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"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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# Plans afoot for cashless IGNOU



In consonance with the Digital India Programme of Govt. of India, IGNOU has also set in motion various plans for spreading Digital Financial Literacy among the stakeholders of the University.

IGNOU already carries 99 % of its transactions through digital mode and now plans are also afoot to introduce debit cards for the learners to help them in carrying out cashless transactions smoothly.

Union Bank of India has agreed to issue debit cards for IGNOU learners to enable them to carry out all financial transactions during their course of study in the University.

Now the University plans to rope in students to help in this process. For that, the university has decided to enlist the support of around 100 students from every Regional Centre as e-Kranti volunteers for spreading Digital Financial Literacy to various strata of people.





The IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized a workshop on 12th January 2017 at the Regional Centre to train e-Kranti volunteers to popularize the Digital Financial Literacy Programme envisaged by the Govt. of India, and to educate people, especially from villages, in carrying out cashless transactions

The work shop was inaugurated by Shri. B. Balakrishna, the Regional

Head of Union Bank of India. Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum presided over the function. Shri. Giridhar Babu, Chief Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri. Mahesh Ramarajan, Manager (Marketing) attended the function.

Resource persons from Union Bank briefed about the concept of Digital Financial Literacy mission and how to make cashless transactions by using digital applications, viz..., Debit Card, Credit Card, e-wallet, USSD, UPI.

Around 50 students from various Study Centres under

Regional Centre Trivandrum participated in the function as e— Kranti volunteers. Leaflets regarding guidelines for making digital transactions were distributed to the e-Kranti volunteers to distribute the same among the public and collect feedback from them.

Staff members of the Regional Centre and functionaries of Learner Support Centres in Trivandrum District also participated in the function.



#### Regional Director's Desk

Keeping in tune with the nationwide campaign for Digital Financial Literacy, Indira Gandhi National Open University also aims to move towards cent percent cashless transactions with a clear mandate to encourage digital payments in all receipts, payments and transactions among the stakeholders of the university.

Being a National University with Pan India Network, IGNOU can play a crucial role in disseminating the idea of financial literacy to every nook and corner of the society with the strength of its learner community for a gradual shift towards cashless economy across the country.

On these lines, the Regional Centre Trivandrum is trying its best to cover maximum of our catchment by encouraging our students to join as volunteers of VISAKA (Vittiya Sakshatra Abhiyan) - a campaign by students of higher educational institutions for promoting digital economy by bringing more and more people into the cashless economy.

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## An attempt to strengthen weavers community



In extending the reach of higher education to rural and remote places, IGNOU has taken one more step ahead by providing free of cost programmes to the weaver community across India.

Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, the flagship programme of the Govt. of India for empowering rural India, IGNOU has initiated attempts to enroll members from weavers family for various programmes like computer literacy programme (CLP), and bachelor preparatory programme (BPP).



Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized promotional meetings at selected handloom weaver clusters in Pallichal, Kalliyoor, Venganoor villages in Thiruvananthapuram District and around forty learners from weaver community have been enrolled for CLP and BPP for January 2017session.



### Foundation day celebrated



The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Trivandrum celebrated the 31st Foundation Day of IGNOU on 19th November 2016. The meeting commenced at 10 AM with a prayer song. Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum presided over the function. Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Assistant Director welcomed the gathering.

Dr. M. K. C. Nair, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University of Health Sciences inaugurated the foundation Day Celebrations and the exhibition. In his inaugural address, Dr. Nair emphasized the role and importance of IGNOU in delivering quality education to the masses.

A variety of activities including an exhibition on the theme 'Open and Distance Learning' and a quiz competition were also conducted as part of the function.

The exhibition displayed posters on the profile of Regional Centre Trivandrum, photographs of various activities and achievements of the Regional Centre, Orientation Programmes, Village Adoption Programmes and activities under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan along with Self-Learning Materials, Programme guides, Pamphlets, Brochures, leaflets etc.



The quiz competition on the theme Education was also held as part of the programme. IGNOU learners as well as students from various education institutions participated in the Competition. The winners were given prizes and certificates.

Functionaries and learners of various study centres under the jurisdiction of the Regional Centre Trivandrum and students of local colleges participated in the event held at the Regional Centre. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum.

#### Placement registration drive





In order to provide better placement opportunities to its learners IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized a registration campaign for campus placement. Sh. Gireesh Chandran, Programme Manager, Kerala Technical University inaugurated the weeklong placement registration campaign by unveiling the placement brochure.

While inaugurating the programme Sh. Gireesh Chandran accentuated on the importance of placement cells and shared the opportunities available for young generation and urged everyone to acquire additional skills for the betterment of the country. He appreciated the attempts of the Regional Centre to provide a platform for enhancing employment opportunities for its learner community.

#### News letter launched





IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has launched its News letter News @IGNOU 40 for providing updated information about IGNOU among the stakeholders of the University under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum. Dr. George Onakkoor, eminent Malayalam novelist and literary critic, released the first copy of the quarterly publication in a function held at the Regional Centre on 19th November 2016.

News @IGNOU 40 aims at disseminating relevant information about the University in general and the Regional Centre in particular to the stakeholders of the University. It will also share and activities and achievements of the Learner Support Centres under the Regional Centre and experiences of learners and Academic Counselors with the University.



#### Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy

Asst. Regional Director in a Programme on IGNOU in ACV News Channel





#### Extending couselling services for the Differently Abled Learners:

Shri. A. Pushpahasan Academic Counselor of LSC Mar Ivanios College, Tvm (1441) taking class at the residence of Shri. Anoop, a CIT Student

#### Foundation day celebrations





#### Onam & Christmas celebrations







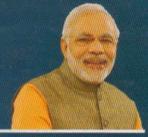






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#### FACE BOOK

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#### SMS

The Regional Centre Trivandrum has facility for Short Message Service (SMS) to dissipate urgent and important information regarding re-registration, examination, support services and other activities to the learners.

#### IGNOU WEBSITE

The University website (www.ignou.ac.in) carries Static/ Dynamic information about the University and facilitates to access various learner and employee support services. Website facilitates in particular learners, to know of the programmes on offer, admission cycles, admission process, admission status, support services available, and also download Prospectus, Hall Tickets, Assignments, Term-End-Examination results, Grade Card, Entrance Exam results, and many more...

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