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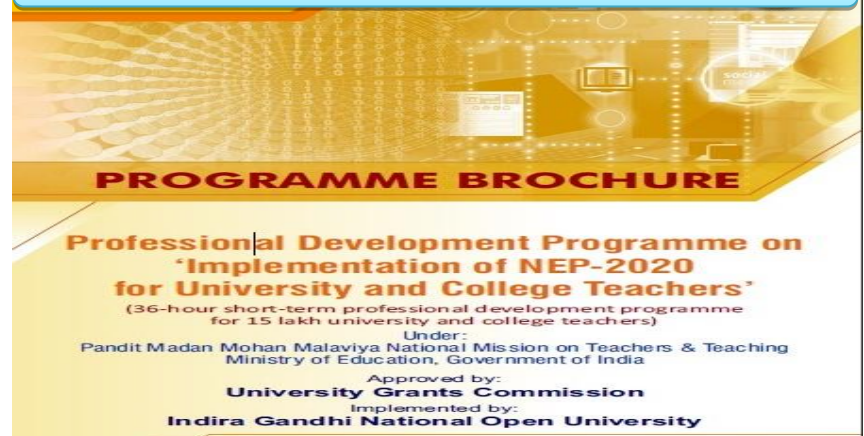
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NEP-PDP INITIATIVE BY IGNOU



The National Education Policy of India (NEP), 2020 was launched by the Government of India in July, 2020. NEP 2020 has focus on five aspects namely: Affordability, Accessibility, Quality, Equity and Accountability. IGNOU through Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) has launched in SWAYAM Portal, an UGC Approved Short Term Professional Development Programme for teachers under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching and can be added in the API score of Teachers of respective Institution. As a part of this around 15 lakh teachers of Universities/Colleges is envisaged to be oriented about the recommendations of the Policy.

This Nationwide 36 hours (six days) Professional Development Programme (NEP-PDP) which is equivalent to UGC-HRDC short-term PDP and can be completed in maximum of 9 days amidst other commitments, as the programme is on virtual mode in the SWAYAM Portal.

However, the Registration for the Programme is through the link <https://ignou-nep-pdp.samarth.ac.in> on the SAMARTH platform which can be submitted by any teaching faculty across India. The Programme is totally free of cost.

The SWAYAM NEP-PDP comprises the following components:

- **E-content:** 14 units (in English and Hindi) on important themes of NEP-2020
- **E-Tutorial:** 30 high quality video lessons by eminent scholars
- **Discussion Forum:** At the SWAYAM platform
- **Live Conferencing:** Through Swayam Prabha Channel 20, with interactive chat facility
- **Assessment:** Formative Online Test (30%) and Summative Online Test (70%) on SWAYAM
- **Certification:** Automatic digital certification on successful completion with 50% score

For active promotion, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin has launched Promotional Videos in English, Tamil, Hindi and Malayalam and the same can be accessed through the Regional Centre Cochin YouTube channel under the playlist NEP at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdu1gIra7HKCEjjQG8A4dahisCKXECO>. The detailed brochure about this programme is available at the link <https://ignou-nep-pdp.samarth.ac.in/assets/0255e231d2cb9988f668b8cf7e7841cd/docs/programme-guide.pdf>

Independence Day celebrations

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was aimed to invoke the spirit of patriotism by bringing the Tiranga home and to mark the 75th year of India's independence. This was widely encouraged during the Independence Day celebrations at Regional Centre, Cochin. The staff at Regional Centre, Cochin invoked the spirit of Nationalism and Patriotism by hoisting flags in their respective home/ place of stay. The Flag was hoisted on all three days from 13.08.2022 to 15.08.2022. The videos and the photographs taken are available in the playlist 'Har Ghar Tiranga' in the link <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1gIra7HL4djnZjsJA4WUCikYBxZdu> in IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin YouTube channel.

