

Malabar Diary -A Newsletter covering Educational Innovations and Literary Activities at IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara

A SPECIAL EDITION ON CENT PERCENT COMPUTER LITERACY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE VATAKARA AND THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE MALABAR DIARY

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Newsletter

This volume highlights the efforts of the RC Vatakara to reach out to the unreached sections of the society. "Reaching the Unreached" is the mission of our university and the novel attempts of the Regional Centre, it is felt will bring in the desired changes.

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We wish you a pleasant reading

Welcome back

We are at the onset of spring. The fragrance of flowers envelops the air all along.

IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara is also in a spring mode. We are embarking on path-breaking initiatives as never before. We are in a mission mode with an action plan to take the Malabar Region into the next decade with confidence. The initial steps in this direction have surely been taken. We shall come back to more of these activities in the subsequent edition of this Newsletter.

However, this special edition is brought out to highlight two

seminal events of January 2018. First, the Regional Centre embarked on a mission to make Vatakara a cent percent Computer Literate district within a reasonable period of time, subject to the fulfillment of other requisite conditions. The mission was launched by the Hon'ble MP Mullappally Ramachandran on 10th January 2018 at a glittering ceremony at Vatakara Cooperative Arts and Science College.

Another significant event was the official launching of the Newsletter, The Malabar Diary by the Hon'ble MP Mullappally Ramachandran. I am sure that with this launch the Newsletter shall capture

the attention of the wider public and we shall be able to project our efforts in a better manner.

In the month of January we have also celebrated our Republic Day. It is appropriate that at this juncture, we should devote a few lines to the stalwarts who brought this great Republic into existence. The cherished dreams of freedom movement and the legal acumen of the Constituent Assembly of independent India deserve special mention. It is time that we as citizens of this great nation rededicate ourselves to the task of nation building..

Jai Hind !!!!!

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CENT PERCENT COMPUTER LITERACY CAMPAIGN

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Vatakara embarked upon a new path with the objective of imparting computer literacy to the masses through its Computer Literacy Programme (CLP) at nominal cost. The programme duration for each batch shall be one month. The cardinal idea behind the effort is to make Vatakara thaluk 100% computer literate, with in a limited time frame. As an initial step in this direction, the Regional Centre plans to impart computer literacy to the eligible candidates in Chorode panchayath in a period of two years. It is estimated that nearly 12000 persons will benefit from the programme at Chorode alone.

The massive endeavour was flagged by the Hon'ble MP of Vatakara Sh.Mullappally Ramachandran at a glittering ceremony at Vatakara Cooperative College on 10/1/2018. While inaugurating the ambitious project the Hon'ble MP emphasised upon the immense importance of attaining Computer Literacy. He stated that a community without computer literacy is as good as being illiterate in the modern world. He stated that in India only 20% of the population alone is computer literate at present. In Kerala the percentage is 40%. He congratulated IGNOU Regional centre Vatakara for taking up this novel initiative and wished that the effort would turn out to be a path breaker in community development. He also announced that computers worth Rs.3 Lakhs would be made available to the Regional Centre to kick start the programme.

The inaugural meeting also witnessed speeches by Sh. C. Vatsalan, President of Vatakara Cooperative Society, Dr.M.Rajesh, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara, Dr.Prameela.O, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara, Dr.SK.Zareena, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara, Sh. Praveen Kumara, Assistant Registrar, IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara, Dr.Vijayalakshmi, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre Vatakara, Dr. Ammukutty, Assistant Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre Vatakara and Sh. Anil Kumar, Principal, Vatakara Cooperative Arts and Science College.

A groundswell of interest was witnessed among the public to join the programme and nearly 50 candidates have already joined in the first batch.

Cent Percent Computer Literacy campaign launched by IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara in pictures



INAUGURATION OF CLP PROGRAMME IN REGIONAL DAILIES

ഇഗ്നോയുടെ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാപദ്ധതി തുടങ്ങി

വടകര • ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ നാഷണൽ ഓപ്പൺ സർവകലാശാല (ഇഗ്നോ) വടകര മണ്ഡലത്തിൽ നടപ്പാക്കുന്ന സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാപദ്ധതി മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. വടകര കോ-ഓപ്പറേറ്റീവ് കോളേജിലായിരുന്നു ചടങ്ങ്. സാക്ഷരതാ യജ്ഞം പോലെ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ പദ്ധതിയും ജനകീയപങ്കാളിത്തത്തോടെ നടപ്പാക്കണമെന്ന് മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി പറഞ്ഞു. രാജ്യത്ത് കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരത 20 ശതമാനത്തിൽ താഴെയാണെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം ചൂണ്ടിക്കാട്ടി. സി. വത്സലൻ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു.



