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Face-to-Face Examination during COVID-19 pandemic



Preparation of Face-to-Face June 2020 Term End Examination at Model Study Centre SC14000, RC Campus, Kaloor

The conduct of Face-to-Face Examination during COVID-19 pandemic situation was one of the most daunting challenges faced by Regional Centre, Cochin. Amidst rising number of COVID-19 cases across the State of Kerala and a consistent rise in the number of containment zones across the State, the Examinations were conducted following COVID-19 norms as prescribed the Health Department.

The IGNOU Term End Examination for June 2020 was conducted in Face-to-Face mode from 17th September- 17th October 2020 as per the Covid-19 protocol with support from Exam Centre Superintendents/Coordinators/Exam Centre Staff of all Examination Centres.

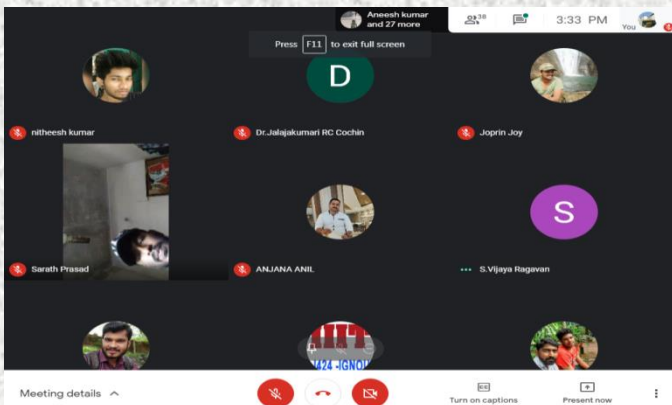
The Examinations were conducted at 12 Examination Centres under the region at Ernakulam, Kottayam, Idukki, Thrissur and Union Territory of Lakshadweep with 32762 registered examinees. The Examinations were conducted smoothly in all Districts under the jurisdiction Regional Centre Cochin. The Model Study Centre SC 14000 functioning from Regional Centre Campus also served as the Examination Centre.

Virtual viva-voce for various Project/Internship courses were conducted through Google Meet platform. 1271 learners attended the virtual viva-voce for the programmes like BCA, MCA, BSc, BLIS, MAPC, MAEDU, PGDFSQM, PGDET and MSCCFT.

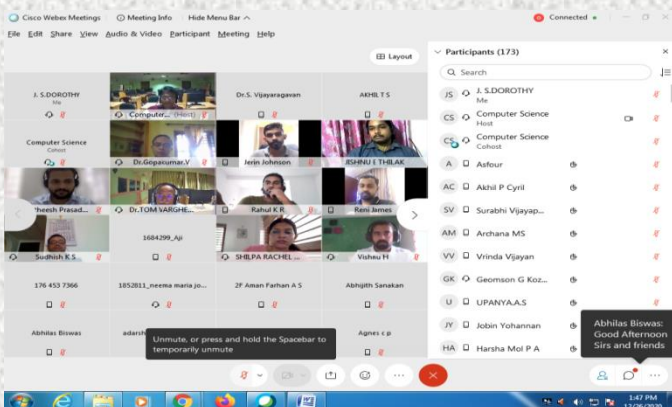
IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin duly acknowledges and thanks all the Host Institution housing the LSC under Regional Centre Cochin for the support extended for conduct of the Face-to-Face Examination during COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Induction Meeting for July 2020

Virtual/Online Induction meetings for the July 2020 session Semester based programmes was held from 23rd December, 2020 onwards. Three Induction meetings were conducted for 611 Learners of Fresh Admissions of July 2020. All the Academics of Regional Centre Cochin participated in the Induction meetings. The Virtual meetings were administered/co-ordinated by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD in association with the study Centres.



Virtual/Online Induction Meeting for Semester based programmes of SC1424, IIIT Kottayam on 23.12.2020 through Google Meet.



Virtual/Online Induction Meeting for Semester based programmes of SC 1402, SH College, Thevara on 26.12.2020 through Webex.

