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IGNOU, OUJ Explore Academic Collaboration





Officials of the Indira Gandhi National Open University **(IGNOU)** held a virtual meeting with **Prof. Kumiko Aoki** of the Open University of Japan **(OUJ)** and **Prof. G. Kannabiran**, Director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council **(NAAC)**, on Thursday, 20 August 2026, to discuss the prospect of international collaboration between the two institutions.

The meeting was chaired by IGNOU Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal**, and attended by **Prof. Pema Eden Samdup**, **Prof. Shachi Shah** and **Prof. Gaurav Singh**.

IGNOU had reached out to the Open University of Japan with a proposal for collaboration aimed at furthering academic outreach, technological advancement, and educational services. The Open University of Japan responded positively, noting that it too believed closer cooperation among open universities was increasingly important, particularly in addressing shared opportunities and challenges related to digital transformation, lifelong learning, artificial intelligence, and learner support.

The meeting served as an introductory session between the two institutions and an opportunity to discuss possible areas of mutual interest, including faculty and student exchanges, joint research, academic events, and the sharing of innovative educational practices.

The discussions concluded on a promising note, with both sides agreeing to return with a blueprint charting the future course of the collaboration.

IGNOU Holds Meeting with Indian Army on Agniveer Scheme



A meeting between IGNOU and the Indian Army was convened on 24 August 2026, at the Board Room of the Vice Chancellor's Office to discuss matters related to the **Agniveer Scheme** and further strengthen academic collaboration between the two institutions.

The meeting was chaired by the **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU**. The Indian Army delegation comprised **Maj. Gen. Tamojeet Biswas, Brig. J. S. Chauhan, Col. Amardeep, Lt. Col. Abhilash Singh Sengar and Subedar Major Hardeep Singh**. The discussions focused on proposed amendments to the existing **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** in view of the revised Credit Distribution Framework, the feasibility of providing Agniveer Portal access to the Line Directorates of the Indian Army, and the possibility of offering the **B.Ed. programme** through IGNOU to Officers of the Army Education Corps.

Dr. K. Panneerselvam, Director In-charge, RSD; Dr. G. Mythili, Registrar, SRD; Prof. Jaideep Sharma, Registrar, SED; Prof. Amitav Mishra, Director, School of Education; Dr. Rachna Agarwal, Director, SOVET; and Dr. Moni Sahay, DD, RSD, were also present in the meeting. The meeting concluded with discussions on the way forward and identification of further areas of action.



School of Social Science

Institutional Collaboration for Credit-Based Micro-Credentials in Disaster Management and Land Governance



On 20 August 2026, a team from the **School of Social Sciences (SOSS)**, IGNOU, comprising **Prof. Nita Mathur**, Director, SOSS; **Prof. Alka Dhameja**; and **Prof. Durgesh Nandini**, Faculty of Public Administration, SOSS, held a significant meeting with representatives of the Centre of Excellence **(COE)** in Land Administration and Management **(LAM)**, Gujarat **(DISRA),** Gandhinagar, on behalf of the Revenue Department, Government of Gujarat; the Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration **(SPIPA)**, Ahmedabad; and the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority **(GSDMA)**. The meeting focused on the development of stackable, credit-based micro-credentials and modular training programmes in Disaster Management, Revenue Administration and Land Governance. It also marked an important step towards the forthcoming signing of a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU)** among the participating institutions.

The proposed collaboration brings together the complementary strengths of the participating institutions. IGNOU will contribute its expertise in curriculum development, modular course design, assessment and certification, while the COE-LAM, DISRA (Revenue Department), will provide domain expertise in land administration, revenue management, disaster response and governance. SPIPA will contribute its training infrastructure, faculty support and institutional expertise in capacity building.

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Under the proposed project, around **20 training modules** are envisaged for personnel engaged in land governance and disaster management. The collaboration will include the joint development of academic modules, training content, research studies and one-credit modular courses, along with workshops, seminars, Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes and blended-learning modules. The collaboration will also provide for academic assessment, examinations and certification through IGNOU's academic framework.

