



“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

IGNOU sets up Study Centre at Open Jail

Indira Gandhi National Open University has opened a Special Study Centre (40036 D), first of its kind under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum at Open Prison & Correctional Home, Nettukaltheri, Thiruvananthapuram.

This move is an another milestone encouraging the rehabilita-

tion of prisoners by improving their quality of post release life. Regular academic counselling sessions are provided either by the Regional Centre or Study Centres located nearby. The jail study centre offers Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP) & Bachelor Degree Programme (BDP) for the jail inmates.

Around 20 jail inmates have enrolled to BPP and 8 jail inmates to BDP in the current session. IGNOU announced its ‘Free Education for Prisoners’ initiative in the 2010 academic session and waived-off fees for all jail inmates across the country who wish to pursue the programmes of the university.

Workshop for Part-time functionaries



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The IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum on 1st February 2018 organized a one day training programme for the part-time functionaries of its Learner Support Centres (LSCs). The programme was planned with a view to enrich and strengthen the grass root level functionaries



of IGNOU by updating them of the latest developments and changes with respect to various activities undertaken by the university. The programme started with a welcome address and overview of the programme by the Regional Director Dr. B. Sukumar.



The first session was on matters related to Accounts and Finance. Shri. K. M. Nazaruddin, Assistant Registrar briefed the participants on key aspects to be taken care of while preparing and presenting the bills and vouchers to the Regional Centre. He also stressed on the importance of proper maintenance of various registers and records with the LSCs.



The afternoon session on academic matters started with presentation of Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Asst. Regional Director on various online activities with respect to admission and re-registration. The session also discussed on various modes set up by the university for remittance of fee



through debit / credit cards and net banking and the facility for cash payment at the Common Service Centres (CSCs)/ Akshaya Kendaras.

The workshop ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. S. Priyamol, Asst. Regional Director.

Women's day celebrations

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March 2018. The programme was presided by Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum and Dr. Siby G. Netto, Assistant Regional Director welcomed the gathering.



The celebrations were inaugurated by Smt. G. M. Jalaja Kumari, Coordinator, Lekshmi N. Menon Institute for Empowerment of Women. In her address, she gave a glance on the day-to-day news reports on atrocities against women and insisted on the need for enhancing awareness on women's issues.

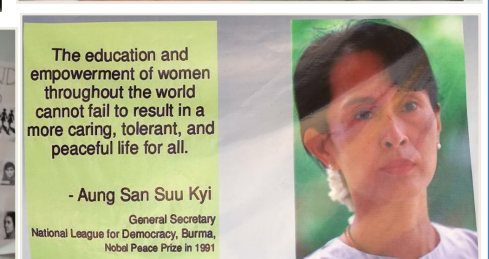
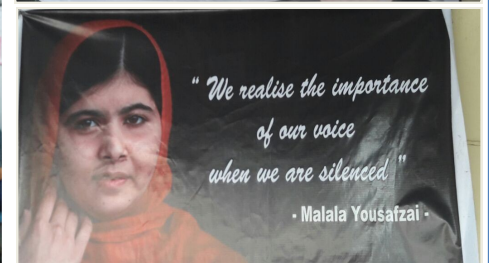
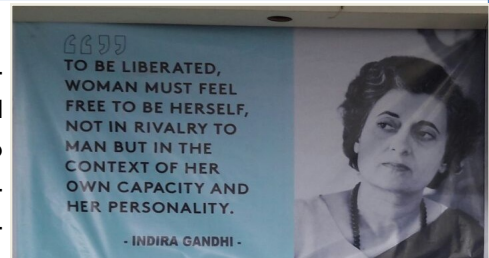
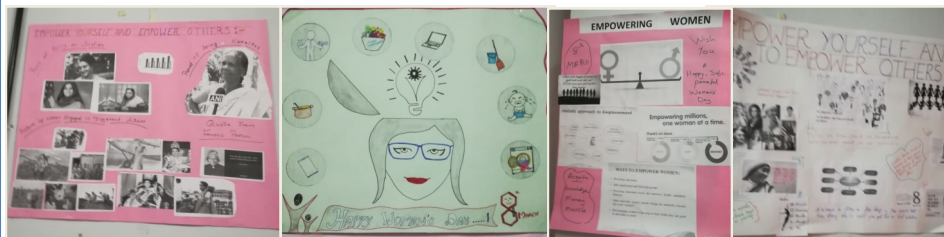
She also stressed that though women are dedicated and affectionate by nature, need to be empowered to lead a peaceful life in

the present situation.