The Learners were briefed by the Academics/Representative from LSC about IGNOU, its organizational structure; concepts related to ODL; advantages of studying through the distance mode; Students Support Services provided at Regional Centre; Teacher in built Self-instructional; the Check Your Progress exercise-as part of the self-evaluation related to subject matter in each unit of the Study material; importance of Academic Counseling; availability of Assignment questions in the website, how to write assignment response, when to submit, and its weightage for Internal assessment; Preparation for TEE and submission TEE forms in time. In

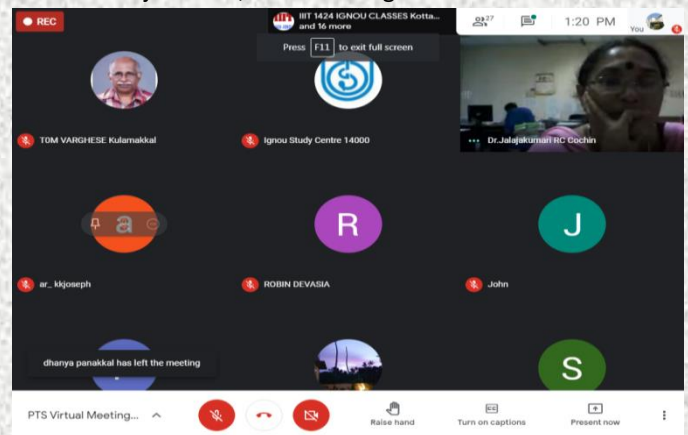
addition, Special mention of the CBCS System, e-content delivery of Self Learning Material were also the highlights of the Induction Meeting.



Virtual/Online Induction Meeting for Semester based programmes of SC1417, IRS Computers & Commn.Pvt.Ltd, Thrissur on 28.12.2020 through Google Meet.

Orientation Programme for Part Time Staff

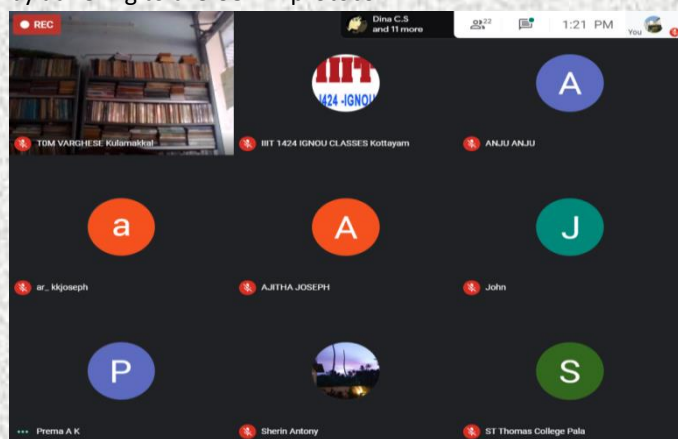
IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin conducted a virtual meeting for the Part-Time Staff of Learner Support Centre (LSC) on 20th November 2020 through Online/Virtual mode. Amongst the 34 LSC in operational mode under Regional Centre Cochin, totally 67 Part Time Staff had participated in the meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. V. T. Jalajakumari, Assistant Regional Director.



Inaugural session by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD during the Virtual/Online Meeting for Part Time Staff of LSC on 20.11.2020

Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD welcomed the gathering and in the inaugural address Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director placed on record appreciation to the staff of the LSC for their cooperation in all academic activities of Regional Centre and solicited the same cooperation to move ahead for the forthcoming events to sustain the Student Support Services.

