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Empowering Transgenders through Education



“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 part of its educational initiative Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized a programme ‘**Education for Social Inclusion: A Conclave**’ on 17th August 2017 for empowering the Transgender community. The programme was conducted in association with ATETA Life Transforming Solutions, Trivandrum and Saraswathi Vidyalaya, Vattiyoorkavu.

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum welcomed the gathering.



During the interactive session, deliberations were held on discriminations faced by Transgenders in the society and the need for educating them to gain sense of respect in the society. Around 30 Transgenders attended the programme .

The University has exempted fee for Transgender students and a good number of students have enrolled for various Programmes under IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum.

Ms. Lissy Shajahan, Psychologist & Celebrity coach - ATETA Life Transforming Solutions handled the technical sessions. Ms. Shajahan also appreciated the attempts of the Regional Centre to organize such sensitization programmes for motivating the learners of Transgender community.



Prof. S. B. Arora
Vice - Chancellor

Merit Evening



Dr. V. Venugopal Reddy
Director
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A merit evening was organized by the Regional Centre to honour the gold medalists of IGNOU and the IGNOU learners who topped the civil service examinations 2016. Ms. **Vidhu Vincent**, Film Director who won the State Award for the film “Manhole’ was the chief guest of the Merit Evening.

Ms. Teresa Joseph, Shri. Akhil S. and Ms. Rehna R. the learners of IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum who topped the civil service examinations 2016 were honoured during the occasion.

Gold medals and rank certificates were distributed to Ms. Sumi P., Ms. Richard Juno Raj, Ms. Jessy Peter, Ms. Mimi S. S., Ms. Priyanka B., Shri. Arun Das for securing the highest marks at National Level in the Term End Examinations of IGNOU.



Dr. B. Sukumar
Regional Director
IGNOU R C Trivandrum



Educational campaign for handloom weavers



Parashala clusters and motivated them to get enrolled into Programmes offered by IGNOU for handloom weavers.



In connection with the on going educational campaign to empower weavers community, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has organized awareness meetings with handloom weavers during the pan India Handloom and Handicraft camps 'Hasthkala Sahayog Shivir' organized by the Ministry of Textiles and National Handloom Development Corporation.

Promotional meetings were conducted at Kollayil, Parashala and Baramapuram for Handloom clusters under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum.

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum addressed the artisans and handloom weavers at Kollayil and

Dr. M. S. Priyamol, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum interacted with the participants at Baramapuram and briefed of the opportunities IGNOU providing in higher education.



Arrangements were made for displaying the Profiles, Brochures and Self-Learning Materials of IGNOU at these venues for gaining wider publicity and acceptance among the public in general and handloom weavers in particular. Around 500 members from the weaver community showed interest for joining IGNOU.



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Meeting the weaver community learners

Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of Govt. of India, IGNOU has taken steps to provide free cost education to the weaver community. The officers and staff members of IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum visited the handloom clusters of Baramapuram and Bhagavathypuram in Pallichal village of Trivandrum District on 13th October, 2017 to motivate and follow up the educational activities at the Handloom clusters. Around 30 learners who enrolled for BPP & CLP programme of IGNOU were present during their visit to these handloom clusters.





Induction Programmes



Webcast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's address on the occasion of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Centenary Celebrations and 125th year of Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address



Staff members of IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum administering the New India Pledge on the occasion of Swandhinta Parv organized by IGNOU Hqrs. New Delhi

Family get-together on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations

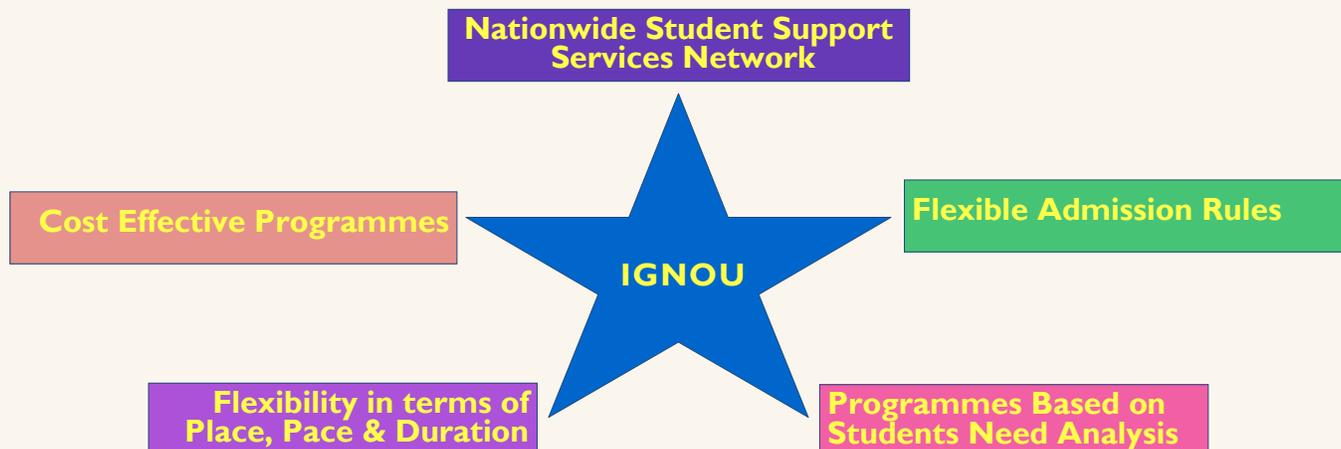


Onam Celebrations @ IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum

Farewell to Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy Asst. Regional Director



Admissions open 2018 January session



Indira Gandhi National Open University, one of the Mega University of the world, announces **ADMISSION** to its Distance Education programmes for the Academic cycle commencing in January 2018.

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 subjects.

The university also offers **BPP (Bachelor Preparatory Programme)** for school dropouts above the age of 18 who wish to pursue higher studies.

The applications for admissions are to be submitted online through the following link:
www.onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in

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**.

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