

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE (RC14), COCHIN KERALA

PRESENTATION FOR THE NAAC TEAM

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ABOUT IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN (RC14)



Established on 17th November, 1988 to provide Open and Distance education in the State of Kerala and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep

Six Districts One UT under RC14
Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha and Union Territory of Lakshadweep

INFRASTRUCTURE OF REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN



Regional Centre, Cochin has own building in 1 acre land

A Four storied building and a Six storied building at the Regional Centre Campus at Kaloor, Cochin

The first building with four storey's and roof top was constructed in the year 2008 and inaugurated on 2010

The four-storied building has the Regional Centre, the Gyan Vani FM Radio Station, Computer Labs, Classrooms, Conference rooms, Guest Room, Recreation centre and Library

REGIONAL EVALUATION CENTRE/MODEL STUDY CENTRE (SC14000)



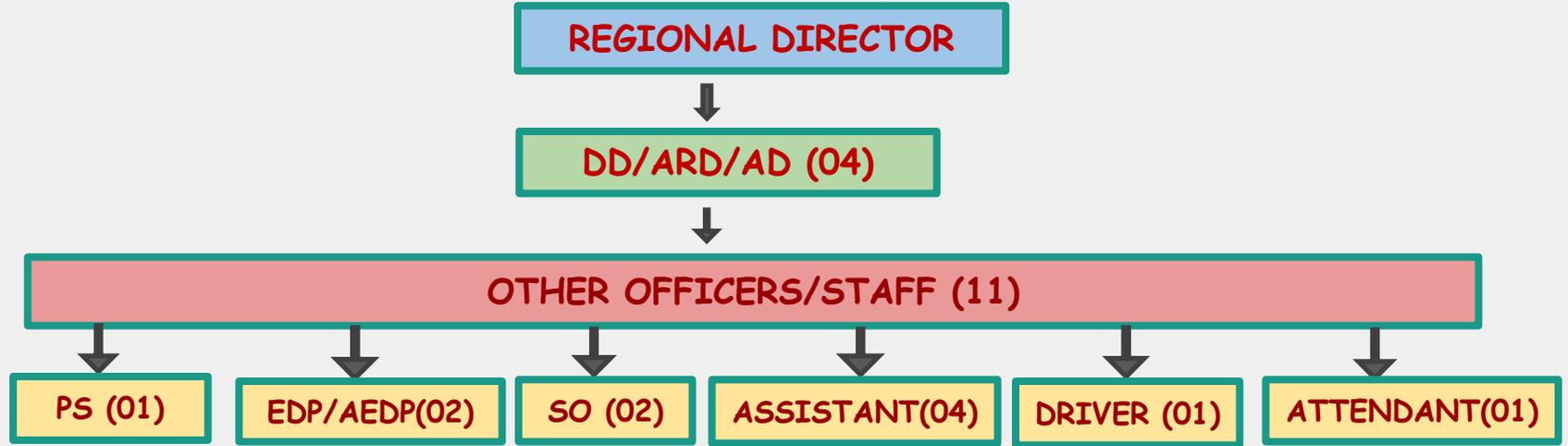
This building houses the Regional Evaluation Centre and the Model Study Centre SC14000



The new six storied building construction was started from the year 2010 and was inaugurated in 2016

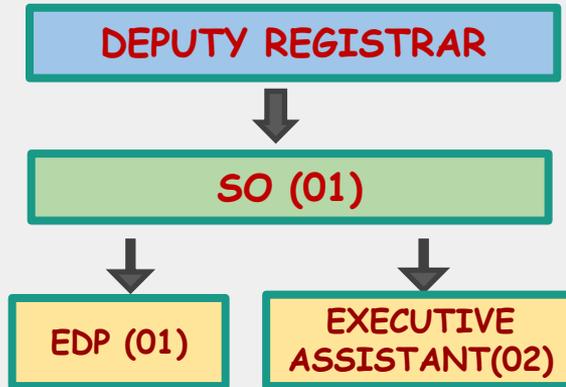
CURRENT STAFF POSTING AT REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN

(Total Permanent staff at present is 16)



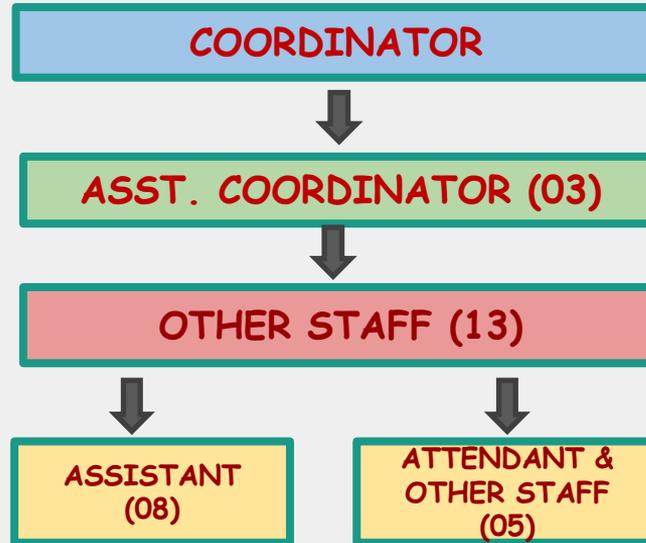
CURRENT STAFF POSTING AT REC

(Total Permanent staff at present is 05)



PART TIME STAFF AT MODEL STUDY CENTRE 14000

(Total Part time staff at present is 17)



REGIONAL EVALUATION CENTRE (REC), COCHIN

Functioning from 01.04.2017 in the Campus of IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin to cater to work of evaluation of Term End Examination (TEE)

REC Data pertaining to June and December 2019 & June 2020 TEE

S.No	Details	June 2019 TEE	December 2019 TEE	June 2020 TEE
1	States/UTs covered	07	08	08
2	Regional Centres covered	13	15	12
3	Examination Centres	138	129	105
4	No. of Scripts processed	197244	166542	67184 (Only for Final year)
5	Results declared in 45 days	171989 (87.2 %)	153658 (92.3%)	59031 (87.9%)
6	Photocopy of Answer script application	1242	1735	786
7	Re-evaluation application	4655	4857	2483
8	Evaluators used	681	714	493
9	Evaluators (IGNOU)	40	38	39
10	Number of Courses	537	463	772

MODEL STUDY CENTRE (SC14000)

- Established in 2016
- Current student Enrolment is 2137 for July, 2020 session
- Most prominent is the MAPC programme





Gyan Vani FM Radio Station - The Regional Centre Cochin has the Gyan Vani studio (2Nos) in the Second floor of the Old Block. The Gyan Vani studio was started in Nov, 2009 and was functioning upto 30.09.2014 Interactive Radio sessions through the Gyan Vani FM Radio Station were also organized, throughout the year on various activities such as promotion/ publicity of IGNOU programmes

From 10.08.2018 onwards, the Gyan Vani FM radio station operations from AIR Kochi was restarted at 105.6 MHz with transmission timings from 8.00 Hrs - 20.00 Hrs

Recreation centre - The Gymnasium was established in the ground floor of the old block for use of Staff members



MeLT Van - The Van is used for reaching out to the unreached for promotional initiatives/UBA activities



ICT Facilities - Wi-Fi, LAN, Computers, Printers, Scanner, Landline Phone, LCD Projector, ICT enabled classrooms available



Library - A collection of variety of 2757 Books available in Open and Distance Learning, other disciplines like Commerce, Management, Sociology are used by Learners to clear their doubt, add on to their existing knowledge, write assignments, study for examinations



Reception - A Designated Reception desk is available at the Regional Centre to facilitate answering of student queries and guiding students to the concerned Section besides facilitating Online Activity