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD presented information on induction for July 2020 session, revised norms of Re-admission valid from July 2020, Re-registration and various Strategies for Promotional activities for July 2020 admission session at RC Level and LSC level, Maintenance of LSC records under the data requirements for NAAC. Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD then made a detailed presentation on status of appointment of Academic Counselors in the online portal, status of Part-time Staff appointment. The participants were encouraged to renew the PTS and academic counselors for the year 2021 on urgent basis. Also, clarification about the appointment of part time staff as per the eligibility criteria suggested by the university to empanel sufficient number of academic counselors against each course, programme wise to follow the norms of UGC ODL regulation 2017 and 2018 amendment. The Extended date for online Submission of Synopsis/Project/Practicum/Internship, the processing of scheduling and student communication for Online Counseling sessions were also shared with the LSC by Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD. Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD presented on arrangement for Term End Examination December 2020 which would be conducted in February 2021 and seating arrangements and preparations for examination by adhering to the COVID protocol.



Participants of Virtual/Online Meeting for Part Time Staff of LSC on 20.11.2020

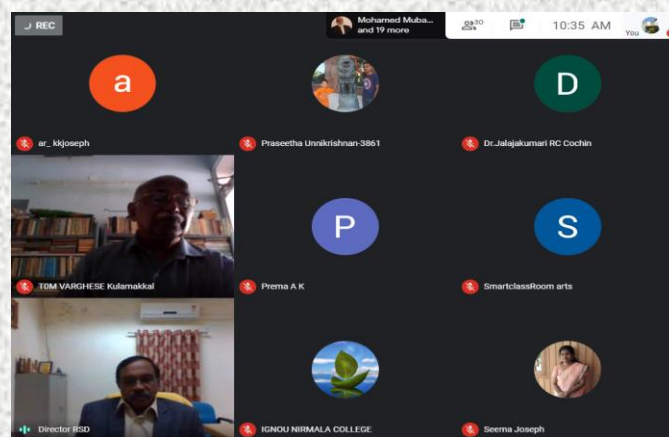
In addition to the academic presentations, the Assistant Registrar of RC Cochin Sh. K.K. Joseph presented on settlement of claim during lockdown, guidelines on Administrative and Financial matters (items under purview of LSC financial audit may be shared) and importance of submission of bills on time.

The meeting came to an end in the Open Discussion wherein the participants were given opportunity to clarify doubts related to both the academic and administrative matters with the resource persons.

Coordinators/PICs Meeting

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin conducted its 41st Coordinators/PICs meeting on 24th November 2020 through Online/Virtual mode. Amongst the 34 LSC in operational mode under Regional Centre Cochin, Coordinators/PICs of 25 LSC had participated in the meeting. Totally there were 36 members in the meeting. The meeting was coordinated by Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari ARD.

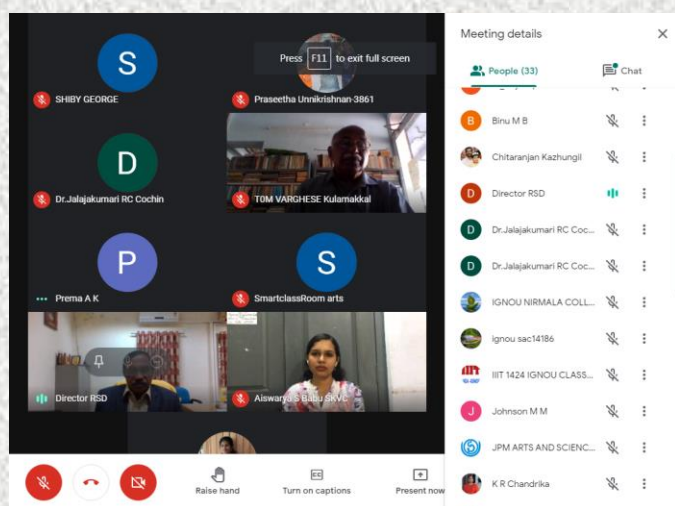
Dr. J.S Dorothy, Regional Director welcomed the gathering. In the inaugural address, Dr. M. Shanmugham Director, Regional Service Division appreciated the efforts of RC and LSC in conducting June 2020 Term End Examination in the month of September and October during the COVID PANDEMIC and REC for their efforts in declaring the results on time. He also appreciated the use of Technology as the need of the hour to overcome the challenges of the current pandemic. Director, RSD highlighted the efficiency of Regional Centre to handle Student Support Services using ICT. He also encouraged all LSC and Regional Centre to maximize the use of ICT at this venture and reminded the Regional Centre to strengthen the LSC by orienting Coordinators and Academic Counselors to use Technology in the right way so that student support services can be provided efficiently.



