

IGNOU : Reaching out to the village community



“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

Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre, Trivandrum organized the meeting of Village Adoption Scheme at Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy on 3rd October 2016. Dr. S.Surianarayanan, Coordinator, IGNOU Special Study Centre (2535D), Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy welcomed the gathering.



Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum presided over the function. In his presidential address Dr. B. Sukumar explained the vision of the Village Adoption Scheme introduced by Government of India under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and

the role of educational institutions like IGNOU in bringing changes in rural development to help in building the architecture of an Inclusive India. Shri. S. Ramakrishnan, Founder President, Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy inaugurated the Village Adoption Scheme and delivered the inaugural address. He expressed his hope that the village Ayikudy, Kambily, Kilankadu, Vayalkattu colony, Agarakattu will be benefited by enriching and developing the knowledge with the patronage of IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Smt. S. Pattammal, Treasurer, Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and Shri. K. Chidambaram EC member of Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy felicitated the function. Shri. M. Lakshmi Narayanan, elaborated on the need for creating awareness about various agro based small scale Industries suitable for our local condition and the role of IGNOU in it.

Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum, served as the resource person and explained the various services of IGNOU and its Learner Support Centers. Rural youths, Agriculturists and members of self help groups from Ayikudy, Kambily, Kilankadu, S.V.Karai, Agarakattu, Ananthapuram, inmates, employees of Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and the students of IGNOU participated in the function.



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As part of enhancing the quality of academic support to the learners in Open and Distance Learning system and effective implementation of academic programmes at Learner Support Centres, Indira Gandhi National Open University organized a series of orientation programmes for its academic counsellors across the country. In this connection IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum hosted three zonal orientation programmes for academic counsellors of various disciplines.

First Orientation programme for the Academic Counsellors for Masters and Bachelors Degree Political Sciences electives was conducted on 9th and 10th September. Prof. V Rama-



krishnan, Director, IISER, Trivandrum formally inaugurated the programme.

Prof. S. Vijayasekhara Reddy and Prof. Jagpal Singh from School of Social Sciences, IGNOU Head Quarters, New Delhi were the resource persons for the programme.

Dr. Suresh Das, Executive Vice President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment & Principal Secretary of S&T Department, Govt. of Kerala inaugurated the second two day orientation Programme for Academic Counsellors in Economics on 22nd September.



Prof. Narayan Prasad, Prof. K. Barik and Sh. Saugato Sen from School of

Social Sciences, IGNOU Head Quarters, New Delhi were the resource persons for the programme.

Third orientation programme was held on 4th and 5th November. Sh. Satyajeet Rajan IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Kerala and Director General IMG inaugurated the programme for the academic counsellors of life sciences and chemistry, PGDAC, CPLT and DAQ.



Prof. Jaswant Sokhi, Prof. Sunita Malhotra, Prof. Bharat Inder Fozdar, Prof. Neera Kapoor from School of Sciences, IGNOU Headquarters, New Delhi were the resource persons for the programme.

Towards enhancing quality teaching

From Regional Director's Desk

Education is considered as a crucial factor in enriching the human capital and enhancing socio-economic productivity. Growing economy with numerous employment opportunities and increasing number of youths in working force emphasize the need for enriching human capital. Presently the demand for quality higher education is increasing but the educational resources are not keeping pace with it. Besides, there is a national mission objective of enhancing Gross Enrollment Ratio in Higher education. On these lines IGNOU is also making attempts through Village Adoption Scheme, Unnat Bhaart Abhiyaan and MOOCS to meet the demand for education for all and the need for lifelong and continuing education.

Regional Centre Trivandrum



The Regional Centre, Trivandrum was established in the year 2009 and this Centre is intended to cater the higher education needs of southern parts of the country falling within the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Regional Centre functions through a network of 52 Learner Support Centres (LSCs) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, districts of Kerala and Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, and Tuticorin districts of Tamil Nadu. The region has expanded its network of Learner Support Centres from 38 to 52 since its establishment. As on date the Regional Centre, Trivandrum caters to the educational requirements of its jurisdiction through a network of 52 Learner Support Centres, comprising 13 Regular Study Centres, 33 Programmes Study Centres and 6 special Study Centers.

