

INFORMATION BROCHURE

Ph.D. Programmes of INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (IGNOU)

offered at

IGNOU Centre of Excellence
Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad, Cochin - 682 039.

IGNOU Centre of Excellence is situated at Rajagiri Valley campus at Kakkanad, Kochi, a sprawling 90-acre estate on the banks of the river Chitrapuzha. It is 0.5 km from the Seaport - Airport highway. IGNOU centre of excellence an endeavour of the Sacred Heart Province of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) through Rajagiri Educational and Charitable Trust (RECT) runs the programmes. The CMIs draw inspiration from their founding father, the Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara, and are renowned as pioneers of education, having established institutions of excellence imparting quality education, across the length and breadth of the state and in various parts of India and abroad.

IGNOU is a national open university in India offering programmes through various schools and centers. The IGNOU centre of Excellence at Rajagiri Valley is currently running two M.Tech programmes in viz. 1. Embedded System Design and 2. Information System Security in a regular face to face mode and final masters degree in technology will be awarded by IGNOU.

1. AREAS CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED FOR PURSUING PH.D. PROGRAMMES

Full-time / Part time Ph.D. Programs are offered at IGNOU Center of Excellence in the areas of Information Communication Technology (ICT), Informatics, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Applied / Engineering Mathematics. The information regarding the faculty and areas of research in the departments can be obtained from the website at www.rajagiritech.ac.in.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For Engineering / Technology areas, candidates with a Master's degree in Engineering / Technology with first class or equivalent.

For Applied / Engineering mathematics, candidates with a Master's degree in Science with first class or equivalent / M.Phil.

Under category 'A' Candidates having M.Phil or 5 years teaching experience, who can directly undertake thesis work for Ph.D. Under category 'B' candidates, who have to undergo basic course work before or alongside understanding thesis work.

3. SELECTION

Based on the performance during Entrance Test and Interview. Candidate qualified UGC NET and other similar examinations conducted by the CSIR/GATE will be exempted from entrance test for Ph D. programme in Applied / Engineering mathematics.

Dates of Entrance test and interview will be intimated and displayed in the web site www.rectignou.co.in.

4. FEES

The annual fee for the Ph.D. programme is Rs. 10,000/-

5. HOW TO APPLY

Application forms can be obtained from IGNOU Centre of Excellence at Rajagiri Valley, Kakkanad or from IGNOU Regional Office at Kaloor on payment of Rs. 300/-. Alternatively forms can be downloaded from the website www.rectignou.co.in. Completed application form with a DD of Rs.300/- towards the application fee drawn in favour of *Secretary, RECT* payable at Ernakulam should reach "The Programme Coordinator, IGNOU Centre of Excellence, Ph.D. programs, Rajagiri Valley P.O., Kakkanad – 682039" on or before **5th August 2011**.

6. RECOGNITION

IGNOU is a CENTRAL UNIVERSITY established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 (Act No. 50 of 1985) IGNOU Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates are recognised by all the members of the Association of Indian University (AIU) and are at par with Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates of all Indian Universities/Deemed Universities/Institutions vide UGC Circular No. F.1-8/92 (CPP) dated February 1992 and AIU Circular No. EV/B (449)/94/176915-177115 dated January, 1994.

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Issue of application form begins: 20th July 2011

Last date for receipt of filled-in application: 5th August 2011