

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, COCHIN (RC14)
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT IGNOU 33RD CONVOCATION
HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Guest of Honour of the Convocation, Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies, (KUFOs), distinguished educationalists, academicians, other guests, members from the media, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen and students.

In the 33rd Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University today Sh. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India is the Chief Guest to deliver convocation address at Headquarters on this occasion. The Convocation is webcast from Head quarters and Regional Convocation held at 39 Regional centres. The University takes pride in awarding over 2, 00,000 (Two lakhs) Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates to the learners who have successfully completed their respective programmes. Gold medals will also be awarded to over 78 meritorious students in this convocation.

It is my privilege to welcome you to the Thirty third Convocation of the Indira Gandhi National Open University. It is a matter of great honour for us that for gracing this occasion to deliver the Regional Convocation address, we have with us Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies, (KUFOs). Born on 12th November, 1957 he did his Post Graduation M.Sc Industrial Fisheries from CUSAT in 1982, where he had secured the First Rank. Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, got the First Rank in Agriculture Research Service Examinations - ARS - Fish Processing Technology, ICAR, New Delhi in 1984 and in Marine Food Processing and Technology, JICA Fellow, Japan in 1990-91. Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, completed the Post-Doctoral Research in the Department of Technology, Policy and Management (TBM) Department of TU Delft from Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), The Netherlands (The Netherlands Government Research Support) during 2002-03.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, has Thirty Years of uninterrupted teaching, research experience. Prof. (Dr.) A. Ramachandran is presently the Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Cochin since 1st June, 2016.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, was the Professor Chair, Rajeev Gandhi Centre for Contemporary Studies of UGC in CUSAT (2011-2014); Member, Working Group on Science and Technology, Kerala State Planning Board; Expert Member, Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of

India (Since 2011); Expert Member, Scientific Panel (Fish & Fish Processing), Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India (Since 2013); Member of the Senate at CUSAT three times, Faculty, Board of Studies, Faculty and Academic Council; Secretary, Senate, Academic Council and Syndicate, CUSAT from 2004 to 2008 and 2011-2013; Member, National Task Force for the development of Green Certification of ornamental fishes, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India; Chairman, Children's Science Congress for three terms (2011, 2012 and 2013) organized by Kerala Science and Technology Society (India) and Rotary Club of Cochin Lords; Successfully completed 10 National and International Major Projects including multi institutional projects as Principal Investigator or Chief Coordinator.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran has 247 No of papers, technical articles/reports, books and Policy Documents published; 70 Refereed publication (Journals/Int. proceedings) ; 35 No of International publications (Refereed); 12 No. of FAO publications (in Infofish, APFIC Symposium/Working party proceedings ; 15 International -conference proceedings & others. Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, is also a Member of the Faculty of Marine Sciences for two terms and have Functioned in various Government Committees like Inspection Committees, Organising Committees of Aqua fest, etc.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, has a teaching experience of over 30 years out of which he had held the tenure as Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies, Director, School of Industrial Fisheries Registrar, Controller of Examinations at Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, has been the Fishery Industry Advisor in the Ministry of Agriculture & Fishery Wealth, Sultanate of Oman, from April 2014 to November 2014; Member, Governing Council, Kerala State Higher Education Council; Member, Governing Council, International research and Training Centre for Below Sea Level Farming, Kuttanad, Kerala, India; Member, Scientific Panel Of Fish And Fisheries Products, The Food Safety & Standards Authority Of India, Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India; Member, State level guidance Committee; Janakiya Matsyakrishi Programme, Govt of Kerala; Former member, Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India.