FACILITIES FOR THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

Both the Buildings in the Regional Centre campus have Ramp facilities and Toilet facilities for the Differently Abled

Inclusiveness and integrated classroom/examination hall is emphasized for the Differently abled learners

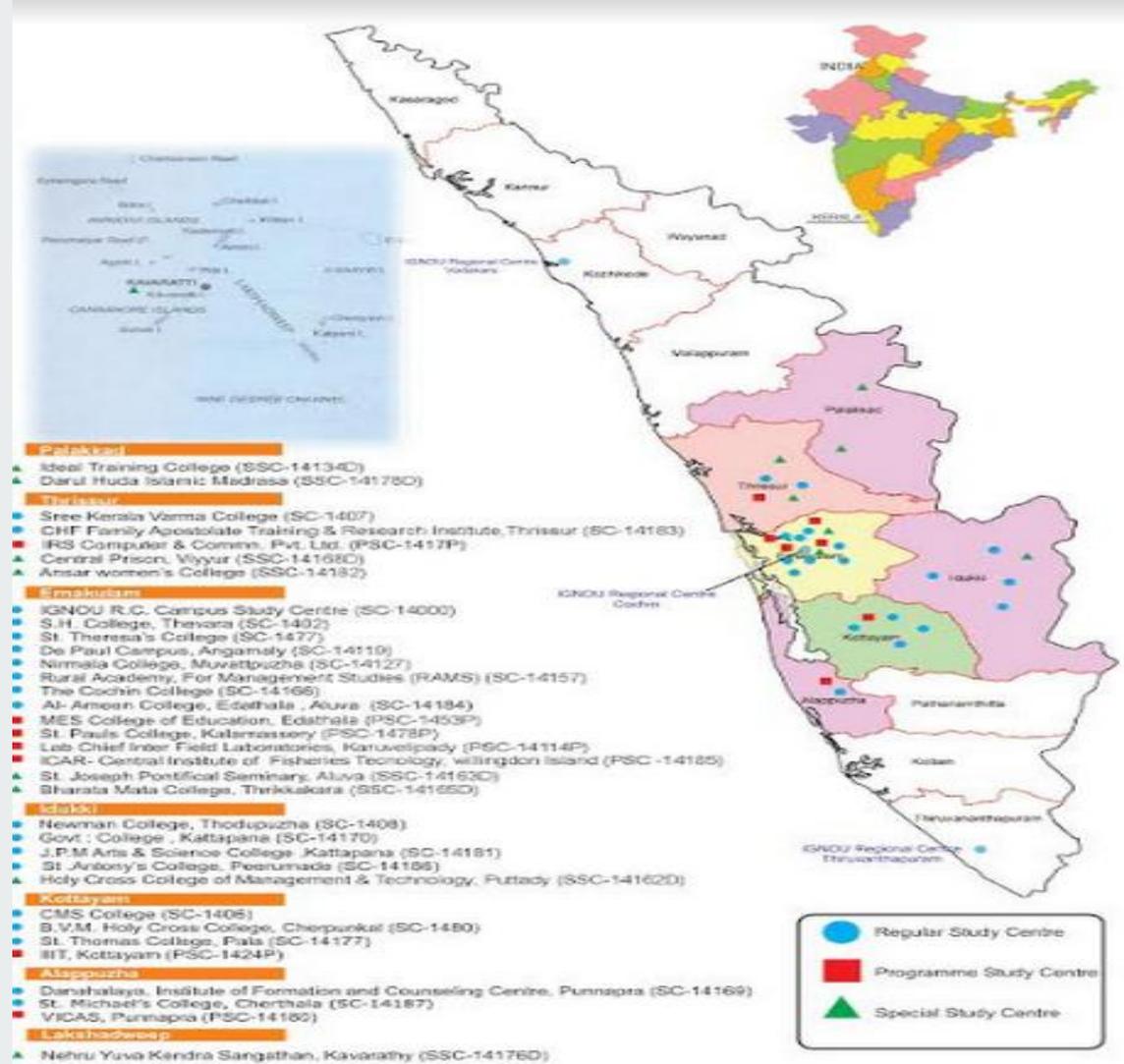
If Special assistance is sought the same is duly provided
Amanuesis during examination



DISTRICT WISE COVERAGE (MAP)

Pictorial presentation of LSC under 6 Districts (Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha) and Union Territory of Lakshadweep

Total - 33 LSC in 6 Districts and 1 UT



ADMISSION STATUS - FRESH & RR FROM 2014 ONWARDS

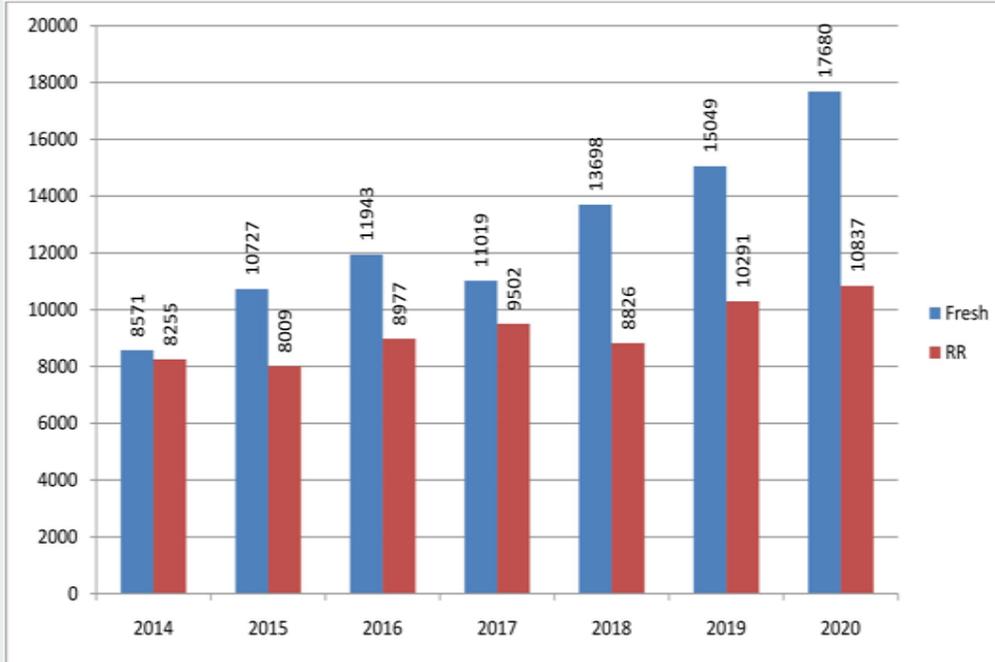


S. No	Year	Fresh	RR	Total
1	2014	8571	8255	16826
2	2015	10727	8009	18736
3	2016	11943	8977	20920
4	2017	11019	9502	20521
5	2018	13698	8826	22524
6	2019	15049	10291	25340
7	2020	17680	10837	28517

