The programme is funded by the Government of Canada and implemented in Myanmar in partnership with Myanmar Egress and EBO.

The last phase of the programme involved conducting two workshops and a Training of Trainers Programme. One workshop was held at Yangon from 13 to 15 February 2014 in collaboration with the Euro Burma Office (EBO) and Nationalities Brotherhood Federation (NBF). As many as 40 participants representing the Ethnic Minorities attended the Workshop. The participants were from across the country. The Workshop focused on Capacity Building for Democratization, Federalism and Decentralization in Myanmar. Dr. Sandeep Shastri, the Pro Vice Chancellor of Jain University was the Team Leader and Chief Resource Person for the Programme.

A Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme was held at Yangon from 17 to 21 February 2014 in collaboration with Myanmar Egress. Over 25 trainers participated in the programme and were provided training to carry forward the Capacity Building Programme across the country. CERSSE was involved in the preparation of the training modules and Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor, Jain University was the Team Leader and Chief Trainer at the Programme.

A last Workshop was conducted at the Mon State Capital in from 23 to 25 February 2014. This was attended by the Members of the State Legislature, Representatives of Political Parties, Civil Servants, Journalists, Civil Society Activists and Lawyers. Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor Jain University, was the Team Leader and Chief Resource Person at this Workshop.

In the Second Phase of the Training Programme, two Train the Trainer (TOT) Workshops and 8 Capacity Building Workshops were completed. A longer Third Phase of the Programme is now being planned.



Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Pro Vice Chancellor, Jain University introducing the Workshop Objectives at Mawlamyine.



Dr. Sandeep Shastri (fourth from left) with other Resource Persons and participants in the Train the Trainers Programme.



Dr. Sandeep Shastri and other Resource Persons at the Workshops with Representatives of Ethnic Minority groups.