Prof.(Dr.) A. Ramachandran, is the recipient of Young Scientist Award for presenting best research paper in the First Indian Fisheries Forum organized by

Asian Fisheries Forum in Mangalore in 1987; Awarded Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Award of scholarship for study in Japan for one Academic Year and participated in the Marine food Processing & Technology Course organised by Japan International Cooperation Agency in Kobe, Japan 1990-91; Award of Excellence 2002-03 instituted by Industrial Fisheries Alumni, Cochin University of Science & Technology (2003); Best Citizens of India Award in recognition of the exceptional caliber and outstanding performance in chosen area of activity instituted by International Publishing House, New Delhi (2006); Samajshri Award and order of Merit 2006 for outstanding contribution in Management and public services instituted by Indian Council of Management Executives, Mumbai; Dr. N. Balakrishnan Nair International Environmental Excellence Award in January 2019 from Hawassa University, Ethiopia.

I most cordially welcome you Sir, to this ceremonial function.

I trust that the gracious presence of such a luminary in this occasion is a source of enormous motivation and encouragement to all of us. I am confident that his convocation address would motivate our new graduates to shape a bright and successful future for them.

We have a very elite group of educationalists, academicians, other guests with us today. I extend a very warm welcome to each of our guests. May I especially welcome the Press/Media fraternity, Police personnel, Post Office Personnel, Dr.Sridharan, Former Deputy Registrar, Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta, Regional Director, NIOS-Kochi, Our Coordinators and Programme-In-charges from various IGNOU Study Centres are also here to grace this important occasion. I welcome everyone of you to this function. It is matter of great pride for me to see our IGNOU students, adorned in the convocation scarves to receive their degrees and diplomas. I welcome all our students to this convocation. I also welcome all other guests present here and everyone gathered here.

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been a pioneer in the field of Open and Distance Learning for the past few decades. Established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, IGNOU has continuously striven to build an inclusive knowledge society through inclusive education. It has tried to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) by offering high-quality teaching through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I feel privileged in presenting to this august gathering, my report, giving a brief account of some major, new initiatives and

achievements of the IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin during the academic year 2019-20.

The Regional Centre, Cochin was established in the year 1988 and recall with gratitude the contribution by the founding fathers like Prof.Satyapalan, Founding Regional Director, Dr.V.Vasudevan, Former Regional Director and Dr.K.S.Divakaran Nair, Former Regional Director in whose tenure, the Regional Centre moved to the own premises and had its development of buildings large enough to house the Regional Centre, Regional Evaluation Centre and the Model Study Centre. Special efforts of the former Regional Directors Dr.M.Shanmugam, Dr. V.Venugopal Reddy, Dr.M.Rajesh and Dr.Sindhu P. Nair in sustaining the vision of the founding fathers and the mission for which the University was created in the year 1985.

The IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin was established on 17th November, 1988 to provide open and distance education in the State of Kerala and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. Over the years, the activities of IGNOU in the region grew and a number of Study Centres were established with substantial student enrolment in various academic programmes of the University. With the establishment of Regional Centre, Trivandrum in the year 2009, jurisdiction of three southern districts of the State viz., Kollam, Pathanamthitta and Thriuvananthapuram districts have been allotted to the Regional Centre, Trivandrum. Later, in 2011, another Regional Centre was established at Vatakara in Kozhikode district, with present jurisdiction of five northern districts - Kasaragod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Wayanad and Malappuram. Now, the Regional Centre, Cochin caters to six districts of Kerala viz., Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kottayam, Idukki and Alappuzha. In addition, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep also comes under the jurisdiction of Regional Centre, Cochin.

The University constructed two blocks of building- a four storied building and another six storied building for the Regional Centre at Kaloor, Cochin. The four-storied Regional Centre building has the Regional Centre, the Gyan Vani FM Radio Station, Computer Labs, classrooms, conference rooms and Library. The Six-storied Regional Centre building has the Regional Evaluation Centre and the Model Study Centre.

1. Teaching -Learning

The Regional Centre functions through a network of 36 Learner Support Centres (LSC) across the region. In the past year One new LSC has been established. The Regular Study Centre was established at St Michael's College, Cherthala, Allepey

(SC-14187). It is pertinent to mention that the initiative for establishment of this LSC was initiated in the tenure of Dr.M.Rajesh and Dr.Sindhu P.Nair as Regional Director. As such there are 19 Regular Study Centres, 7 Programme Study Centres, and 8 Special Study Centres under Cochin Regional Centre.