ADMISSION STATUS FRESH & RR FROM 2014 ONWARDS

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE: COCHIN

ADMISSION STATUS

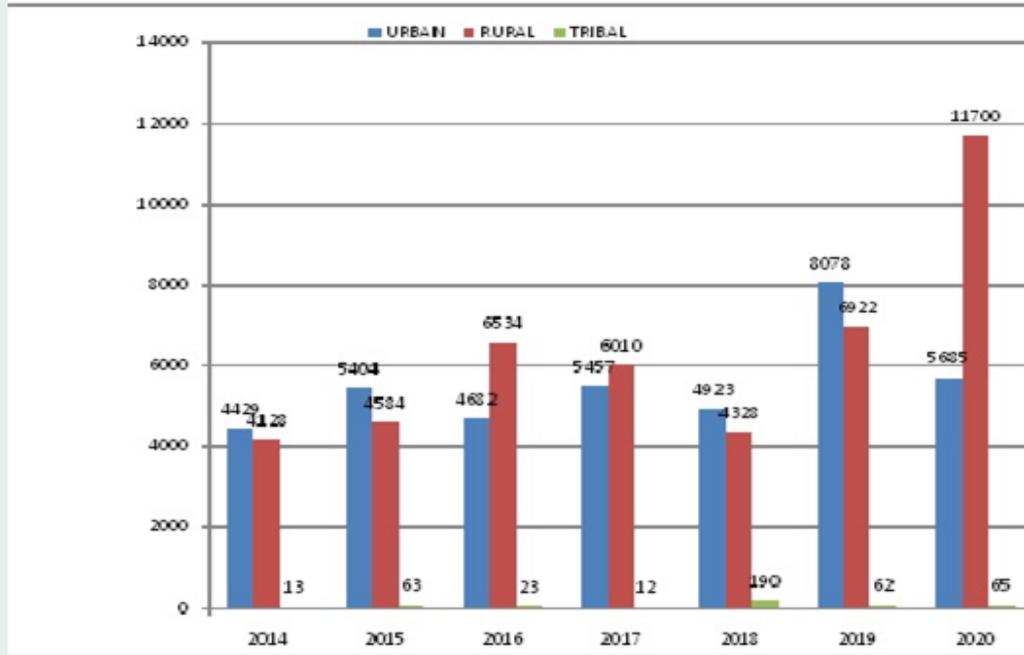


- Steady growth of Enrolment from 2014 onwards
- Current cumulative strength of around 28517 learners for the year 2020 (January & July 2020) as on 01.01.21 (Fresh =17680;+ RR=10837=28517)
- An additional student strength of 3177 for the July 2020 and January 2020 when compared to the 2019 year resulting in 13% increase in enrolment

LEARNER PROFILE - URBAN/RURAL/TRIBAL

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE : COCHIN

URBAN- RURAL -TRIBAL STATUS



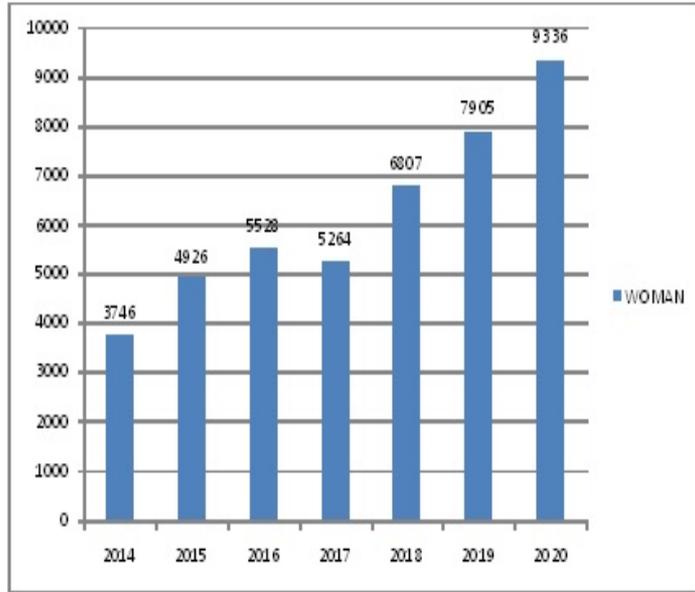
Steady increase in enrolment of students from Rural area in the year 2020

The Enrolment of students from Tribal areas has remained constant

LEARNER PROFILE - WOMEN ENROLMENT

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE : COCHIN

WOMEN ADMISSION STATUS



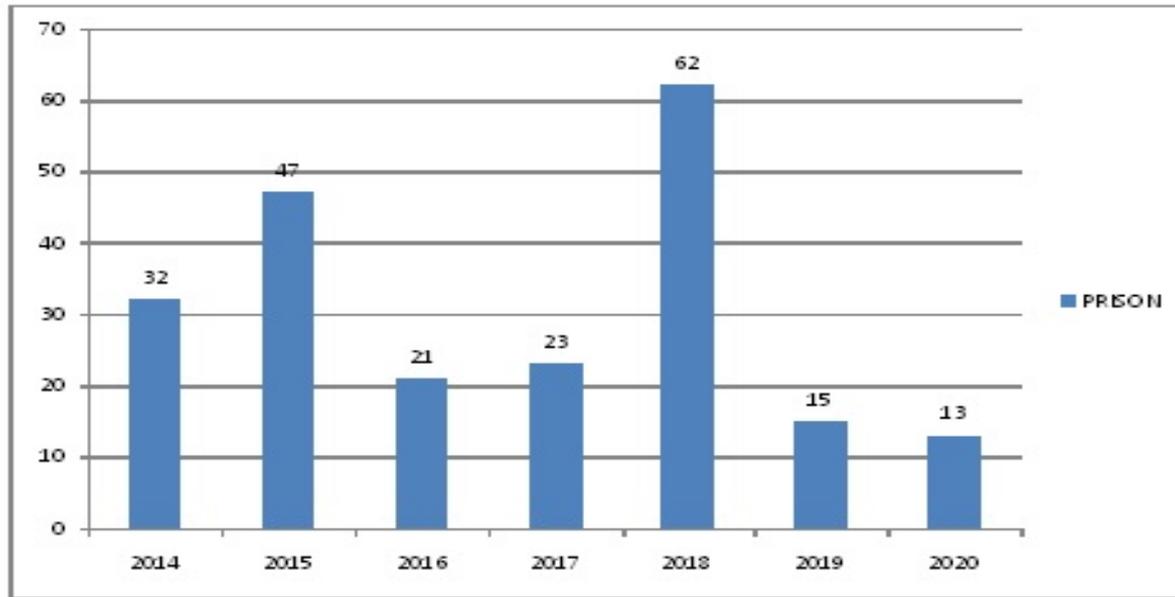
Women Enrolment has steadily grown over the last three years

With the number of promotional initiatives being undertaken, the number is expected to increase further in future

