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Campus Study Centre SC-14000

Profile for Campus Study Centre SC14000 at IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin

The IGNOU Study Centre (SC14000) at Regional Centre Campus is a model Study centre amongst the Study centres under Regional Centre, Cochin. SC14000 was established in 2016, with only 696 students and the Centre is continuously expanding with respect to the number of activated programmes and student enrollment, the current student strength being 911. At the Study centre, there are well equipped classrooms, highly committed faculty and staff which make the environment conducive for learners. The Study Centre also has a well-equipped Psychology Lab which attracts a large number of learners of MA (Psychology) programme of IGNOU.

One of the healthy practices adopted by this Centre is the learner's involvement in various Social/Professional bodies of their discipline. The Study centre also plans to form an Alunini association which would more effectively contribute towards strengthening the curricular as well as co-curricular activities of the Centre. It is pertinent to mention that IGNOU Model Study Centre is one amongst the Nine Regional Centres having own building namely Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Cochin, Jaipur, Lucknow, Madurai, Raipur and Shillong - out of which Regional Centre, Cochin is one of them. The credit for establishing the Model Study Centre at RC Cochin goes to former Regional Director Dr. M. Rajesh (presently RD of RC Vatakara).

Coordinators Meeting

The 36th Coordinators/PICs Meeting was held at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin on 12th Sept 2018. Dr.J.S.Dorothy, Regional Director, in her inaugural address, highlighted the significance of Learner Support Services at IGNOU Study Centres. During the technical session, the responsibilities of the Study Centre functionaries were also explained by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director. Dr.Sindhu P Nair, ARD Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr.S.Vijayaragavan, ARD, Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD and Sh.K K Joseph, AR delivered technical sessions on various aspects - LSC development Activities, Admissions and Promotional Activities, Academic Counselling, Evaluation, Projects, Finance and Administration. 29 Coordinators participated and deliberated on various academic and administrative matters.



Dr.J.S.Dorothy, Regional Director addressing the 36th Coordinators Meeting



Coordinator, SC1402 interacting during the Coordinators Meeting



IGNOU Regional Centre officials and Coordinators/ PICs during the 36th Coordinators Meeting

Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture

Every year the University holds the Prof. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture on 2nd July. The 23rd Prof. Ram Reddy Memorial lecture on 'Vision of Education in New India' was delivered on 2nd July 2018 at IGNOU New Delhi by Dr. Satyapal Singh, Honorable Minister for MHRD, Higher Education, Govt. of India. The retired staff members of Regional Centre Cochin were also invited for the Lecture. Both the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre staff attended the web telecast Memorial lecture.

Orientation Programme for Academic Counsellors

Three Orientation programmes for the Academic Counsellors and Part-time staff of newly established Centres was organised at the Regional Centre - SC14183, CHF Family Apostolate Training and Research Institute, Velur, Thrissur on 6th August, 2018, SC14184, Al Ameen College, Edathala, Aluva on 15th September, 2018 and ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, SC 14185P, Cochin on 28th September 2018. A total of 38 Academic Counsellors participated in these Orientation programmes. The Academic Counsellors were oriented on various topics such as Open and Distance Learning system, Admissions, Self-Learning Materials, Academic Counselling, Practical Counselling, Continuous Assessment, Term End Examinations, Projects and Internship, Development Activities of the Learner Support Centres and Finance and Administration. The technical sessions for the Orientation Programmes were delivered by the Regional Director, Assistant Regional Directors and Assistant Registrar.



From Left to Right, Dr.V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD, Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD and Dr. Praseetha U. AD at the Orientation Programme for Academic Counsellors and Part-time staff



Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD providing Overview of the Orientation Programme to the participants of Newly Established SC14183



Participants from Newly Established SC14184 at the Orientation programme



IGNOU officials and participants from Newly Established SC14185P, ICAR-CIFT during the Orientation Programme

Induction Meeting

The Induction meeting for July 2018 session was held at selected Study Centres during September 2019. The Induction meetings for Model Study centre 14000 and local Study Centres in Cochin was held at the Regional Centre on 25.9.2018, 26.9.2018 and 27.9.2018. The Academics of the Regional Centre were the resource persons for these Induction meetings held at the Regional Centre. Dr.Sindhu P Nair, ARD was the Resource person for the Induction meeting at SC 1402, S H College on 29.9.2018 and at SC 14127 Nirmala College on 30.9.2018. The Induction meeting at SC14184 Al Ameen College held on 29.9.2018 and at SC14181 JPM Arts & Science College on 30.9.2018 was addressed by Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari. Dr.S.Vijayaragavan, ARD was the resource person for induction meeting held at SC 14178D on 29.9.2018 and at SC1406 CMS College on 30.9.2019. Dr.Praseetha Unnikirshnan, AD addressed the learners at the Induction meeting at SC14169, Dhanhalaya Institute of Formation and Counselling Centre on 29.9.2018 and at SC 1407 Sree Kerala Varma College on 30.9.2019.



'Learning through Distance' Induction meeting address by Dr. J S Dorothy, Regional Director at RC Campus



Induction meeting address by Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD at SC14168D, Central Prison, Viyyur



Induction meeting address by Dr. V T Jalajakumari, ARD at Kumily, Thekkady – Tribal hamlet of students registered under Kattapana SC14181 for BPP(Malayalam)



Learners present during the Induction Meeting at SC 1407, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur



Induction meeting address by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD, at SC 14178D Darul Huda Islamic Madrasa (SSC14178)



Address by Dr. A K Prema, Coordinator of SC 14000, RC Campus during Induction meeting at RC Campus.