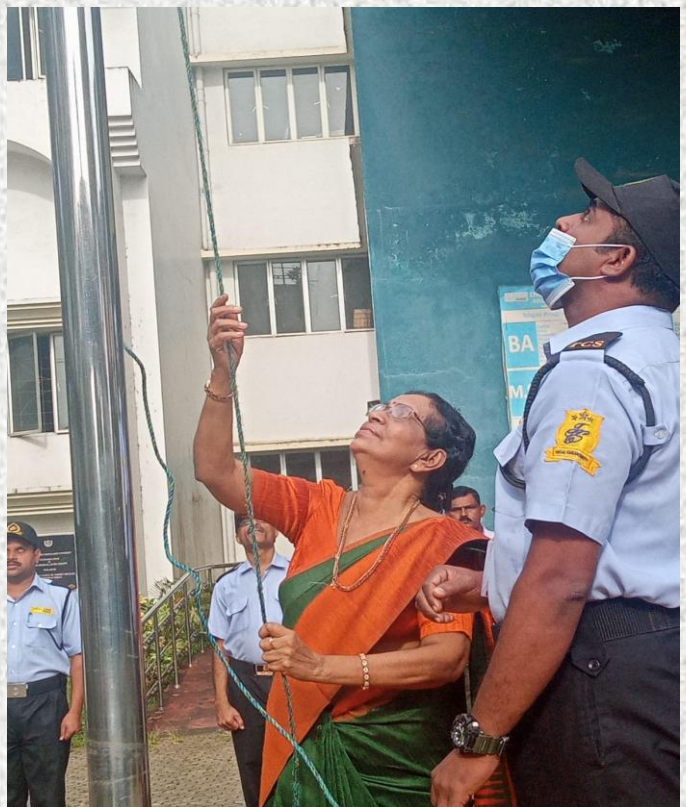
The IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin Campus house three Offices namely the IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin, the Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin and the IGNOU Study Centre 14000. As such the Regional Centre campus is a home to these three Office Staff members. Hence, the Flag Hoisting was done on rotation among the three offices on these three days from 13.08.2022 to 15.08.2022.



Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, Deputy Director, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin hoisted the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 13.08.2022.



Dr. Sindhu P Nair, DD, REC Cochin hoisting the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 13.08.2022



Dr. Prema A K, Coordinator, LSC 14000 RC Campus hoisting the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 14.08.2022

Dr. A.K. Prema, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre (14000), Regional Centre Campus, Cochin hoisted the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 14.08.2022.

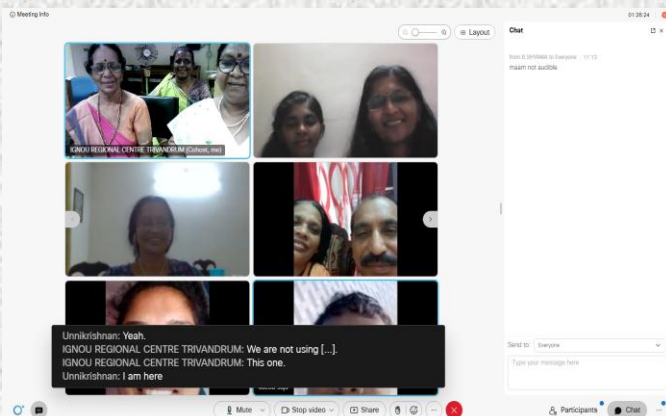


Shri. Sebastian D'Cruz, EDP, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin hoisting the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 15.08.2022

Shri. Sebastian D'Cruz, EDP, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin hoisted the Flag under the Har Ghar Tiranga Event on 15.08.2022.

Virtual Quiz on Freedom Struggle

A Virtual Quiz on 15.08.2022 on the topic 'Freedom Struggle - Independence day of India' was organized by IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin.