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Expanding support services

- With a view to extend the reach of higher education to remote areas the Regional Centre has established new Regular Study Centres at VTM College in Kanyakumari District, Rani Anna College in Thirunelveli District, All Saints College in Trivandrum District and Sreenikethan Centre for Social Development in Kollam District.
- Programme Study Centres are established at Police Training College, Trivandrum and at Govt. Super Specialty Medical College, Trivandrum for offering Post Doctoral Certificate in Dialysis Medicine (PDCDM) in collaboration with School of Health Sciences, IGNOU and Directorate General of Health Services, Govt. of India.
- The Regional Centre has also established a Programme Study Centre at Institute of Land and Disaster Management at P.T.P Nagar for offering PG Diploma and Certificate programmes in Geoinformatics and Disaster Management.

Coordinators/PICs meeting

The fifth meeting of the Coordinators and Programme –In-charges (PICs) of the LSCs under IGNOU Regional Centre was held on 3rd August 2016.

The Meeting began with a welcome address by Dr.T.R.Satyakeerthy, Assistant Regional Director followed by the Presidential Address by Dr.B.Sukumar, Regional Director. The meeting was



inaugurated by Smt.M.S.Jaya IAS, Director, Directorate of Higher secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala. Dr.V.Girija Devi, Deputy Director, thanked the gathering.

A step towards better placement



In the present day business scenario, companies demand job-ready candidates for employment at the shortest possible time period. The qualified students are expected to be equipped with employable skills suitable for respective sectors.

In order to enhance and facilitate the process of gainful employment for its divergent and distributive learner population a Campus Placement Cell has been established at IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum on 28.10.2015.

The cell aims at conducting placement drives and employability enhancement activities at the Regional Centre for the purposeful placement of students in competitively good companies and reputed organizations.

Spearheading Innovation and Best Practices

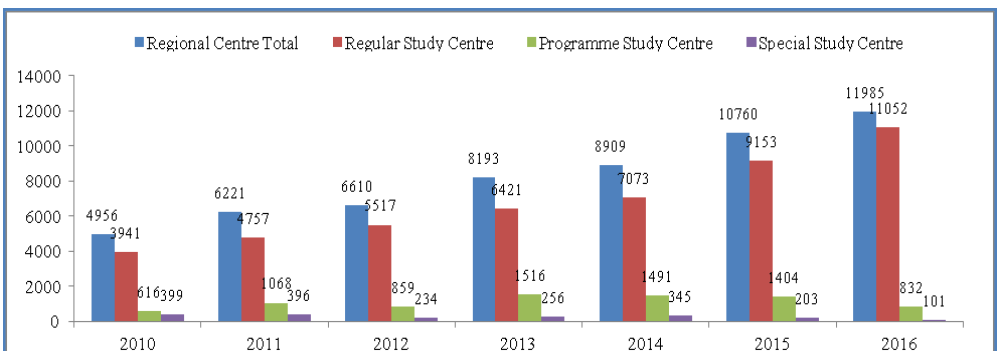
Taking action on the directions of the Hon'ble President of India, University has formulated Innovation Club@ IGNOU at Headquarters. Accordingly IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has also launched an Innovation Club on 28.10.2015 for creating the culture of innovation and motivating the faculty and students to do innovations.

The mission of the Innovation Club is to identify the grass root level innovations by the faculty and students of IGNOU at the Regional Centre as well as at the Study Centres and to provide a platform for transforming their ideas into reality.

In connection with the inauguration of the Innovation Club a seminar was organized on "Start Up initiatives" by the Kerala Start Up Mission. Several activities are being planned as a part of the Innovation Club including seminars, lectures, start-up presentations, workshops for idea generation etc.



GROWTH OF ENROLLMENT (2010 to 2016)



Promoting inclusive education



In a bid to popularize IGNOU's motto to provide 'Inclusive Education to all', IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has initiated innovative experiments to take higher education to differently abled learners who are excluded from the main stream of education due to lack of conducive learning environment, physical and psychological barriers.

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has initiated enrolling people affected with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (a rare genetic disorder that renders the bones extremely weak and easy to break) in various IGNOU programmes including BPP for facilitating them to pursue their higher education and achieving their educational/social goals.

Reaching out the unreached



With a focus to enrich the education standards of grass root level community, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has taken an initiative to popularize IGNOU Programmes like CIG, CFN, CNCC, DNHE, BPP and CLP among Anganwadi Workers (ICDS project) in the districts under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum.

As an initial attempt, the Regional Director and Assistant Regional Directors addressed the Anganwadi Workers of urban I, II, III and IV ICDS projects in Trivandrum District. As a result around 500 Anganwadi Workers and some of their family members have joined for various programmes in IGNOU.