IGNOU's engagement with disaster management dates back to 1998, and its longstanding academic experience provides a strong foundation for the proposed collaboration. The Faculty of Public Administration has developed academic programmes and courses in Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, contributing to capacity building and knowledge development in the field.

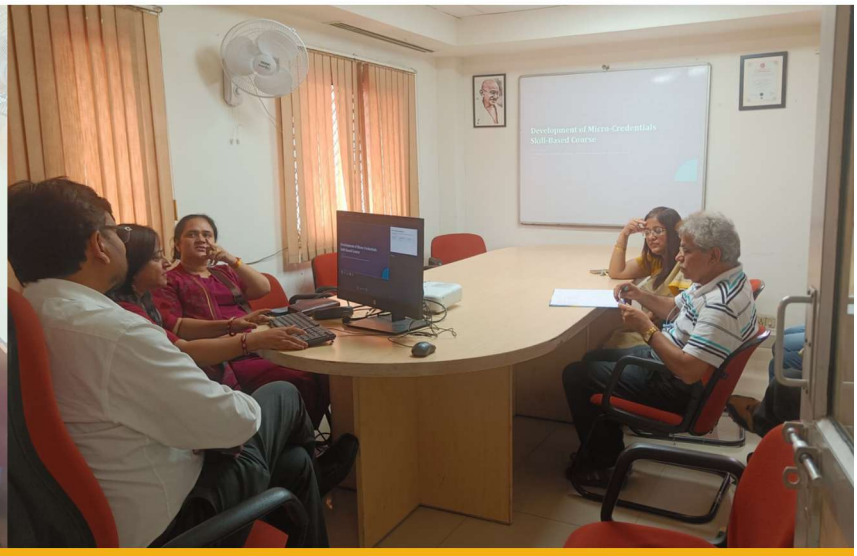
The project will further enrich the academic repository and expertise in disaster management while promoting knowledge sharing, interdisciplinarity, research, curriculum innovation and professional capacity building. It offers a valuable opportunity to develop high-quality, credit-based learning resources that connect academic knowledge with field-level administrative needs and contribute to effective public service delivery in Disaster Management, Revenue Administration and Land Governance.



School of Engineering and Technology

SOET EXPLORES POTENTIAL OF MICRO-CREDENTIALS IN HIGHER EDUCATION





The School of Engineering and Technology (SOET), IGNOU, organised an **Expert Talk on "Development of Micro-Credentials Skill-Based Course"** on 17 August 2026, to discuss the emerging role of skill-based micro-credentials in higher education and their potential to support learners' employability, upskilling, and reskilling.

The session focused on the growing relevance of micro-credentials in addressing evolving industry and workforce requirements and providing learners with flexible opportunities to acquire specialised skills. The discussion also explored the scope for developing skill-based courses that can complement conventional academic programmes.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Director, SOET, IGNOU. **Dr. Deeksha Dave**, Associate Professor, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS), IGNOU, was the expert speaker for the session and shared insights on the development and relevance of micro-credentials in the changing higher education landscape. The discussion provided an overview of the scope of skill-based micro-credentials in supporting flexible and focused learning opportunities for learners.



RC - Lucknow

WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION ORGANISED AT IGNOU RC LUCKNOW





Regional Centre Lucknow, through its **Innovation Club,** in collaboration with MBP Government PG College, Lucknow (LSC-27201), organised a workshop on **"Entrepreneurship & Innovation"** on 21 August 2026, to mark World Entrepreneurs Day. The workshop focused on promoting entrepreneurial thinking and innovation among students.