വടകര മണ്ഡലത്തിൽ ഇഗ്നോ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാപദ്ധതിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. നിർവഹിക്കുന്നു

ചോറോടിനെ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ ഗ്രാമമൊക്കും

പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യം പദ്ധതിയിലേക്ക് തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത ചോറോട് പഞ്ചായത്തിനെ ആദ്യ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ ഗ്രാമമാക്കും. ഇതിനായി മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി

രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. മുന്നമ്പലക്കുന്ന് അനുവദിച്ചു. കമ്പ്യൂട്ടറുകൾ വാങ്ങാനാണ് ഈ തുകയെന്ന് എം.പി. അറിയിച്ചു. ഒരുവർഷത്തിനകം ചോറോടിനെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാഗ്രാമമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കും.

ഇഗ്നോ റീജനൽ കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ, ഡോ. എം. രാമേഷ്, അധ്യക്ഷൻ പുതിയെടുത്ത്, ഡോ. ഒ. പ്രമീള, ഡോ. സനീന, പ്രവീൺ കുമാർ, വിജയലക്ഷ്മി, അമ്മക്കുട്ടി, ബിജുൽ നമ്പ്യാർ, അനിൽകുമാർ, റീജൽ പ്രസിഡന്റ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരത കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യമെന്ന് മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി

വടകര: ലോകം ഡിജിറ്റൽ യുഗത്തിലേക്ക് പോകുന്ന വർത്തമാനകാലത്ത് കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരത എല്ലാപോലെയൊക്കെയും അറിയാവുന്നതാണ് മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. പ്രസ്താവിച്ചു. സാക്ഷരതാ യജ്ഞംപോലെ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാപരിപാടി യും ജനകീയ പങ്കാളിത്തത്തോടെ നടപ്പിലാക്കണമെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു.

രാജ്യത്ത് കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരത 20% അതിൽ താഴെയാണ്. സംസ്ഥാനത്ത് 48% ഫേർമിൽ 70 ശതമാനം കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതയുള്ളത്. രാജ്യാന്തരമായിട്ടുള്ള കാര്യം സാഹിത്യോല്പാദനം നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ആരംഭിച്ചു. കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ വ്യാപനപദ്ധതികളാണ് ഇന്നത്തെ ഇന്ത്യയുടെ വികസനത്തിന്റെ അടിത്തറയെന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു. ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ ഓപ്പൺ സർവകലാശാലയിലെ വടകര റീജനൽ സെന്റർ വടകര പാർലമെന്റ് മണ്ഡലത്തിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്ന സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ഉദ്ഘാടനം നിർവ്വഹിച്ചു സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.

കമ്പ്യൂട്ടറിന്റെ അനന്തസാധ്യതകൾ മനസ്സിലാക്കുകയാണ് പുതിയൊരു ഓപ്പറേഷൻ. സൈബർ ക്രൈമുകൾ വർദ്ധിച്ചുവരുന്ന സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതയോടൊപ്പം ബോധ

വൽക്കരണ പരിപാടികൾക്കും നാം നേതൃത്വം നൽകേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. സൈബർ അക്സെഡിലിന്റെ ഓർബിൾ പോലും ചുന്നിയിച്ചു നൽകിയകാര്യം നാം ഓർക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. വടകര കോ-ഓപ്പറേറ്റീവ് കോളേജ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് അഡ്വ. സി.വത്സലൻ അധ്യക്ഷതവഹിച്ച ചടങ്ങിൽ റീജനൽ കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ ഡോ.എം.രാമേഷ്, അധ്യക്ഷൻ പുതിയെടുത്ത്, ഡോ. ഒ. പ്രമീള, ഡോ.സനീന, പ്രവീൺകുമാർ, പ്രൊ. വിജയലക്ഷ്മി, പ്രൊ. അമ്മക്കുട്ടി, ബിജുൽ നമ്പ്യാർ, അനിൽകുമാർ, റീജൽ പ്രസിഡന്റ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