Screenshot of Virtual Quiz on Freedom Struggle_ Independence Day of India on 15.08.2022

Dr. A.K. Prema, Coordinator IGNOU Study Centre 14000, and Dr. Usha Kiran, Assistant Coordinator 14000, Regional Centre Cochin Campus, Cochin held the Quiz virtually at 5 PM on 15.08.2022. The recording has been uploaded in the IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin YouTube channel which can be accessed using the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sebJxNii3H0&t=9s>. The staff along with their family members and students participated in the quiz.

Lecture Session on 'Importance of National Flag'

Dr. V. Vengopal B Menon, Principal (Retd), Chinmaya College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Tripunithura delivered a lecture on Importance of National Flag on 17.08.2022. The Lecture was live streamed on the Facebook page of RC Cochin and has been uploaded on the RC Cochin YouTube channel and is accessible through the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lirjNQasrMI&list=PL-du1gIra7HL4djnZjsJA4WUCikYBxZdu&index=14>



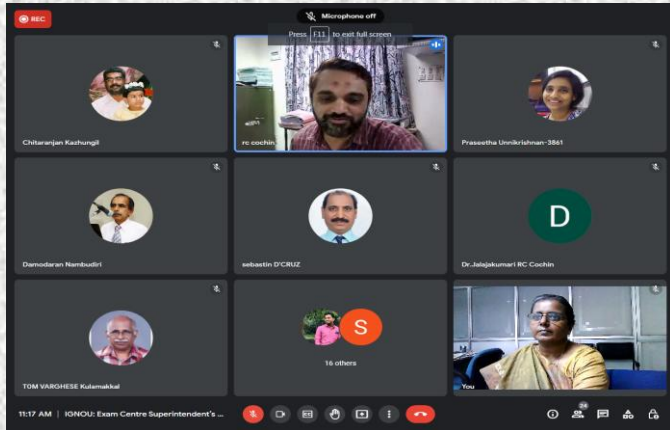
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Exam Centre Superintendents Meeting

The Exam Superintendent Meeting for June 2022 TEE was held on 20.07.2022 by IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin through *Google Meet* platform. The meeting was coordinated by Sh. Muhammed Ansar T.A., AEDP who was also the Nodal officer for June Term End Examination, 2022 at Regional Centre Cochin. Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, delivered the Welcome address and emphasized about the important pre Examination activities at Regional Centre and also conveyed gratitude to the management of the Host Institution housing LSC for smooth conduct of Term end Examination June 2022 under Regional Centre Cochin.

Sh. Muhammed Ansar T.A., AEDP highlighted the mode of Observer deputation to the Examination Centres and methods of online question paper delivery system for smooth conduction of TEE June 2022 Examination. Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD deliberated about help desk activities during

Examination with special reference to Differently abled learners in integrated Examination hall.



Screenshot of Online/Virtual Exam Superintendent Meeting on 20.07.2022

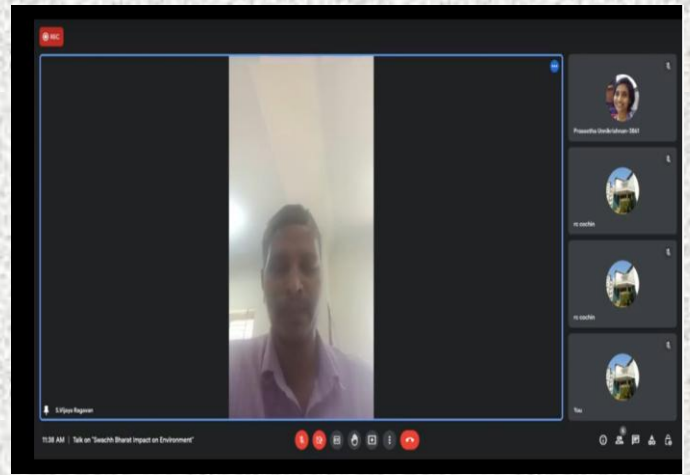
Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, DD, Regional Evaluation Centre Cochin highlighted about the information regarding the jurisdiction for sending Answer script to Regional Evaluation Centre Cochin. The meeting was interactive and came to an end with vote of thanks by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD.

