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NIQR – T.V.N.KIDAO AWARD for OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION - 2018
to
The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul
Presented on 11th August 2018 at Chennai

NIQR is immensely pleased to select an institution, namely THE GHANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, established in the year 1956 cares for the poor and less fortunate rural citizens. Besides the plan and action for the freedom of India, Mahatma Gandhiji had crystal clear forward thinking and plans for the uplift of rural citizens. It is great that this institution has adopted Gandhiji's forward thinking and plans as their vision and work for the fulfilment of Mahatma Gandhiji's desire. The name THE GHANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE is very appropriate and self explanatory. The Institute is fully funded by Government of India since its inception.

Education is the fundamental requirement for the social change and particularly for the uplift of rural masses. The good-old institute was promoted to higher educational institution by the benevolent Dr.T.S.Soundaram Ramachandran and Dr. G. Ramachandran. Now it is a deemed university and has won many awards including Five Star status given by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It is not just a teaching institution; teaching is extended to research and then implementation of the results of the research to reconstruct the rural society.

In this institution, education is not a commercial product. About 150 eminent teaching staff imparts their knowledge to 3000 students to go to doctorate degree in fifty different disciplines. In all the levels, effort is made to achieve the main goal of uplifting the students and rural population.

The University from its inception has the distinction of adopting best practices including daily morning prayer, inter – religious prayer on Fridays, Shramdhan every fortnight, Shanti Sena (in place of NCC), gurukula system of teacher-student relations and the unique village placement programme as a part in the curriculum.

The importance given for skill development and quality improvement of living conditions through health sciences is an indication that this institute is moving towards fulfilling Mahatma Gandhiji's dream and NIQR is happy to participate in uplifting the rural masses.

Some of the important areas that are being pursued by the institute with the involvement of faculty, administrative staff, and students with the guidance of all its stakeholders are:

- Model Village / Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)
- Clean and Green Campus under Swachh Bharat Mission
- International collaboration in research and development under the GIAN project
- Water Harvesting Models in the campus
- Energy sufficiency through Solar power
- Augmenting research infrastructure
- E-governance
- Venture Capital Scheme to promote entrepreneurial activities
- Launching Online academic programmes
- Vocational programmes with more skill sets in line with national goals
- Yoga teaching and training
- Centre of National Excellence in Rural Sanitation

We, the members of NIQR are privileged to present the NIQR - T.V.N.KIDAO AWARD for the OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION – 2018 to THE GHANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE, Dindigul, represented by Dr. S.Natarajan, Vice Chancellor, on this day, 11th August 2018 at Chennai

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