Inaugural session by Dr. M. Shanmugham, Director RSD, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi during the Virtual/Online Meeting for Coordinator/PICs of LSC on 24.11.2020

Director, RSD appreciated the Regional Centre staff and LSC functionaries for their sincere efforts especially at the crucial time of COVID spread in management of SLMs, submission and evaluation of assignments, conduct of online academic counseling, conduct of practicals and Project Viva-Voce and subsequent activities using technology. Director RSD also emphasized on importance of maintaining the credentials and quality of services in all Academic activities of the University.

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD then presented on Induction for July 2020 session, Revised norms of Re-admission valid from July 2020, Re-registration and various Strategies for Promotional activities for July 2020 admission session at RC Level and LSC level, Maintenance of LSC records under NAAC. Dr. Jalajakumari V T, ARD made a detailed presentation on status appointment of Academic Counselors in Online portal and the status of Part-time Staff appointment and renewal at LSC. She clarified about the appointment of part-time staff ensuring the right number as per eligibility on the basis of the student enrolment. Submission date and Online Submission of Synopsis/Project/Practicum/Internship was also shared with the LSC. Dr. S. Vijayaragavan ARD presented on Guidelines for Assignment Evaluation Activities with focus on online /offline submission of assignments. He described about Evaluation of soft copy assignment by Approved Academic Counselors, about Google link for submitting the soft copy of the Assignment Response, preparation of Award list and Term End Examination December 2020 and seating arrangements and preparations for examination to be held in the month of February adhering to the COVID protocol.



Participants of Virtual/Online Meeting for Coordinator/ PICs of LSC on 24.11.2020

In addition to the academic presentations, in the last session Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar explained regarding settlement of claim during lockdown stressing upon the need of submitting the claims/bills on monthly basis.

In the Open Discussion, the revised norms for readmission were explained by Regional Director and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Assistant Director. Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, Assistant Regional Director encouraged the Coordinators to activate new programmes and explained the modalities for activation new programmes at the existing LSC. A number of queries were raised by the participants

during the Open discussion and the Academics of Regional Centre have given practical solutions to the queries like submission offline assignments and conduct of Online Academic Counseling etc. It was ensured that all the sessions were interactive in nature and the participants were given opportunity to clarify doubts related to both the academic and administrative matters with the resource persons.

Online Counselling

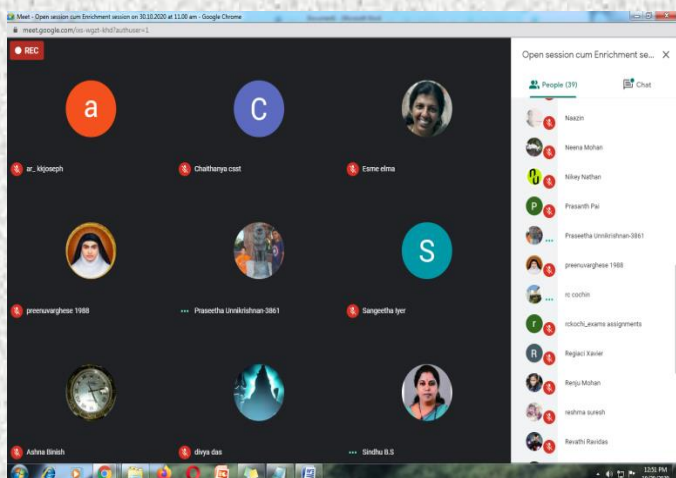
As an innovative initiative undertaken by Regional Centre, Cochin Online Counselling sessions were conducted for January 2020 & July 2020 learners with support all LSC during this period by clubbing the learners of all LSC. The same was coordinated by Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, DD Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD and Ms. Sujini Babu, Assistant. The recording of Counseling sessions were conducted during period October-December 2020 have been uploaded in the Regional Centre You Tube.