Nearly, 87 academic programmes of IGNOU are being activated under the Cochin Region with the assistance of the 34 Learner Support Centres.

At present the Regional Centre Cochin has cumulative strength of around **25210** learners for the July 2019(Fresh =10192;+ RR=6612=**16804**) and January 2019 (Fresh = 4857;+RR=3549=**8406**). For the previous two sessions vis-a-vis January 2018 and July 2018, the Regional Centre Cochin has cumulative strength of around **22251** learners for the January 2018 (Fresh =4760;+ RR=3292=**8052**) and July 2018(Fresh =8817;+ RR=5382=**14200**). As such there is an additional student strength of 2959 for the July 2018 and January 2019 when compared to the earlier two sessions resulting in 13.2% increase in enrolment.

2.Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors

A Total number of 152 Academic Counselors have been Oriented in the 5 Orientation Programmes organised between 1st Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019. All Four academics of the Regional Centre -Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr.S.Vijayaraghavan, ARD and Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnanan, AD served as the Resource Persons at the Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors. The Schedule, conduct and Report of the Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors held at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin was undertaken by Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD

3.Meeting of LSC functionaries

Both Coordinators' Meeting and Part-Time Staff meeting (*also referred to as Orientation Programme for LSC Functionaries*) was held to trickle down the policy initiatives like online empanelment of Academic counsellors, Online payment of the remuneration/honorarium, introduction of the Choice Based Credit System, Open and Distance learning system, Tutor comments, Online entry of Awards.

The Regional Centre Cochin conducted two Coordinators' meetings on 28.02.2019 and 18.07.2019. Academic, administrative and financial matters pertaining to functioning of Learner Support Centers were deliberated during these meetings.

A Total number of 68 LSC functionaries (Part-Time Staff -Assistant Coordinators / Assistant) have been oriented in the 3 Orientation Programmes held between 1st

Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019. All Four academics of the Regional Centre -Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr.S.Vijayaraghavan, ARD and Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnanan, AD served as the Resource Persons at the Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors. The Schedule, conduct and Report of the Orientation Programmes for Academic Counselors held at IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin was undertaken by Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD .

4.Extension Activities

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan initiated in 2014 was sustained in the year 2019 at Cochin Regional Centre by joining along with Regional Evaluation Centre/IGNOU Model Study Centre 14000. During this year 2019, the involvement of the Staff to sustain a clean environment in the campus was ensured.

The UBA Activities which were held at Edathala and Chendamangalam Village targeting the weaving community residing there till 2018 were expanded for reach to facilitate active participating in the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) - a flagship Programme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, to involve Higher Education Institutions of the country for indigenous development of self-sufficient and sustainable village clusters for inclusive India. In the year 2019, IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin has received permission from the District Administration of Ernakulam, Alappuzha and Palakkad Districts to adopt six villages Aluva East, Chendamangalam, Nedumbassery, Paravoor, Arthunkal and Puducode for UBA Activities. The Regional Centre conducted three IGNOU awareness Programmes at Edathala Gram Panchayat in April, May and July of 2019. Regional Centre Cochin has also organized Plastic free campaigns at five adopted Villages Edathala, Chendamangalam, Puducode, Arthunkal and Punnapra during September - October 2019.

5.Contributors for the Online Programme in the SWAYAM Portal

Under the leadership of the former Regional Director Dr. M.Rajesh, Three of the academics namely Dr.Sindhu P.Nair, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan were instrumental to launch the Certificate Programme on Environment Sustainability (First launched in 2018 as a Non-credit Programme) in the SWAYAM Portal. As such, three of the five Academics of Regional Centre Cochin are National Faculty for MOOCs of SWAYAM under MHRD.

