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Highlights of Special Campaign 3.0!



IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin enthusiastically participated in the activities pertaining to the Special Campaign 3.0. which was initiated within the offices of the Ministry located in various parts of the World including 'Swachhata hi Seva' and 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta'. The Campaign was from October 02, 2023 to October 31, 2023.

As far as IGNOU was concerned, the main focus areas of the Special Campaign 3.0 included effective disposal of public grievances, E-waste management, Cleanliness drive, disposal of scrap, record management workshops and weeding out of files.

A series of activities were initiated by RC Cochin under Special Campaign 3.0 which included Cleanliness drive within the campus/Public places like Parks/Beach, E-waste disposal, Online sessions/Videos on Environment conservation, importance of Nutrition and sustainable use of energy conservation and environment.

The activities and information about the sessions conducted by IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin under Special campaign 3.0 can be viewed as 38 videos under the Playlist named 'Special Campaign 3.0' through the YouTube link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1gIra7HLVSrw-l_ZBPC1N_2daorSf

Induction Meeting (July 2023 - Online and Face to Face)

After the COVID 19 pandemic, this was the first instance of Face to Face Induction meetings being held by IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin in coordination with respective LSCs supplementing the Online Induction meeting. One Online Induction meeting and four Face-to-face meetings were conducted by RC Cochin during this period.

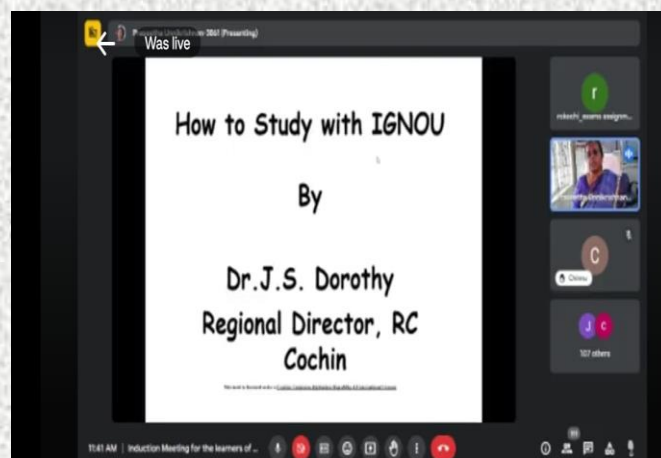
Online Induction Meeting

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin conducted/hosted Live Facebook Online/Virtual Induction Meeting for the learners of July 2023 session through *Google Meet* platform on 9th November 2023. The session was live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin to optimize reach. The Coordinators/staff of various LSC along with the staff of Regional Centre, Cochin attended the meeting and the meeting was live streamed on the Facebook page of IGNOU and has received 3500 views as on 6th February 2023.

The Agenda/Programme Schedule for virtual induction meeting for July 2023 session held on 09.11.2023 is given below:

S. No	Time	Particulars	Official
1	05 Min	How to Study with IGNOU	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD
2	05 Min	Significance of Enrolment Number/Difference between Fresh Admission & Re-registration/ Minimum and Maximum Period of study	Sh. J. Thiru murugan, DR, REC
3	05 Min	Know the IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin and Facilities at LSC	Ms. Sujini Babu, Assistant
4	05 Min	IGNOU Study Materials	Sh. K.J. Joseph, SO
5	05 Min	Fee Refund for Special Clientele- Scholarship prerequisites	Sh. K. Muraleedharan, SO
6	05 Min	Multiple Entry and Exit facility for selected Bachelor Degree programmes	Sh. V. Balakrishnan, SO, REC

S. No	Time	Particulars	Official
7	05 Min	Counselling Session [Online (by individual LSC/Nodal RC) /face-to-face/CBCS] & Project/Internship/Field Work Journals/Practical record	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
8	05 Min	Internal Assessment at IGNOU Examination and Convocation	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD
9	05 Min	Life Skill for a Distance Learner	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD
10	05 Min	Summing up	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD



Screenshot of the Online/Virtual Induction Meeting through Google Meet platform live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU on 09.11.2023

Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, RC Cochin welcomed all the participants and addressed the learners on how to study with IGNOU. The importance of Self check questions and use of study materials online was highlighted alongwith the importance of life skills for a Distance Learner. It was emphasized that Honesty, Taking one day at a time, Persistence, Expression of Interest, Steadfastness and Peer Interaction are very important life skills for a Distance Learner to enable him/her cope up with the Professional, Social and Educational responsibilities.

Sh. J. Thiru murugan, Deputy Registrar, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin then explained about the significance of Enrolment Number, the difference between Fresh Admission and Re-registration,

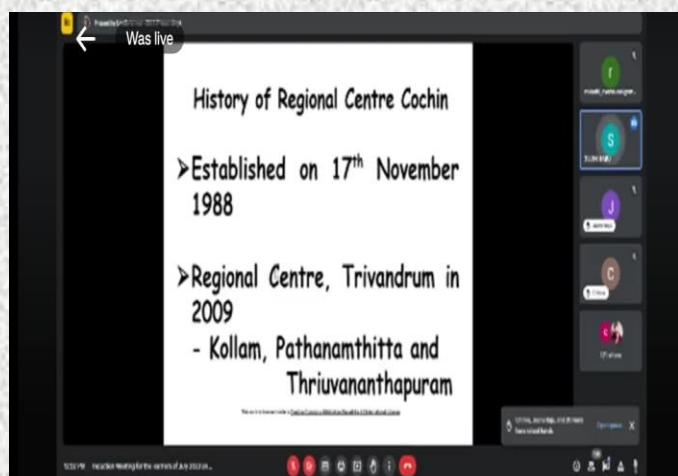
Minimum and Maximum period of Study made available at IGNOU.

Ms. Sujini Babu, Assistant then elaborated on the facilities available at Regional Centre, Cochin for the Learners in which the facilities available for students including the location, timings, accessibility to Regional Centre was highlighted. The IGNOU website and Regional Centre, Cochin website was elaborated upon so that learners can avail the support services by checking the same on a regular basis.

Sh. K.J. Joseph, SO further explained about the importance of Study Materials, its structure and how one can download the same from the IGNOU website. Sh. K. Muraleedharan, SO explained about the pre-requisites of Scholarship for special clientele and how one can apply for the same.

Sh. V. Balakrishnan, SO, Regional Evaluation Centre Cochin explained about the Multiple Entry and Exit facility for selected Bachelor Degree programmes.

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD explained about the importance of Online Counseling session to the learners. The process of intimation of the schedule to Learners by uploading in the Regional Centre website and intimation through SMS/email was highlighted. The Learner etiquette needed was also informed to learners. Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan also explained about the preparation and submission requirements for Project/Internship /Viva-Voce.



Screenshot of the Online/Virtual Induction Meeting through Google Meet platform live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU on 09.11.2023

Dr. S Vijayaragavan, ARD explained about the Internal Assessment at IGNOU specifically emphasizing on modalities of writing and submitting assignments. The online method of downloading of Assignment questions was explained. Examination and Convocation to the students in which online submission of Examination form was highlighted. The Convocation being held once in a year was also informed to the Learners.

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD also summarized the session by covering the main points as a Checklist starting from downloading of ID card to receiving of Certificate from IGNOU, so as to enable the Learners to successfully complete their programme from IGNOU.

The Online/Virtual Live session for students of July 2023 learners was well received by one and all. The programme was coordinated/administered by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD and technical assistance for the same was provided by Shri. Muhammad Ansar, AEDP and Ms. Reshma Suresh.

