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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

Prof. Nageshwar Rao the new Vice - Chancellor of IGNOU

Prof. P. Nageshwar Rao has joined as Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University, the largest Open University in the world. Prof. Rao was Vice-Chancellor of Uttarakhand Open University prior to this appointment. He also acted as Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor, in IGNOU during December 2013 to April 2016.

He is the chairman of the National Task Force Committee constituted to assess and accredit Open Universities under NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council).

He is also the Honorary Vice-Chairman, Rastriya Uchhatar Shiksha Ayog (RUSA), Madhya Pradesh from November 2014.

He held various key positions in the past including the charge of



Vice-Chancellor of Kumanyu University, Nainital; Vice-Chancellor of Uttar Pradesh Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Allahabad; Professor & Director in Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Business Management, Vikram University, Ujjain.

His prior assignments also include Dean, Faculty of Management Studies; Dean, Faculty of Information Technology and Chairman, Board of Studies in Management at Vikram Univer-

sity Ujjain; Reader in Faculty of Management Studies at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Lecturer in Department of Commerce & Business Administration, University of Allahabad.

He has written eight books; published more than 170 research papers and articles; attended more than 100 National and International Seminars in management and allied disciplines and has supervised 39 PhDs in management.

He was conferred Saraswati Samman by the Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on 5th September 2010 and Nehru Literacy Award by Honourable Vice President of India Shri. Venkaiah Naidu for outstanding work in the field of Adult Education and Open and Distance Learning (ODL).



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International Yoga Day Celebration



IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum on 21st June 2018 celebrated the 4th International Yoga Day with the theme Karma Yoga.

The programme started with a

welcome speech and introductory remarks by Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum.

Shri. John Mathew, Yoga Trainer and formerly Addl. Secretary, Govt. of Kerala did a lecture cum demonstration on Karma Yoga. In his address he stressed the significance of yoga in our day-to-day life.

The Staff members of the

Regional Centre, Coordinators, Programme-in-Charges and Academic Counsellors of near by Study Centres actively participated in the function organised by the regional centre.



Meeting of Coordinators and Programme-in-Charges



IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum conducted meetings of Programme - in - Charges (PICs) and Coordinators on 5th and 6th July 2018 at the Regional Centre. The meetings were attended by 19 PICs & 19 Coordinators of Learner Support Centres (LSCs).

The meetings were conducted separately with a view to discuss and analyse specifically the activities and enrolments at various LSCs and to chalk out plans for strengthening their existing programmes, activation of new programmes and empanelment of prospective academic counsellors.

The Meetings began with the welcome

address by Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Assistant Regional Director and the days sessions were inaugurated by the Regional Director Dr. B. Sukumar.

Various issues related to admissions, examinations, material distribution and publicity measures were discussed during the sessions.

On the basis of the statistics and reflection on drop in enrolment for both Fresh and Re-registration in a few LSCs, the PICs and coordinators were advised to undertake action researches on the programmes having low enrolment. It was also suggested to conduct need analysis and activate programmes having demand at the LSCs for improving the enrolments.

An open discussion was also held on the strategies adopted by various LSCs for enhancement of enrolment. Regarding publicity, the PICs and Coordinators suggested for conduct of press meetings at various local places under the jurisdiction of the Regional Centre in association with

the LSCs. The Regional Director advised the PICs and Coordinators to ensure the participation of officials from the Regional Centre during the conduct of such press meetings. The PICs / Coordinators also expressed their interest in organising seminars/ workshops in association with the Regional centre on various themes which are of relevance in their respective areas.

Afternoon sessions had discussions on various matters related to administration and finance.

The meetings concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri. K. M. Nazaruddin, Assistant Registrar.



New initiatives for promoting educational opportunities



With a view to extend the access of open and distance learning to the far flung border areas of Pathanamthitta and

Alappuzha districts of Kerala, and to pave way for further development of higher education in the jurisdiction of the IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum, process has been initiated to establish a Regular Study Centre at Devaswom Board Pampa College, Parumala, in Pathanamthitta District of Kerala.

