

S. No. 1: Brief report on the one day state level seminar organised by IGNOU Regional Centre in collaboration with Dept of Chemistry, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta and Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Trivandrum

A one day state level seminar organised by IGNOU regional centre in collaboration with Dept of Chemistry, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta and Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Trivandrum on 6th August 2014 in the Mar Clemis Hall of Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta. The seminar was organised in connection with Hiroshima observance day. August 6th is considered as the most notorious day in the history of mankind. The topic of the seminar was 'Nature and society for sustainable development'. The one day seminar had three sessions. An inaugural session followed by two technical sessions.

Dr. V. Girija Devi, Regional Director, IGNOU, Trivandrum presided over the meeting. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Mathew P. Joseph, Principal, Catholicate College. Prof. Elizabeth George, HOD, Chemistry welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sunil Jacob, Asst. Coordinator, IGNOU, SC1404 proposed vote of thanks. The Hiroshima pledge was taken by the gathering under the leadership of Prof. Renny P. Varghese, Coordinator, IGNOU, SC 1404. College Bursar Prof. Raju Varghese was also present in the meeting.

The first technical session, on the topic 'Hazardous waste, A man made Catastrophe' was handled by Dr. C T Aravindakumar, Professor and Director, School of Environmental Sciences, M G University, Kottayam. The topic covered the use of nuclear reactions in various areas and the problems regarding the nuclear waste disposal. The second Technical session, on the topic 'Plastic waste management' was engaged by Dr. Muraleedharan Nair, Former HOD and Asst. Director, CFSC, Manjeri a unit of Department of Industries, Govt. of Kerala. The topic was mainly on the plastic recycling and the conversion of the waste plastic to fuels such as Diesel, Petrol and Kerosene. A poster presentation completion was also conducted in connection with the seminar. 74 posters by different students were displayed. Two hundred and fifty students from various departments of the college participated in the seminar.

S. No. 2: Report on “Living with Schizophrenia and Other mental Disorders” on World Mental Health Day 11.10.2014

IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum in association Centre for Career Research and Development, Kollam organized a seminar” Living with Schizophrenia and Other mental Disorders”, at Children’s Home Beach Road, Kollam with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues in the society.

The classes were handled by Dr. B. S. Mini, Psychiatrist, District Hospital, Kollam. Officials from Regional Centre and study centre participated in this seminar. .

S. No. 3: Seminars on topics “Prospects of Education” at University College and “Women, Gender and Education” at All Saints College on 11.11.2014

Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Trivandrum celebrated National Education Day on 11th November 2014. The regional function at Trivandrum was preceded by live telecast proceedings at IGNOU Head Quarters, New Delhi through web Conference.

In connection with this the RC, organized two seminars at Govt. University College Trivandrum and All Saints College (SC-40028), Chackai.

At the University College, Trivandrum Dr. C. P. Sreekandan Nair, Former Chairman, Council for Teacher Education and Rtd. Principal Farooke College delivered a talk on “Prospects of Education”. Around 50 students from various departments attended the function. Regional Director, Dr. V. Girija Devi, and Assistant Regional Directors Dr..T. R. Satyakeerthy, and Dr. M. S. Priyamol attended the function. Dr. V. Girija Devi, gave a brief picture about Open and Distance learning and Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, presented a power point on profile of the Regional Centre and various programmes offered by IGNOU. A quiz competition was conducted during the occasion and prizes were distributed to the winners by the Chief Guest.

Dr. S. Sreedevi, Former Principal, Govt. Training College, Trivandrum the Chief Guest at All Saints College delivered a talk on “Women, Gender and Education.” Dr. V. Girija Devi, Regional Director, on the occasion gave a talk on various programmes offered by IGNOU and its Characteristics. Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Assistant Regional Director attended the function. Around 300 students from various departments of All Saints College participated in the seminar.

In connection with the celebrations a Quiz competition and painting competition was also conducted at the College and Prizes were distributed to the winners by the Chief Guest.

S. No. 4: RC Trivandrum has initiated enrolling differently-abled students, in Bachelor's Preparatory Programme for facilitating them to pursue their higher education and achieving their educational/social goals.