LEARNER PROFILE - CAPTIVE AUDIENCE -PRISON INMATE ENROLMENT

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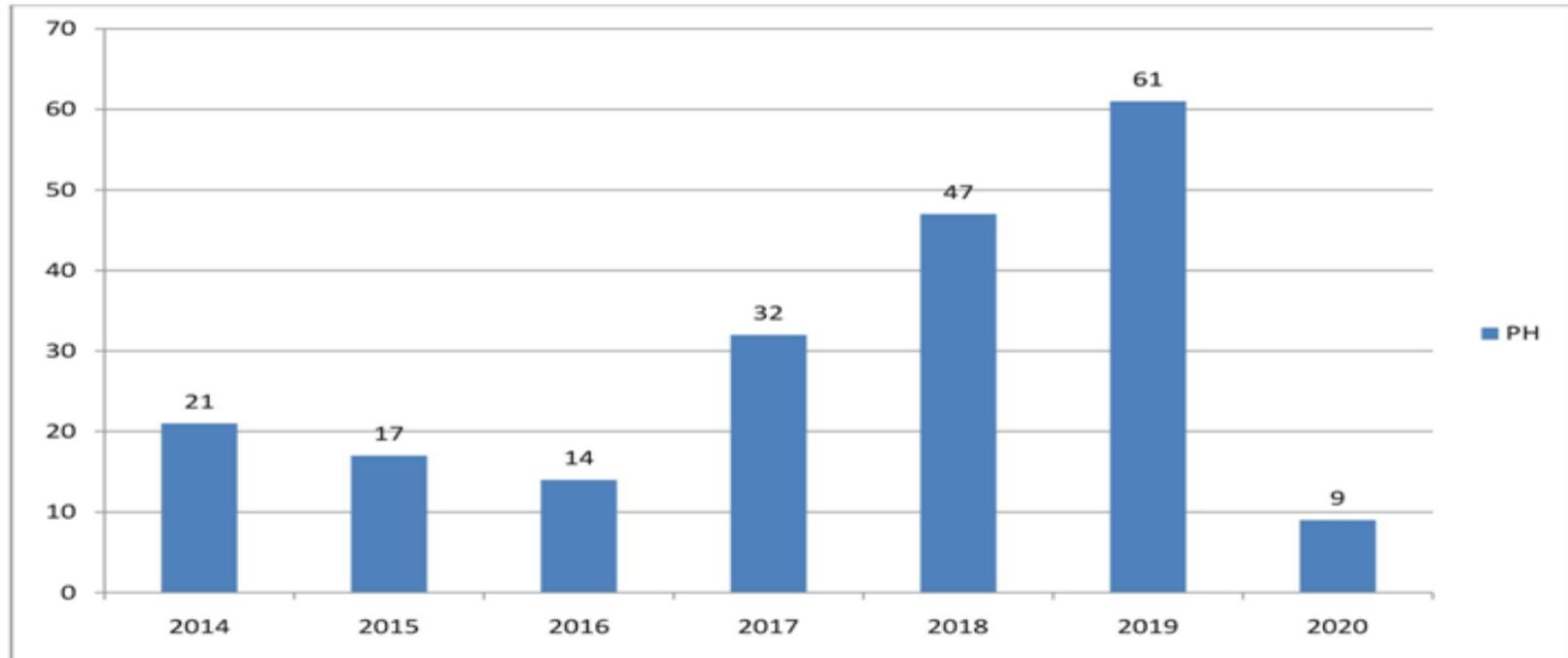
PRISON ADMISSION STATUS



LEARNER PROFILE - SPECIAL CLIENTELE - DIFFERENTLY ABLED

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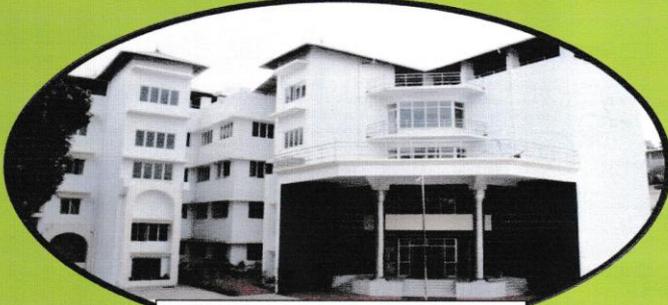
Differently Abled Learners Admission Status



IGNOU PROGRAMMES ON OFFER UNDER RC COCHIN



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Office Timings: 9.30 am – 6.00 pm (Monday to Friday)

IGNOU Website : www.ignou.ac.in

LSC UNDER RC COCHIN - 33

PROGRAMMES ACTIVATED - 89

PROMINENT PROGRAMMES-20

BAG, BAH, BSC, BCOM, BCA,
BSW, BTS, BLIS, MAPC,
MCOM, MBA, MCA, MA, MSW,
MSCDFSM, MSCCFT, PGDFSQM,
DCE, CFE, CFN

Level of Programme	Programmes activated under RC Cochin
MASTERS (25)	MBA, MBA B&F, MSCCFT, MCA, MSCDFSM, MARD, MCOM, MTM, MEG, MHD, MSW, MSWC, MAPY, MEC, MAH, MPS, MPA, MSO, MAPC, MLIS, MCOM(F&T), MCOM(MA&FS), MCOM(BP&CG), MAEDU, MSCMACS
BACHELORS (15)	BAG, BAHIH, BAPAH, BAPCH, BAPSH, BASOH, BCOMG, BTS, BCA, BSCG, BSW, BLIS, BCOM (A&F), BCOM (CA&A), BCOM (F&CA)
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA (20)	PGDFSQM, PGDCFT, PGDDM, PGDRD, PGDT, PGDIBO, PGDESD, PGJMC, PGDEMA, PGDIPR, PGDET, PGDSLM, PGDHE, PGDUPDL, PGDCOUN, PGDHRM, PGDFM, PGDOM, PGDMM, PGDFMP
DIPLOMA (07)	DECE, DNHE, DTS, DCE, DAFE, DFPT, DWED
CERTIFICATE (20)	CAL, CDM, CES, CBS, CTE, CFE, CAFE, CTS, CFN, CNCC, CRD, CHR, CTRBS, CIT, CIG, CTPM, CCP, CHBHC, CPAKM, CPABN
POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (02)	PGCCL, PGCMHT

TOTAL LSC UNDER REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN

TOTAL NUMBER OF LSC	33
REGULAR STUDY CENTRE	19
PROGRAMME STUDY CENTRES	07
SPECIAL STUDY CENTRES	07

NEWLY ESTABLISHED LSC SINCE 2014 - 18

S.No	LSC Code	Name of LSC	Established in
1	SSC-14169D	Danahalaya, Institute of Formation and Counseling Centre, Alappuzha	2014
2	SC-14170	Government College, Kattappana	2014
3	SC-14171	Soft Mind Lakshmi Hospital, Alappuzha	2014
4	PSC-14172P	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ernakulam	2014
5	PSC-14174D	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Thrissur	2014
6	PSC-14175P	Medical Trust , Ernakulam	2014
7	SSC-14176D	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Kavarathy, Lakshadweep	2015
8	SC-14177	St. Thomas College, Pala	2015
9	SSC-14178D	Darul Huda Islamic Madrasa, Vadakkancheri, Palakkad	2015
10	SC-14179	MES Mampad	2015
11	SC-14180P	VISWA Instt. of Contemporary Allied Studies (VICAS), Alappuzha	2016
12	SC-14181	JPM Arts & Science College, Kattappana	2017
13	SSC-18182D	Ansar Women's College, Thrissur	2017
14	SC-14183	CHF Family Apostolate Training and Research Institute, Velur, Thrissur	2018
15	SC-14184	Al-Ameen College, Edathala	2018
16	PSC-14185P	ICAR-Central Institute of fisheries Technology, Willington Island	2018
17	SC-14186	St. Antony's College, Peerumade	2019
18	SC-14187	St. Micheal's College, Alappuzha	2019

**SPECIAL STUDY CENTRES
UNDER REGIONAL CENTRE,
COCHIN**

Special LSC - 7

S.No	LSC Code	Name of LSC	Specially activated for
1	SSC-14165D	Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara	Rural Area
2	SSC-14162D	Holy Cross College of Management & Technology, Puttady, Idukki	Hilly and Backward area
3	SSC-14168D	Central Prison, Viyyur, Thrissur	Jail Inmates
4	SSC-14182D	Ansar Women's College, Perumpilavu, Thrissur	Women learners
5	SSC-14134D	Ideal Training College, Cherpulassery	Minority learners
6	SSC-14178D	Darul Huda Islamic Madrasa, Vadakkancheri	Minority learners
7	SSC-14176D	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Kavarathy Island	ST learners

**ACADEMIC COUNSELORS AT
REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN**

Approved Academic Counselors - 1320

S.No	District/Union Territory	No of Approved Academic Counselors
1	Ernakulam	627
2	Thrissur	148
3	Palakkad	42
4	Idukki	196
5	Kottayam	235
6	Alappuzha	63
7	Lakshadweep UT	9

PRE-ADMISSION COUNSELLING AND ADMISSION PROCESS



Pre-admission Counseling - is mainly done through the Online Help Desk available at the Regional Centre, Cochin which also facilitates students/aspirants with their queries and submission of Online form for Admission, Re-registration, and payment of Term End Examination fees