6.Collaborations Organised

The Public-Private and Public-Public Collaborations were Organised under the aegis of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin to execute the activities of both Academic and Extension in nature. The following Collaborations were Organised in the year 2019:

6.1. With the Block Development Office: The Block Development Office, Mulanthuruthy, Ernakulam collaborated with IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin to mobilize Tree Sapling for the "One Student One Tree" Programme under Plantation Drive of MHRD held at Regional Centre Cochin. The event was coordinated by Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD.

6.2. With the District Collectors: The District Collectors of three districts collaborated to adopt Six villages (Arthungal, Puthukode, Chendamangalam, Edathala-Aluva East, Punnapra and Nedumbassery) under UBA. Plastic free campaign held under UBA at Punnapra, Arthunkal, Puthucode, Chendamangalam and Edathala (Aluva East). The event was coordinated by all Four academics of the Regional Centre -Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr.S.Vijayaraghavan, ARD and Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnanan, AD.

6.3. Promotional Initiatives: Promotional Meetings were held by IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin in the year 2019 focusing on creating awareness about IGNOU Programmes. In the year 2019, Thirty eight promotional meetings were conducted by Regional Centre Cochin focussing on various target groups like, Students of B.Ed/Under-Graduate students/ITI ;Teachers/College Faculties; Police officials ; Men/Women Jail Inmates; Kudumbashree workers; Resident Welfare Association; TOLIC Officials;Through AIR FM Radio.

Of the Promotional meeting held, the Awareness Programme done in non-LSC Educational Institution (Out of 38 Promotional Meetings held in 2019, 24 were at Non-LSC category) indicate collaboration with wide array of institutions to promote IGNOU Programmes. It is also pertinent to mention that the role of the Principal and Coordinator of the Host Institution housing the LSC of IGNOU enabled the conduct of the promotional meeting in the host institution at the time of their admission, through IQAC wing which not only augmented the enrolment at the LSC but also paved way for add on qualification in the learners which augment their profile while entering into the employment market. All Four academics of the Regional Centre -Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD, Dr.S.Vijayaraghavan, ARD and Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnanan, AD served as the Resource Persons at the Promotional meetings. The consolidation of the Promotional Meetings held by IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin was undertaken by Dr.Praseetha Unnikrishnanan, AD.

6.4 Resource Person for Open cum Enrichment Sessions under Innovation Club held along with Grievance and Redressal session: Besides the Four Academics at the Regional Centre, the Resource Person for Open cum Enrichment Sessions under Innovation Club in the year 2019 were from the HDFC Bank, IDBI Bank, M/s Charris Food Products Ltd and O/O Head (I/c), Hindi Teaching Scheme, Cochin. Dr.A.K.Prema, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre (14000) and Shri. K.K.Joseph, Assistant Registrar, IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin facilitated the mobilisation of external resource persons for the Open cum Enrichment Sessions under Innovation Club in the year 2019. The reporting of the proceedings of the Open cum Enrichment Sessions under Innovation Club held along with Grievance and Redressal session Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, Nodal Officer for the Innovation Club Activity at Regional Centre Cochin.

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin has organized 11 Open cum Enrichment Sessions under Innovation Club held along with Grievance and Redressal session on the below mentioned Topics in 2019.

S.No	Date	Resource Person	Topic of Presentation
1.	22.01.2019	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	E-support services in IGNOU
2.	13.02.2019	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD	Environment Sustainability in day to day life
3.	07.03.2019	Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD	ICT Intervention in Education
4.	25.04.2019	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD	IGNOU Website and E-Learner Support Systems of IGNOU
5.	08.05.2019	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD	Citizen Responsibility for Environment Protection
6.	21.06.2019	Smt. Omana Muraleedharan, Proprietor of M/s Charris Food Products Ltd., and recipient of the Sakthi Prema Puruskar medal	Challenges of Entrepreneurship
7.	04.07.2019	Dr. Radhika S Assistant. Director, Head (I/c), Hindi Teaching Scheme, Cochin	Awareness of Official Language Hindi

