

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

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Words from the Chief Editor

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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This edition of Malabar Diary starts on a very Happy note and ends in pain. While it is a matter of immense pleasure to report that Dr.M.Shanmugham, The former Regional Director of RC Vatakara has ascended to the position of Director (RSD), the untimely departure of Sh.Abdu, Part-time Assistant PSMO Collge, IGNOU Study Centre 1409 has left us in pain.

Along expected lines, this edition of Malabar Diary, starts with a brief description of the yeoman efforts put in by Dr.M.Shanmugham as Regional Director, RC Vatakara. The system will surely be bolstered by this timely elevation.

Continuing with the exten-

sion activities of the Regional Centre, we reached out to the jails and mentally challenged children in various ways in the past few months, a report of which is also presented here.

IGNOU Vatakara has also embarked on an ambitious plan of empowering grass-root level functionaries of various locations through Distance Education. In this process, we are creating a pool of IGNOU ambassadors who will take IGNOU programmes to the remote areas. A report on two such events is also highlighted in this edition.

This edition also brings forth the legacy of IGNOU study centre, Nirmalagiri College (IRISH). One of the premier

colleges in Kerala, it also hosts a vibrant IGNOU study centre.

In the mean time, the RC functionaries were lucky to get an hour out of the busy schedule of Hon'ble. Sh. Abdul Wahab, Member of Parliament. The officers were able to get assurance of support for the developmental work of the regional centre. A short report about the meeting is also given in this edition.

Finally, this edition provides strength of conviction to the age old dictum, "Men will rise and fall like the winter wheat, but their deeds alone remain for ever". Mr.Abdu, our hard working part time assistant proved these words correct by his deeds. We pay a tearful tribute to this wonderful gentleman who took the ideal of IGNOU deep in his heart.

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Dr.M.Shanmugam joins as Director, RSD

We bring to you the pleasant news of Dr.M.Shanmugam joining Head Quarters of IGNOU as Director, Regional Services Division. It is indeed a matter of pride for Regional Centre Vatakara, since Dr.Shanmugam served as Regional Director at RC Vatakara. During his tenure as Regional Director Vatakara, Dr.Shanmugam was instrumental in bringing about far reaching changes in the functioning of this RC. Dr.M.Shanmugam exhibited his administrative and academic capacities by efficiently handling projects such as the AEES- IGNOU yearlong training Program for school teachers posted at Kendriya Vidyalayas located in townships controlled by AEES. Further, Dr.Shanmugam brings to RSD, his immense experience of working as Regional Director at Vital Centres, such as Cochin, Mumbai, Madurai and Vatakara. He was also the head of the Regional Evaluation Centre at Chennai. We are sure that under able guidance of Dr.Shanmugam, the RSD of IGNOU will scale great heights.



Workshop on 'First Aid' at Central Prison Kannur on 07-04-2018

IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara in association with IGNOU Study Centre Nirmalagiri College (IRISH) conducted a one day workshop at Central Prison, Kannur for the benefit of inmates in conjunction with the World Health Day (07-04-2018). Further, in case of contamination of living resources as well as spread of communicable diseases, jail inmates are a high risk group. However, in spite of the fact that the authorities at Kannur Central Jail have taken all possible precautions to ensure a high quality of life for the inmates, as a matter of providing abundant precaution, the Regional Centre bend ahead and conducted this seminal workshop. Two eminent practitioners from the nursing field Ms.Shyni Mathew, nursing in charge and Ms.Sruthi Joseph, nursing tutor, Christuraj School of Nursing, Thokkilangadi demonstrated practically the first aid measures that would come in handy for every jail inmates in their daily course of life. They took special care to highlight the matters of great importance in the present day medical scenario such as cardiac related problems, snake bites, injuries from burns, illness on account of food poisoning and communicable diseases, and suggested valuable remedies that could be administered on the spot.



The practical demonstration was greatly appreciated by the inmates who not only absorbed the kernels of wisdom being delivered but also asked relevant queries to satiate their desire to acquire more knowledge. The event was attended by the jail superintendent, Mr.Nirmalanandan Nair, Regional Director, RC Vatakara, Dr.M.Rajesh, Asst. Regional Director, Dr.Prameela.O and Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre, Nirmalagiri College (IRISH) Dr.Deepa Mol Mathew. It is pertinent to note here that the logistic support including the provisioning of resource persons for the program was done at the behest of Study Centre Nirmalagiri College (IRISH) by Dr.Deepa Mol Mathew.