Face to Face Induction Meetings

Beyond the general Induction session, four Face-to-face Induction Meetings for benefit of fresh learners has been conducted at various LSCs. The details are as given below:

S. No	Date	Venue of Induction Meeting	Official
1	05.11.2023	LSC 1402, SH College, Thevara	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
2	18.11.2023	LSC 1407, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
3	25.11.2023	LSC 1406 CMS College, Kottayam	Dr. V. T. Jalajakumari, ARD
4	26.11.2023	LSC 14184 Al-Ameen College, Edathala, Aluva	Dr. V. T. Jalajakumari, ARD



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing the learners who participated the Induction meeting at LSC 1402 SH College, Thevara on 05.11.2023



Participants of Induction meeting at LSC 1407 Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur on 18.11.2023



Participants of Induction meeting at LSC 1402 SH College, Thevara on 05.11.2023



Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD addressing the learners who participated the Induction meeting at LSC 1406 CMS College, Kottayam on 25.11.2023



Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD addressing the learners who participated the Induction meeting at LSC 1407 Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur on 18.11.2023



Participants of Induction meeting at LSC 1406 CMS College, Kottayam on 25.11.2023



Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD addressing the learners who participated the Induction meeting at LSC 14184 Al-Ameen College, Edathala, Aluva on 26.11.2023



Participants of Induction meeting at LSC 14184 Al-Ameen College, Edathala, Aluva on 26.11.2023

Exam Centre Superintendents Meeting

The Exam Centres Superintendent Meeting for December 2023 TEE was held virtually on 29.11.2023 by IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin through *Google Meet* platform. The meeting was coordinated by Sh. Muhammed Ansar T A, AEDP.

Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD welcomed the gatherings. Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Regional Director, delivered the Inaugural address and emphasized about the important pre-Examination activities at Regional Centre besides conveying gratitude to the management of the Host Institution housing LSC for smooth conduct of Term end Examination June 2023 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 2023 Examination. Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD deliberated about help desk activities during Examination with special reference to Differently abled learners in integrated Examination hall.



Participants during Online/Virtual Exam Superintendent Meeting on 29.11.2023

Sh. J. Thiru murugan, Deputy Registrar, 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.

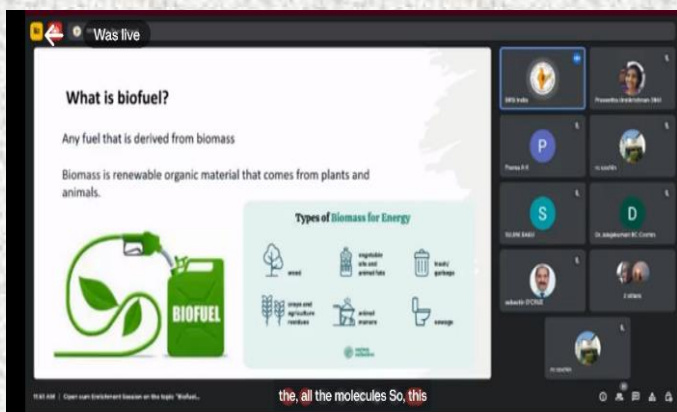
Innovation Club Activity

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 from *Career Management* to *Entrepreneurship – Roles and Responsibilities* 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.

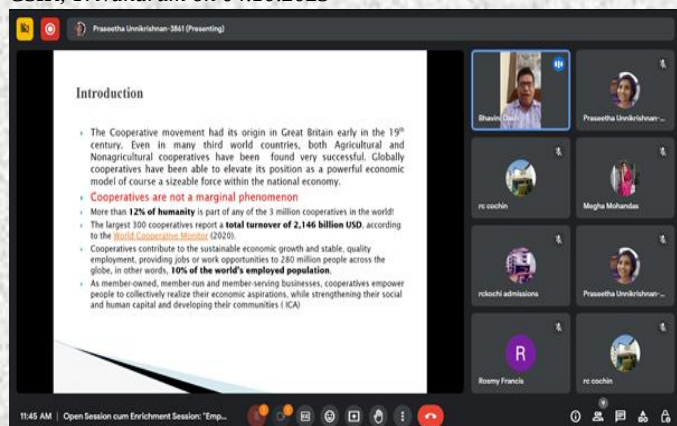
Two Online/Virtual monthly lectures identified as Open cum Enrichment Session was held at the Regional Centre, Cochin during this period. The meetings were coordinated/administered by