S.No	Date	Resource Person	Topic of Presentation
8.	21.08.2019	Shri. K Balachandran Unnithan, Asst. Vice President, HDFC Bank, Kaloore Branch	Employment Opportunities in Banking Sector in the State of Kerala
9.	24.09.2019	Shri. Suneed S, Dy. General Manager & Branch Head, IDBI Bank, Ernakulam	Interview Skills for Employment in Banking Sector
10.	31.10.2019	Dr. Sindhu P Nair, ARD	Time Management
11.	26.11.2019	Dr. V.T. Jalajakumari, ARD	Domestic Environmentalism- Approaches and Strategies

6.5 Academic initiatives: Two Collaborations without Financial liability on IGNOU was possible in the year 2019.

'Vidyajwala 2019' - Teachers' Conclave-by way of Paper Presentation, Poster Presentation and Colloquium on pre-decided themes on various aspects of Education was held without financial liability on IGNOU with Vidyodaya School, Ernakulam. The Regional Centre Officials served as Resource persons for Paper Presentation, Poster Presentation and Colloquium on pre-decided themes on various aspects of Education. The collaboration was initiated by Ms.Rema Nair, Vidyodaya School.

IGNOU was a partner organization without financial liability on IGNOU under Project Udbodh 2019 with Centre for Neuroscience, Cochin University of Science and Technology towards awareness on Alzheimer's Disease for the 'International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: In Science and Society' from 01.11.2019 to 03.11.2019 under Project Udbodh. In addition, IGNOU Alumni and students of MAPC, MSW, MSO, MSCCFT, MSW(C) programmes were trained free of cost as volunteers for Project Udbodh under placement services of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin. The collaboration was initiated by Dr.A.K.Prema, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre (14000).

6.6 All India Radio: The restart of Gyan Vani FM radio station operations from AIR Kochi initiated from 10.08.2018. The functionality of the transmitter of Gyanvani Studio at Regional Centre, Cochin was by Engineers of All India Radio (AIR) Kochi . The DTH relay of Gyan Vani Delhi programme relayed from All India Radio (AIR) Kochi at 105.6 MHz with transmission timings from 8.00 Hrs - 20.00 Hrs. Dr. Sindhu P.Nair, ARD is the Nodal Officer for Gyan Vani related Activity.

7.Continuing Education Opportunities for Academics

The University has been generous in rendering on duty leave to ensure the Continuing Education Opportunities for Academics. Academics are also encouraged to participate at their preference beyond their on duty provision by availing of Leave to attend the Refresher/Faculty Development Programme/ Seminars, Conferences.

Between the time period of 01.01.2019 and 31.12.2019, out of the four Academics serving as Assistant Regional Directors/ Assistant Director, Dr.Sindhu P.Nair, Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, Dr.S. Vijayaragavan and Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan , all four have attended either the Refresher/Faculty Development Programme which not only augmented the academic profile but also paved way for Trickling down the information earned by them through multiplier effect when shared the experience with other peers and staff.

Dr.Sindhu P.Nair, ARD attended One FDP at KITCO on Entrepreneurship from 26th December 2018 to 8th January 2019.

Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, ARD attended a Refresher Programme at UGC-HRDC on Education from 11th to 31st March 2019 at University of Kerala, Trivandrum.

Dr.S.Vijayaragavan, ARD attended a Refresher Programme at Pondicherry University on Environmental Science from 21st August 2019 to 3rd September, 2019.

Dr. Praseetha U attended one FDP Programme from 12.02.2019 to 19.02.2010 at Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya in Rural Community Engagement; and the Refresher Programme in 'Leadership Building and Communication Skills (IDS) from 17th September, 2019 to 30th September, 2019 at Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education, University of Delhi, Delhi.