Visit to Asha Niketan Koyilandy on 10-04-2018.

IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara is taking its role as a social change agent very seriously. We, at this centre believe that the objective of an educational institution would remain incomplete as long as it fails to reach out to every segment of the society. In this mission of providing care and love to the marginalised different abled population, the Regional Centre sought to collaborate with Asha Niketan- an institution providing succour to mentally challenged people. At this centre we were warmly received by Mr.Shankaran, the administrator of the centre. Asha Niketan is run by the fellowship of the mentally retarded (FMR) and was established in 1970. It is a member of L'ARCHE international, a federation of communities serving people with intellectual disabilities. A meeting was held between the IGNOU representatives (Dr.M.Rajesh and Dr.Prameela.O) and the administrator of the centre, Shri.Shankaran. The discussion covered the areas in which IGNOU Vatakara could positively contribute to enhance the quality of life at Asha Niketan. It was decided that a health camp would soon be organised in which the panels of the inmates at Asha Niketan would be given comprehensive training on maintaining ambient health conditions for the intellectually challenged.

Further, general matters affecting the health of the inmates and first aid remedies would also be discussed. In further, it is expected that RC Vatakara shall play a stellar role in making positive contributions in the lives of the intellectually challenged at Asha Niketan and elsewhere.



Workshop on Open and Distance learning for grass root social workers in collaboration with “Jan Shikshan Sansthan”

Distance Education has come to play a major role in reaching unreached sections of the society. In yeomen effort, IGNOU RC Vatakara is playing a stellar role as a part of its effort to disseminate Distance Education at the grass root level as well as to create a dedicated pool of volunteers who will serve the cause of distance education for a long time to come, the RC organised a one day workshop on “Open and Distance learning” for grass root social workers. More than 60 social workers attended this program in which they were exposed to the nuances of distance education, its advantages. The various admission processes involved and career opportunities for learners. The workshop was jointly organised by IGNOU RC Vatakara and Amal College of Advanced Studies, Nilambur in collaboration with JSS Malappuram.



The resource persons for the program were Dr.M.Rajesh and Dr.Prameela.O from RC Vatakara. Dr.Shihabudheen, Mr.P.M.Abdul Sakir and Mr.Ummar Koya were also attended the workshop as its organisers.

Meeting with Shri. Abdul Vahab, Member of Parliament from Malappuram.

The IGNOU team called upon Hon'ble Shri. Abdul Vahab, Member of Parliament (Rajyasabha) from Malappuram to discuss the immense potentialities of distance education in Malappuram district. The Regional Director and Asst. Regional Director spelt out the rapid strides made by IGNOU in the field of higher education and the tremendous efforts made by RC Vatakara to reach the unreached. The Hon'ble M.P was informed that IGNOU already has 4 Study Centres in Malappuram and few more are in the pipeline. Apart from regular IGNOU programmes the Hon'ble M.P was assured that the RC would take up a large number of outreach programs in the area. The Hon'ble M.P stated that he was aware of the yeomen objective with which IGNOU was set up and the multifarious tasks taken up by the University at present. He expressed the hope that the RC would be in a position to play a dynamic role meeting the educational aspirations of the natives of the area. He assured all support for making IGNOU a household name in Malappuram.



His expectation that IGNOU could touch the lives of the needy by undertaking targeted outreach programs especially in the field of Computer Literacy, basic educational and social awareness generation. The hour long meeting ended with a cup of tea and with a promise that the Hon'ble M.P and IGNOU would join hands in improving the lives of people in the area.

Educational Exhibition “Manorama Horizon”

IGNOU RC Vatakara participated in an educational fair held at Calicut by Malayala Manorama. The counters were manned by staffs from IGNOU Study Centre, JDT. JDT was gracious enough to allow IGNOU to exhibit its programmes along with their regular courses of study without charging any fee. It needs to be mentioned that JDT has commercially hired a stall, apart from which was earmarked for IGNOU programmes. A large number of prospective students and parents visited the step stone. It is expected that a reasonable number of such visitors shall take admission in IGNOU programmes in the ensuing sessions. From the IGNOU side, Dr.M.Rajesh, Regional Director, Dr.Prameela.O, Assistant. Regional Director and Mr.B.Praveen Kumara, Assistant. Registrar visited the stall and interacted with the prospective learner.