Term End Examination (June 2022)

The June 2022 Term End Examination was held from 22nd July, 2022 to 5th September, 2022. The Examinations were conducted at 17 Examination Centres under the region at Ernakulam, Kottayam, Idukki, Thrissur and Union Territory of Lakshadweep with 97796 registered examinees. The Examinations were conducted smoothly in all Districts under Regional Centre Cochin. The Study Centre SC 14000 functioning from Regional centre Campus also served as the Examination Centre.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

A Talk on ‘Swachh Bharat impact on Environment’ was organized at IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin on 29th September 2022. Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD was the Resource Person and also the Nodal officer of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Activities at Regional Centre Cochin. The session was live streamed on the Facebook page of RC Cochin link <https://www.facebook.com/IGNOURegionalCentreCochin/>



Screenshot of Online/Virtual Talk on Swachh Bharat impact on Environment by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD on 29.09.2022

Promotional initiatives

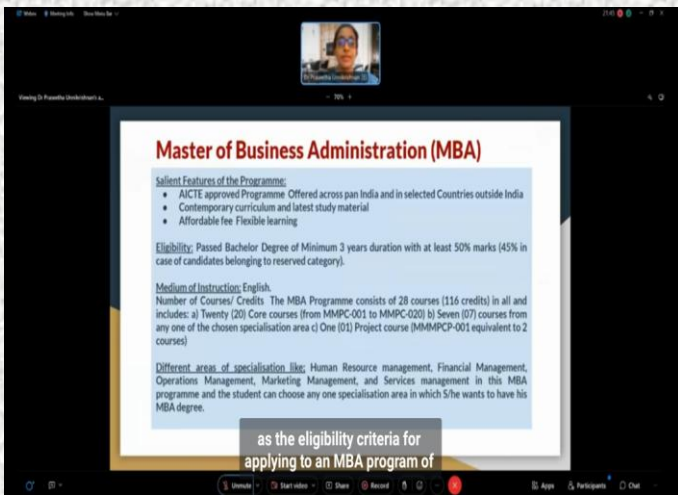
Online/Virtual Promotional Meetings, Campaigns and Events with a view to enhance the enrolment for July 2022 Admission cycle besides optimizing the awareness about IGNOU programmes were organized by Regional Centre, Cochin through various Study Centres and other Institutions to promote IGNOU programmes by reaching out to the unreached. Facebook Live sessions were also organized for the Learners/General public associated with Regional Centre, Cochin for sharing of information pertaining to IGNOU Admissions for July 2022.

The Live Programme using Regional Centre Cochin Official Facebook Page was given by the Academics of Regional Centre, Cochin. The Technical support for the Face Book Session Programme was provided by Sh. Muhammad Ansar, AEDP, Regional Centre Cochin.

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1	05.07.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 569 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on ‘UG, PG and Certificate/Diploma Programmes by School of Social Work’

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2	07.07.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 440 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'UG ,PG and Certificate/Diploma Programmes by School of Management Studies'
3	08.07.2022	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 480 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on IGNOU Programmes
4	13.07.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 480 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'Bachelors Level Programmes of IGNOU'
5	29.07.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 797 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'Certificate/Diploma Programmes of IGNOU in Malayalam'
6	23.07.2022	Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD	Ideal College, Cheruplassery	Face-to-face Promotional meeting on Awareness of IGNOU programmes
7	02.08.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 335 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'Introduction to Programmes without 10+2 Qualifications relevance to CFN, DCE, CAL'
8	05.08.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 330 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'Programmes of SOCIS (School of Computer and Information Sciences)'

