Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education (NIU) comprising of Noorul Islam College of Engineering as its constituent teaching unit, has been declared as a Deemed-to-be-University by Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education), Government of India under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, on the advice of UGC, vide Notification No.F.9-51/2004-U.3 dated 8th December 2008.

The University is run by the Noorul Islam Center for Higher Education (NICHE) Society with Janab Dr. A.P. Majeed Khan as the President of the Society.

The university (NIU) campus at Kumaracoil, Thuckalay in Kanyakumari District of Tamilnadu, is situated in the serene and lush green base of Velimalai, a spectacular part of Western Ghat Hills near the historically famous Padmanabhapuram Palace. It is only 1.5 km interior towards the foothills of the mountains from Kumaracoil Junction on the Kanyakumari Thiruvanthapuram National Highway (NH-47)- about 30 km from Kanyakumari and 60 km from Trivandrum, capital city of state of Kerala.

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The main objective of the NIUCDM is to focus on the need of establishing institutionalized procedures and mechanisms that require minimum standard requirements for disaster management.