

Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA, INDIA

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India

Extensive Network

India has over 1,000 universities and 40,000 colleges, making it the second - largest system worldwide. Institutions include central, state, private universities, and premier IITs and IIMs.

Global Rankings

India ranks 4th globally with 54 universities featured in the 2026 qs world university rankings, reflecting growing international presence.

Leading Institutes

IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, and IIT Madras rank in the global top 200, highlighting India's strength in engineering and management.

Challenges Ahead

Despite growth, India faces challenges like limited research, funding and uneven quality requiring ongoing reform.

Kerala



Literacy

Kerala's literacy rate exceeds 95%, ensuring high school enrollment and low dropout.

Diverse Universities

The state is home to several prominent universities spanning diverse academic disciplines, including University of Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi University, University of Calicut, Cochin University of Science and Technology, and Kerala Agricultural University, offering a wide range of academic programs.

National Technical Institutes

Premier technical institutes like IIT Palakkad, NIT Calicut, and IISER Thiruvananthapuram enhance STEM education quality.

Accessible Higher Education

A wide network of affiliated colleges ensures higher education is accessible across Kerala's districts.

Mahatma Gandhi University



01 Establishment

Founded on 2 October 1983, serving Central Kerala's higher education needs.

02 Campuses

Main campus at 110-acre Priyadarsini Hills, Athirampuzha; with two satellite campuses in Kottayam.

03 Jurisdiction

Covers Kottayam, Ernakulam, Idukki, and parts of Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha.

04 Academic Programmes

Offers UG, PG, MPhil, and PhD through 30 departments with multiple research and inter-university centers.

05 Affiliations and Disciplines

Affiliates 273 colleges across diverse disciplines including science and humanities.

06 Academic Reach

Encompasses 30 departments, numerous research centers and 273 affiliated colleges offering a wide range of UG, PG, MPhil, and PhD programmes across diverse disciplines.

Vision

“Mahatma Gandhi University envisions excelling in the field of higher education and catering to the scholastic and developmental needs of the individual, through continuous creation of critical knowledge base for the society’s sustained and inclusive growth”

Mission

- To conduct and support undergraduate, postgraduate and research-level programmes of quality in different disciplines .
- To foster teaching, research and extension activities for the creation of new knowledge for the development of society .
- To help in the creation and development of manpower that would provide intellectual leadership to the community .
- To provide skilled manpower to the professional, industrial and service sectors in the country so as to meet global demands .
- To help promote the cultural heritage of the nation and preserve the environmental sustainability and quality of life .
- To cater to the holistic development of the region through academic leadership .





Goals

- To provide an enriching academic experience in which students can gain the information, skills, and critical thinking abilities required for success in their chosen fields .

Objectives

- To encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and research that addresses pressing global concerns and promotes human understanding across a range of disciplines .
- To nurture students' personal and professional growth, and preparing them to be ethical and responsible citizens .
- To cultivate a diverse and inclusive campus environment that promotes understanding and respect for all cultures and backgrounds .
- To instill civic responsibility and commitment to ethical leadership in students

Goals and Achievements



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**CATEGORY 1
GRADED AUTONOMY**
UGC, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



**3 - TIME RECIPIENT OF
THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR THE BEST UNIVERSITY IN KERALA**





Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension

Ettukettu architecture is a traditional, upscale Kerala housing style distinguished by its exclusive design, featuring two central courtyards (Nadumuttam) and eight distinct halls, doubling the, or four -hall, Nalukettu structure

Established in 1991, focusing on development education beyond post-literacy training . It offers Certificate, Diploma and Masters programmes and conducts various community projects and surveys .



VISION:

To create diverse learning opportunities that empower people of all ages to build stronger communities

MISSION:

- To meet the lifelong need of learners of all ages by offering high quality, accessible, innovative, and responsive educational training programmes .
- The rich resources of the University and the Department are combined to enhance the quality of these programmes



Our Programmes



Certificate Programmes (8)

- Applied Criminology and Cyber Forensics
- Art of Happiness
- Basic First Aid
- Counselling
- Management of Learning Disabilities
- Organic Farming
- Yogic Science
- Music

Diploma Programmes (3)

- Counselling
- Organic Farming
- Yogic Science

Master of Arts Programme

- Counselling

Counselling



An Introductory programme for beginners . This short-term course provides a basic understanding of counselling theory and practice . It covers key concepts such as counselling approaches, communication skills, ethics, and self-awareness, helping participants explore their interest in advanced training . It is a 20-days programme .