S. No	Date & Time	Meeting organized/ administered by	Participant	Purpose
9	29.08.2022	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 177 views	Facebook Live Session in English on the 'Procedure for Registering into NEP-PDP' in the Samarth Portal
10	29.08.2022	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 158 views	Facebook Live Session in Tamil on the 'Procedure for Registering into NEP-PDP' in the Samarth Portal
11	01.09.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 223 views	Facebook Live Session in Malayalam on the 'Procedure for Registering into NEP-PDP' in the Samarth Portal
12	01.09.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 132 views	Facebook Live Session in Hindi on the 'Procedure for Registering into NEP-PDP' in the Samarth Portal
13	14.09.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	Circulated and telecasted in various electronic medias for vide publicity of the programme	Prepared Audio Clip for promotion of BBARL programme in Malayalam Language through SOMS, IGNOU HQ, Delhi
14	19.09.2022	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 476 views	Facebook Live Promotional Session on 'PG Programmes of School of Management Studies'



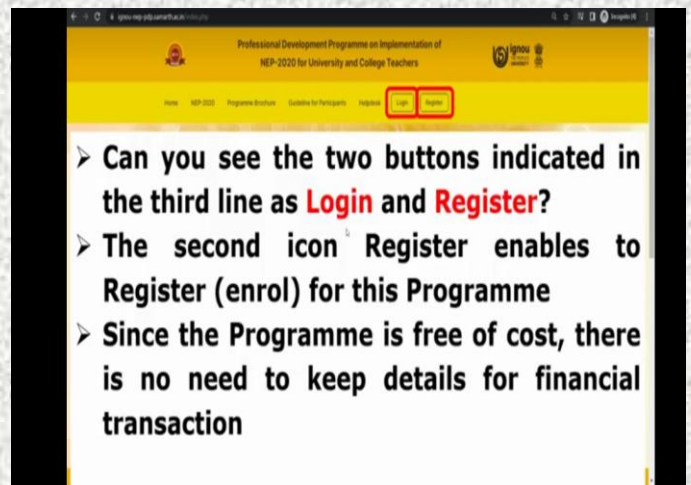
Screenshot of Presentation presented by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD during the FB Live session on 07.07.2022



Screenshot of Facebook Live Promotional Meeting by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD on 08.07.2022



Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD addressing the students of Ideal Training College, Cherpulassery on 23.07.2022 as part of promotion of IGNOU programme



- Can you see the two buttons indicated in the third line as **Login** and **Register**?
- The second icon **Register** enables to **Register (enrol)** for this Programme
- Since the Programme is free of cost, there is no need to keep details for financial transaction

Screenshot of Facebook Live Session in English on the 'Procedure for Registering into NEP-PDP in the Samarth Portal' by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD on 29.08.2022

The recording of the Promotional Meetings are available in IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin official YouTube channel under playlist "Promotional Meeting" at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cd2cmYLz9To&list=PL-u1gIra7HK5K37AdAJ0j61aQRo93F0m>

Other Activities

Hindi Diwas Celebrations



Talk on "Importance of Hindi Day" by Dr. Tom Varghese, Hindi Professor (Retd) and Coordinator, LSC 1402, SH College, Thevara.

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin as a part of Hindi Pakwada celebrations (16.04.2022 to 30.09.2022) held a virtual live session on the topic 'Importance of Hindi Day' on 30.09.2022. Dr. Tom Varghese, Retd. Professor, SH College, Thevara was the Resource

person for the session and the session was coordinated by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD who is also the Nodal Officer for the Hindi Pakhwada celebrations at RC Cochin. The session was live streamed on the Facebook page of RC Cochin through the link <https://www.facebook.com/IGNOURegionalCentreCochin/>.

