

## **Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram**

### **Complete Graduation Initiative at the Six Villages under Kattakada Legislative Assembly Constituency – A Curtain Raiser**

Education, otherwise known as Human Resource Development is a core activity that aims to fulfil the Academic, Spiritual and Professional requirements of every individual. Indian tradition states that 25% of education is obtained through the teacher, the next 25% through worldly experience, another 25% through interaction and the final 25% through professional experience. Taking this philosophy to its core, IGNOU has designed a large number of practical oriented graduation programme which take the experience of the learners as a critical factor of academic progress. Today, being a graduate is not a status symbol but a necessity. IGNOU Regional Centre Trivandrum has an objective of making the maximum number of persons under its jurisdiction graduates.

The first phase that IGNOU Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram wishes and plans to make cent percent graduate, the Kattakada Assembly Constituency that comprises of the Panchayats:- Maranalloor, Kattakada, Malayinkeezhu, Pallichal, Vilappil and Vilavoorkkal. The action plan is to initiate activities on a mission mode. The phases of this mission are as follows:

- Target Groups**
1. SC/ST learners in the age group 18-60 in the six villages under Kattakada legislative assembly constituency
  2. Women's including house wives, unemployed and those working in various professions (in the age group 18-60)
  3. Socially backward groups in the constituency (in the age group 18-60)
  4. Minority members (in the age group 18-60)
  5. Economically backward sections (in the age group 18-60)

#### **Phases**

- Phase I** - Discussion with the Local MLA **Adv. I B Sathish** and his team about the implementation of the plan. This phase also includes taking into confidence all Grama Panchayat Presidents and Panchayat functionaries. This phase has been successfully completed.
- Phase II** - Launching a massive admission campaign in all the six panchayats with the help of CDS functionaries, Local Govt. Officials, Kudumbasree Units, and similar agencies under local self-government. Spot admission centres are to

identified and IGNOU officials are to coordinate this activity with Local Self-Government Officials. Dedicated WhatsApp groups and communication channels are to be created with the active participation of all stakeholders. This stage will culminate with the formal inauguration of the scheme by the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and Social Justice, Government of Kerala, **Dr R Bindu**. This phase shall continue till the end of the admission period of IGNOU (every semester till 100% graduation is achieved)

**Phase III** - This phase involves the provision of Student Support Service including counselling and assignment evaluation by IGNOU. Apart from the regular counselling sessions a good number of additional academic sessions for doubt clearance and for helping in combined studies will be organized by IGNOU in the online mode with the help of a skilled volunteer academic force. More than 60 qualified and experienced academicians from within the state and outside have done their online registration to be part of this effort. This phase shall continue every semester till 100% graduation is achieved (to the extent feasible)

**Phase IV** - Graduation -All learners who successfully complete programme of study will be declared as graduates. This is an ongoing process.

The Mission is expected to completed in a 10 Years time frame.

***General Disclaimers:** - Though the aim of this mission is to achieve 100% graduation in the constituency, success in the endeavour shall depend on various socio-economic factors and other intervening variables.*

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