Innovation Club Activity

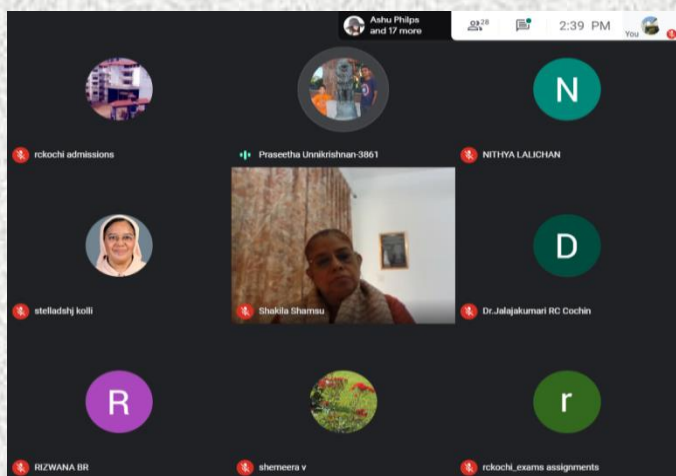
The Innovation Club at Regional Centre, Cochin was initiated under the encouragement of the National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) of IGNOU. The sessions are being held at Regional Centre, Cochin with an objective to enrich and generate awareness amongst the learners of IGNOU on a wide range of topics ranging *Relevance of Positive Strokes in a successful life* to *Environmental Challenges in the present day scenario* and *National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 – The Road to Reforms* 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.

Two Online/Virtual monthly lecture identified as Open cum Enrichment Session were held at the Regional Centre, Cochin as per the following schedule during this period. The meetings were coordinated/administered by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD who is also the Nodal Officer for the Innovation club activities at Regional Centre, Cochin.

S. No	Date	Resource Person	Topic of Presentation
1	30.10.2020	Ms. Sindhu B.S., Asst. Coordinator, SC 14000	Relevance of Positive Strokes in a successful life
2	25.11.2020	Dr. Shakila Shamsu, formerly OSD (New Education Policy), Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD	National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 – The Road to Reforms



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Open Session cum Enrichment Session on 30.10.2020



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Open Session cum Enrichment Session on 25.11.2020

Promotional initiatives

Online/Virtual Promotional Meetings, Campaigns and Events with a view to improve enrolment for July 2020 Admission cycle was organized by the 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, 2020.

The Live Programme using Regional Centre Cochin Official Facebook Page was Administered/Coordinated/interacted 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.

S. No	Date & Time	Meeting organized/ administered by	Participants	Purpose
1.	10.11.2020 3.30 to 4.30 pm	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	Around 56 final year Under Graduate students alongwith the Faculty participated	Promotional activity through Virtual meeting coordinated with LSC 14119, Depaul Campus, Angamaly in association with the Host Institution
2.	24.11.2020	Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD	Under- Graduate First Year Students participated	Promotional activity through Virtual meeting coordinated with LSC 14186, St. Antony's College, Peruvantham in association with the Host Institution
3.	25.11.2020	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD.	The Facebook session was viewed by many and has 671 views, 10 comments and 4 shares	Facebook Live session on topic 'Advantages of Distance Learning: Continuing Education with IGNOU'
4.	30.11.2020 11.00 am	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD, RC Cochin in collaboration with IQAC, Ansar Womens College, Perumilavu	84 Students participated	Promotional activity through Virtual meeting coordinated with LSC14182, in association with IQAC of Ansar Women's College which was also live streamed on the You tube (can be accessed through link https://youtube /Vz0iJ8z2yel which received 205 views



Screenshot of Presentation presented by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD during the Promotional initiative with SC 14119 De-Paul Campus, Angamaly on 10.11.2020

Further as a Promotional initiative 15 Colleges/Institutions/ Universities under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre, Cochin were contacted via email and information about IGNOU Programmes were shared by enclosing the Common Prospectus and Regional Centre, Cochin Brochure.