Welcome to Nirmalagiri (IRISH) IGNOU Study Centre

Nirmalagiri college, a minority institution belonging to the Archdiocese of Thalassery was established on 30th May 1964 by H.E Rt.Rev.Dr.Sebastian valloppilly, the first Bishop of Tellicherry Diocese. The college is situated at Nirmalagiri near Kuthuparamba, 20 km north east of Thalassery, along side the Thalassery-Mysore inter state highway and 15 km from Kannur International airport.

The main objective of Nirmalagiri College, a lamp lit on the mountain, was to radiate the light of knowledge. The college belongs to the Archdiocese of Thalassery. The prestigious college under Kannur University now offers 15 Degree courses in Arts, Science and Commerce subjects including 3 Post Graduate courses, viz, Economics, Physics and Chemistry and a PG diploma course in Nano Technology.

IGNOU study center is under the prestigious Research center IRISH run by the college. The IGNOU study centre I485 at IRISH Nirmalagiri Kuthuparamba was established in 16th July 2008.

Mission

- Campus recruitment.
- Women empowerment-education and self reliance.
- Provide Student Support service.
- Provides many course on self reliance.

Nirmalagiri IGNOU offers undergraduate, Post graduate and Diploma course in various disciplines.



Achievements of IRISH IGNOU

- BLIS Student Gana N got Gold Medal from IGNOU in June 2013.
- IRISH IGNOU along with Regional centre Vatakara conducted a workshop on First Aid in Central Prison, Kannur at 09704.2018.
- Every year the enrollment of students in IRISH IGNOU is on the increase.
- IRISH IGNOU took special initiative to promote education among the Tribal Youth in the tribal area Aralam and Manathana.
- Various Orientation Programme was conducted among common People.
- IRISH –IGNOU gets excellent service from academic counselors from various colleges of Kannur University.
- Women empowerment activities are organized by IRISH-IGNOU.
- The center gives special attention for SC ST students.

Workshop for Local Functionaries on Distance Learning through IGNOU at Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Wayanad on 26-05-2018.

As a part of its outreach program Regional Centre Vatakara embarked on the mission to bring the local functionaries of NGOs, Kudumbasree and other grass root institutions under one umbrella wherein they could be treat on distance learning methodologies. The aim of this workshop was to create a pool of dedicated brand ambassador of IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara who would enhance the reach and popularity of its programmes. The broad areas discussed were:

1. Distance Education in India- context and current practice.
2. Benefits of studying at a distance.
3. IGNOU Admission Process.
4. Future areas of collaboration.

The key resource persons for the program were Dr.M.Rajesh and Dr.Prameela.O. Further, the host institution, Mary Matha College provided all logistic support for the program. The inaugural session was presided over by Fr. George Myladoor. In addition, Dr.Savio James, the Principal of the college and Dr.Shaiju Paily, the Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre 83009 also actively participated in the event.



Tearful farewell to Shri.Abdu

It is with profound grief that IGNOU RC Vatakara received the news of the untimely demise of Shri.Abdu who was the backbone of IGNOU Study Centre PSMO College, Thirurangadi(RSC-I409). Shri.Abdu, was a hardworking, sincere and committed part time assistant with the IGNOU Study Centre. Even though he worked as an assistant he performed tasks much beyond the call of his duty. In fact most students remember him as doing multi-various tasks ranging from helping students to fill up admission forms and exam forms, arranging counselling sessions, handling assignments and attending to all kinds of student grievances. It is to Mr.Abdu's credit that he rarely allowed escalation of student grievances even while handling the difficult task of holding the substantive post of accountant at his college. He was a continuous presence at the Study Centre during interim breaks and after office hours. He was often the last person to leave IGNOU Study Centre. One of the salient features of Mr.Abdu was that he always thought about ways and means to improve the IGNOU system. From time to time he used to convey his thoughts to Regional Centre through various modes.



The morning of 12th April 2018, cast a pall of gloom on the minds of everyone associated with Shri.Abdu, both professionally and personally, when he cast away his mortal remains and ascended to the heavenly abode. His grief stricken family comprising of his wife Smt.Nafeesa.C, two sons and one daughter were left with fond memories that shall remain with them for a life time.

Shri.Abdu will remain immortal along with the name of IGNOU Study Centre PSMO College, Thirurangadi.