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	04.10.2023	Dr. Binod Parmaeswaran, Principal Scientist, CSIR, Trivandrum	Bio-fuels for a sustainable future
2	30.11.2023	Ms. Leena D Mohan, Principal Consultant, Leena D Mohan Associates, Kochi	Entrepreneurship – Roles and Responsibilities



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Open Session cum Enrichment Session addressed by Dr. Binod Parmaeswaran, Principal Scientist, CSIR, Trivandrum on 04.10.2023



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Open Session cum Enrichment Session addressed by Ms. Leena D Mohan, Principal Consultant, Leena D Mohan Associates, Kochi on 30.11.2023

The recording of the Innovation club enrichment session is available in IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin official YouTube channel under playlist “The Innovation Club- monthly lecture identified as ‘Open Session cum Enrichment Session’” at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qQbtyYPZB8&list=PL-du1gIra7HjssHwGoeKPnpjZK1YZpMYs>

In all the Innovation club Open Session cum Enrichment Session, highlight about the availability of IGNOU Programme as courses, NEP PDP Programme in the SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) portal and life skills, soft skill education were also highlighted.

Special Campaign 3.0 Activities under Swachh Bharat Activities

1. Shramdaan under Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign for community cleaning

The involvement of the Staff to sustain a clean environment in the campus was ensured at Regional Centre, Cochin. A cleaning drive was held at the Changampuzha Park, Edappally, Cochin on 01.10.2023 as part of Shramdaan under Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign for community cleaning which was coordinated by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD and facilitated by Ms. Sujini Babu, Asst. The staff of Regional Centre Cochin and Academic Counselors empaneled under RC Cochin participated in the cleaning drive.



Shramdaan at Changampuzha Park, Edappally, Cochin on 01.10.2023

2. Cleaning Drive at Regional Centre Cochin

As part of Special Campaign 3.0, Regional Centre Cochin conducted a cleaning drive at the Campus to clean the surroundings, Roof of Bike stand and Road side garden of Regional Centre Cochin on 02nd October 2023.



Staff of Regional Centre, Cochin and Academic Counselors during the Shramdaan at Changampuzha Park, Edapally, Cochin on 01.10.2023

3. Online/Virtual sessions organized as part of Special Campaign 3.0

As part of the Special Campaign 3.0, two Online/virtual sessions were conducted through Google Meet platform on 04.10.2023 and 11.10.2023. The sessions were live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin.

The Live Programmes 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 T A, AEDP, Regional Centre Cochin.

S. No	Date	Topic of Lectures	Official
1	29.09.2023	Relevance of Special Campaign 3.0 for Adult learner and beyond	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD
1	04.10.2023	5Rs for a Sustainable Living	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
2	11.10.2023	Domestic Environmentalism - The role of Family to attain Sustainable Development Goals	Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Lecture by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD on 04.10.2023



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Lecture by Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD on 11.10.2023

4. Coastal Cleaning Activity on the Sea Beach 'Vasco square Fort Kochi' under Special Campaign 3.0 Phase 1 and Phase 2



Staff of RC, Cochin, REC Cochin and students with Fort Kochi ward councilor during Coastal Cleaning activity-Phase 1 at Vasco Square, Fort Kochi on 30.10.2023

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Cochin Regional Centre and 'Bhumi', an NGO, jointly carried out cleaning at 'Vasco square Fort Kochi Beach' on 30.10.2023 (Phase 1) and 20.11.2023

(Phase 2). The activity was part of the Government of India Policy of Special Campaign 3.0 which highlights coastal line cleaning also. The Fort Kochi Ward Councilor Sh. Anthony Kurithara facilitated the activity and graced the occasion. It is recorded that this activity in collaboration with 'BHUMI' (NGO) was facilitated by the efforts of Ms. Sujini Babu, Assistant.