Onam Celebrations

Onam also known as the harvest festival of Kerala was celebrated by all staff of Regional Centre, Regional Evaluation Centre and Study Centre 14000 at the Regional centre, Cochin campus with a beautiful Pookkalam on 6th September 2022 by Regional Centre Cochin. The videos related to the preparation of Pookkalam-Process to Finish and the Pookkalam Viewed and appreciated in the vicinity of the Regional Centre are available in the YouTube Channel under the playlist Onam at the link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1glra7HLQDa3F17I9LYSd00Km7_Ud



Pookkalam prepared by Staff of Regional Centre Cochin during the Onam Celebrations at RC Cochin on 06.09.2022

Participation in Online/Virtual Workshops/Conference/Webinars

- Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD (17-23 May 2022); Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD (from 14-21 July 2022) participated and successfully completed a UGC Approved Short Term Professional Development Programme on 'Research in Distance & Online learning' (Chronologically arranged)
- Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, RC Cochin and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD participated and successfully completed the Professional

Development Programme on 'Implementation of NEP2020 for University and College Teachers' held from 09 -17 September, 2022

- Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD attended two day Capacity Building Programme on 'Data Mining for Research' organized by STRIDE from 27-28 September, 2022.

Study Centre Corner

St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam (LSC 1477)



The college is named after St. Teresa of Avila, a saint of the 16th Century. St. Teresa's College is the result of a vision of the Foundress Mother Teresa of St. Rose of Lima (educationalist and a humane social worker), when she started St. Teresa's School in 1887. St. Teresa's College, a pioneering Institution in the field of Higher Education in India, was established on 15th June in the year 1925, as the first Women's College of the erstwhile Cochin State and the second in the whole of Kerala by the Congregation of the Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa.

The College started with Sr. Beatrice as its first Principal and Mother Veronica as the first Manager with a student strength of just 41. The College was a second grade Arts College initially affiliated to the Madras University. During World War II, the College buildings were commanded by the Army and converted into a military hospital and was reoccupied by the College only by 1946. In the beginning of the academic year 1957-58, the affiliation of the college was transferred from Madras University to the Travancore University, which was renamed in August 1957 as Kerala University. Now the College is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

The AWARD ERA of St. Teresa's College started in 1994, when the College received the prestigious and highly coveted first R. SANKAR AWARD instituted by the Government of Kerala given to the Best College of the State for all-round excellence. The college was then awarded the R SANKAR AWARD thrice for the Best Non-Special Grade Private College in the years 1995, 1998 and 2000. St. Teresa's College celebrated its Platinum Jubilee on 4th December 2000. St. Teresa's College was conferred Autonomous status on 13th June 2014. The College has been raised to the status of "FIVE STARS" in 1999 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council [NAAC], Bangalore. The College has the distinction of being accredited thrice by NAAC with A grade since its first Accreditation in 1999. The College is on its 4th cycle and has got an extension of 2 years till April 2019. While high academic standards were maintained in the College from the very start, students are also being taught the value and dignity of labour, good social relationship and above all, lasting spiritual values.

to unveil a new structure – the Central Block located at Convent Junction, which was inaugurated on 13th October 2017. The College also launched its own publishing house- Teresian Publishing House on 14th November 2017.



Ms. Leena Leon, Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre LSC 1477 St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam

The Study Center was established by IGNOU in 2008 with 56 students and has presently grown to 903 students as on July, 2022. There are 13 programmes of Masters/Bachelors/Diploma/ Certificate level activated at this Study Centre out of which MSCDFSM (Master of Science in Dietetics and Food Service Management) programme of IGNOU is highly popular and is activated only at this study centre under Regional Centre Cochin.



St. Teresa's College has forged partnerships with outstanding International Academic institutions to enhance student development, faculty growth and academic research. The College has signed an MoU with Newman University, UK, Richmond, The American International University, London, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan and Indo Swedish Academic Exchange Forum (ISAEF). St. Teresa's College is proud



IGNOU Study Centre LSC 1477 office at St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin thanks Ms. Leena Leon, the Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre LSC 1477 St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam for providing inputs for this issuance of Newsletter.