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प्रवेश अधिसूचना, जुलाई, 2018 सत्र ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR JULY 2018 CYCLE

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

MASTERS DEGREE: (Last Date: 15-07-2018)

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: 15-07-2018)

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: 30-06-2018)

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: 30-06-2018)

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), PG Specialization Diplomas in Management (PGDM)*, in Human Resource Management (PGDHRM)*, Financial Management (PGDFM)*, Operations Management (PGDOM)*, Marketing Management (PGDMM)*, Financial Markets Practice (PGDFMP)* Diploma in Creative Writing in English, HIV and Family Education, Tourism Studies, Early Childhood care and Education.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES: (Last Date: 30-06-2018)

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 except for those marked as * above for which admissions are through offline and have separate prospectus. 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.

Entrance test for Management Programme (MBA)

Applications are also invited for OPENMAT-XLIII (entrance test for admission to Management Programmes- July 2018). Student Handbook and PROSPECTUS of MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES- 2018 can be obtained from Director, Student Service Centre, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 OR from IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara, on cash payment of Rs.1000/-. From No. 1 (for appearing in OPENMAT-XLIII) can also be downloaded from the website: www.ignou.ac.in and submitted along with a DD of Rs.1050/-. OPENMAT-XLIII will be conducted on Sunday, 24th June, 2018 and the last date for receipt of filled-in Form No.1 is 1st JUNE, 2018. For detailed advertisement of OPENMAT- XLIII, please visit IGNOU website.

Candidates who have already submitted Form No.1 for OPENMAT-XLIII need not submit it again

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. Cost of Prospectus : Rs.750/-(add Rs.50/- getting by post. Last date : 15.07.2018

Applications are also invited for admission to MBA (Banking & Finance) Programme, developed collaboratively by School of Management Studies, IGNOU and the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF), Mumbai. In order to seek admission to this programme, a candidate should: (a) be a graduate of not less than 3 year duration from a recognized University / Institution, (b) have passed the CAIIB examinations of the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance, Mumbai and awarded the requisite qualification/ credentials thereof by the Institute, and (c) have been working in the Banking or Financial Service Sector for a period of at least two years.

Students Handbook & Prospectus of MBA (Banking & Finance) can be obtained from Director, Student Service Centre (SSC), IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi- 110068 or from IGNOU Regional Centre Vatakara in person on payment of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) in cash. Application Form can also be downloaded from IGNOU website: www.ignou.ac.in and submitted along with a DD of Rs.1000/-, in addition to the Programme fee. For detailed advertisement, please visit IGNOU website.

The Scheme of fee exemption to the SC/ST students would be extended In July, 2018 admission cycle for all academic programmes at Certificate level (advanced, under graduate and post graduate; all academic programmes at Diploma level (advanced, under graduate and post graduate) which are not part of undergraduate and master level academic programme; Bachelor Preparatory Programmes (BPP), freshly registered in BDP (B.A, B.Com, B.Sc.), freshly registered in BSW; BTS; BLIS and BCA.

List of Study Centres in RC Vatakara :

(1) Vatakara Co-Operative Arts and Science College Vatakara: 0496-2523306, 7025911995
(2) JDT Islam, Kozhikode: 0495 2730289, 9895430068 (3) Al-Farooq College, Farook: 0495-2440757, 9447444813 (4) Sree narayana guru college, Chelannur, Kozhikode: 0495 2260495, 9746698203, (5) SN College, Kannur: 0497 2732405, 9447438787 (6) Nirmalagiri College (IRISH), Koothuparamba: 0490 2366620, 9497447779, (7) NAM College, Kallikandy: 9447342230 (8) Central Prison Kannur: 0497-2746141 (9) Sree Narayana Guru College, Veerpad, Kannur: 0490 2454000, 9495160134 (10) St.Mary's College, Sulthan Bathery: 04936 220246, 9497327761 (11) marry Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady: 04935-241087, 9447887703 (12) PSMO College, Thirurangadi: 0494-2463344, 9846548867 (13) MES College, Mampad: 04931-200387, 9946819599 (14) Jamia Nadwiyya Training College, Edavanna: 0483-2700671, 9847722540 (15) MCT Training College, Malappuram: 0483-2735212, 9447353382 (16) Amal College, Nilambur, 04931 207055, 7012602273. MGGA College, Mahe: 0490 233 2319, 9447850482,

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