Admission Process - Mainly ONLINE through the IGNOU Samarth Portal using the link <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> Discrepancies of the Students who have not paid fees in Online process are cleared through sending of SMS/Email/Telephonically by Regional Centre. Offline forms received from students who are unable to access Network are scrutinized and entered at Regional Centre; Assistance is also provided in downloading of ID card online

INDUCTION MEETINGS



Induction Programme at RC
Cochin

Pre-Covid period (Before March, 2020)

Induction Meetings were held in Face-to-face mode by clubbing of LSC during Pre-Covid times

Total Induction meetings held were 22 for Jan, 2019 and July 2019 sessions

Post-Covid period (After March, 2020)

Induction Meeting Video and Induction Guidelines have been prepared and uploaded on RC Cochin website

Host Institution facilitated virtual Induction Meeting using GoogleMeet/Webex

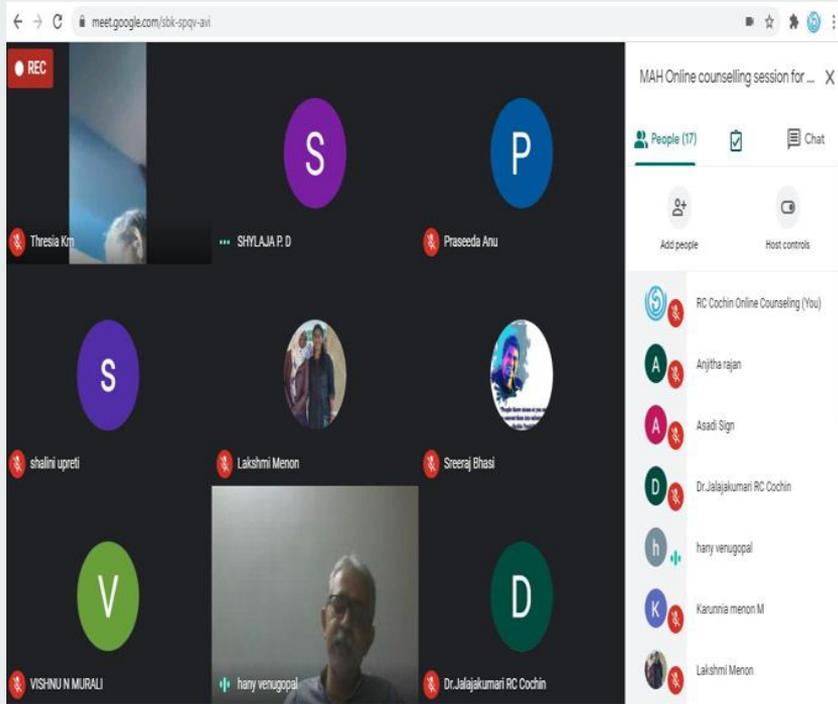
The Youtube Link for the Video:
<https://youtu.be/bZbeH2VRE80>

INDUCTION MEETINGS AT RC COCHIN



S.No	Year	No of Induction Meetings
1	July 2018	14
2	January & July 2019	22
3	2020	03 (Virtual -rest on the anvil) Induction Guidelines & Induction Meeting Video webhosted

ACADEMIC COUNSELING SESSIONS



Pre-Covid era (Before March, 2020)

Face to Face Academic Counseling sessions were conducted by LSC in the Pre-Covid times

Post -Covid era (After March, 2020)

Online Academic Counseling Sessions are being conducted by Regional Centre, Cochin in coordination with all LSC after clubbing LSC (to enhance cost effectiveness and peer interaction) in the Post-Covid times

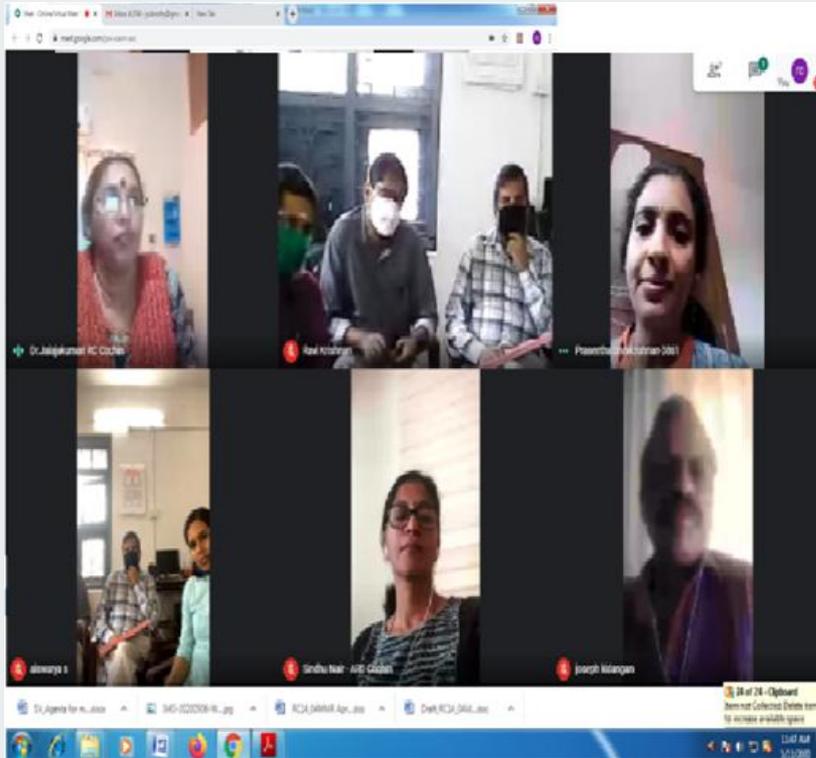
Till date 334 Online Academic Counseling sessions have been conducted to facilitate Students for Jan 2020

CUMULATIVE ACADEMIC COUNSELLING SESSIONS



Year	No of Academic Counseling sessions conducted by various LSC
2018-2019	11841
2020	334 Online/Virtual Academic Counseling sessions with clubbed LSC

MONITORING OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Pre-Covid era (Before March, 2020)

Monitoring of Student Support Services were done by RC Academics during Pre-Covid times by visiting the LSC and meeting Learners/AC/LSC staff

Post -Covid era (After March, 2020)

Six Online/Virtual Meetings were held with LSC for Sustenance of Student Support Services to Students during Lockdown period

MONITORING OF LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES

S.No	Year	No of Monitoring Visits to various LSC by Academics
1	2017	09
2	2018	14
3	2019	14
4	2020	06 Virtual/Online sustenance meetings conducted 514 Virtual Examination Centre Interaction (June 2020)

FACILITATING STUDY MATERIAL DESPATCH



Material Dispatch is done from Material Division, IGNOU, New Delhi directly to Students

For unserved Materials received back at Regional Centre, Cochin SMS is being sent to Learners to collect by hand from RC Cochin

Distribution of Study Materials for Local Students is either sent by Post or given by hand by RC Cochin

For July, 2020 Admission cycle - 947 Study Materials are being dispatched by Regional Centre, Cochin to Local Students

ASSIGNMENTS - ONLINE SUBMISSION

Pre-Covid period (Before March, 2020) Assignments were submitted in Face -to-face mode by students at LSC during Pre-Covid times

Post-Covid period (After March, 2020)

Assignment Response in drop box/submitted ONLINE through the link available on the RC Cochin website <https://rccochein.ignou.ac.in>

For the JUNE TEE, 2020, Assignment Response received were 27216 and Awards of 24485 records uploaded

TERM END EXAMINATION (TEE)