Meet an IGNOU Learner



In this edition of "Meet an IGNOU Learner", we introduce you to **Shri. V. Sudhakara Shenoi** who is a 62 years old learner of IGNOU. Shri. Shenoi has pursued various programmes from IGNOU namely MBA (Marketing Management), DFM (Diploma in Financial Management), DOM (Diploma in Operations Management), DHRM (Diploma in Human Resource Management) and PGDDM (Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management) prior to pursuing PGDESD (Post Graduate Diploma in Environment and Sustainable Development) and PGDAST (Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Statistics) from IGNOU in different cycle of admission.

Shri. V. Sudhakara Shenoi furthers his interests in higher studies and to enrich his knowledge by perusing higher studies with IGNOU. His profile was shared to Shri. Muhammad Ansar T A, AEDP, RC Cochin for use in the Newsletter of IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin.

Shri. Shenoi retired as DGM (Inspection) from FACT Engg and Design Organisation (*FEDO*) which is a unit of the FACT Ltd (*The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited*), Cochin. Shri. Shenoi has a long experience of working as a Trainer and Coach in various Institutions which include The Institute of Engineers, India (Cochin), School of Communication and Management Studies (SCMS), Cochin, SCMS School of Technology and Management, Kalamassery and CUSAT, Cochin. He is also working as a Faculty of Operations and Strategic Management for ICWAI students at Cochin Chapter.

Shri. V. Sudhakara Shenoi's passion has been in Mathematics, Statistics and Operations Research and is teaching these subjects since 1990.

Shri. Shenoi's experience with IGNOU has been enriching. Shri. Shenoi's has been and is still able to pursue various programmes from IGNOU due to able guidance from Regional Centre and Study Centre besides support from family and friends.

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin appreciates his enthusiastic zest for education and wishes Shri. V. Sudhakara Shenoi the best in life and in all his future endeavors!

News at News

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Campus tourism: CMS opens its gates for sightseeing

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Kottayam: The CMS College, the first college in south India, will open its gates for academic tourism, a relatively new genre of tourism, next month. The college, founded in 1817, has a rich history and tradition which makes it stand apart from other centres of learning in the country. Through the innovative programme, the college authorities have decided to allow the public to get a first-hand experience of the knowledge-based materials and intellectual assets on the campus.

According to Varghese C Joshua, principal of the college, the campus has several features which will be of great interest to the common man as well as academics. "Most of our buildings are over 200 years old and have got heritage status. The architecture is a blend of British engineering and Kerala architecture. Many come to learn about these buildings for academic purposes," he said.

The college has recently developed a museum with a Rs2-crore grant from the state government. The 4,800sqft museum showcases the history of Indian printing technology. There are around 12 historic printing presses on display.

Registration for the academic tour would be available on CMS College's website soon

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Campus open to public only on holidays

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The museum also has two computers, among the first ones in the state, which were donated in 1983 by late physicist E C George Sudarshan who was an alumnus. "The entire 40-acre campus is itself a botanical garden. There are around 700 species of trees with QR codes on them enabling visitors to learn more about the tree," said Joshua.

Another highlight of the campus is the beautifully curated sculpture garden which has seven sculptures, including those created by renowned sculptor K S Radhakrishnan, thematically connected to the college. The college's 200-year history has been highlighted in 60 frames on the compound wall.

The campus has a 2,000sqft aquarium for ornamental fish culture and innovative waste disposal units. There is a facility to learn more about solar power as the college primarily relies on solar power for its daily power requirements. There is a mini theatre with a seating capacity of 90 seats where visitors can watch documentaries related to the college. The college has also provided land for India Meteorological Department to set up a weather station, said Joshua.

Those who want to get a first-hand experience of these facilities have to either register through the college website or through a mobile app that is being developed. The general public will be allowed to visit the campus only during holidays while academics/students will be allowed during working days. There are around 2,850 students on campus. According to the principal, around 100 students will be selected and will be given training to work as volunteers to assist the visitors. They will be provided stipends which will help them to earn while learning. The college will be charging only nominal fees from the visitors which will be mainly used for keeping the campus clean. "We are not looking to generate income from this venture," Joshua added.