The programme was held under the patronage of **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director & Head, IGNOU RC Lucknow, and coordinated by **Dr. Jai Prakash Verma**, Regional Director. **Prof. Suman Gupta,** Principal, MBP Government PG College, chaired the programme. Prof. (Dr.) Veena Singh, SRM University, Lucknow, delivered the keynote lecture on entrepreneurship and innovation, emphasising the role of creative thinking, innovation and entrepreneurial skills in shaping students' professional journeys. **Dr. Reena Kumari**, Regional Director, also attended the programme.

The workshop was organised by **Dr. Ajeet Kumar Singh**, Coordinator, IGNOU LSC-27201, and witnessed active participation from faculty members, college staff, IGNOU LSC staff, and a large number of students. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by **Dr. Poonam Vajpayee**, Assistant Coordinator, Learner Support Centre.



RC- Aligarh

WORLD ENTREPRENEURS DAY OBSERVED AT RC ALIGARH







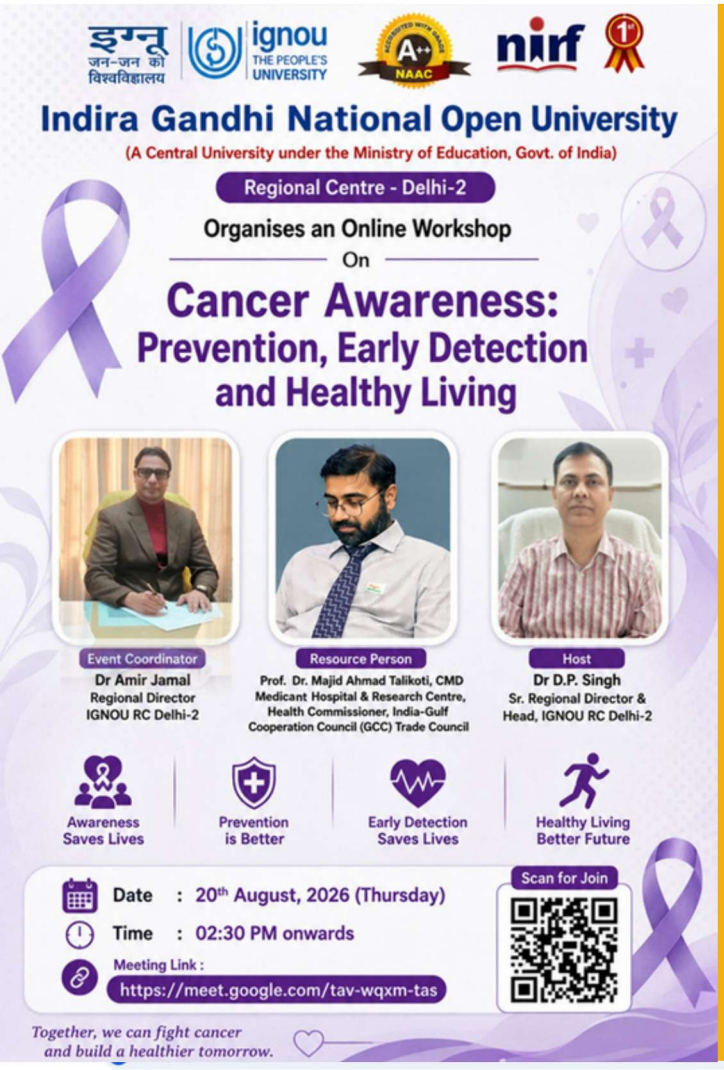


IGNOU Regional Centre Aligarh, in collaboration with the **Khadi and Mati Kala Board**, Aligarh, organised a programme on **World Entrepreneurs Day** on 21 August 2026, to promote awareness about entrepreneurship, skill development, and employment opportunities among learners and the local community.

Dr. Ajay Vardhan Acharya, Regional Director & Head, IGNOU RC Aligarh, was the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture highlighting IGNOU's skill development and vocational programmes in areas such as agriculture, industrial studies, and tourism. He also discussed self-employment and employment opportunities in western Uttar Pradesh, career development programmes for school students, and initiatives such as the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan **(UBA)** and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana **(PMKVY)**. The programme focused on encouraging learners to explore entrepreneurship and skill-based education as pathways to employment and self-employment.

RC- Delhi 2

CANCER AWARENESS WORKSHOP EMPHASISES PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION

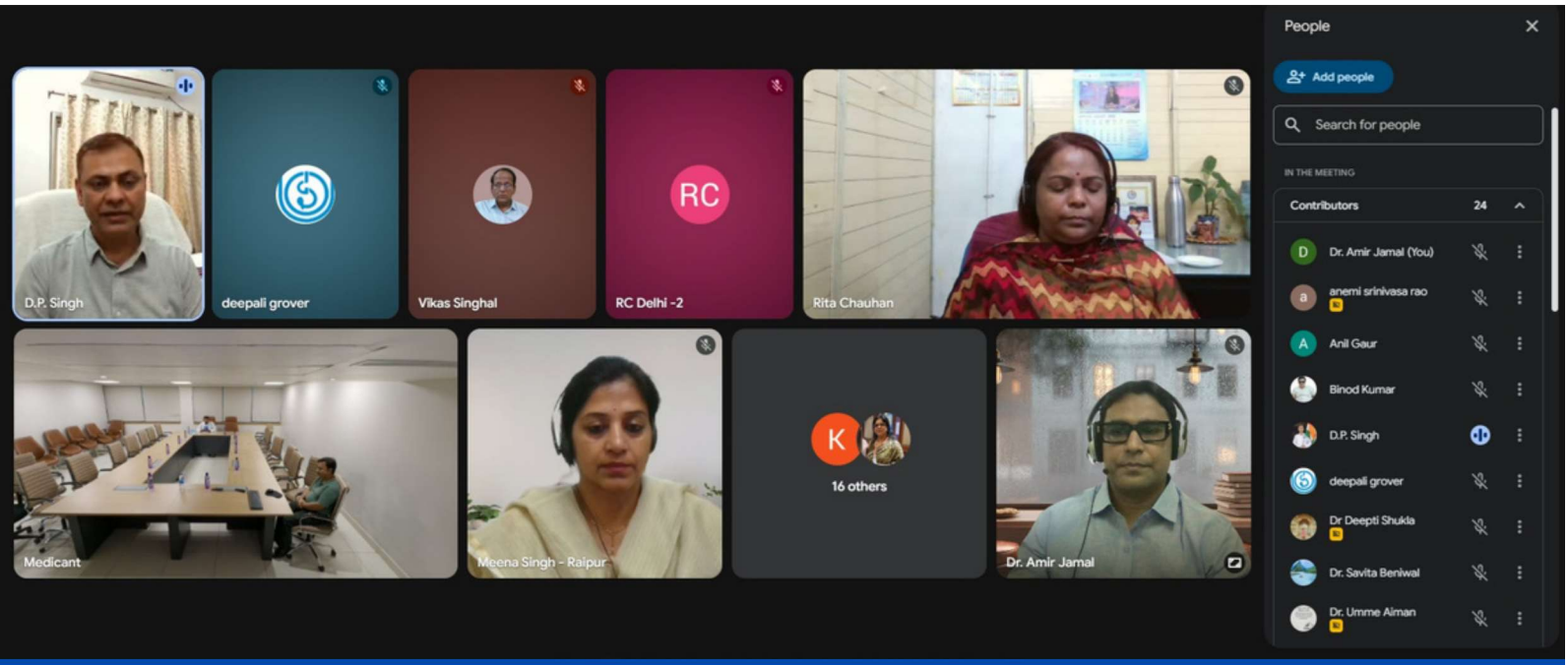


IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2 organised an online workshop on **"Cancer Awareness: Prevention, Early Detection and Healthy Living"** on 20 August 2026, focusing on cancer prevention, early detection, and the importance of healthy lifestyle practices.

Dr. Amir Jamal, Regional Director, IGNOU RC Delhi-2, welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of spreading awareness about cancer prevention and early detection. **Dr. D. P. Singh,** Senior Regional Director & Head, IGNOU RC Delhi-2, emphasised the need to extend cancer awareness beyond the workplace and educational institutions to families and the wider community.



RC- Delhi 2



The session was led by Prof. **Dr. Majid Ahmad Talikoti**, Chairman and Managing Director, Medicant Hospital & Research Centre and Health Commissioner, India-GCC Trade Council, who spoke on the major aspects of cancer prevention and early detection. He discussed the importance of recognising early signs, seeking timely medical advice and following healthy lifestyle practices. The session was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session. **Dr. Rita Chauhan**, Regional Director, **Dr. Vikas Singhal**, Regional Director, staff members and learners of RC Delhi-2, along with participants from other IGNOU Regional Centres, attended the workshop. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr. Meena Singh**, Regional Director.



RC- Jaipur

RC ORGANISES PROMOTIONAL MEETING TO PROMOTE JULY 2026 ADMISSIONS



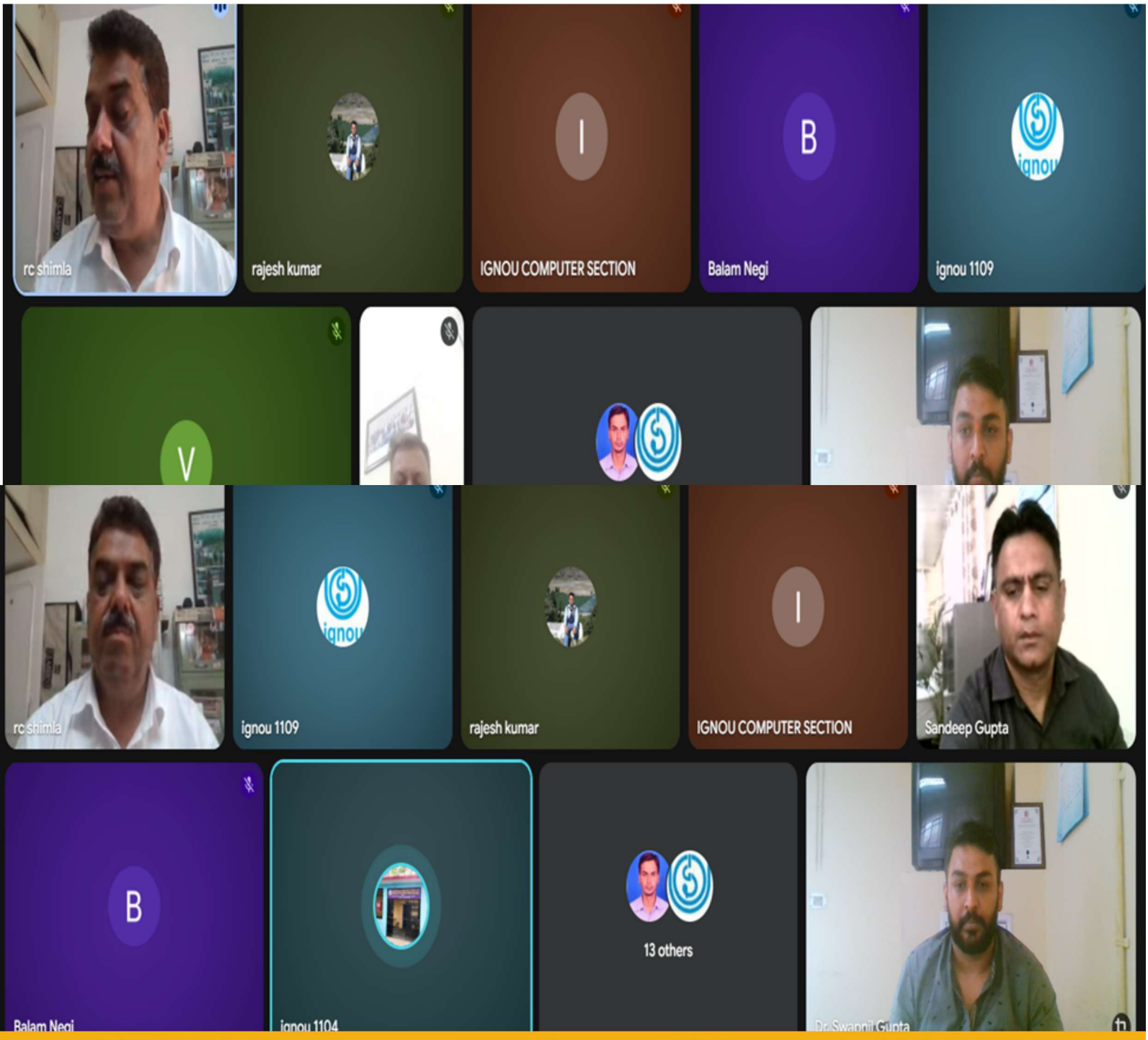
IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur, in association with IGNOU Learner Support Centre 2355, Shri Agrasen Snatkottar Shiksha Mahavidyalaya, Jamdoli, Jaipur, organised a promotional meeting at **J. B. College, Jamdoli, Jaipur, on 20 August 2026, to create awareness about the University's progr**ammes and the enrolment for the July 2026 session.