As a pre-activity for the beach cleaning, an orientation was given by Sh. Anthony Kurithara, Fort Kochi ward councilor of how to pick up broken bottles, rubber footwear, plastic waste (spoon, plate, medicine bottles, water bottles, tiffin box, delinked containers), Thermocol pieces- which also served as learnt skill for use in daily life as an extension of Special Campaign 3.0.



Coastal Cleaning activity-Phase 1 at Vasco Square, Fort Kochi on 30.10.2023



Staff of RC, Cochin, REC Cochin and students with Fort Kochi ward councilor after Coastal Cleaning activity-Phase 1 at Vasco Square, Fort Kochi on 30.10.2023

Bio-degradable waste like coconut shell, coconut leaf, water hyacinth plant which reached to the shore due to waves, paper plates, paper cups, tissue paper

were not a concern for removing as it is decayable in nature.

The need for using gloves and to change gloves when soiled while touching the waste drenched in sea water or when mud/sand/slush gets into the gloves was also highlighted.



Staff of RC, Cochin, REC Cochin and students with Fort Kochi ward councilor during Coastal Cleaning activity-Phase 2 at Vasco Square, Fort Kochi on 20.11.2023

Most of the activity involved picking up broken bottles, rubber footwear, plastic waste (spoon, plate, medicine bottles, water bottles, tiffin box, dislinked containers), Thermocol pieces and collecting in garbage bags which were assembled at an earmarked point for subsequent collection by the Cochin Corporation.

Employees of IGNOU RC, REC and students comprised the team who were involved in the cleaning activity.

The recorded videos for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 activities are available at the Regional Centre Cochin YouTube channel under the play list "Coastal Cleaning" at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1gIra7HK1hXyam-UJCeyCSyzPh6x>

5. Videos on LiFE: under Special Campaign 3.0

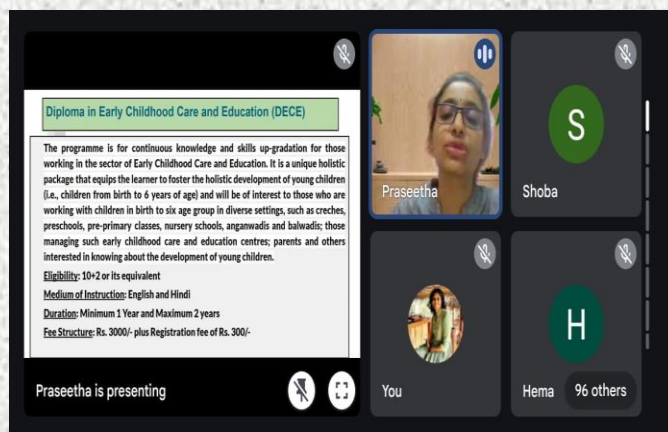
Thirty Eight (38) Videos on LiFE; about REUSE, REPURPOSE and RECYCLE prepared and was made available in the IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin YouTube Channel at the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfm27fjoU5k> under the playlist Special Campaign 3.0 and Coastal cleaning.

Promotional initiatives

Online/Virtual Promotional Meetings, Campaigns and Events with a view to enhance the enrolment for July 2023 Admission cycle besides optimising 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. Integrated mode of reach blending Face-to-face meetings and virtual meetings were utilized to promote/create awareness about IGNOU Programmes. 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 2023.

The Live Programmes 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 T A, AEDP, Regional Centre Cochin and Ms. Reshma Suresh.