JUNE TEE , 2020 Examinees in Examination in Face to Face mode - 32762

MCA/BCA Online Practical Examination - 866

B.Sc. Lab Examination - 30

BLIS Online Practical Examination - 55

MAPC Online Practical Examination - 125

Project Viva-Voce conducted Online - 195 (8 programmes)

MAPC Project - 43; MAPC Internship - 85; PGDFSQM - 05

BCA Project - 14; MCA Project - 27

MAEDU Project - 05; PGDET Project - 02 ; MSCCFT - 14

MONITORING OF EXAMINATION CENTRES BY RC ACADEMICS/STAFF AS OBSERVER



S. No	Year	No of Examination Centre	No of Face-to-face Monitoring visit to Examination Centre
1	JUNE 2018	12	46
2	DECEMBER 2018	12	43
3	JUNE 2019	11	66
4	DECEMBER 2019	14	44
5	JUNE 2020	12	51

CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS AT RC THROUGH ICT/SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook : <http://www.facebook.com/IGNOURegionalCentreCochin>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/IGNOU_RC_Cochin

Email id: rccochin@ignou.ac.in

RC Cochin Website <https://rccochin.ignou.ac.in>

IGNOU Website www.ignou.ac.in

OP FOR ACADEMIC COUNSELORS/LSC FUNCTIONARIES



ACADEMIC COUNSELORS ORIENTED

YEAR	AC ORIENTED	NO. OF OP
2019	152	04
2020	225	01

LSC FUNCTIONARIES ORIENTED

YEAR	COORDINATORS MEETING	PART-TIME STAFF MEETING
2019	02	03
2020	02	02

STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL



Reception and Online Help Desk - assists Students with their queries in Face-to-Face mode

Email/Letters- All the correspondences received at RC are forwarded to the concerned Section for redressal

IGram - Various student queries are also redressed through IGRAM. From March, 2020 to till date 4434 IGRAM queries have been answered

Grievance Redressal/Open Sessions- 09 sessions were held for addressing queries of learners in the year 2020 along with Innovation Club activity to fulfill ARIIA

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND CAMPUS PLACEMENT CELL



Alumni Association - Has 447 Distinguished Alumni registered in the Alumni Association

Campus Placement Cell

The Regional Centre in its endeavor to hold Placement drive has approached various Companies such as HDFC bank, Air India

The Govt. District Employment Office, Ernakulam has empowered IGNOU learners about employment opportunities in the State of Kerala

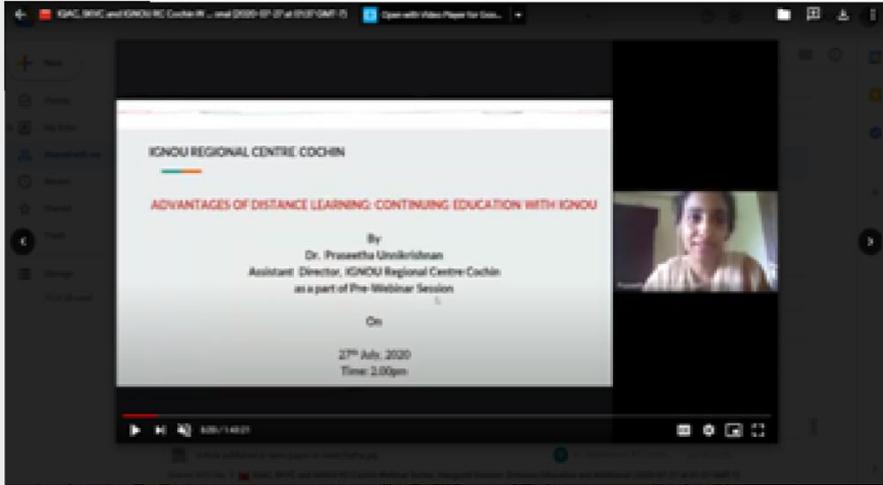
PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES



Initiatives undertaken

- Letters/Emails being sent to Institutions/Colleges
- Reaching out to Women
- Backward Tribal areas
- Kudumbashree (SHG) workers
- Resident Welfare Association
- TOLIC Officials
- Collaboration with IQAC of HI
- Men/Women Jail Inmates
- Police Officials
- Promotional stalls in public places
- Through AIR/FM Radio

PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES



PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES STALL OUTSIDE CAMPUS



PROMOTIONAL INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY REGIONAL CENTRE COCHIN



S.No	Year	No of Promotional Meetings by RC Academics
1	2017	09
2	2018	25
3	2019	60
4	2020	19

PRESS RELEASE/ADVERTISEMENT IN ENGLISH AND REGIONAL LANGUAGE



S. No	Year	No. of Press Releases given in English and Regional Language	Advertisements
1	2018	19	01
2	2019	13	02
3	2020	19	02

CONVOCATION ACTIVITIES



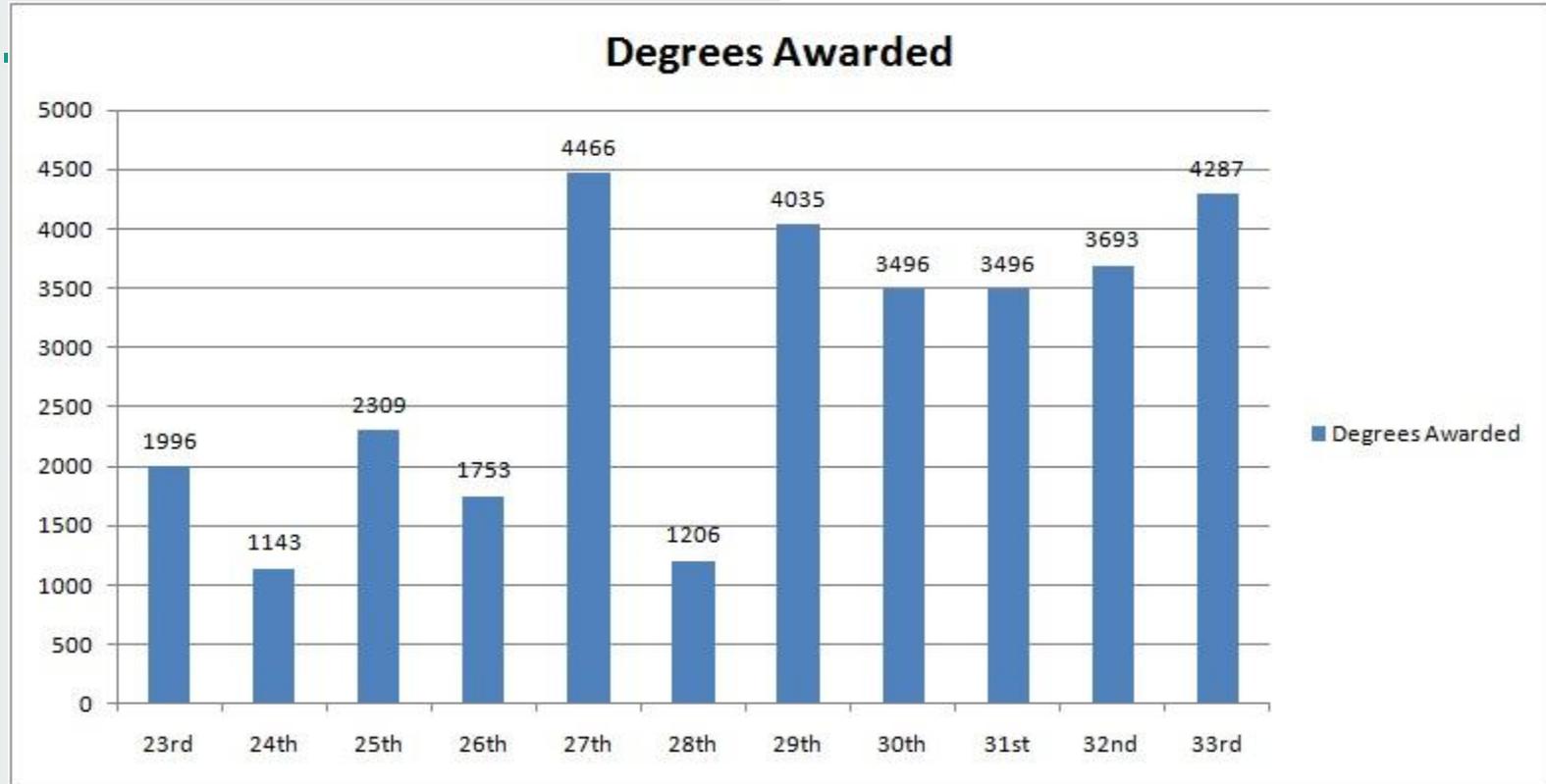
2196 Degrees were awarded to students in person during the 33rd Convocation held on 17.02.2020

