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CURRICULUM FOR FOURTH-YEAR B.A. (EDUCATION) COURSES FINALISED



The School of Education, Indira Gandhi National Open University (**IGNOU**), New Delhi, organised a **two-day Expert Committee Meeting** on ***24-25 August 2026*** to finalise the **fourth-year curriculum of the Bachelor of Arts (Education) (BAFEDU) programme** under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (**FYUP**) system.

The meeting focused on courses under the Honours and Honours with Research components and was held at the Conference Room of the School of Education.

The meeting was chaired by **Prof. Amita Pandey Bhardwaj**, Department of Education, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi. **Prof. Amitav Mishra**, Director, School of Education, IGNOU, welcomed the experts and

Four-credit minor course also finalised by the committee

The external experts included **Prof. Alok Gardia**, Faculty of Education, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; **Prof. Kaushal Kishore**, Department of Educational Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; **Prof. Sarat Kumar Rout**, Department of Education, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack; and **Prof. Gaurav Rao**, Department of Education (CIE), University of Delhi, New Delhi. The IGNOU faculty members who participated in the meeting were **Prof. N.K. Dash, Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu, Prof. Bharti Dogra, Prof. Vandana Singh, Prof. Niradhar Dey**, Programme Coordinator, B.A. (Education), **Prof. Banwaree Lal Meena**, **Prof. Gaurav Singh**, **Dr. Eisha Kannadi**, Associate Professor, **Dr. Elizabeth Kuruvilla**, Associate Professor, **Dr. Anjuli Suhane**, Associate Professor, **Dr. Ajith Kumar C.**, Associate Professor, and **Dr. Nisha A.**, Assistant Professor, all from the **School of Education, IGNOU**, New Delhi.



Prof. Niradhar Dey briefed the committee on the ***structure of the BAFEDU programme and the fourth-year components***. Six technical sessions were conducted over the two days, during which the committee held detailed deliberations on the proposed curriculum. Seven theory courses from the Major/Core Discipline of Education, including one course from the Minor Education Discipline, along with a Project/Dissertation course, were discussed and finalised for the fourth year. The curriculum carries 44 credits across the Honours and Honours with Research components. The committee also finalised the four-credit Minor course, "***Teaching-Learning and Assessment***", for students opting for Education as a Minor Discipline.

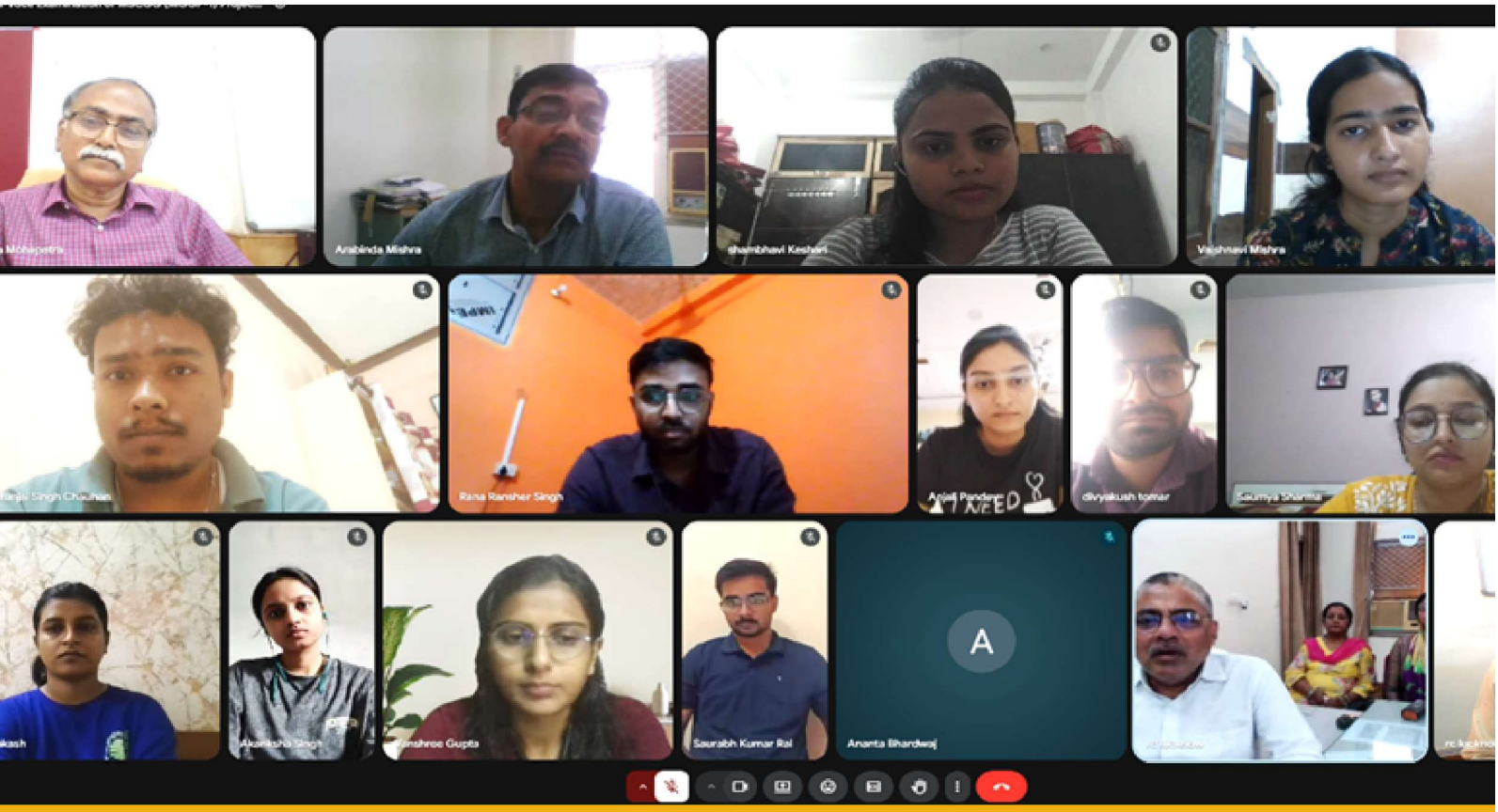
The meeting concluded with feedback and recommendations from the expert members regarding the future course of action. **Prof. Amitav Mishra** delivered the closing remarks, followed by a vote of thanks by **Prof. Niradhar Dey.** Ph.D. scholars **Ms. Vaishali** (UGC-SRF) and **Mr. Anurag** (UGC-JRF) also participated in

Glimpses of Two-day Expert Committee Meeting at the School of Education



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow

17 Students Appear for Online Viva-Voce of MGGP1 Project Reports



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), **Regional Centre Lucknow**, conducted the **viva-voce examination for project reports of Course Code MGGP1 of the Master of Science (Geography) – MSCGG** programme through Google Meet on **27 August 2026**.

Prof. Shubhakanta Mohapatra from IGNOU's School of Sciences, served as the **External Examiner** for the examination. All 17 examinees invited from the MSCGG programme appeared for the viva-voce. Senior Regional Director and Head **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Regional Directors **Dr. Reena Kumari and Dr. Anamika Sinha**, and Assistant Director (Software) **Mr. Arabinda Mishra** were

IGNOU Regional Centre Bhopal

Psychological Aspects of Cancer Awareness discussed at IGNOU Session



IGNOU Regional Centre Bhopal organised a special lecture and discussion on "***Cancer Awareness: Psychological Perspective***" on **20 August 2026**. The programme brought together 30 learners from programmes including Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), Master of Science (Counselling and Family Therapy) (MSCCFT), Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Family Therapy (PGDCFT), Master of Arts (Psychology) (MAPC), and Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (BAPCH), along with Regional Centre staff.

Dr. Smriti Gargava, Regional Director, initiated the programme and introduced the theme before introducing **Dr. K. N. Tripathi**, retired Professor and former Head, Department of Psychology, Barkatullah University, Bhopal, who delivered the special lecture. Dr. Tripathi spoke about the importance of early testing and vaccination, and emphasised the role of work-life balance and a healthy lifestyle in maintaining physical and psychological well-being. He also discussed the psychological aspects of cancer survival, highlighting the role of hope, positivity, and emotional resilience in helping patients cope with the disease.

The lecture was followed by an open discussion in which learners and staff shared professional and personal experiences related to cancer care. Participants discussed the importance of psychological support and counselling for cancer patients and their families during and after treatment,



A learner who had worked as a cancer counsellor spoke about the importance of counselling for patients and their family members during and after treatment. Other participants also shared experiences of family members living with cancer and maintaining a positive outlook while continuing their daily lives. The discussion highlighted the role of emotional support in helping patients cope with cancer and maintain their quality of life.

The session provided a platform for learners and staff to engage with the psychological dimensions of cancer beyond its medical aspects. Participants found the discussion useful and recommended that similar awareness programmes be organised in the future.



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna

B.Ed. Learners Attend Counselling Session at IGNOU Regional Centre Patna



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), **Regional Centre Patna**, conducted a **counselling session for learners admitted to the B.Ed. programme** on 25 August 2026. A total of 87 learners, admitted to the B.Ed. programme, participated in the session from four Learner Support Centres: 05143 Kamla Chandrika G College, Jehanabad; 05201 Central University of South Bihar, Gaya; 05136 Islamiya Teachers Training College, Patna; and 82016 Sundarwati Mahila College, Bhagalpur.

Prior to the counselling session, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director, RC Patna**,** interacted with the learners and briefed them about the University, its academic framework and learner support facilities. He encouraged them to actively participate in academic activities and make effective use of the resources provided by the university. **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna; **Dr. Kirti Vikram,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur; **Mr. Ojha Jayaprakash**, Deputy Registrar, Regional Centre Patna; and **Dr. Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, Regional Centre Patna along with other officials and staff members facilitated the session and resolved student