എം.പി.ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്ന് മുന്നൂലക്ഷം അനുവദിച്ചു

വടകര: പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ ആദർശ ഗ്രാമം പദ്ധതിയിലേക്ക് മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. ശുപാർശചെയ്ത ചോറോട് ഗ്രാമപഞ്ചായത്തിൽ ഇഗ്നോയുടെ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർസാക്ഷരതാപദ്ധതിക്ക് തുടക്കമാകുന്നു. ചോറോട് പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ 12000 കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ നിരക്ഷരരാണ്. ഇതെന്ന് കണക്കുകൾ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ചോറോട് ഗ്രാമപഞ്ചായത്തിൽ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരത പരിപാടി നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതിനായി കമ്പ്യൂട്ടറുകൾ വാങ്ങാൻ 3 ലക്ഷം രൂപ എം.പി.ഫണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും അനുവദിക്കുന്നതായി മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. അറിയിച്ചു. ഒരുവർഷത്തിനകം ചോറോടിനെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ സാക്ഷരതാ ഗ്രാമമായി പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കാനാണ് പദ്ധതി ലക്ഷ്യമിടുന്നത്.



വടകരയിൽ ഇഗ്നോ റീജനൽ സെന്ററിന്റെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ പദ്ധതി മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

ഇഗ്നോ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ പദ്ധതി

വടകര • ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ ഓപ്പൺ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി (ഇഗ്നോ) റീജനൽ സെന്റർ വടകര പാർലമെന്റ് മണ്ഡലത്തിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്ന സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ സാക്ഷരതാ പദ്ധതി മുല്ലപ്പള്ളി രാമചന്ദ്രൻ എം.പി. ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. സി. വത്സലൻ അധ്യക്ഷത വഹിച്ചു.

ഇഗ്നോ കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ എം. രാമേഷ്, അധ്യക്ഷൻ പുതിയെടുത്ത്, ഡോ. ഒ. പ്രമീള, ഡോ. സനീന, പ്രവീൺകുമാർ, പ്രൊ. വിജയലക്ഷ്മി, പ്രൊ. അമ്മക്കുട്ടി, ബിജുൽ നമ്പ്യാർ, അനിൽകുമാർ, റീജൽ പ്രസിഡന്റ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2018 SESSION THOROUGH THE CSC CENTRES

Workshop at Kannur District on 14-12-2017.

Dr.M.Rajesh, Regional Director of RC Vatakara and Dr.Prameela.O, Asst. Regional Director attended a half day workshop on online admission procedure of IGNOU Programme to the CSCs in Kerala especially for Akshaya. The workshop started at 9.30 a.m with the welcome speech by the Coordinator of CSC shri. Midhun Krishna CM followed by the power point presentation by the Regional Director. He emphasised the advantages of online registration on offline registration. He described about the Programmes on offer in IGNOU, student support services, scholarships, online admission procedure, details about the charges for online admission, scanning and uploading the photograph, signature and the educational qualifications required for different programmes.

Dr.Prameela.O, the Asst. Regional Director of RC Vatakara addressed the gathering and discussed about fee concession to transgender, reimbursement of fee to SC/ST students and also pointed out the fee relaxation to weaver community for BPP and CLP Programmes



The Coordinator of IRISH Nirmalagiri (SC-I485), Dr.Deepa Mol Mathew and the Asst. Coordinator of SN College (SC-I405), Mr.Bhupesh also attended the function. They have given brief description about the Programmes activated in their Centres and offered all supports to the Akshaya functionaries (CSC) to clear their doubts for doing online admission. The phone numbers of the Coordinators were also provided to the Akshaya functionaries. 68 functionaries attended the workshop.

Workshop at Kasargod District on 14-12-2017.

The Regional Director of RC Vatakara Dr. M.Rajesh and Asst. Regional Director, Dr.Prameela.O also attended a half day workshop on 14-12-2017 at 2.30 p.m, which was held at the Collectorate Conference Hall at Kasargod Civil Station. The workshop started with a welcome speech by Shri. Sreeraj P Nair and the Regional Director, Dr.M.Rajesh delivered the lecture regarding the procedure of IGNOU online admission with the help of a power point presentation. He also described about IGNOU Programmes, fee structure etc. The soft copy of the power point presentation in which all the steps of online admission procedure is presented is given to all Akshaya Functionaries (CSC).