Management of Learning Disabilities



An introductory programme offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension . It provides basic knowledge on identifying and understanding learning disabilities in children, covering key areas like assessment, intervention, and support strategies . This 20 days programme aims to prepare participants to handle learning difficulties in educational settings .

Art of Happiness



The Art of Happiness Programme is a foundational, experiential course designed to reduce stress, eliminate negativity, and boost joy through breathing techniques, yoga, and meditation .

Yogic Science



A basic programme in yogic science introduces the holistic union of mind, body, and breath through ethical living, physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation . It focuses on aligning energy, improving flexibility, reducing stress, and fostering self-awareness to promote overall health and inner balance .

Organic Farming



This programme offers fundamental training in ecological agriculture, typically focusing on soil health, biofertilizer use, and sustainable pest management. The programme includes certificate-level training for beginners and cover principles like biodiversity, organic matter recycling, and reducing chemical exposure to enhance long-term soil fertility and environmental sustainability.

Music



Certificate programme in Music is a short-term, specialized programme focusing on practical skills, theory, and performance . This course is structured and created in such a way that the learner learns about pitch, rhythm, dynamics, and timbre (tone quality) .

M. A. Programme in Counselling



A Master of Arts in Counselling is a postgraduate programme, focusing on relational and integrative approaches to mental health. This programme trains students in therapeutic techniques, emotional, social, and relational aspects of human psychology.

Our Programme Details (Certificate and Diploma)

01 Programme Objective

The objective of the programmes is to empower the common people in the dynamic society

02 Eligibility

No formal qualification is required for admission to the certificate course in Organic Farming and Art of Happiness

03 Eligibility for other Programmes

For admission to other courses, a pass in plus Two or equivalent is compulsory.

04 Examinations

Examination is conducted after the completion of 20 contact classes (120 Hrs) for the certificate courses and 30 for the diploma courses.

05 Certification

The department issues certificates to meritorious students on a public occasion.

Student Support

01 Regular Field Oriented Interactive
Training Classes

02 Special Tutorials

03 Group Projects

04 Invited Talks

05 Rural Camps

06 Workshops and Seminars by External Experts

07 Compulsory Field Trips

08 Counsellor on Call

Best Practices

01 Organic Farming Propagation

Promoting sustainable agriculture through natural methods enhance soil health and crop yield .

02 Nursery Soil Preparation

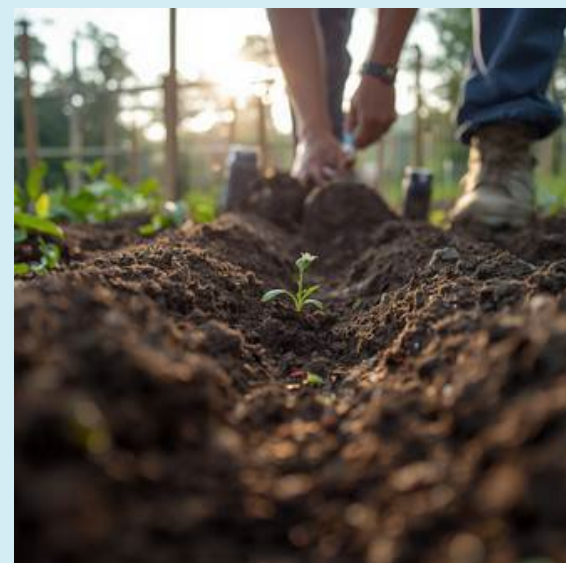
Creating nutrient -rich soil mixtures in nurseries to support healthy seedling growth

03 Mushroom Cultivation

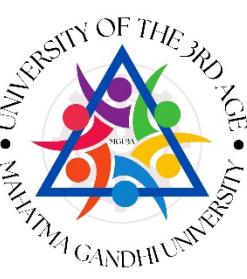
Training learners in farming techniques to boost income and provide nutritious food sources .

04 Fish Farming

Implementing effective aquaculture practices to increase fish production and livelihood opportunities .



