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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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IGNOU: 30th Convocation held

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has conducted its 30th Convocation at IGNOU Headquarters Maidan Garhi, New Delhi and simultaneously at all its Regional Centres across the country.



Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Minister of State for HRD (Higher Education), Govt. of India delivered the convocation address at the main function at IGNOU Headquarters, New Delhi.

The Convocation function at IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum was conducted at Tagore Theatre, Vazhuthacaud, Trivandrum.



Shri. Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam, the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala delivered the convocation address and awarded the degrees to the students under IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum.

The programme started with the welcome address by Dr. Sibu. G. Netto, Asst. Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum.



Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum presented the Annual Progress Report on the occasion. In his report, Dr. B. Sukumar presented a description of various activities undertaken by the IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum.



The Regional Director also stressed of the efforts undertaken by the Regional Centre, Trivandurm in expanding the network to reach the unreached, underprivileged group, women, transgenders, differently-abled, and all those who are deprived of education.



During the 30th Convocation, Degrees/ Certificates/ Diplomas were awarded to 450 learners out of 1994 eligible learners of IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Ms. Sumi P and Ms. Richard Juno Raj D L of IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum, bagged Gold Medals for securing highest marks in IGNOU Term End Examinations at the National level.



An exhibition was also organized highlighting the activities/schemes/projects undertaken by the Regional Centre, Trivandrum for the academic year 2016-17.



The Regional function at Trivandrum was preceded by live telecast of the convocation proceedings at IGNOU Headquarters, New Delhi through webcast. Apart from awardees, dignitaries from various fields, coordinators, academic counsellors attended the function.

Workshop on Value Added Products for Empowering Rural Farmers

IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum organized a workshop on 'Value Added Products' at Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy on 27th and 28th March 2017. The programme was organized in association with Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirunelveli.

Dr. S. Surianarayanan, Coordinator IGNOU Study Centre, Amar Seva Sangham, Ayikudy delivered the welcome address.



Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum inaugurated the workshop and Shri. S. Ramakrishnan, President of Amar Seva Sangam presided over the function.

Smt. S. Pattammal, Shri .K. Chidambram, and Shri. S. Lakshminarayanan, felicitated the gathering.



The first session of the workshop was on the preparation of Coco Lazzi, Amla Jam, Amla Squash and Oomavalli Syrup. The session was handled by Shri. Madhavan and his team from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirunelyeli.

In the second session, Ms. Manirekha, M. R. from IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum demonstrated the preparations of squash from Pineapple, Mango, Orange, Grapes and Chips from Cassava and Banana.



The third session was handled by Smt. Santhi Madhavan of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirunelveli. She demonstrated the preparation of Vilva leaf Syrup, Mudakkathan keerai Dosa/Idlly, food from Nettilingam leaf and preparation of soup from Avaram flowers etc.



Valedictory function started with the welcome address by Dr. S. Surianarayanan ,Coordinator IGNOU Study Centre, Amar Seva Sangham, Ayikudy and Smt. S. Pattammal, Treasurer Amar Seva Sangam, presided over the function.

Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Assistant Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum delivered the valedictory address and distributed the Certificates to the participants. Shri, P. Sivakumar, Ex. President of Ayikudy Panchayath offered felicitation and Shri. Krishnapillai ,Manager of Amar Seva Sangam, delivered vote of thanks.

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Promoting opportunities in Bee Keeping & Organic Farming

Sensitization workshop on 'Bee Keeping & Organic Farming' was organized in association with CARD - Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pathanamthitta on 20th and 21st March 2017.



Dr. C. P. Robert, Senior Scientist and Head CARD KVK, Pathanamthitta welcomed the participants. The experts Shri. Alex John, Shri. Vijay Mathew and Shri. Jacob Mathew handled various sessions on Bee Keeping and Organic Farming.



The workshop highlighted the importance of Organic Farming and different methods of rearing of honey bees.