After the presentation, there was a discussion on online admission of IGNOU in which Dr.Prameela.O, Asst. Regional Director has participated. 45 Akshaya functionaries attended the workshop. Pamphlets and information brochures were distributed and they have offered all support to IGNOU online admission.

Workshop at Malappuram District on 14-12-2017.

Dr.SK.Zareena, Asst. Regional Director of RC Vatakara attended the Programme with the district manager, Malappuram, administrator and volunteer of Akshaya Kendras at Civil Station, Malappuram. With the help of power point presentation she explained about the Programmes on offer in IGNOU, student support services, scholarships, online admission procedure, details about the charges for online admission, scanning and uploading the photograph, signature, educational qualification certificates. The last date for admission is 31-12-2017.

Dr.Abdusalam, Coordinator, MCT Training College (SC-14100D) interacted with the heads of Akshaya Centres and delivered a long lecture about the practical aspects applicable in online admission, re-registration, Examination form and EKYC.

Mr.Nawaz, an employee of Akshaya Centre expressed his views about the benefits to the public in the usage of online admission.

Pamphlets and information brochures were distributed to all the CSC Personnel and had an interactive session clarifying all doubts related to IGNOU admission and encouraged the CSC personnel to put up IGNOU banners in the public places to attract the public to enrol in IGNOU.

Workshop at Wayanad District on 15-12-2017.

Dr.Prameela.O, Asst. Regional Director of RC Vatakara have participated the workshop for Akshaya Functionaries (CSC) of Wayanad District on 15-12-2017. The workshop was held at the Conference Hall at the Civil Station, Wayanad. There are 67 Akshaya Functionaries (CSC) attended the function. Ms.Jincy, has delivered the welcome speech. Dr.Prameela.O, ARD, RC Vatakara has conducted a power point presentation about the online admission procedure. She has also presented details of IGNOU Programmes, fee concession to transgender, reimbursement of fee to SC/ST students and also pointed out the fee relaxation to weaver community for BPP and CLP Programmes.



The softcopy of the power point presentation which contains all the steps of online admission procedure is also given to all Akshaya functionaries.

The Assistant Coordinators of St Mary's College (1430) and Mary Matha Arts and Science College (83009) in Wayanad District also attended the workshop. They have introduced the Programmes activated in their Study Centres. There was an interactive session to clarify doubts related to IGNOU admission and all the functionaries were actively participated.

Pamphlet and IGNOU information brochures were also distributed to the Akshaya Functionaries. It is also informed them to put up IGNOU banners near their Akshaya Centre to attract the prospective learners to enrol in IGNOU Programmes.

Workshop at Kozhikode District on 16-12-2017.

A workshop on IGNOU online admission procedure was arranged at Panchayath Conference Hall at Civil Station, Kozhikode on 16-12-2017. Dr.Prameela.O, Asst. Regional Director of RC Vatakara has attended the function and addressed the Akshaya Functionaries with the help of power point presentation and explained the steps of IGNOU online admission. She also explained all details regarding admission, re-registration, examination, fee structure, fee concession, fee reimbursement and recognition to IGNOU Programmes. There are 125 Akshaya functionaries attended the function. They are very interested and actively participated in the interactive session. They also showed their willingness to put banners regarding IGNOU admission in their Akshaya Centre.



The Coordinator of SN College, Chelannur Mr.Rejith.K also attended the workshop. He has given brief description about SN College which is a newly established Study Centre (83012). He explained about the Programmes activated in this Study Centre. Arrangement for sending the soft copy of the power point presentation which gives all details about IGNOU online admission by email to all Akshaya Centres was also done.

Workshop at Vatakara Thaluk on 22-12-2017.

On 22-12-2017 IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara organized a workshop for CSC personnel other than Akshaya Kendra in Vatakara Thaluk. Dr. Prameela O, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara proposed welcome address to the gathering. The venue for the programme was Indian Coffee House Conference Hall. The District Coordinator of the CSC Centers along with 50 members attended the Programme. The Programme was inaugurated by the Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara Dr.M.Rajesh. In inaugural session Regional Director explained about the reorganization of IGNOU Certificate, Programmes on offer, advantages of online admission, contribution expected from CSC personnel in rural areas especially.



Dr.Sk.Zareena, Assistant Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara explained the procedure for online admission with the help of Power Point presentation. Dr. Prameela.O, Assistant Regional Director had an interactive session with the CSC personnel.

