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## IGNOU to offer free education for Transgenders



"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

As a landmark decision, the Indira Gandhi National Open University has exempted fees of transgender students for all the academic programmes of the university commencing from this academic session.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ravindra Kumar announced this on the occasion of the 22nd Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture on 2nd July this year, the birthday of Prof. G. Ram Reddy, the founder Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Candidates belonging to transgender category can apply to the Programme of their choice and



may avail the benefit of free education, on the basis of the self declaration by them.

This move surely would benefit the transgenders who were often forced to leave their schools, being subjected to discrimination and to those who lost the job opportunities due to the lack of required educational qualifications.

The regional centre plans to conduct sensitization programmes to encourage more learners from transgender community to pursue education for giving them a sense of respect in the society.

## IGNOU learners crack Civil Service Examination

Adding feathers to the crown of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), learners from Regional Centre Trivandrum have cleared this year's Civil Service Examination. Ms. Teresa Joseph, Shri. Akhil S. and Ms. Rehna R. of Trivandrum LSC (1441) at Mar Ivanious College, Nalanchira secured ranks 117, 452 and 735 respectively in the Civil Service Examination held in 2016.



Ms. Joseph while doing her Masters in Nursing had secured 1140th rank in civil service examination held in 2015. She joined IGNOU for Master's in Public Administration (MPA) with the aim of securing higher rank in the civil service examination and became successful.

Ms. Joseph thanks IGNOU and its team for her success!



Shri. Akhil S. being an Electrical and Electronics engineering graduate from National Institute of Technology, Calicut joined for Masters in History of IGNOU. He is successful in his venture and extends his gratitude to IGNOU.



Ms. Rehna R. Post Graduate student of the Sociology Programme of IGNOU cracked civil service examination held in 2016. Ms. Rehna being a graduate in Electronic Engineering joined IGNOU with the aim of clearing the Civil Service Examination.

Ms. Rehna gives credits to IGNOU for her success.

Its worth mentioning that many IGNOU learners have cleared Civil Service Examinations from various Regional Centres of IGNOU.

The quality, authenticity, affordability and outstanding contents of IGNOU study materials are very popular among civil service aspirants and competitive exam takers at various levels. Many of the learners are opting IGNOU for higher studies only because of the quality of Programmes and well structured study materials prepared by the faculty of IGNOU.

The Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum Dr. B. Sukumar remarked that the achievements of these learners are motivating to the university and to all its stake holders.



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## Work Shop to develop courses in Malayalam language



With a view to develop and revise the courses offered in Malayalam language of BDP Programme in accordance with the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), an expert – cum – course writers meeting was held at the Regional Centre on 6th and 7th July 2017. Prof. Satyakam, Director, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi chaired the expert committee meeting.

Dr. Malathy A, Asst. Professor, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi was the Course Coordinator for the new courses in Malayalam language. The two day programme started with welcome address by Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum. Prof. Satyakam gave the introductory remarks on the initiative and Dr. A. Malathy briefed on the need for revising the courses on Malayalam language in BDP Programme.

On the first day, language experts from various institutions of higher learning held discussions on the structure of the course that has to be revised.

On the second day, the meeting was attended by course writers as well as language experts for finalizing the designing and delivery of the course.



## Gold Medalists of 30th Convocation



**Ms. Sumi P.**

Master of Public Administration  
(MPA)



**Ms. Richard Juno Raj**

Master of Sociology  
(MSO)

## M. Sc. Nursing Students from Telangana State on visit to Regional Centre

M. Sc. students of the Government College of Nursing, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana State visited IGNOU Regional Centre on 17th June 2017 as part of their study tour.

The seventeen member group visited the Regional Centre to study the organizational structure and functioning of the University and the Regional Centre.



Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum provided an overall picture of the University and as how it differs from conventional education institutions. The students also interacted with Dr. M. S. Priyamol, Asst. Regional Director and Staff members of the Regional Centre on various activities of IGNOU.

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## Women's Day



To commemorate the International Women's Day, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized a function on 'Importance of Women's Safety' on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Dr. Ajitha Jayakumar, Associate Professor, Institute of Management in Government, Govt. of Kerala inaugurated the function and delivered a lecture on the importance of women's safety and the need for women to be bold and communicative.



## Yoga Day



In connection with International Yoga Day, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum organized a lecture and demonstration. The programme was inaugurated by Yoga Expert and Trainer Shri. John Mathew, Additional Secretary (Retd.) to the Government of Kerala. In his address, Shri. John briefed different forms of Yoga. He also demonstrated various forms of Yogic Exercise and stressed importance of yoga in maintaining our health.



## B. Ed. Workshop

The B. Ed. Workshops for both Old Scheme and Revised Scheme were organised at Rama Vilasom Training College, Valakom (1466 P) in the month of May this year. Prof. Saroj Pandey, Director, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi and Dr. Sutapa Bose, Associate Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi were present for monitoring the workshop for Revised Scheme. Prof. Pandey inaugurated the Workshop for Revised Scheme on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Dr. Sutapa Bose, Associate Professor, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi, and Dr. Siby G. Netto, Asst. Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum felicitated the gathering. Shri. Riju John, Coordinator, IGNOU LSC (1466P) presided over the function.



# Extended Contact Programme of PGDHE

The ten day Extended Contact Programme (ECP) for Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) was organized by the Regional Centre during 22nd to 31st of May this year. Prof. Celine Pereira, Former Director of the School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam as well as the Programme Coordinator of the ECP inaugurated the sessions. Dr. Jayasree T. K., Asst. Professor, Govt. College of Teacher Education, Thycaud & Programme-in-Charge, IGNOU LSC (40014P) was present during the occasion.



## Term End Examination June 2017

The Term End Examination (TEE) for June 2017 of Indira Gandhi National Open University was held from 1st to 21st June 2017. A total of 6441 learners attended the examinations. The TEE was held at nine examination centres in six districts under the jurisdiction of IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum.



## Student Support Centre On-line Help Desk

In the light of extensive online activities initiated by IGNOU, the Regional Centre Trivandrum has established an online help desk for supporting the learners in online activities related to admission, examination, grievances etc. The online help desk is fully equipped with computers and peripherals required for assisting the students. The supporting staff of SSC online help desk extends help to learners visiting the Regional Centre and also engage in field promotional activities and campaigns related to admissions.



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