8.Participation in conferences

During the reporting period i.e., from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019, Dr.J.S.Dorothy, RD have presented paper in two conferences; Dr. Sindhu P. Nair, ARD, have presented paper in One conference ; Dr.V.T.Jalajakumari, have presented paper in two conferences ; and Dr.S.Vijayaragavan have presented paper in One conference.

9. Resource/knowledge sharing by Academics

The Academics of Regional Centre, Cochin has been the sharing the Resource of their knowledge by being the Resource Person for academic activities in other Institutions. Dr.Sindhu P.Nair, ARD was the Resource person for the Orientation

Programme and Refresher Programme of UGC- HRDC at Kannur University in March 2019. Dr.V. T. Jalajakumari was a Resource person in the refresher programme conducted by UGC HRDC, University of Calicut in Oct 2019.

Knowledge sharing by means of publications was also evident in Regional Centre Cochin. Dr. J. S. Dorothy, RD have published three papers; Dr. S. Vijayaragavan, ARD have published two papers

10. 'Swach Bharath Abhiyan' as Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations

In compliance to the UGC letter dated 30th September 2019, the 151th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2019 was celebrated by observing the Swach Bharat activities -where all the staff in the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre participated to make the Regional Centre Campus Plastic free and a Green Campus.

11. Voter Day Celebrations

The Voter's Day celebration was collectively celebrated at Regional Centre Cochin by the staff of Regional Centre, Regional Evaluation Centre, and Model Study Centre 14000 on 24th Jan 2019. The brief about the origin of India as a democratic Republic and the importance of casting vote as citizen was highlighted to the audience by Dr. J. S. Dorothy Regional Director, RC Cochin. The importance of the Voter as a deciding authority for Governance was shared by Sh. S. Venugopal, Section Officer, Regional Evaluation Centre, Cochin. The pledge as a responsible voter was taken by all present. The pledge was administered by Sh. K. K. Joseph Assistant Registrar, Regional Centre Cochin.

12. Official Language Training through the Hindi Teaching Scheme

Official Language Training through the Dr. Radhika S, Assistant Director, Head (I/c), Hindi Teaching Scheme, Cochin to optimise the use of Hindi language in day to day official procedure by means of the Awareness of Official Language Hindi was conducted at the Regional Centre, Cochin.

13. TOLIC Official Language Seminar / Meeting Participation

Regional Centre Cochin participated in two TOLIC Official Language Seminar / Meeting in the year 2019. The Official Language Management Seminar was organized by Kochi TOLIC Office in connection with the 10th Anniversary of Kochi TOLIC (PSU) under the sponsorship of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd on 4.1.2019 at Ernakulam. The 69th meeting of Kochi Town Official Language

Implementation Committee was held on 29.10.2019. Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD represented Regional Centre Cochin on both the occasions.

14.'One student-One tree' Programme

The Regional Centre Cochin undertook plantation drives at various districts under the 'One student- One Tree' Programme during August 2019. Saplings were distributed as well as planted at five places - LSC 14184 Al-Ameen College Edathala; LSC 14182D Ansar Women's College Perumpilavu; LSC 14183 CHF Family Apostolate Training and Research Institute Velur; LSC 14180 VISWA Institute of Contemporary Allied Studies Punnappra and LSC 14127 Nirmala College Muvattupuzha. The IGNOU Learner Support Centres situated in these places coordinated the Plantation Drive in the presence of representatives from Regional Centre, Coordinator and Stakeholders of the Host Institutions besides sponsoring the saplings. The main source of free saplings was from the Block Development Office, Mulanthuruthy, Ernakulam Tree for the "One Student One Tree" Programme.