Around 50 farmers working in association with CARD KVK, Pathanamthitta participated in the workshop and gained hands on experience on the latest technologies in Organic Farming and Bee Keeping.

Training for enhancing food safety

IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum organized two days training programmes on 'Food Safety: Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points' (HACCP) during 15 - 16 & 19 - 20 February 2017 at IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum in association with Environmental Resources Research Centre (ERRC) and International Institute for Certification and Training (IICT).



The programme was inaugurated by Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Former Chairman of ISRO and presently the President of ERRC. On the occasion Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Govindan, Chairman, IICT briefed about the programme and Dr. G Achuthan Nair, Director, ERRC felicitated the participants on the occasion.

The classes were handled by senior professionals in the field who had undergone successful training in India and abroad. Around 100 students and professionals from various disciplines in Bio-Sciences, viz., Botany/ Zoology/ Animal Husbandry/ Veterinary Science/ Dairy Science/ Nutrition/ Agriculture / Hotel and Hospitality Management attended the programme.

UNESCO Scholarships for MAAE learners

Master of Arts in Adult Education (MAAE) learners of IGNOU Programme Study Centre (40009P) at State Resource Centre (SRC), Trivandrum received UNESCO Scholarships from Hon'ble Governor of Kerala, Shri. Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam in a function held at the Travancore Hall, Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram on 21st February 2017.



The awards were instituted through the International Institute of Lifelong Education (IIALE) and Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), New Delhi for the first year students of MA Adult Education / Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education (PGDAE) of IGNOU. They secured highest scores in IGNOU Term End Examinations at national level.

Showcasing the University





IGNOU Stall at the Career Guidance Exhibition organized by the Social Welfare Dept. Govt. of Kerala at Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapram





Exhibition organized by CARD- Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pathanamthitta and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) on the occasion of Technology meet KATHIR 2017 at KVK Campus

Matrubhasha Diwas Celebrated

'Matrubhasha Diwas' was celebrated at IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum on 21st February 2017, to commemorate the Inter National Mother Language Day. The function was formally inaugurated by Dr. B. Sukumar Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum wherein he stressed upon the importance of learning Mother Tongue in today's scenario.

Poster competition on the Theme 'Cultural Diversity and Language'; Essay competition on the Topic 'Society and Language' and a 'Folk Song' competition was also organized as part of the celebrations.









IGNOU convocation today

As many as 1,998 students are eligible to receive their degrees diplomas

STAFF REPORTER THIRDVANANTHAPLICAM

The 30th convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the naopen and distance learning, will be held on Thursday for through teleconferencing. students who have completed their academic programmes in December 2015 and June 2016 term-end

The convocation at the IG-NOU regional centre here will be held simultaneously along with that at the univertional resource centre for sity headquarters and 52 gional centre. other regional centres

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III, university regional director B. Sukumar said at a press conference here on Wednesday

Sumi P. (Master of Public Administration) and Richard ted with gold medals for securing highest marks in their respective programmes.

IGNOU's 30th convocation

Thiruvananthapuram: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IgNOU) is conducting its 30th convocation at its headquarters in New Delhi and simultaneousty at the 53 regional centres located all over the country on Thursday.

Accordingly, the convocation ceremony of IgNOU regional centre Thiruvananthapuram is being organised at 4 pm et Tagore Theatre. Vazhuthacciud, 1,244 students in-absentia are eligible to receive their Dagree / Diploma certificates in the convocation, Governor P. Sathasivam will deliver the convocation address and award degrees to

Improve employability of graduates: Governor

Certificates given to 450 IGNOU learners







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gold medallists at the 30th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) are from its Trivandrum Regional Centre.

Sumi P. won a gold in Master of Public Administration and Richard Juno Raj in Master of Sociology secured highest marks in the country. In all 1994 students from the cen-tre were conferred degrees and diplomas during the 30th convocation. Of these, 754 students participated in-absentia. Governor P. Sathasivam delivered the

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