Other Activities at Regional Centre, Cochin

Foundation Day Celebrations

The 35th Foundation day of the University was celebrated on 19th November 2020 at IGNOU Head Quarters, New Delhi and simultaneously at the Regional Centres across the Country. The staff of both Regional Centre, Cochin and the Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin attended the programme.



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin, Model Study Centre 14000 and Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin during the 35th Foundation day celebration on 19.11.2020

Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD addressed the gathering and briefed the significance of Foundation day of the University. The webcast of the Foundation day programme at IGNOU Head Quarters was attended by the staff of Regional Centre, Model Study Centre 14000 and Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin.

Other ICT Enabled Initiatives/Activities

Participation in Online/Virtual Workshops/ Conference/ Webinars

- Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD and Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari ARD attended a webinar conducted by SOGDS on 6th November 2020 on the theme "Changing Patterns of Gender Violence in Contemporary India".
- Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD and Dr. V. T. Jalajakumari ARD attended a webinar conducted by SOE on the eve of National Education Day on 11th November 2020.

Article published by Academics of Regional Centre, Cochin

- Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD presented a paper entitled Case Study of the experience of Innovation in coupling Innovation Club activity with Grievance Redressal in the National NCIDE Seminar: "Innovations in Open and Distance Learning for Quality Education-2020" Theme 4 : Innovations in Learner Support and Grievance Redressal , organized by NCIDE through virtual mode on 14-15 October 2020.

Achievements and Awards

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin Academics Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, DD, Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD were in the Team who won the Award for the '**Best Online MOOC Course for the Year 2020**' for the Online MOOC Programme 'Certificate Course in Environmental Sustainability' under the leadership of Dr. M. Rajesh, RD, RC Vatakara, who is also the Principal Investigator. The Award was announced during the Foundation day Celebrations of IGNOU HQ, Delhi on 19th November, 2020.



Best Online MOOC Course award for the year 2020 announced during the Foundation Day celebrations of IGNOU on 19.11.2020

Felicitations to Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar, RC Cochin

Sh. K. K. Joseph Assistant Registrar retired from services of IGNOU service on 27.11.2020 (last working day in Nov. 2020) after completing 30 years of service towards IGNOU.

Sh. K.K. Joseph joined IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow in the year 1990 and was transferred to Regional Centre Cochin in the year 1993. In 2006, upon promotion as SO, Sh. K.K. Joseph was transferred to Regional Centre Jabalpur and transferred back to Regional Centre Cochin in 2007. Thus, Sh. K.K. Joseph worked in three Regional Centers. During his tenure, Sh. K. K. Joseph facilitated the formalities related to acquiring the land to house the Regional Centre building and construction of two blocks of building in the Regional Centre Campus. Currently, the Regional Centre Cochin Campus houses the Regional Center, Regional Evaluation Centre, Model Study Centre and the Gyanvani Studio.

Sh. K.K. Joseph has worked under Regional Directors Late Prof. V. Vasudevan, Dr. P. Ashok Kumar, Dr. M. Shanmugham, Dr. V.V Reddy, Dr. K.S. Divakaran Nair, Dr. M. Rajesh and Regional Director In-charge namely Dr. B. Sukumar, Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari at Regional Centre Cochin; under Regional Directors Dr. U.C. Pandey at Regional Centre Jabalpur and Dr. Rajendra Gujral at Regional Centre Lucknow.