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has initiated enrolling differently-abled students, in Bachelor's Preparatory Programme for facilitating them to pursue their higher education and achieving their educational/social goals. There are some special students who are very intelligent and talented, but excluded from general education system due to lack of conducive learning environment, physical and psychological barriers. For the current academic session, three such students have been enrolled for BPP in IGNOU. They are the members of Amrithavarshini a charitable organization in Trivandrum that works for the cause and benefit of people affected with brittle bone disease. They are Dhanya Ravi, Anoop and Gopan.

S. No 5: Report on initiative to popularize some IGNOU Programmes like CIG, CFN, CNCC, DNHE, BPP and CLP among Anganwadi Workers (ICDS project) in the districts under the jurisdiction of RC Trivandrum

With a focus to enrich the education standards of grass root level community, IGNOU RC Trivandrum has taken an initiative to popularize some IGNOU Programmes like CIG, CFN, CNCC, DNHE, BPP and CLP among Anganwadi Workers in the districts under the jurisdiction of RC Trivandrum. Accordingly, a proposal has been submitted to the Minister for Panchayats and Social Welfare with a copy to Director, ICDS, Social Welfare department for some sort of financial support from the Government in the form of incentive or fee reimbursement. Promotional meetings were arranged with Anganwadi Workers in ICDS Projects in different districts.

As an initial attempt, the Regional Director and Assistant Regional Directors addressed the Anganwadi Workers of urban I,II,III and VI ICDS projects in Trivandrum district. As a result around 200 Anganwadi Workers and also some of their family members joined for various programmes for the January 2015 session. RC Trivandrum has chalked out a comprehensive plan to extend the promotional activities to the urban and rural projects of all other districts under the jurisdiction of RC Trivandrum. At present there are 32146 anganwadi workers in 163 ICDS projects (11 Urban, 151 rural and one tribal) in the state.

The initiative was formally launched by Dr. M. K. Muneer Hon'ble minister for Panchayats and Social Welfare Govt, of Kerala on on 25th Feb 2015. Shri. C. K. Raghavanunni, Addl. Director, Dept. of Social Justice, Smt. R. K. Sheela, Asst. Director, ICDS, Dr. K. N. Madusoodanan Pillai, Asst. Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre (BIAR), (473) were also present during the occassion.

S. No. 6: Brief Report on 31st Foundation Day Celebration at IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum on 19th November 2016

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Trivandrum celebrated the 31st Foundation Day of IGNOU on 19th November 2016. The meeting commenced at 10 AM with a prayer song. Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum presided over the function. Dr. Sibu G. Netto, Assistant Regional Director welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. K. C. Nair, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University of Health Sciences inaugurated the foundation Day Celebrations and the exhibition. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the role and importance of IGNOU in delivering quality education to the masses.

Dr. George Onakkoor eminent novelist and literacy critic, unveiled the first quarterly Newsletter named “News @ IGNOU 40”. In his address he specified upon the dreams of our late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, the importance of quality education to India was one among them.

Shri. Girish Chandran, Programme Manager, e-governance project on Higher Education, Kerala Technical University unveiled the placement brochure of Regional Centre Trivandrum. In his address he stressed upon the importance of placement cells and shared the opportunities available for young generation and urged everyone to acquire additional skills for the betterment of the country.

The inaugural function concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy Assistant Regional Director followed by a tea and snacks.

Exhibition & Quiz Competition:

As part of the Foundation Day Celebrations, an exhibition on the activities and achievements of Regional Centre Trivandrum was organized at the Regional Centre premises. Profile of Regional Centre Trivandrum, Progress in enrollment, various activities, photographs, Orientation Programmes, Village Adoption and activities undertaken under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan were displayed along with Self-Learning Materials, Programme guides, Pamphlets, Brochures, leaflets etc. Apart from this a quiz competition was also held on the theme: Education IGNOU students and the students from various education Institutions participated in the Competition. Prizes were given to the winners.

S. No. 7: Seminar on “Insight on Life Long Learning, Soft Skills and Entrepreneurship”

IGNOU Regional Centre has conducted a seminar on “Insight on Life Long Learning, Soft Skills and Entrepreneurship” on 4th March 2016 at the seminar Hall of Sree Naryana College, Kollam. There were 118 participants for the programme.

The programme started with the Inaugural session. Dr. Sibu G Netto, Assistant Regional Director welcomed the gathering and Dr. V. Girija Devi, Regional Director presided over the function and Dr. K. B. Manoj Principal of the college inaugurated the programme. Dr. Sanal Kumar, Head of the Department, Malayalam felicitated the gathering and Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Assistant Regional Director proposed vote of thanks. There were four technical Sessions on the following topics:

1. Session I: Concepts of Life-long Learning & Its importance Dr. Rosamma Philip, Associate Professor, Syndicate Member, University of Kerala
2. Session II: IGNOU - A Gateway to Higher Education and opportunities Dr. V. Girija Devi, Regional Director, IGNOU RC, Trivandrum
3. Session III: Harnessing soft skills & its importance in the present job scenario Shri. Rajilan M.C, Consultant, Certified Trainer, DOPT, Govt. of India
4. Session IV: Promoting Entrepreneurship among youth. Shri. V. K. Adarsh, Manager (Technical) Union Bank of India.

The programme concluded with a feed back and discussion. The overall feed-back was that the seminar was a grant success and it could enlighten the student community of the present generation.

S. No. 8: Report on Swami Vivekananda's 153rd Birth Anniversary celebrations

Indira Gandhi National Open University Thiruvananthapuram Regional Centre and its study centre BIAR 1473 jointly organised Swami Vivekananda's 153rd Anniversary celebrations at Thiruvananthapuram. As a part of the celebrations a recitation of Vivekananda Geetham was organised with the participation of the students of Vivekananda Study Circle. A seminar on the topic "Vivekananda – A Role model for Youth" was conducted in the afternoon of 12th January 2016 at the seminar hall of the Bharatheeya Vichara Kendram Research Centre. More than fifty students and Professionals attended the seminar. Dr. Girija Devi, Director, Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Sri R. Sanjayan, Joint Director Bharatheeya Vichara Kendram, Dr. K. N. Madhusudanan Pillai Asst Coordinator BIAR 1473 and Academic Dean, BVKRC presented papers in the seminar. Shri. S. Pradeep welcomed the gathering and Shri V. S. Biju expressed vote of thanks.

S. No. 9: Activities Undertaken under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre, Trivandrum Organized the meeting of Village Adoption Scheme at Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy on 3rd October 2016. Dr. S. Surianarayanan, Coordinator, IGNOU Special Study Centre (2535D), Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy welcomed the gathering and Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum presided over the function. In the presidential address Dr. Sukumar explained the Village Adoption Scheme.

Shri. S. Ramakrishnan, Founder President, Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy inaugurated the Village Adoption Scheme and delivered the inaugural address. He expressed his hope that the village Ayikudy, Kambily, Kilankadu, Vayalkattu Colony, Agarakattu will be benefited by enriching and developing the knowledge with the patronage of IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Smt. S. Pattammal, Treasurer, Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and Shri. K. Chidambaram EC.member of Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy felicitated the function.

The Young entrepreneur Shri M. Lakshmi Narayanan expressed that IGNOU should help to create awareness about the various small scale Industries on agro base suitable for our local condition. Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum, served as the resources person and explained the various services of IGNOU and its Learner Support Centers.

Rural youth, Agriculturist and member of self help groups from Ayikudy, Kambily, Kilankadu, S. V. Karai, Agarakattu, Ananthapuram were the targeted audience. The inmates, Employees of Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and the students of IGNOU and the Spinal cord Injuries disabled persons also participated in the function. Dr. T. R. Satyakeerthy, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum, proposed vote of thanks. The function ended with National anthem. All the staff members of Training and Development Department, Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy have made all the elaborate arrangements for making the function grand success.

S. No. 10: Report on Placement drive held on 22nd March 2016 at Regional Centre, Trivandrum

The Campus Placement Cell (CPC) of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) (IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum) for Indigo Airlines organized a Campus Placement Drive on March 22, 2016 at Hotel Vivanta by Taj, C V Raman Pillai Road, Thycaud, Trivandrum for the students of Trivandrum Regional Centre.

IGNOU has joined hands with the leading airlines company of the country to recruit 200 Cabin Crew/Air Hostess. Only female under-graduate students of BA, B Com, B Sc, BSW, BTS and BCA and post-graduate students of M Com, MTM, MSW, MEG, and MSCDFSM of the university have been invited for the drive. The starting compensation will be Rs. 3.7 lacs/p.a. with other benefits and incentives. Only female Indian citizens who are between 18 and 27 years with minimum height of 155 cm and weight according to BMI, having good communication skills could walk-in for the interview at Hotel Vivanta

Around 41 IGNOU students attended the Interview and one got selected. The overall feedback was that the students were not up to the mark in terms of English language and presentation. A pre screening process was also advised by the recruiters.

S. No. 11: Certification and training on Food Safety: Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) during 15-16 & 19-20 February, 2017 in association with Environmental Resource Research Centre (ERRC) and International Institute for Certification and Training (IICT)

Environmental Resources Research Centre (ERRC), Thiruvananthapuram and International Institute for Certification and Training (IICT), Thiruvananthapuram in association with IGNOU Regional Centre Thiruvananthapuram organised two 2 days training programmes in Food Safety: HACCP from 15 to 16 & 19 to 20 February 2017 at the IGNOU Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The training was conducted by Senior Professional Experts in the field with more than 30 years of experience in Quality/Food Safety Management, who have undergone successful training in Delhi and London. The training was highly interactive and was followed by practical exercises to consolidate the theory covered to gain knowledge in the application of the concepts discussed.

Graduates/ final year students of Science/ Bio-Science in Botany/ Zoology/ Chemistry/ Biochemistry/ Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Environment Science/ Food Science/ Nutrition/ Agriculture/ Veterinary Science/ Home Science/ Hotel and Hospitality Management and Employees, of both government and private sectors, having required qualifications participated in the programme.

Participants gained fair knowledge on various aspects of food safety hazards; safety standards; principles, methods and significance of analysis/ quality monitoring; and control of safety hazards. On successful completion of the training, certificates were issued jointly by ERRC & IICT in association with IGNOU Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. Around Hundred participants attended the programme.

S. No. 12: Sensitization workshop on “Bee keeping and Organic farming”

Sensitization workshop on “Bee Keeping and Organic farming” was organized in association with CARD-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vallikode Village, Pathanamthitta on 20th and 21st March 2017. The workshop highlighted the importance of Organic farming and different methods of rearing of honey bees .

Dr. C. P. Robert, Senior Scientist and Head, CARD-Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Pathanamthitta and experts Shri. Alex John, Shri. Vijay Mathew and Shri. Jacob Mathew, handled various sessions on Bee keeping and Organic farming. Around 50 farmers participated in the workshop and gained hands on experience on various new technologies.

S. No. 13: Activities Undertaken under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Workshop on Value added products

A workshop on the “Value Added Product” was organized in association with Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirunelveli at Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy on 27th and 28th March 2017.

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. Dr. S. Surianarayanan, Coordinator of Training and Development delivered the welcome address. Smt. S. Pattammal, Treasurer, Shri .K. Chidambram, Executive Committee Member of Amar Seva Sangam, Shri. S. Lakshminarayanan felicitated the gathering. The programme covered sessions on preparation and preservation of various food products like squash, syrups, jam, chips from locally available fruits & vegetables. Ms. Manirekha M. R. from IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum and Shri. Madhavan from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tirunelveli handled various sessions.

S.No.14: Exhibition at Central Stadium Trivandrum in association with Social Welfare Department Govt. of Kerala.

As part of the publicity and promotional activities, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum participated in Career Guidance Exhibition organized by the Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala at Central stadium, Trivandrum. The stall setup by IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum highlighted the activities of the University as well as its Regional Centres in Kerala. More than thousand students and parents visited the stall.

S. No. 15: Promotional meetings were conducted at Kollayil, Parassala and Balaramapuram for Handloom clusters under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum

In connection with the educational campaign to empower weavers community under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 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, Parassala and Balaramapuram for Handloom clusters under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre Trivandrum. Regional Director and Assistant Regional Directors, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum interacted with the participants at Balaramapuram and briefed of the opportunities provided by IGNOU in higher education. Around 200 weaver community members got enrolled in CLP and BPP programme for various sessions.

S. No. 16: Organised programme Aao Hum Digital Ho Jaye'

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum organized a workshop on 'Aao Hum Digital Ho Jaye' on 12th January 2017 at the Regional Centre to train E-Kranti Volunteers to popularize the Digital Financial Literacy Programme envisaged by the Govt. of India and to educate people especially from villages in carrying out cashless transactions leading to a digital or cashless society in association with Union Bank of India, Trivandrum.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri. B. Balakrishna, the Regional Head of Union Bank of India, Trivandrum and presided by Dr. B. Sukumar Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum and was also attended by Shri. Giridhar Babu, Chief Manager, Union Bank of India Karamana and Shri.Mahesh Ramarajan Manager (Marketing) Union Bank of India.

Around 35 students designated as e-kranthi volunteers participated in the workshop. The e-kranthi volunteers after attending the workshop were digitally equipped for disseminating the information to 20 families each in their society.

S. No. 17: Report on ‘Education for Social Inclusion: A Conclave’

As part of its educational initiative Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre Trivandrum 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, Vattiyookavu.

Ms. Lissy Shajahan, Psychologist & Celebrity coach - ATETA Life Transforming Solutions led the interactive session orienting the Transgender students. Deliberations were held on discriminations faced by Transgenders in society and the need for giving them a sense of respect by educating them. Around 30 transgenders attended the programme. The University has already exempted fee for Transgender students and a number of students have already enrolled for various Programmes under the Regional Centre.

S. No. 18: Report on Merit Evening to honour Gold Medalists of IGNOU and IGNOU Learners who topped Civil Service Examination 2016

A merit evening was organized on 17th August 2017 at 3 pm to honour the Gold Medalists and IGNOU Learners who topped Civil Service Examination 2016. Smt. **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 Students 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 the 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 all India level in the Term End Examinations of IGNOU.

Around 100 participants including coordinators, learners and family members of the learners attended the function

S. No. 19: Report on exhibition in connection with the Technology Meet at Krishi Vigyan Kendra from 14 to 16 March 2017.

In association with ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CARD, Pathanamthitta IGNOU Regional Centre, Trivandrum participated in 3 days Technology Meet (*Kathir 2017*) organized by Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Pathanamthitta from 14th to 16th March 2017 at KVK campus located in Thelliyoor village. The Technology meet through exhibition displayed and demonstrated the potential technologies in agriculture and allied fields that are appropriate for the district. The potential bio-inputs, tools, implements and such other potential technologies to benefit the farming community was also part of the meet. More than three thousand students and parents visited the stall at the programme venue ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra Campus, Thelliyoor village..

S. No. 20: Participated in Disha Career Expo 2018 from 6th to 10th January 2018

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum as part of publicity campaign participated in the career guidance expo DISHA 2018 organized by the Kerala Higher Secondary Education Department at K. Karunakaran Memorial Town Hall, Thrissur from 6th to 10 January 2018.

The expo was organized in connection with Kerala State School Youth Festival, the biggest adolescent educational carnival in Asia. The stall setup by IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum highlighted the activities of the Universities as well as its Regional Centres in Kerala.

Brochures, pamphlets, handouts and prospectus on programmes and activities of IGNOU were made available in the stall for the stake holders and prospective learners. A helpdesk was also set up at the venue to help visitors access the various online services of the University.

Dr. Siby G Netto, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU RC Trivandrum represented the University, in the information session on higher education and career opportunities held as part of the Expo. The presentation focused on the role played by IGNOU through the Open and Distance learning mode of education for enhancing the Gross Enrolment Ratio and creating a knowledge society.

The priceless aid and support extended by IGNOU for the realization of Disha 2018 was prized by the organizers with a memento.

S. No. 21: Special Drive for SC/ST Learners

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum associated with National Public Grievance and Redressal Commission (NPGRC) aiming to reach the SC/ST population in the rural locales falling under its jurisdiction and to help these learners enrol to IGNOU programmes.

Adv. Rony V. P., National Chairman, NPGRC addressed the LSC functionaries of Regional Centre Trivandrum during the Co-ordinators Meeting and discussed the ways and means for mainstreaming the marginalised and weaker section of the society. He appreciated the efforts of IGNOU for exempting fee and allowing offline admissions to SC/ST learners.

S. No. 22: Swachh Bharat Mission

As part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum in association with IGNOU Special Study Centre, Lekshmi N. Menon Institute for Empowerment of Women carried out a cleaning drive at All India Association of Women Empowerment Training Centre, Mudavanmugal, Thiruvananthapuram on 28th September 2018.

Smt. Jalaja Kumari, Coordinator, IGNOU Special Study Centre, Lekshmi N. Menon Institute for Empowerment of Women welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director IGNOU Trivandrum addressed the gathering and spoke of the role and importance of participation in the swachh bharat initiative of the Govt. of India. Dr. Sibin G. Netto, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Trivandrum administered cleanliness pledge to the participants. Dr. M. S. Priyamol Asst. Regional Director, Shri. K. M. Nazaruddin, Asst. Registrar, Staff members of IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum was present during the occasion. The officers and staff members of the Regional Centre, the functionaries and students of IGNOU LSC, took cleanliness pledge and cleaned the building and premises of All India Association of Women Empowerment Training Centre, Mudavanmugal, Trivandrum.

S. No. 23: Workshop in Association with National Education Day 11th November 2018

A Workshop/Seminar on the theme on National Education Day was inaugurated at our IGNOU Study Center (40033) Sreenikethan Centre for Social Development, Chathannoor at 10.30 am by Dr. B.Sukumar Honorable Regional Director, IGNOU, Trivandrum. He lighted the lamp and inaugurated the workshop and explained the importance of the National Education Day. 310 IGNOU students participated in the workshop.

Dr. N. Raveendran, the Director of the Host institution and former Principal of the Sree Narayana Collage, Kollam welcomed the gathering and narrated the scope for the celebration of the Day. Smt K. Nimmi, President, Chathannoor Grama Panchayath, Shri. D.Giri kumar, Member, Ithikkara Block Panchayath, Shri. V. Mohandas Unnithan, N.S.S. Chathannoor Union President, Shri.B.I Sreenagesh, etc spoke on the national importance of the day which was celebrated.

Smt. Susan Kodi, Chairperson, Kerala State Social Welfare Board, Trivandrum was felicitated on that occasion by our Hon'ble Regional Director on behalf of Sreeniketan Centre for Social Development. She also spoke on the importance of IGNOU and the celebration of National Education Day dated Nov.11, 2018. Adv. G. Vijayakumar,our Legal Advisor and Kollam District Govt. Public Prosecutor chaired in the celebration of National Education Day. Two papers on National Education Day were presented in the workshop by Shri. John Abraham, Former Chairman, Junior Chamber International, Kollam and Dr. V. Santhakumari, Co-ordinator IGNOU Study Centre, Chathannoor.

The meeting ended at 1 pm Sri. A. Sreekumar Principal proposed vote of thanks.

S. No. 24: An awareness programme was conducted for Jail inmates in association with the Special Study Centre (40036) in Open Prison, Nettukaltheri, Trivandrum on 12th December 2018.

An awareness programme was conducted for jail inmates in association with the Special Study centre (40036) in Open Prison, Nettukaltheri, Trivandrum and 12th December 2018. Shri. Shijo Thomas, Co-ordinator of IGNOU SSC welcomed the gathering. Shri B. Sunil Kumar, Superintendent, Open Jail chaired the session.

Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum addressed the inmates and briefed them about the higher education opportunities being offered by IGNOU. Shri J. Patric. Asst. Superintendent was present during the occasion. Around 50 jail inmates and staff members of the Open jail participated in this programme.

S. No. 25: Participated in Disha II Career Expo 2018 from 6th to 9th December 2018

IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum as part of publicity campaign participated in the DISHA-II Higher Secondary EXPO-2018, a career guidance expo organized by the Career Guidance and Adolescent Counseling Cell, Department of Higher Secondary Education, Govt. of Kerala.

The expo was organized at SDV School Ground Alapuzha in connection with the Kerala State School Youth Festival from December 6 to 9. The stall arranged by IGNOU was appealing and was appreciated by the visitors. The invaluable aid and assistance extended by IGNOU for the fruition of Disha 2018-19 was appreciated by the organizers with a memento. More than 6000 students and parents visited our stall.