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RC- Patna

Regional Centre Patna Hosts Workshop on Responsible AI Adoption





A two-hour hands-on training workshop on **"AI Adoption at Workplace and Building an AI-Enabled Office Culture"** was organised by **Root AI in collaboration with IGNOU Regional Centre Patna**, on 19 August 2026 at the Regional Centre premises.

The workshop aimed to familiarise participants with the practical, responsible, and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence in day-to-day office work. **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, Regional Centre Patna, highlighted the importance of adapting to

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Prof. Amarendra Narayan, Retired Professor, Science College, Patna University, explained the fundamentals and scientific basis of Artificial Intelligence, including its computational and software processes. **Shri Ojha Jai Prakash**, Deputy Registrar, emphasised the need to adapt to technological changes and integrate appropriate digital tools into office practices.

Dr. Neelu Sharma, Assistant Regional Director, emphasised the importance of using AI as a tool to support, rather than replace, human judgement, stating, "We need to become friends with AI, but not become dependent on it."

The practical sessions were conducted by **Shri Vijay Kumar**, AI Trainer-cum-Resource Person, SCERT, Bihar, and **Er. Vijay Yadav**, Co-founder, Root AI. Participants received hands-on exposure to AI tools for drafting emails, notices, letters and memorandums, as well as for communication and learner support services.

Officers, staff members, academic counsellors and learners actively participated in the workshop. The session underscored the need to adopt AI in ways that enhance workplace efficiency while preserving human judgement, ethics, responsibility, and sensitivity.



RC- Portblair

RC Hosts Release of Book on Distance Education in Digital Age



Regional Centre Port Blair hosted the release of **Distance Education and Open Learning System in India: Higher Education in a Digital Age**, authored by **Dr. Uday Kumar**, Assistant Regional Director, on 19 August 2026. The book was released by **Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Jacob**, Regional Director, Regional Centre Port Blair, and **Dr. R. G. S. Baghel**, Coordinator, Learner Support Centre (LSC)-0201, JNRM Campus, **Sri Vijaya Puram**, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The book offers an overview of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in India with a focus on its evolution in the digital age.

The **256-page** book comprises 14 chapters and examines the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in ODL. **Dr. Kumar** said the publication was intended to benefit students, researchers, academics and others interested in the field. He noted that the book was the outcome of approximately two years of reading, research and writing, and emphasised the need for ODL institutions to strengthen technology-enabled and online learning environments.

Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Jacob congratulated **Dr. Kumar** and described the book as "wholesome in many ways," noting its usefulness for teachers, students, scholars and others interested in Open and Distance Learning. **Dr. R. G. S. Baghel** also congratulated the author and highlighted the book's academic value. Dr. Kumar expressed his gratitude to the Regional Director and other officials of the Regional Centre for their encouragement and support. The book release ceremony was attended by the staff members of IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair. The release marked an academic contribution to the ongoing discourse on Open and Distance

RC- Mumbai

RC Conducts Offline Grievance Redressal Meeting





Regional Centre Mumbai conducted an offline **Grievance Redressal Meeting** on 19 August 2026, as part of its regular learner-support initiatives. The Regional Centre conducts an online Grievance Redressal Meeting on the first Wednesday and an offline Grievance Redressal Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

During the meeting, **Dr. Milind B. Patil**, Assistant Regional Director, apprised participants of the latest University updates concerning fresh admissions, re-registration and submissions. He, along with the staff of Regional Centre Mumbai and Learner Support Centre (LSC) 4900, addressed individual queries and resolved the issues raised by the participants on the spot.

The meeting provided learners with an opportunity to seek clarification on admission, re-registration and submission-related matters and have their concerns addressed directly by the Regional Centre.
The initiative reflects IGNOU's continued commitment to accessible learner support and timely redressal of learners' concerns.



RC- Mumbai

RC Organises National Seminar on Tulsidas Jayanti



Regional Centre Mumbai organised a **One-Day National Seminar** on the occasion of **Tulsidas Jayanti** on 19 August 2026. The seminar brought together students and staff of the Regional Centre for an academic discussion on the life, works and contemporary relevance of Goswami Tulsidas, the renowned poet and spiritual figure best known for Ramcharitmanas.

Dr. Milind B. Patil, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Centre Mumbai, welcomed the participants and introduced the expert speakers. **Dr. Lekha M.**, Assistant Professor of Hindi, PRSNS College, Kannur, spoke about the life and literary journey of Tulsidas and discussed the ways in which his works reflect and engage with society. She highlighted that Tulsidas' writings address not only human concerns but also extend beyond them to encompass animals and plants.

Dr. Pawan Kumar, Associate Professor of Hindi, Gopal Rao Patil Government College, Nirmal, Telangana, discussed the early life of Tulsidas and the spiritual dimensions of his works. He highlighted how Tulsidas' writings made spiritual ideas and worship more accessible to common people and discussed the continued relevance of his works in contemporary society.

In his presidential remarks, **Dr. Rahul Mishra**, Regional Director, Regional Centre Mumbai, spoke about the relevance of Tulsidas' works in the present context, with particular emphasis on Ramcharitmanas, his celebrated devotional epic. **Dr. P. Namboothiripad**, Assistant Regional Director, proposed the vote of thanks.

The seminar reflects IGNOU's efforts to promote academic engagement and

RC- Saharsa

RC Organises Special Lecture on TB-Free India and Organ Donation Awareness







Regional Centre Saharsa organised a special lecture on the theme **"TB-Free India Campaign and Organ Donation Awareness Campaign"** on 19 August 2026, at the Regional Centre premises, with 46 staff members and learners participating in the programme. **Dr. Deepak Goswami,** Assistant Regional Director, welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of the two campaigns, emphasising the need to strengthen awareness about tuberculosis and organ donation. **Dr. M. N. A. Baig**, Senior Regional Director, in his opening remarks, reiterated the importance of both campaigns and urged young people to contribute to spreading awareness about TB prevention, treatment, and

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Delivering the keynote lecture, **Dr. Gudesh Kuma**r discussed tuberculosis, covering its symptoms, types, stages, preventive measures, and available treatment options. He also briefed participants about healthcare facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of TB and highlighted government initiatives aimed at making India TB-free. He subsequently discussed organ donation, explaining the donation process, its significance and factors that prospective donors should consider. He also highlighted challenges related to the preservation and timely utilisation of donated organs, including infrastructure and logistical constraints, and outlined measures being undertaken to strengthen organ donation and transplantation in the country.

The session also included an interactive question-and-answer segment, during which learners sought clarification on identifying symptoms of TB and the permissible period for organ donation after death. Dr. Kumar addressed the queries and provided detailed information to the participants. **Dr. Goswami** concluded the programme with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speakers, staff and participants and encouraging them to contribute to the objectives of the TB-Free India Campaign and promote awareness about organ donation.

The programme formed part of IGNOU's efforts to engage its learners and staff in awareness initiatives addressing important public health concerns.