

The IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara bifurcated from the Regional Centre, Cochin and established as a separate Regional Centre on 4 th January 2011, with the objective to provide access to Open and Distance Education in the Malabar region of Kerala covering the districts of Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram and Union Territory of Mahe.

The office of the Regional Centre, Vatakara currently functions in a hired office space at Puthoor, Vatakara, Kozhikode district. The Maniyoor Grama Panchayat, Vatakara has already allotted 2 acres of land for the construction of own building and the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony was held on 12 th January 2016. Construction of compound wall for the Land at Maniyur is completed. The RC has 16 Learner Support Centres and one Learner Support Centre at Central Prison, Kannur as well. The annual enrolment registrations for the year 2022 stood at around 33000. The cumulative learner registration of the Regional Centre since its inception is 172306 under the various programmes comprising of Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors Degree, Post Graduate Diploma and Master's Degree programmes of IGNOU.

The Regional Centre has been awarded the Best Regional Centre Award by the University during the 37th Foundation Day on 19 th November 2022. The Regional Centre has had an impressive presence in the region with establishment of Learner Support Centres in the various districts and with one of the highest enrolments under South India; serving the educational aspirations of the learners in the jurisdiction of the region by offering various programmes of the University.