U3A



- **The University of the Third Age (U3A), a programme that seeks to guide those aged above 55 years into a happy third phase of their life, began at the Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Kottayam.**
- **It is an international movement providing a platform for people over 55 to come together, have fun, and stay active by sharing their knowledge, experience and skills for the benefit of society and acquire new knowledge.**
- **The movement, which started in France at the Faculty of Social Sciences in Toulouse in 1973, is now active in over 20 countries. Mahatma Gandhi University proudly holds the distinction of being the first university in India to establish a U3A unit.**
- **In a remarkable philanthropic gesture, the Manthuruthil family of Kaippuzha, Kottayam, have bestowed a substantial New Year gift of 49 cents of land last year, marking a pivotal moment for MGU's U3A**

U3A



- A 22-member delegation, led by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. C. T. Aravindakumar, represented MGU U3A at the conference held at HMCU last year, which hosted 120 delegates from 28 countries. The keynote speaker was Prof. Paul Lam Kwan Sing, President of Hong Kong Metropolitan University.

A few pictures



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



OLDAGE DAY CELEBRATION





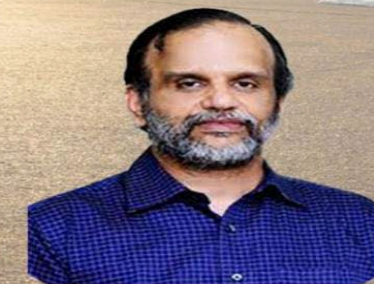
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MODERN MEDICAL SCIENCE AND HAPPINESS

ART OF HAPPINESS

Modern Medical Science and Happiness



Resource Person
Dr. V P Gangadharan

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ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION -2022



WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION





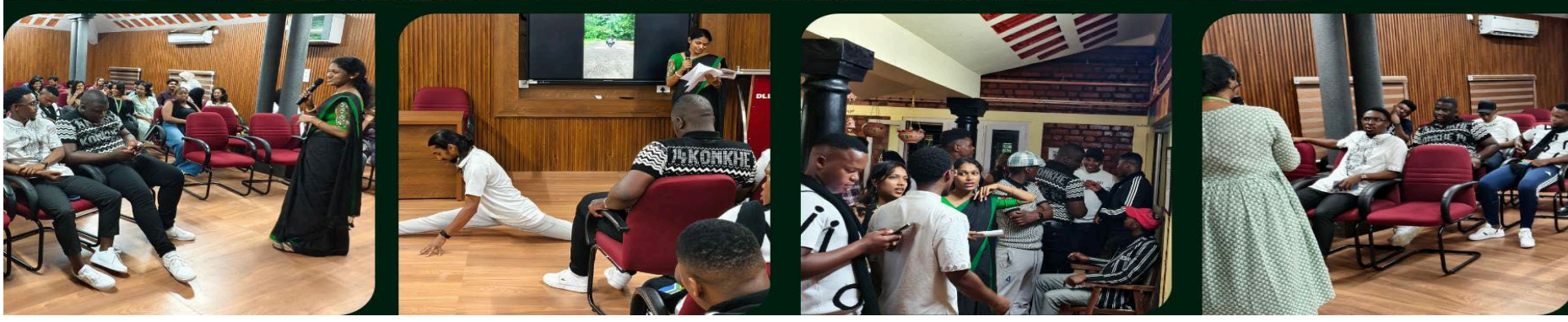
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INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS OF WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA



Three Day Nature Camp : Periyar Tiger Reserve Thekkady



ONEDAY SEMINAR AGROFORESTRY



Diploma Course in Organic Farming
One Day Seminar AGROFORESTRY
 SUNDAY 08 JUNE 2025
 TIME 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM
 VENUE DLE, M G UNIVERSITY
 Speaker: **Sethuparthi**
 Nature Education Officer
 Periyar Tiger Conservation Foundation
 Thiruvananthapuram



BRANDING AND CERTIFICATION OF FARMED ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCE



THALALAYAM



International Yoga Day Celebration 2024



Future

- Recognize Lifelong Learning
- Promote Research Collaboration
- Support Vulnerable Groups
- Access to Learning Technology
- Promote Collective Learning
- Transform Institutions
- Workplace Learning
- Support Local Initiatives
- Lifelong Learning as a Right

**Thank you!
Appreciate your time and
attention today!**

