About IGNOU

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), established by an Act of Parliament in 1985, has continuously striven to build an inclusive knowledge society through inclusive education. It has tried to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) by offering high-quality teaching through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. It has been conferred with the awards of excellence by the Commonwealth of learning (COL) which is the highest Forum for Open Distance Learning in the Commonwealth countries. The University began by offering two academic programmes in 1987, i.e., Diploma in Management and Diploma in Distance Education, with a strength of 4,528 students. Today, it serves the educational aspirations of over 3 million students in India and other countries through 21 Schools of Studies and a network of 67 regional centres, around 2,667 learner support centres and 29 overseas partner institutions. The University offers about 228 certificate, diploma, degree and doctoral programmes, with a strength of nearly 810 faculty members and 574 academic staff at the headquarters and regional centres and about 33,212 academic counsellors from conventional institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, and industry among others.

Recognition

IGNOU is a Central University created by an Act of Parliament and all Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees awarded by the University are at par with all such degrees issued by other Universities vide AIU circular no. EV/II/(449/94/176915-177115, dated January 14, 1994 and UGC communication F.No. UGC/DEB/2013 dated 14.10.2013.

Regional Centre, Cochin

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.

The Regional Centre, Cochin caters to seven districts of Kerala viz., Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kottayam, Idukki and Alappuzha and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

IGNOU Admission Cycles

The University offers round the year walk-in-admission for its programmes. The programmes in Plantation Management are offered in both the cycles of admission, i.e., January and July Cycles. Admission notifications are issued by the University in the leading national and regional dailies.

IGNOU admissions are done through an online admission system. Applicants can conveniently submit their application form through IGNOU website. The online link for admission is https://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in/. The detailed information on the admission procedure and the online application forms are available on the University website at www.ignou.ac.in.
**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PLANTATION MANAGEMENT (PGDPM)**

**Programme Objective:** develop professionals in plantation industry, impart knowledge and skills in production, processing, marketing and finance management in the plantation sector, and upgrade the technical proficiency of professional working in the Plantation Industry.

**Programme Fee:** Rs.5,500/-  
**Medium of Instruction:** English

**Eligibility:** Graduation in any discipline

**Duration of Programme:** Min: 1 Year Max: 4 Years  
**Programme Structure:** 32 Credits

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**LIST OF STUDY CENTRES IN COCHIN REGION OFFERING PLANTATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

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The Study Centre conducts counselling session on weekends for the various programmes. In addition, it offers the following support services to its learners at the Study Centre.

1. Pre-admission counseling
2. Conduct of Induction meeting for newly registered learners.
3. Schedules theory and practical Counselling sessions.
4. Arranges audio and video programmes and teleconferencing.
5. Organize workshops, seminars, extended contact programmes, field visits, teaching practice etc., depending on the nature of the programme.
6. Providing library facility to the learners.
7. Evaluation of Assignments and providing feedback to the learners.
8. Conducting Term End Examinations and Practical Examinations (in cases where the centre has been identified as an Examination Centre).

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