Shri. K. M. Nazaruddin, Assistant Registrar proposed formal vote of thanks. All staff members of the regional centre also participated in the programme. Refreshments were also provided to all the participants.

In connection with the celebrations, an exhibition was organised in the Regional Centre premises to spread the message of International Womens Day to the general public. A Poster Competition and Slogan Competition on the theme 'empower yourself to empower others' was organised for the staff members of the Regional Centre.

Around fifty participants including staff members of the Regional Centre and local LSCs attended the programme.



News at LSCs

- Dr. K. Hema Kumari has been appointed as Coordinator at IGNOU Study Centre (40026), Velu Thampy Memorial Arts & Science College, Arumanai, Tamil Nadu.
- Dr. Malini Nilamuddin, Soil Conservator, Institute of Watershed Development and Management - Kerala (IWDM-K), Chadayamangalam, Kollam, Kerala has taken charge of Programme -in-Charge of IGNOU Programme Study Centre (40025 P), IWDM-K, Chadayamangalam

New Programmes Activated at LSCs

- Certificate in French Language (CFL), Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) and Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies (MAWGS) at IGNOU Study Centre (I441), Mar Ivanios Institute of Advance Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Diploma in Creative Writing in English (DCE) and Certificate in Functional English (Basic Level) (CFE) at IGNOU Programme Study Centre (25109P), Ruben College of Education, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu
- Master of Arts in Education (MAEDU) at IGNOU Programme Study Centre (43036 P), Sri Sarada College of Education, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu

Induction Meetings



Promotional meeting

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum met Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa and members of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Kottarakkara - Punalur Diocese Development Society on establishment of a new regular study centre at Kottarakkara, Kollam District in order to expand reach of IGNOU to one more rural locale.



Counselling for Weaver Community Learners

Formal inauguration of Counselling sessions of Computer Literacy Programme (CLP) for Weaver community learners held at Trivandrum District Embroidery workers Welfare Cooperative Society, Plamoottukada on 11th April 2018.

Smt. Anitha, President, Karode Panchayath inaugurated the programme. Smt. G. M. Jalajakumari, Programme-in-Charge(40010 D), Lekshmi N. Menon Institute for Empowerment of Women also attended the programme. Around 39 learners from various weaver clusters participated the programme .



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Interaction with M. Sc. Nursing Students



the officers and staff members of the Regional Centre.

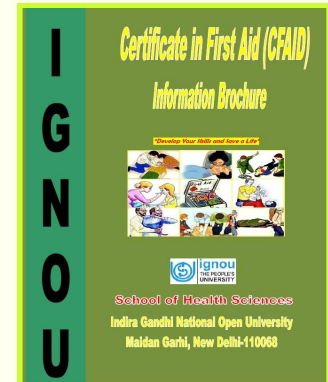
Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum briefed about the various concepts of Open and Distance Learning and provided an overall picture about the activities of the University and the Regional Centre.

M. Sc. students of the Government College of Nursing, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana State visited IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum on 27th March 2018 to study the organizational structure and functioning of IGNOU Regional Centre.

The eleven member group interacted with



IGNOU launches Certificate Programme in First Aid



School of Health Sciences, IGNOU has developed a Certificate Programme in First Aid to help individuals / people in dealing with emergencies, accidents and acutely arising health situations. The programme is open to varied target group with minimum qualification of 10th pass. The minimum duration of the programme is six months.

The programme will benefit those who wish to pursue careers in which first aid training and certification is necessary for recruitment like assistants and aides working in nursing homes, mobile ambulances, industries, construction sites, sports coaches, physical education instructors, Police / Army personnel, teachers in schools, etc., and for those whose organizations have made it mandatory for their workers to undergo first aid training.

Family get-together

The Staff and Family Members of Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Trivandrum went on an outing to Poovar, Trivandrum,

The day was so refreshing to set all free from gadgets for a better socialization...



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