15.Term End Examination conducted

IGNOU conducted the Term End Examination (TEE) in the months of June and December every year. The number of examination centres which were established for conduct of theory and practical examinations during June 2019 (0619) and December 2019 (1219) Term End Examination (TEE) were 12 and 14 respectively. The course-wise examinees in the region for the June 2019 and December 2019 Term End Examination (TEE) was 57,758 and 63,098 respectively. Observers for the Term End Examination (TEE) in June 2019 and in December 2019 were 20. The total number of assignment awards transmitted to IGNOU headquarters from the Cochin for the Term End Examination (TEE) of June 2019 was 43534 and December 2019 is expected to be around 35822. Keeping in view with the inclusive education of the Indian subcontinent, special assistance to the differently abled by means of the amanuensis were rendered to 11 learners each in Term End Examination (TEE) June 2019 and in December 2019 .

16.Project Reports/Internship Reports Evaluated at the Regional Centre, Cochin

IGNOU has the policy guidelines related to the decentralised evaluation of the Project Report. The Project Report were evaluated for the programmes like BCA, MCA, MAEDU, MAPC, MSCCFT, PGDFSQM. For the June 2019 (0619) Term End Examination (TEE), 204 number of Project Reports has been evaluated and for the December 2019 (1219) Term End Examination (TEE), 176 number of Project Reports has been evaluated.

The internship records of BBARL, MAPC and BAPC programmes evaluated for the June 2019 (0619) Term End Examination (TEE) were 134 and for the December 2019 (1219) Term End Examination (TEE) were 107.

17. New Initiatives of the University

IGNOU has moved to provide e-content of the Study material for a concession of the fee at the time of admission in the year 2019.

18. Online application for the Empanelment of Academic counsellors/Evaluators

IGNOU depends on the Part-Time Faculty empanelled as Academic counsellors for the Academic Transactions at the Learner Support Centres and Evaluators for evaluation of the Term End Examination Answer Scripts. In order to facilitate the empanelment of the Academic Counsellors/ Evaluators, Online application for the Empanelment of Academic counsellors/ Evaluators has been initiated in the year 2018 to link the various approving authority at the Learner Support Centre, Regional centre, Head Quarters.

This 33rd Convocation at Cochin is both for the Regional Centre Cochin (RC14) and Regional Centre Vatakara (RC83). We are extremely happy that there are **4294** (RC Cochin) and **1888** (RC Vatakara) (*as per Vice-Chancellor Report*) totalling 6182 learners being conferred Degrees/ Diplomas/ Certificates in this 33rd Convocation under the Cochin Regional Centre. The total registered learners from both Regional Centre Cochin (RC14) and Regional Centre Vatakara (RC83) for the 33rd Convocation of master degrees totals 2263. The total registered learners from both Regional Centre Cochin (RC14) and Regional Centre Vatakara (RC83) for the 33rd Convocation, other than Master Degrees is 1218.

There are Two Gold medallists from Cochin Regional Centre and One Gold medallists from Vatakara Regional Centre for this 33rd Convocation. The Gold medallists are

S.No	Prog	Enrolment No	Name	RC
1	BLIS	187234809	Mr.Nitin Kumar Singh	Cochin
2	PGJMC	180569632	Mr.Jerin Joy	Cochin
3	MEG	171291670	Mr.Mohammed Saleem P	Vatakara

The Gold medallists have secured the highest marks in all India level in the first attempt and have completed the programme of Study in the minimum prescribed duration. I congratulate all of them on behalf of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin and my own.

I do not want the recipients of all the Degrees and Diplomas to end the studies here. Please make this a beginning. I encourage you to continue to study as long as you can study either from any of the Distance Teaching Institutions or through the SWAYAM portal which currently covers the Programmes offered through the NPTEL Portal. After this Convocation, all of you are entering into a new phase of your life. Your current education will definitely help you all to get suitable placement opportunities. The alumni Association Registration is available in the link accessible through the Website of IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin. Kindly fill in the same and be the part of the Alma mater

I congratulate all the new passed out who have undergone the mandatory components of the Study prescribed for the Programme for which they have gained access and have ensured to fulfil the regulations so that they are successfully completed the programme of study and wish them the very best in their future endeavours and wish every success in all walks of their life.