CONVOCATION DEGREE AWARDED SINCE 2014

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTRE COCHIN (RC14) DETAILS OF DEGREES AWARDED SINCE 2010

PASS SESSION	CONVOCATION											TOTAL
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
Jun-2010	155	4	43	5	2	6	3	0	1	0	0	219
Dec-2010	1841	132	40	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2015
Jun-2011	0	1007	388	0	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	1403
Dec-2011	0	0	1838	27	11	0	5	1	0	0	0	1882
Jun-2012	0	0	0	1721	47	2	9	0	2	0	0	1781
Dec-2012	0	0	0	0	2186	6	7	3	2	1	0	2205
Jun-2013	0	0	0	0	2218	1	2	0	3	2	3	2229
Dec-2013	0	0	0	0	0	601	11	5	0	0	1	618
Jun-2014	0	0	0	0	0	589	16	3	7	1	1	617
Dec-2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	1883	3	3	1	2	1892
Jun-2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	2097	14	4	2	3	2120
Dec-2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1691	11	3	4	1709
Jun-2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1774	24	9	8	1815
Dec-2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1831	14	15	1860
Jun-2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1608	19	15	1642
Dec-2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1759	30	1789
Jun-2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1879	73	1952
Dec-2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1936	1936
Jun-2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2196	2196
TOTAL	1996	1143	2309	1753	4466	1206	4035	3496	3496	3693	4287	31880

CONVOCAATION DEGREE AWARDED SINCE 2014



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The internal audit for the period from 2010 to 2019 conducted in the month of January 2020 with a team from internal audit section, H.Q. New Delhi

The AG audit is conducted periodically

The last AG audit was conducted in the month of May 2018

The budget for the heads of expenditure under Plan and Non Plan is prepared every year in June and sent to RSD for approval

The purchases are made as per the delegation of financial power issued by HQ routed through LPC from the GeM Portal/Kendriya Bhandar

EXTENSION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



UBA ACTIVITIES - Six villages identified - Aluva East, Chendamangalam, Nedumbassery, Paravoor, Arthunkal and Puducode for UBA Activities

Three IGNOU awareness Programmes at Edathala Gram Panchayat in April, May and July of 2019

Plantation Drive under the MHRD scheme 'One student One tree' conducted at five places- Edathala, Perumpilavu, Velur, Punnapra and Muvattupuzha

Free samplings received from Block Development Office, Mulanthuruthy

Also organized Plastic free campus campaigns at five adopted Villages Edathala, Chendamangalam, Puducode, Arthunkal and Punnapra during September - October 2019

UNNATH BHARAT ABHIYAAN FEW GLIMPSES



SWATCHH BHARAT ABHIYAAN



The Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada /celebration were held from 16th to 31st January 2020 at RC along with REC and Model Study Centre

Various Activities conducted-

- Oath taking ceremony

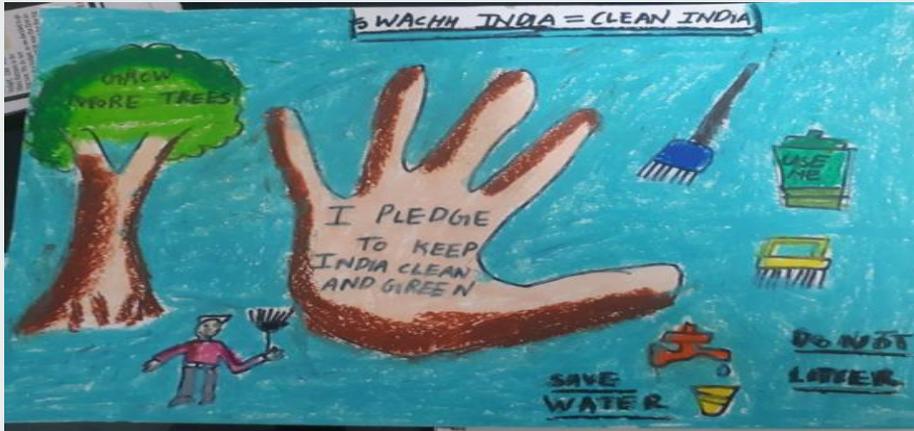
- Campus cleaning

- Poster and Slogan Competitions on themes of Water/Forest Conservation

- Training on 'Best out of Waste' (Paper Bag) at the Regional Centre, Cochin In an effort to reach out to the unreached

- IGNOU students of BSW volunteered to be a part of the Swachhta Bharat Pakhwada by engaging themselves in creating awareness about a clean environment in the Villages

SWATCHH BHARAT ABHIYAAN ACTIVITIES - FEW GLIMPSES



GENDER SENSITIZATION (TRANSGENDER)

Sensitization programme for Transgender Community was held on 20th May, 2017 to sensitize the Transgender community on various career opportunities available with them



TIMES CITY
THE TIMES OF INDIA, KOCHI | WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

Now, IGNOU to offer courses for transgenders

PH: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY

Kochi: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Cochin Regional Centre will introduce special customized courses for transgenders from the new academic year in July. The course is mostly aimed at enhancing the skills of those already employed.

IGNOU authorities said their immediate focus would be on the transgenders to be employed at Kochi Metro, who would require additional skills to enhance their career opportunities.

"For long, transgenders have been marginalized and denied equal opportunities in life. With good, inclusive education, they can be prepared for future," said M Rajesh, Regional Director, IGNOU, Kochi Regional Centre.

The centre will be offering mainly short-term skill development programs with a duration of a month to six months. These include computer literacy programs, which will offer the students basic computer skills, certificate courses in food and nutrition as well as a bachelor's preparatory programme (BPP) for educating those who do not have Plus 2 qualification but aspire for further studies and bachelor's degrees. IGNOU authorities decided to start the short-term courses specially for transgenders after a transgender activist, Triptthy Shetty, approached IGNOU to check on the courses. "She informed that there are many like her who are interested to study but are worried about approaching authorities lest they are neglected," said Rajesh. IGNOU was the first university which opened admissions for distance education in all streams even for the 'other' category in 2012.

To start with, on Saturday, IGNOU has organized an exhibition at their regional campus wherein transgenders would get an opportunity to highlight their skills. Also, the same day an interaction between the transgenders and the IGNOU authorities will be conducted.

"We are expecting about 15-20 transgenders for the meeting. Each one of us have been looking at an opportunity to study and do well in life," said

Triptthy Shetty. She admitted that due to lack of qualification and education they have few job opportunities. Also, there is marginalisation due to which get involved in sex trade and begging for survival.

"We will be following up with those who come on Saturday with continuous psychological counselling aimed at getting them back to classroom with other students soon," said Rajesh.