S. No	Date & Time	Meeting organized/ administered by	Participant	Purpose
1	21.12.2023	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	Pre-Primary Teachers of Bhavans Vidyamandir, Cochin	Online Promotional Meeting with Pre-Primary Teachers of Bhavans Vidyamandir, Cochin
2	29.12.2023	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	The Facebook session has 199 views	Facebook Live Promotional meeting on the topic 'Add on Programmes of IGNOU for better Job Prospects'
3	December 2023	Dr. J.S. Dorothy RD	Video prepared and uploaded in the YouTube channel	Three Promotional Video prepared and uploaded in the YouTube channel of RC Cochin



Online/Virtual Promotional Meeting by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD at Bhavans Vidyamandir, Cochin on 21.12.2023



Screenshot of Presentation presented by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD during the FB Live session on 29.12.2023

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=PLu1glra7HK5K37AdAJ0j61aQRo93F0m>

Other Activities at Regional Centre Cochin

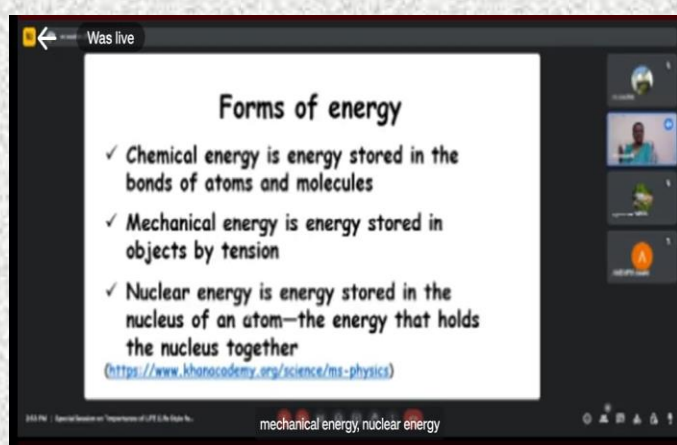
National Energy Conservation Day

The Regional Centre Cochin celebrated National Energy Conservation Day by organizing three Online/Virtual lectures through Google meet on 14.12.2023, 22.12.2023 and 29.12.2023. The sessions were live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin.

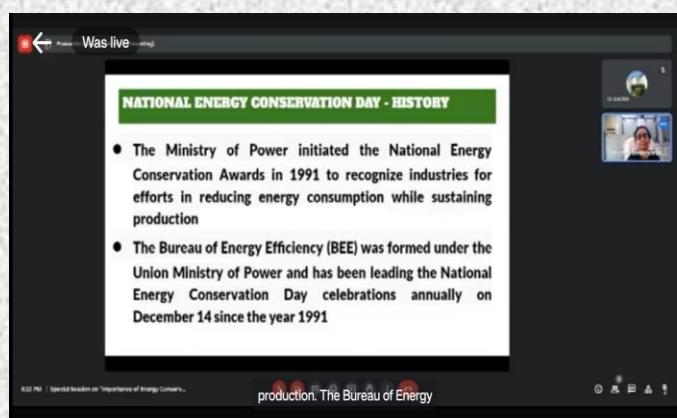
The Live Programmes using Regional Centre Cochin Official Facebook Page was given by the Academics of

Regional Centre, Cochin. The Technical support for the Face Book Session Programme was provided by

S. No	Date	Topic of Lectures	Official
1	14.12.2023	Importance of LiFE (Life Style For Environment) Advocacy in day-to-day Life	Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD
2	22.12.2023	Importance of Energy Conservation	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
3	29.12.2023	Energy - Renewable and Non-renewable sources	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD

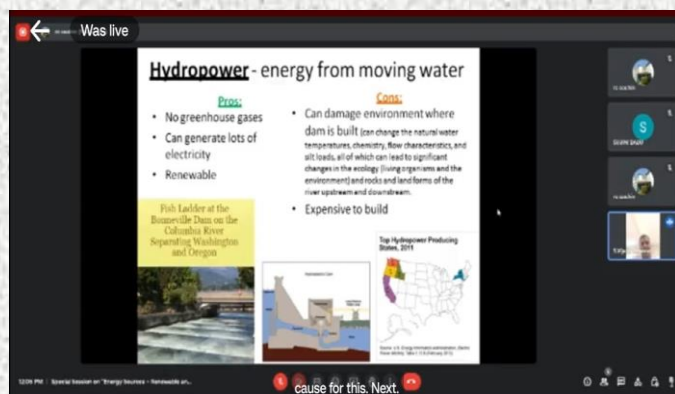


Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Lecture by Dr. J.S. Dorothy, RD as part of the Celebration of National Energy Conservation Day on 14.12.2023



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Lecture by Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD as part of the Celebration of National Energy Conservation Day on 22.12.2023

The recording of the sessions are available in IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin official YouTube channel under playlist "National Energy Conservation Day" at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1gIra7HILDjzzjQYhlOMapHuZR7-o>



Screenshot of the Virtual/Online Lecture by Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD as part of the Celebration of National Energy Conservation Day on 29.12.2023

Visit of Prof. Satyakam, PVC, IGNOU at Regional Centre Cochin

Prof. Satyakam, PVC visited Regional Centre Cochin, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin and interacted with the staff of Regional Centre Cochin, Regional Evaluation Centre Cochin and LSC 14000 IGNOU Study Centre on 27.10.2023.



Prof. Satyakam, PVC interacting with the staff of RC Cochin during his visit on 27.10.2023



Prof. Satyakam, PVC interacting with the staff of REC Cochin during his visit on 27.10.2023



Prof. Satyakam, PVC visiting LSC 14000 during his visit on 27.10.2023



Staff of RC Cochin, REC Cochin, LSC 14000 and students with Prof. Satyakam, PVC during the visit

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin also organized a Facebook Live session on “Relevance of NEP 2020 in current scenario” by Prof. Prof. Satyakam, PVC during his visit at RC Cochin. The session was live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin.



FB Live session by Prof. Satyakam, PVC at RC Cochin on 27.10.2023

The video related to the session is available in the YouTube Channel under the playlist ‘PVC Visit to RC14’ at the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5So5ZtLDqU&list=PL-du1gIra7HJRoXKLSZC1iQmK5EOGdRgE>

Vigilance Awareness Week

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin along with Regional Study Centre 14000 and Regional Evaluation Centre observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 30.10.2023 to 05.11.2023.



Awareness session by Dr. N.V. Sreedharan, Retd. Joint Registrar, IGNOU, RC Cochin on 03.11.2023

As part of the Awareness week activities, Regional Centre Cochin organized an Online/Virtual Awareness session on 03.11.2023. Dr. N.V. Sreedharan, Former Joint Registrar, IGNOU, RC Cochin was the Resource Person and the session was live streamed through the Official Facebook page of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin.



Integrity pledge by Sh. K J Joseph, SO on 03.11.2023 in Malayalam language



Integrity pledge by Sh. K Muralledharan, SO on 03.11.2023 in English language

Further as a part of the Awareness week activities, the Integrity pledge was administered to all participants virtually by Sh. K.J. Joseph, SO in Malayalam language and Sh. K Muraleedharan, SO in English language.

The recorded videos are available in the YouTube Channel under the playlist 'Vigilance week redressal' at the link https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-du1glra7HLQDa3F17I9LYSdOOKm7_Ud

Study Centre Corner

LSC 14170 at Government College Kattappana, Idukki Dist.



The Government College Kattappana, Idukki is an Arts and Science College functioning under the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. The College is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. The College is recognized under the 2(f) and 12(B) schedules of the UGC Act. The College offers various Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes through which several students fulfil their higher education aspirations. The College was accredited with an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in September 2016.