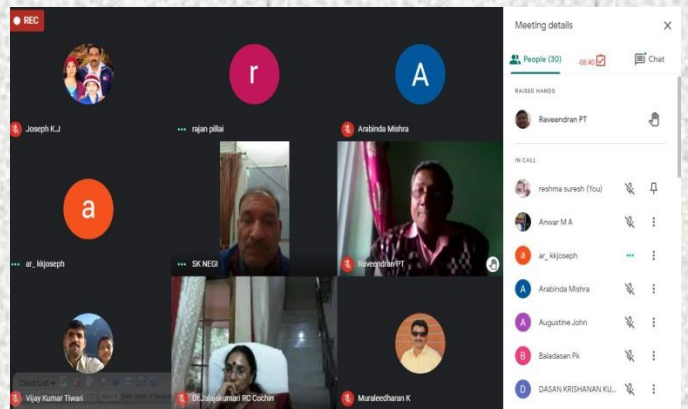
Sh. K.K. Joseph's 60th Birth day was also celebrated at Regional Centre Cochin adhering to Covid-19 Norms on 16.11.2020, wherein staff of Regional Centre Cochin and Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin participated.



60th Birth day celebration of Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar at Regional Centre, Cochin on 16.11.2020

Further prior to Face-to-Face Felicitations Ceremony at Regional Centre, Cochin a virtual Felicitations ceremony for Sh. K.K. Joseph through Google meet platform was organized

by Regional Centre, Cochin for Regional Centres, Regional Evaluation Centres across India, Divisions/Schools of IGNOU Head Quarter Delhi and including Coordinators/PICs/Part Time Staffs of all LSC under Regional Centre, Cochin on 26.11.2020 at 4 pm. Officials from Headquarters and several Regional Centres appreciated and felicitated Sh. K.K. Joseph in the virtual Felicitations.



Felicitations ceremony of Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar at Regional Centre, Cochin on 26.11.2020



Felicitations ceremony of Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar at Regional Centre, Cochin on 27.11.2020



Ms. Jaisy K.P. Wife of Sh. K.K. Joseph sharing experiences during Felicitations ceremony of Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar at Regional Centre, Cochin on 27.11.2020



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin and Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin during the Felicitation ceremony of Sh. K.K. Joseph, Assistant Registrar on 27.11.2020

The Face-to-Face Felicitation ceremony for Sh. K. K. Joseph was held on 27.11.2021 at Regional Centre Cochin where every Staff/Academic spoke of their interactions with Sh. K.K. Joseph, and expressed gratitude for the same. Dr. M. Rajesh, Former Regional Director, RC Cochin also attended the ceremony and felicitated Sh. K.K. Joseph.

In the Felicitation ceremony, Sh. Joseph's better half Ms. Jaisy K.P. and son Sh. Nelvin Kurien also participated and spoke about how Sh. Joseph always balanced his work with his family responsibilities and was a beloved husband and loving father to them.

In both Virtual and Face-to-Face Felicitations, Sh. K.K. Joseph was appreciated by one and all for his contributions and efforts towards the various activities of Regional Centre Cochin and other Regional Centres where Sh. Joseph had worked earlier.

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin wishes Sh. K.K. Joseph a very happy, healthy and joyful retired life.

Study Centre Corner

SC 14187- St. Michael's College, Cherthala

St. Michael's College, Cherthala was established in 1967 and has grown by leaps and bounds into a renowned lyceum for higher learning under the prophetic guidance of its founder Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Arattukulam and later under the patronage of his successors Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Chenaparambil and Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhiyil. For more than half-a-century, it has been the beacon light of wisdom for the postulants from the backward Latin Catholic community dotting the coastal areas of Alappuzha District.

Located by the highway to Ernakulam on a sprawling 24 acres of lush green campus, the college offers courses like B.A. English Literature, B.A. Economics, B.Com. with

Computer Application, B.Sc. Zoology, B.Sc. Physics and B.Sc. Chemistry at the undergraduate level and M.A. Analytical Economics, M.Sc. Polymer Chemistry and M. Com Finance at the Post Graduate level. In addition, under the Learner Support Centre (MIMAT) the college offers courses like BBA, BCA, B.Com (CA) at the undergraduate level and MBA, MHRM, M.Com and PGDMM at the Post Graduate level. The college has also lately gained approval to commence B.Voc courses and Community College which will offer skill based courses to its takers.