'Importance of SLMs and Counselling sessions' explained during Induction meeting address by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, ARD at RC Campus



Vote of Thanks by Sh. K K Joseph, AR at induction meeting, RC Campus

Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada

The Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada was held at Cochin Regional Centre along with Regional Evaluation Centre from 1st Sept to 15th Sept 2018. The celebration began with the Swachhta Bharat Abhiyan Internship Learners joining the Regional Centre staff in cleaning the Regional Centre campus. The participants of the Swachhta Bharat Internship presented their field work report done on Ayyampuzha village to the gathering. Mr S Venugopal, Section Officer, REC Cochin, addressed the gathering on the standard colour scheme for storage and disposal of waste. Dr. S. Vijayaragavan ARD, Nodal Officer for Swachhta Bharat activities at RC Cochin led the gathering in the pledge for a clean environment.



Staff of RC and REC participating in Swachhta Bharat Abhiyan at RC campus



'Cleaning the Campus' as a part of Swachhta Bharat Abhiyan by the staff of RC and REC, Cochin at RC Campus

The newly enrolled learners from the July 2018 session were sensitized about the cleanliness and their contribution towards minimizing the causative agents for pollution during the Induction programme. A special address was given by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan ARD, being a Marine biologist to the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre staff on Environment Issues which is the real concern for everybody in this world. During the Pakhwada week, the importance of Swachhta Bharat was conveyed to all participants in all Orientation programmes held at Regional Centre Cochin. Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada made everyone realize that cleanliness is individual responsibility and individual contribution is mandatory for community initiative.



Participation in pledge during Swachhta Bharat Abhiyan



Swachhta Bharat Internship student makes a presentation on his field work report

Promotional Activities

Promotional Activities were held at various Institutions promote IGNOU programmers.



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing In-service/Trainee Police officials at a Promotional meeting at Police Academy, Thrissur on 5th July 2018



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing In-service/Trainee Prison officials at Viyyur Jail on 5th July 2018



Dr. Sindhu P Nair, ARD and Sh. K K Joseph, AR participated in IGNOU awareness programme for visually impaired at Blind School, Keezhavana, Aluva on 19th July 2018.



Sh K J Joseph, SO and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD at IGNOU awareness programmes at Zabheel International Management Institute focusing on Tourism programmes on 20th July 2018



IGNOU Stall at venue of All Kerala CSR Conclave of Kerala Management Association at Cochin on 6th July 2018

Innovation Club at Regional Centre

Under the Innovation Club of the Regional Centre, the Regional Centre began the series of Open session cum Enrichment session on 18th Sept 2018.



Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director addressing students during the Innovation Club programme

The Regional Director, Dr.J.S.Dorothy, gave the special address on the occasion highlighting the need for Open sessions and the requirement for fostering Innovations among IGNOU learners. The programme began with an overview of Innovation Club presented by Dr.Sindhu P Nair, ARD. An Enrichment session was organised on Career Management for the benefit of IGNOU learners. All Academics and Coordinator SC 14000 also addressed the learners on the occasion. During the Open Session, students interacted and presented their queries. The academics of the Regional Centre addressed the queries of the students.

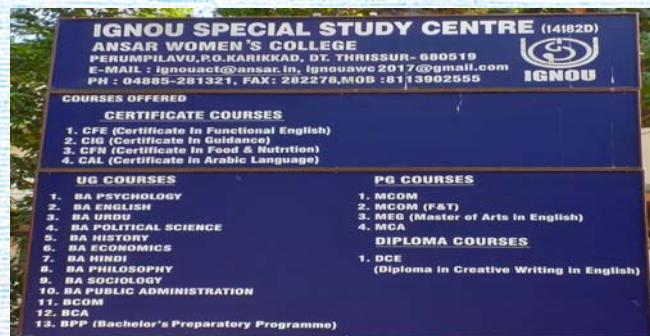
Gyanvani

The transmission of Gyanvani FM Channel programmes through DTH relay of Gyanvani FM Delhi commenced transmission from AIR Kochi on 10.8.2018. The transmission timing from 0800 hrs to 2200 hours at FM frequency. 105.6.MHz

Study Centre Corner

Ansar Women's College, Perumbilavu, Thrissur District is the host Institution to IGNOU Special Study Centre SC 14182 established in 2017. This Centre specially reaches out to the marginalized sections of the society focusing on women. The Centre has various Post Graduation, Graduation, Diploma and Certificate programmes activated at its centre.

Ansar Women's College is a self-financing Post Graduate College affiliated to University of Calicut and is run by Ansari Charitable Trust, Perumpilavu. The major objective of the college is empowerment and elightment of women who can mould and lead the successive generations.



The Entrance Board of SSC 14182 at Ansar Women's College, Perumpilavu



Coordinator of SSC 14182 Ms. Nishida K. at her office



Learners seeking information at the office of SSC 14182

Meet the IGNOU Learner



The *Meet the IGNOU learner*, series in this issue is about Mr Justin Thomas, R, a student of IGNOU MAPC Programme who shared his profile with Regional Centre Assistant Regional Director-Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, IGNOU for use in Regional Centre Newsletter. Mr Justin Thomas who is a trainer and counsellor says that it was his dream to complete Masters in Psychology from IGNOU as the IGNOU programmes have high market value, affordable fee structure, good learner support services, good study materials, etc. After successful completion of MA psychology, he finds that his acceptance in his profession as a trainer and counsellor has been enhanced after acquiring his Masters degree. IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin appreciates the spirit and motivation of Shri. Justin in his quest for higher learning!

A Collage depicting the activities of the Regional Centre

