



"Education is a liberating force, and in our age it is also a democratizing force, cutting across the barriers of caste and class, smoothing out inequalities imposed by birth and other circumstances."

- Indira Gandhi



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Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, has initiated the process of developing a New Education Policy to bring out reforms in Indian education system. The University Grants Commission has already initiated several steps to bring in equity, efficiency and academic excellence in the Higher Education System. The important ones include innovation and improvement in course-curricula, introduction of paradigm shift in learning and teaching pedagogy, examination and education system. This can only be possible when Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), an internationally acknowledged, system is adopted.

Majority of Indian higher education institutions have been following marks or percentage based evaluation system which obstructs the flexibility for the students to study the subjects/ courses of their choice and their mobility to different institutions. The present situation necessitates transformation and/ or redesigning of education system not only by introducing innovations but developing learner centric approach in the entire education delivery mechanism and globally followed evaluation system as well.

The CBCS enables learners to choose courses of their choice, learn at their own pace, undergo additional courses and acquire more than the required credits and adopt an interdisciplinary approach to learning. The CBCS guidelines also provide for standardized letter grades, corresponding grade points, uniform method for calculation of Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and a consolidated transcript format to indicate a learners performance in each semester.

The CBCS will undoubtedly facilitate us benchmark our courses with best international academic practices and will benefit the learners to move across institutions within India and across countries. The uniform grading system will also enable potential employers in assessing the performance of the candidates.

The CBCS is implemented for the undergraduate programmes of IGNOU, Viz., B. A., B. Sc., and B. Com. which offer **Core Courses** worth 131-140 credits, **Discipline Specific Elective Courses** worth 141-170 credits, **Generic/Interdisciplinary Elective Courses** worth 171-180 credits, **Ability Enhancement Courses** worth 181-182 credits and **Skill Enhancement Courses** worth 183-199 credits; thus **accumulating a total of 132 credits**. Further to this, a 10 point Grading System is also envisaged for the evaluation of CBCS based programmes.

Mapping of Courses of CBCS

- **Core Courses** are compulsory courses to be studied as a core requirement
- **Discipline Specific Elective Courses** are elective courses offered in the main discipline / subject of study
- **Generic Elective Courses** are elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline / subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective. A core course offered in a discipline / subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline / subject and vice-versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective
- **Interdisciplinary Elective Courses** are course chosen from a pool of courses which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline / subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline / subject / domain or nurtures the candidate's proficiency / skill
- **Ability Enhancement Courses** are courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement; like, Environmental Science and, English / MIL Communication and these are mandatory for all disciplines
- **Skill Enhancement Courses** are value-based and / or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills, etc. These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses
- **Introducing Research Component in Under-Graduate Courses:** Project work / Dissertation worth 6 credits is also suggested by UGC as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving / analyzing / exploring real life situations / difficult problem. A Project / Dissertation work may be given in-lieu of a discipline specific elective paper

New Pro Vice - Chancellors

Prof. Satyakam,

was serving as Director, School of Humanities, IGNOU and has rendered long 32 years of service to IGNOU.

He is also a well known critic, columnist and editor in Hindi.



Dr. Kshiti Bhusan Das, was serving as Registrar, and Director (CDC), Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

He was formerly Chairman NCTE (Eastern Region),

National Fellow ICSSR, Prof., Head and Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management

NAAC Accreditation of IGNOU

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 notified vide Gazette dated 23rd June, 2017, it is mandatory for a University offering programmes in ODL mode to comply with UGC (Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2012 and apply for assessment and accreditation of the programmes offered by it in ODL mode. In this background, the NAAC under the direction of UGC initiated the process to formulate framework for Assessment And Accreditation (A&A) of Open Universities on a priority basis. A National Task Force (NTF) for ODL was constituted for the purpose under the chairmanship of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, presently, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. To ensure transparency in the process of Assessment and Accreditation, it is necessary for the OUs to upload a Self Study Report (SSR) along with relevant documents on Institutional website.

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) under the leadership of its Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) has also initiated the activities for Accreditation. Accordingly, Regional Centre Trivandrum has also uploaded the prescribed Annexures - Profile, Staff List, Details of LSCs, Counselling Schedule, Extension / Outreach / Promotional Activities and Promotional / Publicity Materials in its website <http://rctrivandrum.ignou.ac.in>

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Exam Superintendents Meet

A one day Orientation Programme was organized for the Exam Superintendents of June 2019 Term End Examination on 29th May 2019 at the Regional Centre. Exam superintendents from 10 exam centres participated in the programme. Dr. B. Sukumar Regional Director cautioned the Superintendents to use only Main and Supplementary Answer Sheets with the seal June 2019 during the TEE. The Regional Director also discussed on the various matters concerning opening of QPs, day-to-day reports, packing and despatch of answer sheets within the prescribed time frame to Cochin or Delhi, and formalities to be followed at the time of closing of examinations. Various queries raised by the participants were also replied in detail by the Regional Director in the interactive session.



International Day of Yoga

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum celebrated the 5th International Day of Yoga by organizing a lecture cum demonstration on 'Yoga for body, mind and soul'. The programme was presided by Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director and inaugurated by



Yoga Expert Trainer Shri. Prasanth S. from Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Madom, Trivandrum. In his address he stressed upon the 'Importance of Yoga', and its relevance in contemporary world. He also demonstrated various Yogic Exercises to the participants and stressed its importance in maintaining our health. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Asst. Director.



Promotional Programmes

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum in association with IGNOU Study Centre Police Training College (40035P) conducted promotional meetings for police personnel.

The programmes were conducted at the Special Armed Police Camp (Peroorkada)

and Kerala Armed Women Police Battalion (Menamkulam), Trivandrum. Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Assistant Director, IGNOU, Regional Centre, Trivandrum, briefed of the opportunities in IGNOU for working professionals. Around 60 police personnel attended the programmes.



A Tribute to Prof. G. Ram Reddy



The 24th Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture was organized by the Indira Gandhi National Open University at its Head Quarters in New Delhi on 2nd July 2019 in memory of the founder Vice-Chancellor of the University. The programme was in broadcast by Gyanvani, telecast on Gyandarshan and webcast through Gyandhara by IGNOU. Academic and administrative staff members of the Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Coordinators / Programme-in-Charges of Local Study Centres attended the programme at the Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Prior to the telecast

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director addressed the gathering and paid tribute to the founder Vice-Chancellor.

Extended Contact Programme of PGDHE

The ten day Extended Contact Programme (ECP) for Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) was organized at VOC College of Education, Toothukkudi, Tamil Nadu from 23rd May to 1st June 2019. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sibü G. Netto, Asst. Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Dr. T. Kanakaraj, Principal, VOC College of Education, Thoothukudi chaired the session. Academic Counsellors from various Higher Education Institutions rendered their service as resource persons. Dr. S. Rasul Mohaideen, PIC, IGNOU Study Centre, VOC College of Education, Thoothukudi co-ordinated the activities in connection with the ECP. The certificates to the participants were issued during the valedictory function by Asst. Director, Dr. Sibü G. Netto.



Career Awareness Programme on Media and Entertainment Industry

The Placement Cell of Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Trivandrum in association with Maya Academy of Advanced Cinematics Thiruvananthapuram Branch has decided to organise a series of Career Awareness Programme which may lead to placement in Media & Entertainment Industry. The programme aims to provide first hand experience on application of Animation, Gaming, VFX, AR & VR to students who have completed +2 or above.

The first programme among the series was held at IGNOU Study Centre, Sree Narayana College Kollam on Saturday 13th July 2019 from 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM. Around 60 students from various institutions participated in the Programme.



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