

## Awareness programme for jail inmates

An awareness programme was conducted for jail inmates in association with the Special Study Centre (40036) in Open Prison, Nettukaltheri, Trivandrum on 12th December 2018. Shri. Shijo Thomas, Coordinator of IGNOU SSC welcomed the gathering. Shri. B. Sunil Kumar, Superintendent, Open Jail chaired the session.

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum addressed the inmates and briefed them about the higher education opportunities being offered by IGNOU. Shri. J. Patric, Asst. Superintendent was present during the occasion. Around 50 inmates and staff members of the Open Jail participated in this programme.



## Education day



In association with Sreenikethan Centre for Social Development, Chathannoor, Kollam, the IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum organized a seminar on National Education Day. Dr. N. Raveendran, the Director of the Host institution welcomed the gathering. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. B. Sukumar Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum. He spoke on the various aspects of IGNOU and the need for celebrating National Education Day. Smt. Susan Kodi, the Chairperson, Kerala State Social Welfare Board, Trivandrum, was felicitated during the occasion.

Two papers on the theme National Education Day were presented in the Seminar by Shri. John Abraham, Former Chairman, Junior Chamber International, Kollam and Dr. V. Santhakumari, Co-ordinator IGNOU Study

Centre, Sreenikethan Centre for Social Development, Chathannoor. Adv. G. Vijayakumar, Govt. Public Prosecutor, Kollam District chaired in the Sessions. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Sri. A. Sreekumar, Principal, Sreenikethan Central School.

## Induction meetings ...



As part of its publicity and promotional activities, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum participated in DISHA Higher Secondary Expo - 2018, a career guidance expo organized by the Career Guidance and Adolescent Counseling Cell, Department of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala.

The expo was organized at SDV School ground Alapuzha in connection with the Kerala State School Youth Festival from December 6 to 9. The stall arranged by IGNOU was appealing and was appreciated by the visitors. The invaluable aid and assistance extended by IGNOU for the fruition of Disha 2018-19 was appreciated by the organizers with a memento.



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## IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum Celebrates Tin Jubilee...



"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."

The IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum was established on 18 January 2009 to cater to the higher education needs of the southern most parts of the country falling within the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Tin Jubilee was officially memorialized at the Regional Centre by the officers and staff members by cutting a cake on 18 January 2019.

Dr. B. Sukumar, the Regional Director, on this occasion shared memories of the establishment of the Regional Centre. Having had the fortune of being the founder Regional Director of the Regional Centre in 2009, he was elated on this proud occasion of Tin Jubilee and congratulated all the officers and staff members who worked selflessly for developing the Regional Centre to its present stature.



**Prof. P. Nageshwar Rao**  
Vice - Chancellor  
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**Dr. M. Shanmugham**  
Director  
Regional Services Division



**Dr. B. Sukumar**  
Regional Director  
IGNOU RC Trivandrum



**Prof. Ravindra Ramchandra Kanhere**

has joined as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University. Prior to this appointment he was the Vice - Chancellor of Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University.

Prof. Kanhere also served as the Exam Controller of Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission. He also acted in the capacity of Principal, Govt. Girls College, Barwani, Madhya Pradesh.

## National Days Observed...



Republic Day



Voters Day



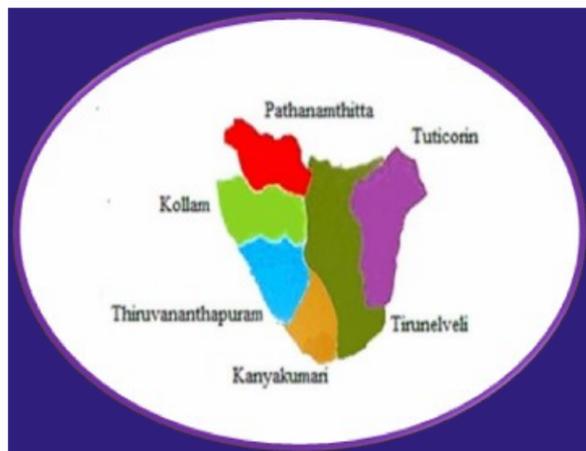
Unity Day



Education Day

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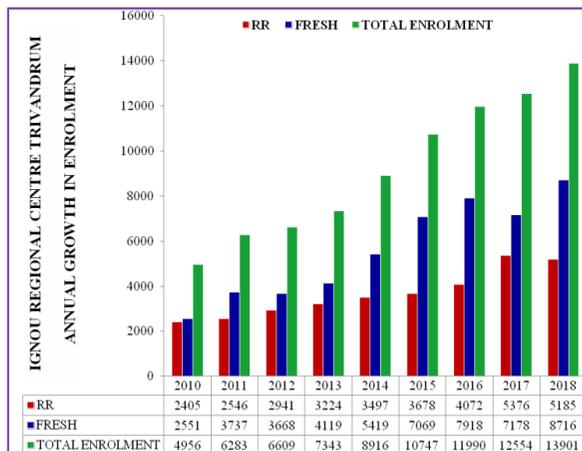
## JURISDICTION