Following this, the Regional Director

Dr. B. Sukumar had a visit on 9th July 2018 and held discussions with Principal, Management and authorities concerned for completion of the process for its early establishment there.

As a publicity measure, a press meet was conducted during the visit. Good media coverage was given by the local media regarding the proposed study centre.

Extended Contact Programme conducted for PGDHE



The Extended Contact Programme (ECP) for Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) was organised at the Regional Centre from 11th to 20th May 2018. Nine participants from various study centres attended the ten day programme. The participants also had an institutional visit at one of the premier research institutes Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-Technology.

Prof. Celine Pereira, former Director & HOD, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahathma Gandhi University, Kottayam coordinated the programme. Dr. Rajeswari K, Dr. Bindu S, Dr. Jayasree TK, Dr. Sujith AV, Dr. Sobha VK, Dr. Lidson Raj, Dr. Sumi S. Scharia and Dr. Sibiu G. Netto were the resource persons for the programme.

Higher education for Drop outs



Taking into account the Orders issued by the Dept. of General Education, Govt. of Kerala, IGNOU has accepted and notified the Higher Secondary

Equivalence Examination conducted by the Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority for admissions to its Academic Programmes wherever the eligibility requirement is 10+2 or its equivalent.

Special drive for SC/ST learners

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has decided to associate with the National Public Grievance and Redressal Commission (NPGRC) for reaching the SC/ST population in the rural locales under the Jurisdiction of the Regional Centre.

Adv. Rony VP, National Chairman, NPGRC addressed the LSC functionaries of the Trivandrum Regional Centre during the recently held Coordinators Meetings and discussed on the ways and means for mainstreaming these marginalized and weaker sections of the society. He appreciated the efforts of IGNOU for exempting fee and allowing offline admissions to SC/ST learners. He was also hopeful in attaining a good enrolment of SC/ST learners in this ongoing admission cycle itself.



Dr. B. Sukumar Regional Director attending a Promotional Meeting at Velu Thampi Memorial Arts and Science College, Arumanai, Tamil Nadu



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IGNOU notifications

- As per UGC guidelines, School of Extension and Development Studies has modified the nomenclature for **MA in Extension and Development Studies (MAEDS)** to **MA in Development Studies (MADVS)** w.e.f July 2018 .
- The University has decided to offer Certificate programmes in Hindustani Music, Karnatic Music, Bharathanatyam, Theatre Arts, Painting and Applied Arts of the School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA) from July 2018 session through its Regular Study Centres. The duration of the programme is six months and the course fee is Rs. 4000/-

New programmes on offer

- School of Social Work has developed a **Certificate programme in Tribal Studies (CTBRS)** for offer from July 2018. The programme is an extension of IGNOU's efforts towards addressing the wider issues of tribal development, and it aims to support individuals working in the social and welfare service sector.

Minimum educational qualification for applying to CTBRS programme is 10+2 or its equivalent or BPP from IGNOU.
- School of Continuing education has conceptualized a **Diploma Programme in Event Management (DEVMT)** for offer from July 2018. The programme intends to equip learners with the necessary knowledge and skills required for a professional in the event management industry. It would be useful for the youth who want to pursue Event management as a profession

Minimum educational qualification for applying to DEVMT programme is 10+2 Pass.

News at LSCs

- Dr. A Sharavana Ganthi has been appointed as new Coordinator at IGNOU Study Centre (40032), Rani Anna College, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.
- Master of Arts in Translation Studies (MATS), Post Graduate Diploma in Analytical Chemistry (PGDAC) and Appreciation Course on Environment (ACE) have been additionally activated at IGNOU Study Centre (1441), Mar Ivanious College of Advanced Studies, Nalanchira, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Master of Arts in Education (MAEDU) has been additionally activated at IGNOU Programme Study Centre (43036P), Sri Sarada College of Education, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

Term End Examinations June 2018



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