More than **250 students** participated in the meeting and were informed about various programmes offered by IGNOU, with emphasis on opportunities for skill and knowledge development alongside their regular degree programmes. The students were also briefed about the admission process. Information and promotional materials were distributed to the students. **Dr. Sher Singh and Dr. Rammurti Meena**, Assistant Regional Directors, participated in the meeting and interacted with the students.



RC- Shimla

अध्ययन केन्द्र समन्वयकों के साथ ऑनलाइन बैठक



इग्नू क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र, शिमला द्वारा 20 अगस्त 2026 को अध्ययन केन्द्रों के समन्वयकों/प्रतिनिधियों के साथ एक ऑनलाइन बैठक आयोजित की गई। बैठक की अध्यक्षता डॉ. जोगिंदर कुमार यादव, वरिष्ठ क्षेत्रीय निदेशक द्वारा की गई। बैठक में डॉ. संदीप गुप्ता, क्षेत्रीय निदेशक की उपस्थिति एवं मार्गदर्शन रहा तथा बैठक का संचालन डॉ. स्वप्निल गुप्ता, सहायक क्षेत्रीय निदेशक द्वारा किया गया। विभिन्न अध्ययन केन्द्रों के समन्वयकों एवं प्रतिनिधियों ने बैठक में ऑनलाइन सहभागिता की।

बैठक का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र एवं अध्ययन केन्द्रों के बीच बेहतर शैक्षणिक एवं प्रशासनिक समन्वय स्थापित करना तथा विद्यार्थियों से संबंधित गतिविधियों की समीक्षा करना था। बैठक में प्रवेश एवं पुनः पंजीकरण, असाइनमेंट, प्रायोगिक कार्य, परीक्षा संबंधी गतिविधियों तथा विद्यार्थियों की समस्याओं एवं शिकायतों के समयबद्ध समाधान पर चर्चा की गई। अध्ययन केन्द्रों को विद्यार्थियों को सही एवं समयबद्ध जानकारी उपलब्ध कराने तथा क्षेत्रीय केन्द्र के साथ नियमित समन्वय बनाए रखने पर बल दिया गया।

बैठक के अंत में वरिष्ठ क्षेत्रीय निदेशक ने सभी प्रतिभागियों का आभार व्यक्त किया तथा विद्यार्थियों को बेहतर एवं समयबद्ध सेवाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए निरंतर सहयोग एवं समन्वय बनाए रखने का आह्वान किया। बैठक का