Iringal Craft Village- the pride of Vatakara

M.Rajesh

I am quite new to Vatakara. Yet even during my initial stay at this scenic town, I was instinctively drawn towards the craft village located at the outskirts of Vatakara named Iringal. The location is indeed ideal for the establishment of a craft village. Located at a stone's throw from the highway to Kannur, it is easily accessible to the tourists. But what surprises me is the fact that not many have heard about it outside Kozhikode district. Notwithstanding this about 2 lakh visitors throng the place during the annual crafts mela.

The striking feature of the place is the artificially created lake at the centre of the craft village. It is on record that a barren quarry was refurbished to the present form. The highlight of this lake is the boating facilities that it offers. One can spend quality time peddle boating at this location at reasonable costs when compared to other locations of a similar nature.



At any point in time, nearly 50-60 artisan have their shops open to cater to the needs of customers. Not all items are priced reasonably. Some of it is beyond the purchasing power of an average buyer. But the spectacle of these pristinely showcased products is worth absorbing. During the annual crafts mela usually held in the first week of January, a large number of artisans from different parts of the world throng Iringal to showcase their wares to probing eyes, not always in the quest of finding a customer. A smile in approval and encouragement is often the much needed panacea to revive a dying art. We were in time to spot a group of artisans from Uganda, who had put up their wares at the location.



I had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Rajesh, the General Manager of the consortia that run the craft village. He was candid in stating that the crafts village is not a profit making venture. They in fact had to fund most of the artisans to keep the show going. We enquired whether IGNOU could chip in to contribute to the educational progress of the artisans. The reply was on expected lines. For persons to whom the next meal is a big question, education is a luxury, however cheap and relevant it may be! However, he assures us that no effort would be spared to introduce IGNOU and its progressive features to the artisans.

VATAKARA RIDERS – SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

B. PRAVEEN KUMARA

Vatakara Riders is an association of cycling enthusiasts who reside in Vatakara. The principal aim of Vatakara Riders is to create awareness among the public about the benefits of Cycling.

The formation of Vatakara Riders was initiated by a group of people who regularly travel from Vatakara Railway Station to different locations for their official purposes. Traffic congestion and parking of the vehicle were constraints they encountered in the morning and evening. There came an idea of using bicycle instead of car or motorcycle which can reduce the traffic as well as parking space. These likeminded cycling enthusiasts started serious discussions and it lead to the formation of the club 'Vatakara Riders'.

The Cycling Club was formed in May, 2017 and the following office bearers were unanimously elected: Shri. Prasoon CB as President, Shri. Dinesh K as Secretary and Shri. Sibi P as Treasurer. Shri. Abraham Nedumparambil, Super Randonneur (SR) and the first person to become SR in the Malabar Region inaugurated the Vatakara Riders. He is the ride representative of Audax India Randonneurs (AIR).



The following benefits accrue as a result of cycling:

1. Health: Latest research findings reveal that regular cycling is considered as the best exercise to reduce cardiac and other life style diseases.
2. Environment: Less fossil fuel consumption which reduces environment pollution.
3. Traffic: Travelling in bicycle can definitely reduce traffic congestion.
4. Regular rides: Regular group rides to places of scenic beauty promotes the habit of cycling as well enables the members to enjoy nature.
5. Sporting: Cycling is a widely accepted sporting event and most of the active members had successfully finished in 200 kms and 300 kms BRM conducted by the Audax India Randonneurs (AIR).

Vatakara Riders organises cycling ride in association with various organizations to create social awareness amongst the public. The following ride were organised in 2017.

Aug 15, 2017 – An awareness ride in Vatakara about safe disposal of waste in association with the Municipality, Vatakara.

Sept 29, 2017 - 'World Heart Day' ride in association with Badagara Rotarary and IMA, Vatakara.

Nov 14, 2017 – 'Kerala Rally for Science' ride at Calicut

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR JANUARY 2018 CYCLE

Indira Gandhi National Open University announces **ADMISSIONS** in its Distance Education Academic Programmes for the Academic Cycle commencing from January, 2018.

MASTERS DEGREE: (Last Date: 31-01-2018)

Master of Computer Applications, Psychology, Economics, Education, English, History, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Commerce, Tourism and Travel Management, Rural Development, Library and Information Science, Social Work, Social Work (Counselling), Hindi.