The initiative was formerly launched by Dr. .M.K.Muneer Hon'ble Minister for Panchayats and Social Welfare, Govt. of Kerala. .Shri. C.K.Raghavanunni, Addl. Director, Dept. of Social Justice, Smt. R.K.Sheela, Asst. Director ICDS, Dr .K.N Madhusoodanan Pillai, Asst Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre, BIAR felicitated the programme.

IGNOU IN NEWS



**Farewell to
Dr. V. Girija Devi
Deputy Director
IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum**

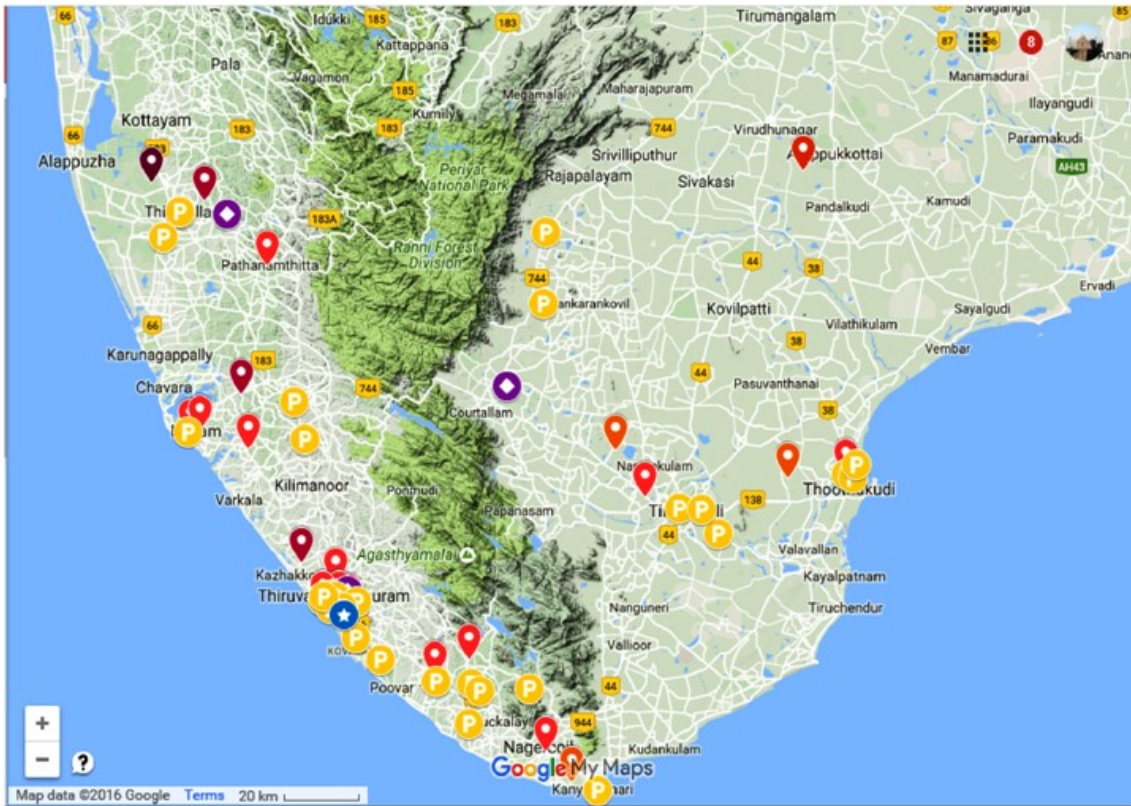


Observation of Vigilance awareness week



IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE TRIVANDRUM

PRECISE LOCATION OF LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES



ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR JANUARY 2017 CYCLE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), one of the Mega-University in the World, announces ADMISSION to its Distance Education Programmes for the Academic Cycle commencing from January 2017.

Besides Master 's and Bachelor' s Degree programmes, the University also offers Post Graduate Diploma, Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate and Certificate programmes including Appreciation Courses on a wide range of subjects.

For further details relating to the programmes on offer, please visit IGNOU Website – www.ignou.ac.in or contact the Regional Centre/ nearest Study Centre. Prospectus can be obtained from the Regional Centre in person on payment of Rs. 200/- or through post by sending a DD for Rs. 250/-. Prospectus can also be downloaded from the IGNOU Website – www.ignou.ac.in and submitted to the Regional Centre along with a DD of Rs. 200/- in addition to the programme fee. All DDs are to be drawn in favour of 'IGNOU' payable at Trivandrum.

Online Admission facility is also available for some of the programmes and can be accessed through www.onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in.

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