Though there has been a demand to subsidize the fees for the transgenders from the community members, Rajesh said that may not be immediately possible. "However, we will also work with corporates to help with their fees so that it can be subsidized. Also, in the long run, once the transgenders have a graduation degree, we intend to start campus placement for them with the help of corporates," headed

TOWARDS SOCIAL INCLUSION: The university will offer courses aimed at enhancing the career opportunities of community members

A unique exhibition of Transgender craft by Ms. Triptthy Shetty (Transgender Activist) was also arranged to facilitate Transgender to facilitate sale of their products

DIGITAL INITIATIVES

E-Kranti Volunteers Training Programme - was held on 14th January, 2017 to orient about Digital Economy and Cashless Transaction to all volunteers

Awareness Programme on Investment Planning - was held on 11th February, 2019 by Axis Bank

Financial literacy programmes also conducted by IDBI, HDFC & ICICI Bank



CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL FESTIVAL & IGNOU FOUNDATION DAY





Vidyajwala
2019

TEACHERS' CONCLAVE

Organized by

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(An ISO 9001 : 2015 Certified School)
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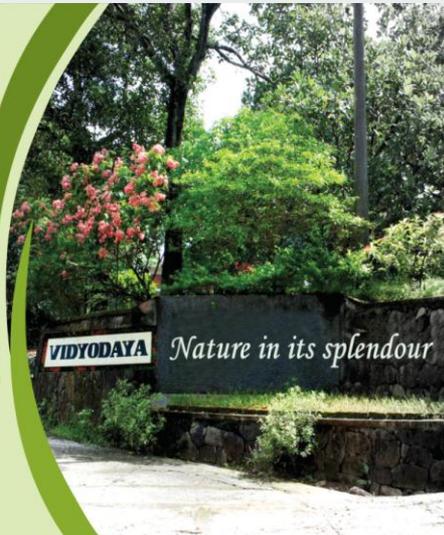
Regional Centre, Cochin

Friday, 18th October 2019

Vidyodaya school, Thevakkal, Cochin 21

*"Your life as a teacher begins the day you realize that you are
always a learner."*

- Robert John Meehan



COLLABORATIONS

- RC Cochin collaborated for the following events in 2019-2020
- Vidyodaya School for 'Vidyajwala-2019'
- Department of Neuroscience, CUSAT for Project Udbodh
- Association of Food Scientists & Technologists India (AFSTI) Cochin Chapter for 'The Eat Right Movement'

Change is a great catalyst and necessitates Life Long Learning [LLL]. India has been a pioneer in Education at all levels both through Conventional Class Room and also Distant modes. Co-existence of different streams and systems is a prevalent phenomenon in India.

The felt need for a common platform for human capital professionals has kindled VIDYAJWALA 2019. The objectives of the Conclave is proposed to be achieved through Platform and Poster presentations and a Colloquium. Life skills, moral values and Inclusive Education shall be deliberated, aimed at marching towards Millennium Development Goals [MDG].

Your Host: VIDYODAYA SCHOOL

The guiding principles of service, commitment and excellence and above all a futuristic outlook make Vidyodaya a name to reckon with. This student-friendly school has always upheld Indian culture while incorporating the recent innovations and modern methodologies. Established in 1990 the school conducts classes from LKG to XII std in a 12 acre scenic campus situated on a hillock.

Collaborating Institution: INDIRAGANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY [IGNOU] - IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin

Established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, IGNOU has three Regional Centres in Kerala - Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram and Vatakara. IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin [RC14] caters to the educational needs of the districts - Ernakulam, Kottayam, Thrissur, Allappuzha, Palaghat and Idukki besides the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

This one day conclave for teachers is an opportunity to discuss various contemporary issues in education. It is envisaged that many useful concepts shall emerge from the proceedings that will take professionals in the educational sector further in their relentless pursuit of excellence.

*Learn, Unlearn and Relearn...
Perform, Reform and Transform..*

Dr. J. S. Dorothy
Regional Director, IGNOU



Ms. Esther Agnes
Principal, Vidyodaya School

COLLABORATIONS - VIDYAJWALA 2019



Collaborated with Vidyodaya School and organized a one day Teachers Conclave called 'Vidyajwala - 2019' on 18th October, 2019 at the Vidyodaya School premises without Financial Liability on IGNOU.

Regional Centre staff served as Resource Persons

COLLABORATIONS - PROJECT UDBODH



- **Activities undertaken under Project Udbodh under Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)**
- **01.09.2019 & 04.01.2020- Training programme for IGNOU learners to serve as volunteers in community intervention related to Alzheimer's Disease**
- **01.11.2019 to 03.11.2019 - 'International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: In Science and Society'**

COLLABORATIONS - THE EAT RIGHT MOVEMENT



- Collaborated with Association of Food Scientists & Technologists India (AFSTI) Cochin Chapter
- Jointly Conducted a Panel Discussion on 'The Eat Right Movement' of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at IGNOU RC Cochin on 7th March 2020, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
- This academic initiative was under Placement Activity Cell and was possible due to the efforts of the Coordinator of IGNOU Model Study Centre 14000



OLIMPIC - a Newsletter covering Open Learning Innovations & Management Practices in IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin

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BEST PRACTICES

Online Counseling session (Clubbed SC) = 334 sessions for Jan2020

Newsletter 'OLIMPIC' since 2017=10

Open cum Enrichment sessions = 17 sessions conducted till now from September 2018 alongwith Innovation Club Activity under ARIIA

Online Help Desk



RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS/TRAINING PROGRAMMES ATTENDED/SWAYAM TRANSLATIONS

Academic Profile Details uploaded for public viewing and are available in RC Cochin website www.rccochin.ignou.ac.in

Participated as Resource Person in a "Talk Session" about "Experiences of Regional Centre Cochin since lockdown till TEE" shared through GyanVani Live on 18.09.20 at 10.15 AM

Eight MOOC Courses of Online Swayam Portal were coordinated for Translation into Malayalam and Tamil by RC Academics under the leadership of Dr.B.Sukumar, RD of Regional Centre Trivandrum and the Nodal Officer for Translation (Malayalam)

28 Workshops/FDPs/ Webinars attended by RC Academics from January 2020 onwards

Six Virtual Lectures were delivered by RC Academics from January 2020 onwards

Participated as recipient of Certificate of Merit to share the idea documented in Creativity Challenge No 2 and 4 in the virtual session "Sharing of Experiences: My Innovative Initiatives during COVID19" through the Innovation Club meeting on 23.09.2020 at 11.00 AM as the recipient of the Certificate of Merit for sharing the Best ideas in two Creativity Challenge No 2 and 4 out of the four Creativity Challenge held for IGNOU staff by NCIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi

INNOVATIONS & DISTINCTIVENESS

Best RC Award- was won by RC Cochin twice in the year 2007 & 2011

MOOC Faculty- Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, DD, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD Academics of Regional Centre Cochin are National Faculty for MOOCs of SWAYAM under MHRD with the Principal coordinator Dr.M.Rajesh, RD Vatakara

The team also won Best Online Course Award for the year 2020 for the Certificate programme in Environmental Sustainability available on SWAYAM Portal

Innovation Club Activity (ARIIA)

COVID-19 Cell



WAY FORWARD



Online/Virtual System to supplement existing Face-to-Face Activities

Creation of free online resources

Cost Effectiveness ensuring at all levels for effective Resource Utilization

Skill Based Programmes

MOOC on Learning Malayalam Language

CHBHC programme to be translated into Malayalam Language in collaboration with LSC 14180- Viswa Instt. of Contemporary Allied Studies (VICAS), Alappuzha

Solar Power utilisation



Thankyou