The Government College, Kattappana, Idukki Dist. was established in July 1977 to fulfill a long need for College in the high range areas of Idukki District.. The affiliation was granted by the University of Kerala for starting a Junior college. The classes started on 18 August 1977. The University of Kerala accorded sanction for starting a unit of NSS during the academic year 1979–1980. The College was later upgraded in the year 1989 for Undergraduate Studies in Economics. The permanent affiliation for the college was granted by the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in the year 1994.



Sh. Toji Dominic is presently the Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre LSC14170.

The Study Centre LSC 14170 at Government College Kattappana, Idukki Dist. was established by IGNOU in 2014 with 83 students and has presently grown to 178 students as on July, 2023. There are 16 programmes of Masters/Bachelors/PG Diploma/Certificate level activated at this Study Centre.

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin expresses gratitude to Sh. Toji Dominic, Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre LSC 14170 at Government College Kattappana, Idukki Dist. for providing inputs for this issuance of Newsletter.

Meet an IGNOU Learner



In this edition of "Meet an IGNOU Learner", we introduce you to Sh. Muhammed Ansar TA who successfully completed Master of Arts in Distance Education (MADE) from IGNOU.

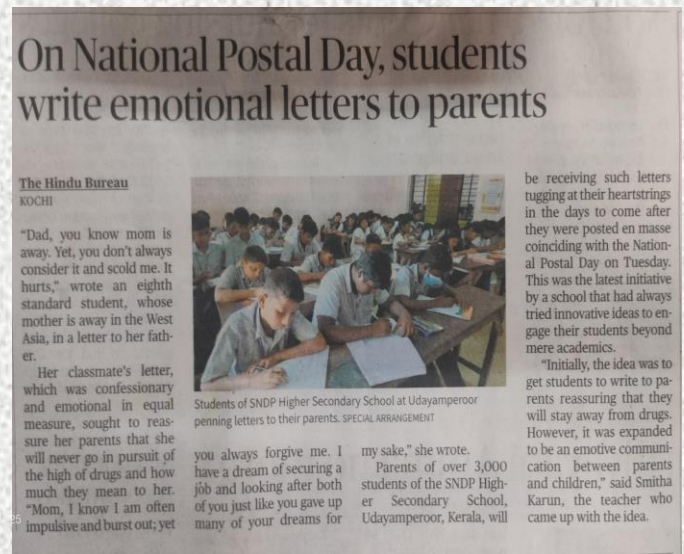
Shri. Muhammed Ansar TA is presently working as AEDP (Assistant Executive Data Processing) at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin and has worked earlier in Regional Centre Pune. Sh. Ansar professionally contributed significantly towards introducing Digital/Social media at RC Cochin and also trained others to sustain this activity. Shri. Ansar has pioneered towards introducing the Facebook Live session at RC Cochin during COVID period through which student support services were strengthened and sustained. After the pandemic, with the virtual teaching learning becoming a new normal situation, facilitated sustenance of the virtual live sessions. Sh. Ansar has a keen eye for technical nuances and has played a major role in introducing and developing new systems/mechanisms to enhance the Student Support Service at Regional Centre, Cochin. In a view to supplement his professional aspirations, Sh. Ansar who is a keen and self-motivated learner embarked on his journey with IGNOU by completing MADE.

In the words of Sh. Muhammed Ansar, *"Today I stand as a passed out student of IGNOU after having completed MADE Programme from IGNOU in June 2023 Session. The Study Materials provided by IGNOU were easy to understand and very helpful to complete the programme. I used to complete my Assignments on time which helped me to perform well in the Term End Examinations."*

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to one and all who have been part of my learning path, Thankful to Almighty for the strength and courage to achieve this milestone, my family for their constant encouragement. A special mention to my research guide late Prof. R Sayanarayana, STRIDE who mentored and encouraged me to complete the mandatory Research component of the programme successfully".

IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin appreciates his zest and enthusiasm and wishes Sh. Muhammed Ansar the best in life and in all his future endeavors!

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