## LEARNER SUPPORT CENTRES

District	RSC	PSC	SSC	Total
Thiruvananthapuram	5	9	3	17
Kollam	3	3	-	6
Pathanamthitta	1	-	-	1
Kanyakumari	3	3	-	6
Tirunelveli	1	1	1	3
Thoothukudi	1	3	-	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>37</b>

## GROWTH IN ENROLMENT



## FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS DESK...

The IGNOU Regional Centre started its humble functioning in the year 2009 from the IGNOU Study Centre (1401) at Institute of Management in Governance, Trivandrum. Subsequently, the Regional Centre was shifted to a rented building at Sreekaryam, Trivandrum and then in June 2011 to the present premises of Rajadhani Building, Killippalam, Karamana, Trivandrum which is situated in the heart of the City of Thiruvananthapuram. The Regional Centre is also in possession of one acre of land freely availed from the State Govt. of Kerala at Muttathara, Thiruvananthapuram for constructing its own building. The activities for construction of Regional Centre building are in pipe line.

The Regional Centre at present functions through a network of 37 Learner Support Centres (LSCs) spread across three districts, Viz., Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta of Kerala and three districts, Viz., Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi of Tamil Nadu. The network of Learner Support Centres of the region at present comprises of 14 Regular Study Centres, 19 Programme Study Centres and 4 Special Study Centers. The Regional Centre has successfully activated centres for the marginal sections of the society - Women, Rural, Differently abled and Jail inmates.

The Regional Centre has been experiencing a steady growth in enrolment during the past ten years. The Regional Centre with the assistance of the network of LSCs under its jurisdiction has activated 107 academic programmes offered by IGNOU. The Regional Centre Trivandrum has a cumulative strength of more than 13900 learners on roll ranging from functional literates to senior officers of the State / Central Govt. services and other reputed organizations.

# OFFICERS & STAFF

REGIONAL DIRECTOR		
Dr. B. Sukumar	18.01.2009	20.11.2012
Dr. V. Girija Devi	21.11.2012	01.08.2016
Dr. B. Sukumar	01.08.2016	Till Date
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Dr. V. Girija Devi	01.08.2016	31.10.2016
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Dr. K. Sumalata	27.05.2011	24.07.2015
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Dr. Sibin G. Netto	03.07.2015	Till date
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Sh. Jojoy S. Pattathil	08.04.2009	25.05.2016
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Sh. N. Rajendran Pillai	08.12.2009	Till date
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE		
Sh. Kumar Gaurav	01.11.2010	Till date

# CONVOCATIONS



Convocation	Chief Guest	Awardees	Gold Medalists
21st (2010)	Dr. B. N. Suresh, Director, ISRO Trivandrum	237	S. Harish Kumar (PGDADE)
22nd (2011)	Prof. O. N. V. Kurup, Jnan Peet Lauret	389	--
24th (2011)	Prof. G. Madhavan Nair, Former Chairman, ISRO	195	Deepa N. (BEDSEMR)
25th (2012)	Certificates were awarded in absentia	391	--
26th (2013)	Sh. K. Jayakumar IAS Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala	561	Melbin Thomas (MSO) Bagavathi Ammal S. (PGDCA) Satyakeerthy T. R. (PGDDE) Hakim N. (PGDSMR)
27th (2014)	Dr. Suresh Das, Director, CSIR Trivandrum	1472	--
28th (2015)	Sh. P. Vijayan IPS Commissioner of Police, Trivandrum	1083	Jency L. (MSO)
29th (2016)	Certificates were awarded in absentia	1753	Mimmi S. S. (PGDDM) Priyanka B. (BA - Eng) Arun Das (BCA)
30th (2017)	Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam, Governor of Kerala	1994	Richard Juno Raj (MSO) Sunny P. (MPA)
31st (2018)	Certificates were awarded in absentia	2016	--



# SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS