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Library at Regional Centre, Cochin



The Library at Regional Centre, Cochin was established in the year 1988 along with the establishment of Regional Centre, Cochin. The Library houses various varieties of Books, Journals, Magazines and Newspaper which are being used by the Academics/Staff and Learners of IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin. The Library has a collection of variety of Books of various disciplines like Commerce, Management, Sociology, Distance Education and other related fields.

The Books/Journals are generally used as Reference books which complement the study materials of the programmes of IGNOU. Copies of the Study Materials of all Courses/Question Papers/Assignment questions are kept as a reference at the Library. The Books and Journals are mainly in English Language and some are in Hindi as well as Malayalam Language. Students generally visit the library at Regional centre, Cochin to refer the books while writing assignments and for preparation during examinations.

The Library is presently housed in the Ground Floor of the Regional Centre Building and for the convenience of the Students is located next to the Reception Desk. An Online Help Desk Facility is also available within the Library so as to assist students with the Online submission of form for Admissions/Re-registration/Examinations and other activities.

33rd IGNOU Convocation at Regional Centre Cochin

The 33rd Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was held on 17th February 2020 and webcasted live from Head Quarters, New Delhi from 12 pm onwards. Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest at the IGNOU Main Campus, New Delhi. The Regional Convocation was simultaneously organized at the Regional Centre Cochin at A.J. Hall, Opposite IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin.



Regional Directors with Guest of Honour (From L to R- Dr. M. Rajesh, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Vatakara; Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science (KUFOS) and Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, Regional Centre, Cochin.



Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science (KUFOS) delivering the 33rd IGNOU Convocation address on 17.02.2020

Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science (KUFOS) was the Guest of Honour at Regional Centre, Cochin. In his Convocation address, he emphasized the role of IGNOU in Higher education and its contribution in enhancing the Gross

Enrollment Ratio (GER) as prescribed by MHRD recalling the speech of the Chief Guest during the Convocation address.

The Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran explained of how IGNOU played a significant role in expansion, equity and excellence keeping in view the Government plan for reorganizing and remodeling Higher Education in relation to funding, leadership and management, quality assurance, accountability, relationship with Industry, International collaboration and the way to conduct Teaching and Research. Dr. Ramachandran appreciated the efforts and contribution of IGNOU in the field of Open and Distance Education in the State of Kerala and encouraged the successfully completed learners to make full use of the knowledge and skill acquired through the programme of study at IGNOU for the well being of the Society and Nation. Dr. Ramachandran wished for the learners that the degree earned would unlock many doors of opportunity to facilitate each one to continue to be good human beings with compassion for the needy, conviction for the righteous and zeal to uphold good virtues in life besides having a successful and satisfying career, good health and prosperity besides success in all their endeavors.



Dr. J.S. Dorothy Regional Director presenting the report of the Regional Centre, Cochin in the 33rd IGNOU Convocation held on 17.02.2020



Dr. M. Rajesh Regional Director presenting the report of the Regional Centre, Vatakara in the 33rd IGNOU Convocation held on 17.02.2020

The Regional Director of Regional Centre, Cochin Dr. J.S. Dorothy and Regional Director of Regional Centre, Vatakara Dr. M. Rajesh presented the Report of the Regional Centres for Cochin and Vatakara respectively.



Regional Centre Cochin, Regional Evaluation Centre Cochin, Regional Centre Vatakara and Model Study Centre 14000 staff with Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran, at the 33rd IGNOU Convocation on 17.02.2020

During the convocation, 4294 learners from Regional Centre, Cochin, and 1888 learners from Regional Centre Vatakara of various academic programmes have successfully completed their programme in this convocation. Around 435 learners attended in person to collect their Degrees and Diplomas and were given the Certificates on the stage by the Guest of Honour Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science (KUFOS).

Orientation Programme for Part Time Staff

Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Cochin conducted one day Orientation Programme for the Part-Time Staff of LSCs under IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 28th February, 2020. Amongst the 34 LSCs in operational mode under Regional Centre Cochin, 44 Part-Time Staffs of 24 LSCs participated in the Orientation Programme.



Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director delivering the Inaugural address at Orientation Programmes for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Assistant Director welcomed the gathering. In the inaugural address, Regional Director Dr. J.S. Dorothy gave a detailed overview of the outcome of the Internal Audit for preparation and processing of Bills and the role of Part-Time Staff in ensuring smooth bill transactions and thus ensuring more effective student Support Services at LSCs. She also emphasized that the Academic Counselors and Part-Time Staff can touch somebody's life forever as ODL teachers.



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing the participants during the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Assistant Director, gave a brief description about IGNOU and the Characteristics of Distance Learners, Highlights of New Online Admission Portal Jan 2020, Role of Academic Counsellors in ODI and the importance of preparation of Counseling schedules basis of credits of courses of each programme with examples was specially highlighted in the session.



Session on Documentation of records at LSCs by Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD in the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020

Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD emphasized the importance of Documentation of records at LSCs. The prescribed format for Counseling schedule pertaining to Academic Counseling at LSCs in view of Processing of bills of the Study centre and

importance of using of Empanelled Academic Counselors was specifically highlighted.

Mr. Sebastian D'Cruz (Ex.DP) highlighted the importance of Uploading Counselling Schedule in the Website and shared the status of LSCs under Regional Centre, Cochin as on date.



Session on Uploading Counseling Schedule in Website by Mr. Sebastian D'Cruz (Ex.DP) in the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020



Self introduction by participants during the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020



Sh. K. Muraleedharan, Section Officer addressing the participants in the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020

The Deputy Registrar of Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin Shri. Joji S Pattathil gave a brief on functioning of REC in connection with Term End Examinations and evaluation. He also explained the changed jurisdiction related to

reevaluation of answer scripts and photo copy of Answer script for the Exam Centres under Regional Centre Cochin.

The last session was about providing Hands on Experience on Preparation of bills of the Counseling sessions on the basis of the External/internal audit (Case-study on the basis of bills received at Regional Centre). Shri. K.K. Joseph, AR and Ms. Manju, Assistant facilitated the participants for the session by providing them opportunity to check the bills submitted by them at Regional Centre. The Guidelines/Payment Norms and Recoupment Bills, Checklist before submission of Bills were shared with all the participants. A Handout prepared in this regard was also shared amongst the participants.



Hands on Experience on preparing of bills of counselling sessions by participants during the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020



Participants along with Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin during the Orientation Programme for Part-Time Staff on 28.02.2020

Shri. K. Muraleedharan (SO) facilitated in the TA/DA related matters. The Meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by Shri. K.K. Joseph (Assistant Registrar) and with National Anthem.

Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada

The Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada was held from 16th to 31st January 2020 at Regional Centre, Cochin along with Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin. Various Activities were conducted during this period and this included an Oath taking ceremony, Campus cleaning, Poster and Slogan Competitions on themes of Water/Forest Conservation, Training on 'Best out of Waste' at the Regional Centre, Cochin. In an effort to reach out to the unreached, the IGNOU students of BSW volunteered to be a part of the Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada and engaged themselves in creating awareness about a clean environment in the Villages. The schedule of the activities undertaken is as per the Table given below.

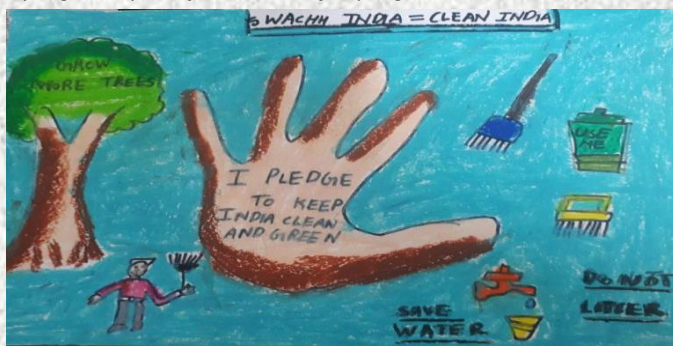
S. No.	Date	Activity
1.	16.01.2020	The Swachhta pledge was undertaken at Regional Centre, Cochin on 16.01.2020 by all the staff.
2.	17.01.2020	As a part of Plantation of Saplings, cleaning the waste around existing saplings was undertaken at Regional Centre, Cochin.
3.	18.01.2020	Manure preparing using leaves.
4.	20.01.2020	A Drawing and Slogan competition on the theme of 'Swachh Bharat' .The Regional Centre, Cochin staff and their children participated in the event.
5.	21.01.2020	In-Campus cleaning was conducted by all the Regional Centre, Cochin wherein the staff cleaned their respective areas and cabins.
6.	22.01.2020	A Drawing and Slogan competition on the theme of 'Water conservation' was conducted. The Regional Centre, Cochin staff and their children participated in the event.
7.	23.01.2020	A Talk show on the topic 'Swachhta and Environmental Sustainability' was conducted. All the Academics of the Regional Centre, Cochin were the Resource Persons for the Talk show. IGNOU Learners and Regional Centre, Cochin staff were part of the lecture.
8.	25.01.2020	The training was given to all the staff of Regional Centre, Cochin, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin and IGNOU learners for 'Paper bag making' conducted at Regional Centre, Cochin. The resource person Mrs. Sinchinta, Ms. Lena, Secy., from M/S Shakti Kerala coordinated.
9.	29.01.2020	IGNOU learners visited nearby schools and gave awareness to the environmental pollution in the present scenario as part of swachhta pakhwada 2020.
10.	30.01.2020	Two learners presented their activity report based on the Swachhta Pakhwada 2020.



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin during the Campus cleaning drive on 17.01.2020



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin cleaning the waste around existing saplings as a part of Plantation of Saplings on 17.01.2020



Drawing by a participant at RC Cochin for Drawing and Slogan competition on the theme of 'Swachh Bharat' conducted at Regional Centre, Cochin on 22.01.2020



Drawing by a participant for Drawing and Slogan competition on the theme of 'Water conservation' conducted at Regional Centre, Cochin on 22.01.2020



The resource persons Mrs. Sinchinta, Ms. Lena, Secy, from M/S Shakti Kerala giving training to all the staff at Regional Centre, Cochin, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin and IGNOU learners for 'Paper bag making' on 25.01.2020

Innovation Club Activities

The Innovation Club at Regional Centre, Cochin was initiated under the encouragement of the National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) of IGNOU. Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD is the Nodal Officer for Innovation Club activities at Regional Centre, Cochin. The sessions were held at Regional Centre, Cochin with an objective to enrich and generate awareness amongst the learners of IGNOU on a wide range of topics ranging *Swachta and Environmental Sustainability and Pre-requisites for Registering in Government Employment Exchange* through which the learners were made aware about various issues and motivated to think innovatively, generate ideas and embark on a path which could lead to future development of the Nation. A Series of monthly lecture identified as Open cum Enrichment Session were held at the Regional Centre, Cochin as per the following schedule.

S. No	Date	Resource Person	Topic of Presentation
1	23.01.2020	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD, Dr. Sindhu P.Nair, ARD, Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr. Praseetha U., AD Regional Centre, Cochin and Dr. M. Rajesh, RD, Regional Centre, Vatakara	Swachta and Environmental Sustainability
2	27.02.2020	Sh. Benny Mathew Employment Officer (VG), District Employment Exchange, Ernakulam	Pre-requisites for Registering in Government Employment Exchange



Resource Persons during the Open session cum Enrichment session on 23.01.2020 (From L to R- Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD, Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD, Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD, RC Cochin, Dr. M. Rajesh, RD, RC Vatakara and Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD)



Dr. M. Rajesh, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara addressing Learners during the Open session cum Enrichment session on 23.01.2020



Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin addressing Learners during the Open session cum Enrichment session on 23.01.2020



The participants of the Open cum Enrichment session with the Resource Person Sh. Benny Mathew, Employment Officer (VG), District Employment Exchange, Ernakulam and Regional Centre, Cochin staff on 27.02.2020

Promotional Initiatives

Promotional Meetings, Campaigns and Events targetting increasing enrolment for January 2020 Admission cycle were organized by the Regional Centre, Cochin at various Study Centres and other Institutions to promote IGNOU programmes by reaching out to the unreached.



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing Students and Faculty of SC 14165- Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakkara at an IGNOU Awareness programme on 16.01.2020



Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, with the students and faculty of CUSAT, Cochin at an IGNOU Awareness programme on 17.01.2020



Promotional Campaign by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD and Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD at SH College, Thevara on 21.01.2020



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing the participants at Womens Polytechnic College, Ernakulam on 28.01.2020 as part of promotion of IGNOU programme.



Promotional Meeting at Depaul Campus, Angamaly on 25.02.2020 by Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD



IGNOU Promotional address by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD for the participants of Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020



IGNOU Awareness Programme at MES College, Edathala by Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD and Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD on 22.01.2020



IGNOU awareness programme by Dr. Sindhu P Nair, ARD among the women employees of Cochin Shipyard Limited on 09.03.2020 in connection with International Womens Day programmes.

Alumni and Placement Activities at Regional Centre, Cochin

Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

The Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre Cochin and the Association of Food Scientists & Technologists India (AFSTI) Cochin Chapter have jointly Conducted a Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU RC Cochin on 7th March 2020 , 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. without financial liability on IGNOU. This academic initiative was under Placement Activity Cell of Regional Centre, Cochin. This event under placement activity was possible due to the efforts of the Coordinator of IGNOU Model Study Centre 14000.

The Regional Centre has extended this opportunity to the passed out learners of PGDFSQM and MSCDFSM and current learners of PGDFSQM, MSCDFSM, DNHE, CNCC and DECE programmes under the Placement activity of Regional Centre Cochin (RC14). Including the Coordinator/PIC of the Learner

Support Centres of PGDFSQM, MSCDFSM, DNHE, CNCC and DECE programmes 53 participants attended the Programme.



Dr. D.D. Nambudiri delivering the Presidential Address during Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020

Dr. Baby Jacob Vice President AFSTI Cochin Chapter welcomed the gathering. Dr. D.D. Nambudiri, President, AFSTI Cochin Chapter delivered the Presidential address. Dr. D.D. Nambudiri while complimenting IGNOU for joining with AFSTI in the conduct of the programme, informed that 'The Eat Right Movement' of FSSAI is a proactive movement rather than quality control step towards meeting the requirements of the consumers to get the right nutritious food and the manufacturers to responsibly produce good quality food with labelling.



Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director delivering the Inaugural Address during Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020

In the inaugural address, Regional Director Dr. J.S. Dorothy gave a detailed overview of Food in the Indian context and need for taking safe and nutritious food as per the physical conditions and special requirements of the body besides the

lifestyle of the individual. Dr. Dorothy also highlighted the importance of Information, Education and Communication amongst the public to eat the right food emphasising of how FSSAI functioning under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India has initiated 'The Eat Right Movement'.



The Chief Guest Dr. Bhaskar, Advisor, FSSAI Addressing all the participants during Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020

The Chief Guest for the Programme, Dr. Bhaskar, Advisor, FSSAI, New Delhi spoke about the important role of FSSAI to ensure balanced and nutritious diet, along with wholesomeness and safety of food. He also expressed the need to get back to our roots on the traditional food backed by the use of science. He also appreciated the efforts of AFSTI Cochin Chapter and IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin for 'The Eat Right Movement' of FSSAI. The inauguration programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Mr. Jayan Jacob, Secretary, AFSTI Cochin Chapter.

The Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) started with Introduction of AFSTI Officials & Panelists to the audience and a brief about Panel discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' by Dr. Sindhu P Nair, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Centre Cochin. Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Asst. Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin made a brief presentation on IGNOU Programmes PGDFSQM, MSCDFS, DNHE, CNCC & DECE so that the opportunity for awareness programme about IGNOU is ensured to the audience gathered.

The first panelist for the panel discussion, Dr. Sanu Jacob, Director, FSSAI was introduced by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director. During the Panel Discussion, Dr. Sanu Jacob, has discussed the topic 'An overview on Eat Right Movement – Its

objectives and Methodology'. The second panelist, Prof. (Dr.) DD Nambudiri, President, AFSTI Cochin Chapter was introduced to the floor by Dr. Sindhu P Nair, ARD. Dr. Nambudiri discussed about 'The importance of millets and legumes in a cereal dominated diet'. The benefits of millets in the daily diet and the categories of Millets were explained in detail during the discussion.



Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Regional Centre, Cochin presenting a brief about Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020

The third Panelist Ms. Gayathri Ashokan, Nutritionist and Founder proprietor Nutrisolutions was introduced by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Asst. Director. Dr. Asokan discussed the topic on 'Nutrition & Mental Health-2020'. Ms. Gayathri Ashokan discussed the emotional - social-religious connect with food and the need to take a balanced nutritious and customized diet.



Participants of Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 07.03.2020

The last panel discussant, Sh. Kaithapram Vasudevan Nambuthiri was introduced by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD. Sh. Kaithapram Vasudevan Nambuthiri discussed on the topic

“Physical, mental, social and spiritual well being-holistic approach of Yoga’. He stressed that apart from proper diet, other aspects such as proper exercise, proper relaxation, bathing and proper thinking are also important for the overall well being of an individual. In this context, the holistic approach of Yoga’ was explained.

The Programme came to an end with the vote of thanks by Dr. S.Vijayaragavan, Assistant Regional Director. The programme was compered by Ms.Sujini Babu, Assistant. The programme was coordinated by Dr.Sindhu P Nair, ARD. This event under placement activity was possible due to the efforts of the Coordinator of IGNOU Model Study Centre 14000.

Training of Awareness Campaigners on Alzheimer’s under Project Udbodh, Centre for Neuroscience, CUSAT Organised at Regional Centre, Cochin

The Centre for Neuroscience, CUSAT under the Project Udbodh for creating awareness on Alzheimer’s disease through Community Awareness programmes to create dementia friendly Kochi, submitted its interest to IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin to associate as a partner organisation to create awareness on Alzheimer’s disease through IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin.



Dr.Baby Chakrapani, Director, Centre for Neuroscience, CUSAT addressing students during the volunteers for Udbodh Project on 04.01.2020

To implement it, the Project Udbodh, envisaged the training of Volunteers on Alzheimer’s disease through for Community Intervention programmes. Regional Centre, Cochin under the purview of Placement Services for its Alumni and for capacity building of its current learners of five identified five programmes -MAPC, MSO, MSW, MSW (C) and MSCCFT, to associate to provide an opportunity for its IGNOU alumni/ current learners to be considered as volunteers for Project Udbodh, Centre for Neuroscience, CUSAT. The first phase of

training was conducted on 01.09.2019 at Regional Centre, Cochin. The second phase of training was conducted on 04.01.2020 at Regional Centre, Cochin.



Dr. Sindhu P Nair, ARD addressing IGNOU students during the second phase of training volunteers for UDBODH Project on 04.01.2020

Other Activities at Regional Centre Cochin

Voters Day Celebration

The Regional Centre jointly with Regional Evaluation Centre, celebrated Voters Day on 24.01.2020. As part of the celebration, the Voters Day pledge was administered to all participants. The staff of Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre participated in the programme. Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, ARD shared her experience as Polling Officer in General Election to Lok Sabha on 23rd April 2019 and Sh. Venugopal, Section Officer, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin addressed all about the importance of voting.



Voters Day pledge administered to RC staff by Sh. K.K. Joseph, AR on 24.01.2020

Republic Day Celebration

The Republic Day celebrations was held at Regional Centre, Cochin on 26.01.2020. The staff of Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre (REC), Cochin participated in the celebrations.



Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar hoisted the flag on Republic Day at Regional Centre, Cochin on 26.01.2020



Staff of Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin during the Republic Day Celebrations at Regional Centre, Cochin on 26.01.2020

International Women's Day

The International Women's Day was celebrated at Regional Centre Cochin on 5th March 2020.



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin during the Women's Day Celebration at the Regional Centre, Cochin on 05.03.2020

The Talk show by the staff present on Gender Sensitization, equality, Women's health, Education, Empowerment, Safety and Security, Instances of misused liberty were shared among

the participants. Case Study experience from personal life was appreciated more as it has the reality of life. The significant outcome of International Women's Day was that individuals irrespective of being man, women or transgender, the quality of them as an individual is dependent on the moral values in them.

Workshops/Conference attended and Article published

Research Article published by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director on Succession Planning in Distance Teaching Institutions: Significance for Quality Maintenance in University News – A weekly Journal of Higher Education ISSN-0566-2257 2020 Feb 10 to 16 Vol 58 No.06 Page 11 to 16,23

Study Centre Corner

SC 1408 – Newman College, Thodupuzha



Newman College is an Institution of higher education, established, owned and administered by the diocese of Kothamangalam. It is named after John Henry Cardinal Newman, one of the greatest luminaries of all times in the field of higher education. Realising the great necessity of a central institution of higher studies for the thousands of students stepping each year out of the numerous high schools in Thodupuzha area. His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Mathew Pothanamuzhy, the Bishop of Kothamangalam established and inaugurated the college on 10th July 1964 wherein 400 students were admitted in 1964 to the first year of the Pre-Degree Course. The College was upgraded by introducing Degree Courses in July 1967. The college crossed another landmark by introducing P.G. Course in Mathematics in November 1984.

Newman College is the leading college in the Idukki District, with 5 post graduate courses imparting higher education for over 100 students of this backward district. Newman has 68 members on the teaching staff and 33 on the non-teaching staff.

IGNOU Study Centre SC 1408 is functioning from the campus of Newman College, Thodupuzha. It is a Regular Study Centre established under Regional Centre Cochin in the year 1991 with 91 students and has presently grown to 334 IGNOU students as on January, 2020. There are 21 IGNOU programmes activated at this Study centre which include various Masters, Bachelors, Post Graduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate level programmes.



IGNOU Study Centre SC 1408 at Newman College, Thodupuzha.



Sh. Alex Joseph, Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre SC 1408 with IGNOU learners at IGNOU Office in Newman College, Thodupuzha.

IGNOU Regional centre Cochin thanks Sh. Alex Joseph, the Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre SC 1408 Newman College, Thodupuzha for providing inputs about the Host Institution on behalf of the Management of Host Institution of SC 1408 and Learner Support Centre for this issue of Newsletter.

Meet an IGNOU Learner



This 'Meet an IGNOU Learner' is about Ms. Esther Agnes who is the Principal of Vidyodaya School, Thevakkal, Cochin and student of IGNOU PGDHRM programme. She is a dynamic Teacher, Administrator and Leader and its her firm determination which is taking Vidyodaya school to newer heights every day. Her profile was shared to Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD for use in Regional Centre, Cochin.

Mrs. Esther Agnes shared that, while moving with a hectic schedule, an awareness class conducted by Dr. Praseetha, Assistant Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin for all the Faculty of Vidyodaya School about the courses offered by IGNOU, impressed her and lead her towards joining the PGDHRM (Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resources Management) programme. According to her,

"A deep knowledge about human resources, covering all aspects related to it, I knew, will surely support me to improve the quality of my present performance. I completed my first semester and about to write second semester exam. I must agree that the study materials, which was given from IGNOU is really a treasure of knowledge..... keeping it for future reference, will be a very good investment, for all those who deal with the most precious resource of the world... human resources. I thank the moment I decided to join for the course, without considering my age or time. I feel proud to recommend this course to those who are interested even any course of your choice, because staff of kochi region, where I registered, will support you in doing the course, comfortably, just like they made it easy for me"

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin is proud of her achievements and wishes her the very best in all her future endeavors!

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