BACHELORS DEGREE: (Last Date: 31-01-2018)

Bachelor of Computer Applications, Social Work, Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) (with major in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Life Science); Bachelor of Arts (BA) (with major in Hindi, English, Economics, History, Mathematics, Psychology, Public Administration, Political Science, Sociology), Bachelor of Commerce, Tourism Studies, Library & Information Science.

BACHELOR PREPARATORY PROGRAMME: (Last Date: 31-01-2018)

The Bachelor Preparatory Programme (BPP) is a comprehensive programme of Six months duration. This programme is developed to provide an opportunity to those learners, who could not pursue their school education up to 10 +2 or to its equivalent level but do want to undertake higher education. But **BPP is not equivalent to 10 +2**. After successful completion of this programme, learners can join IGNOU Bachelors Degree programmes mentioned above (except B.Sc, BCA & BLIS).

PG DIPLOMA & DIPLOMA: (Last Date: 31-01-2018)

PG Diploma in Disaster Management, Higher Education, Rural Development, Environment and Sustainable Development, Journalism and Mass Communication, International Business Operation, Translation, Counselling and Family Therapy, Women's and Gender Studies, Educational Technology, Educational Management & Administration, Social Work (counselling), Diploma in Creative Writing in English, HIV and Family Education, Tourism Studies, Early Childhood care and Education.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES: (Last Date: 31-01-2018)

Certificate in Arabic Language, Environmental Studies, Guidance, Food & Nutrition, Functional English (Basic Level), Information Technology, Nutrition and Child Care, Tourism Studies, Business Skills, Human Rights, Consumer Protection, International Humanitarian Law, Anti Human Trafficking, Co-operation Co-operative Law and Business Laws, Disaster Management, Teaching of English as a Second Language, Organic Farming, Rural Development, HIV and Family Education, Library and Information Sciences.

Admission to the above mentioned programmes is accepted only through Online mode. Please visit <https://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in/admission/> to apply. For details, visit IGNOU Website (www.ignou.ac.in) or Regional Centre in the above mentioned address. Prospectus is available in the university website www.ignou.ac.in and can be downloaded.

The list of off-line programmes on Offer for January 2018 session.

1. MBA (B & F) 2. Lateral entry programmes : (i). PGDIBO to Mcom 2nd Year (ii). PGDSW to MSW 2nd Year 3. Merit Based programme : Master of Arts in Education MA (Edu)

IGNOU also offers B.Com (A & F) and M.Com (F & T), B.Com (CA & A) and M.Com (BP & CG), B.Com (F & CA) and M.Com (MA & FS) in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Institute of Cost Accountants Of India. Admission to these programmes are accepted only through Offline mode. The prospectus can be obtained from IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara. Cost of Prospectus: Rs.750/- (add Rs.50/- for getting by post) Last Date: 31-01-2018

Admission to PG Specialisation Diplomas in Management (PGDM) Under direct entry without the requirement of OPENMAT - 1.PG Diploma in Human Resource Management (PGDHRM) 2. PG Diploma in Finance Management (PGDFM) 3. PG Diploma in Operations Management (PGDOM) 4. PG Diploma in Marketing Management (PGDMM) 5. PG Diploma in Financial Markets Practice (PGDFMP) Download the Prospectus from IGNOU website free of cost and apply through Off-line Mode.

List of Study Centres in RC Vatakara :

(1) MCT Training College, Malappuram: 0483-2975212, 9447353382 (2) PSMO College, Thirurangadi: 0494-2463344, 9846548867 (3) MES College, Mampad: 9946819599, (4) Jamia Nadwiyya Training College, Edavanna: 0483-2700671, 9847722540, (5) JDT Islam, Kozhikode: 0495-2730289, 9895430068. (6) Vatakara Co-operative Arts & Science College, Vatakara: 0496-2523306, 9446425088. (7) Al Farook College, Farook: 0495-2440757, 9447444813, (8) MGGA College, Mahe: 0490- 2332319, 9447850482, (9) St. Mary's College Sulthan Bathery: 04936-220246, 9447300032, (10) Mary Matha Arts & Science College, Mananthavady: 04935-241087, 9400759752, (11) SN College, Kannur: 0497-2732405, 9447438787 (12) IRISH, Nirmalagiri, Kuthuparamba: 0490-2366620, 9497447779 (13) NAM College, Kallikandy: 9447342230, (14) Central Prison Kannur 0497-2746141, (15) Sree Narayana Guru College, Chelannur, Kozhikode: 0495 2260495, 9746698203.

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