Entrance of St. Michael's College, Cherthala

The most congenial atmosphere for learning has been ensured with spacious classrooms, state – of – the – art laboratories, vast playgrounds, newly built library, besides erudite and efficient faculty. In addition to the ambience for lectio sapientia, facilities are equally provided for physical calisthenics and value-education to mould responsible citizens for a prosperous nation. Numerous extra-curricular and co-curricular activities have been meticulously arranged for the holistic development of the trainees under the auspices of NCC, NSS and other socio-cultural clubs, associations and committees.



IGNOU Study Centre 14187 St. Michael's College, Cherthala

IGNOU Study Centre SC 14187 is functioning from the campus of St. Michael's College, Cherthala. It is a Regular Study Centre established under Regional Centre Cochin in the year

2019 with 43 students and has presently grown to 104 IGNOU students as on July, 2020. There are six IGNOU programmes activated at this Study Centre which include Masters, Bachelors, PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate level programmes. Presently from December 2020 Term End Examination, St. Michael's College is also serving as an Examination Centre for IGNOU.

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin thanks Sh. Hari U, Coordinator IGNOU Study Centre SC 14187 St. Michael's College, Cherthala for providing inputs about the Host Institution on behalf of the Management of Host Institution of Learner Support Centre 14187 for this issue of Newsletter.

Meet an IGNOU Learner



This 'Meet an IGNOU Learner' is about Ms. Neena Prabhavathi Menon, a student of Master of Arts in Psychology (MAPC) at IGNOU. She is one among the First Radio Jockeys in Kerala FM radio history known as RJ Neena. Her profile was shared to Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD for use in the Newsletter of IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin.

Ms. Neena's story is that of grit, determination and lot of hard work. Ms. Neena met with a terrible accident and was bedridden for around a year and a half right after her studies. Her recovery stage happened to be the budding time of FM radios in Kerala. Ms. Neena was selected by an upcoming station then, however had face demotivation, as the voice trainer declared that her voice doesn't suit radio and was insisted to choose another career. "It was this moment when she had to decide whether to listen to them or to her inner self and follow her passion and she followed the voice of her heart and there was no looking back after that.

Ms. Neena initially joined as Radio Jockey at Club FM, Kochi and after two years she joined Radio Mango 91.9 Kochi which is managed by Malayala Manorama group.

Ms. Neena chose IGNOU as she had only heard positive reviews about the University. After joining MA Psychology programme, Ms. Neena realized that what she had heard was true and the professional approach of the University is what attracted her towards IGNOU. Though COVID-19 pandemic affected every one, Ms. Neena appreciated the fact that IGNOU Academic Counselors were trying their best to support students with Online Counselling.

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin truly appreciates her spirit, dedication, motivation and is proud of her achievements and wishes her all the best in all her future endeavors!

Homage to Sh. George Zachariah (1952-2020)



Sh. George Zachariah was born on 18th April, 1952 and was the Head of the Institution, International Institute of Information Technology, Kottayam (IGNOU Programme Study Centre 1424) and passed away on 5th November, 2020.

Sh. George Zachariah was eldest son of his parents and had done his schooling at St. Augustine High School, Adoor and College education at University College, Trivandrum in BA (English Literature).

Sh. George Zachariah is a close associate of Late Dr. S. Vasudevan, former Regional Director and have played an important role in acquiring the land which currently house the Regional Centre Cochin.

During Sh. George's initial young years, he joined State Bank of Travancore as cashier in 1972 at Trivandrum and thereafter he was promoted as Officer in 1980 and posted at Kottayam branch. After his retirements from SBT, he has been fulltime Director & Manager of IIIT, Kottayam since October 2011. He has been associated with IGNOU from 1997.

The services of Sh. George Zachariah would be missed and IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin deeply express condolences on the untimely death of Sh. George Zachariah and hopes that his family finds strength and support in difficult time.
