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IGNOU School of Education Celebrates National Education Day 2026



The **School of Education** (SOE), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), celebrated **National Education Day 2026** on the theme 'Green Minds: Education for a Sustainable Future' on 11 November 2026 at the PEB Building, School of Education, IGNOU. The event commemorated the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad,** the first Education Minister of

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The event brought together 150 trainee teachers and 50 faculty members from the teacher education discipline to discuss an action plan for sustainable development. The programme was held under the chairmanship of **Prof. Amitav Mishra,** Director, SOE, and coordinated by **Dr. Nisha A.,** Assistant Professor, SOE.

The key deliberations were led by **Prof. N. K. Das, Prof. Gaurav Singh, Prof. A. K. Jha,** and **Prof. Ajay Singh,** who shared their perspectives on the relationship between education, environmental consciousness, sustainable development, and the responsibilities of educational institutions in responding to contemporary ecological challenges.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Amitav Mishra emphasised the role of education in nurturing environmentally conscious citizens and encouraged trainee teachers and educators to adopt sustainable practices and contribute towards building a responsible and equitable society. The theme highlighted the need to extend education beyond academic achievement by fostering environmental awareness, social responsibility and sustainable practices. The celebration also reaffirmed the School's commitment to promoting

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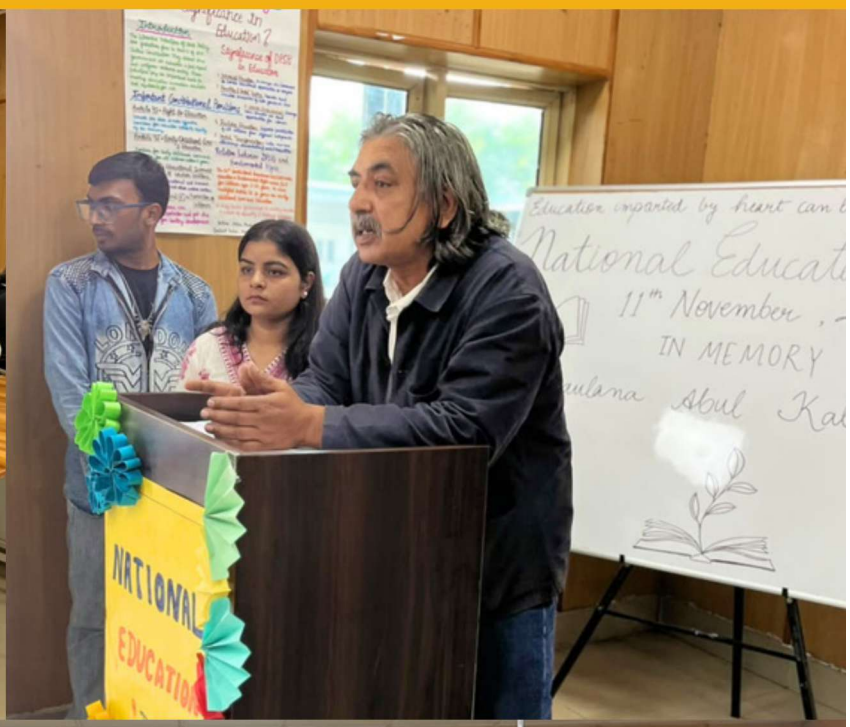
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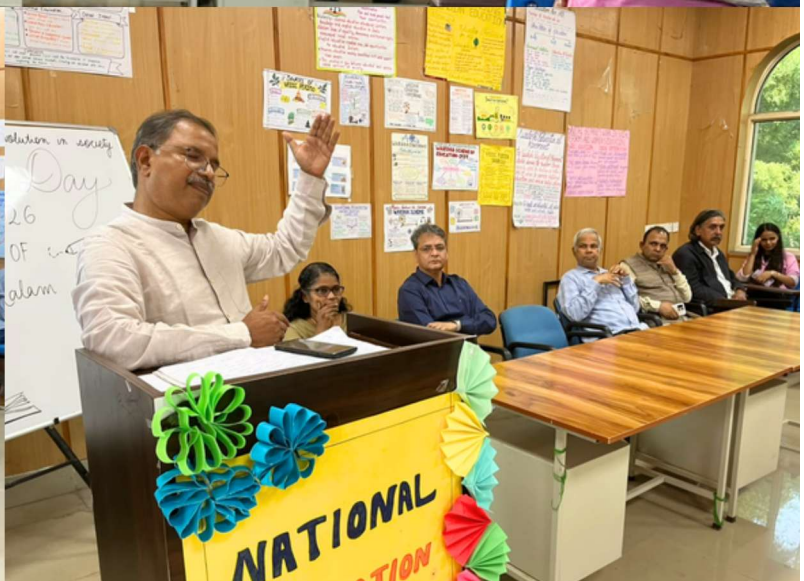
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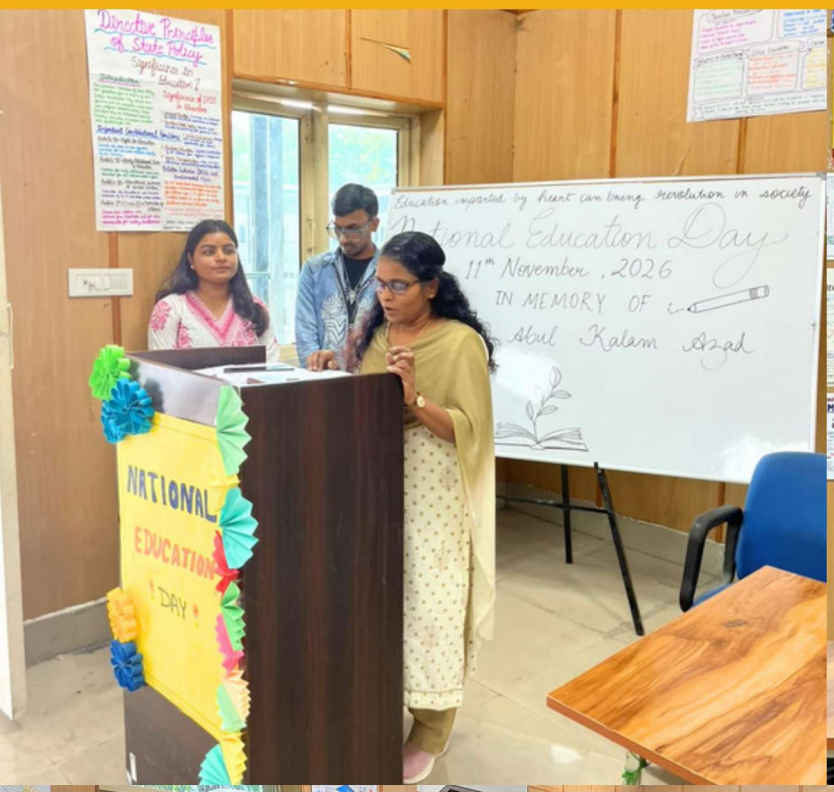
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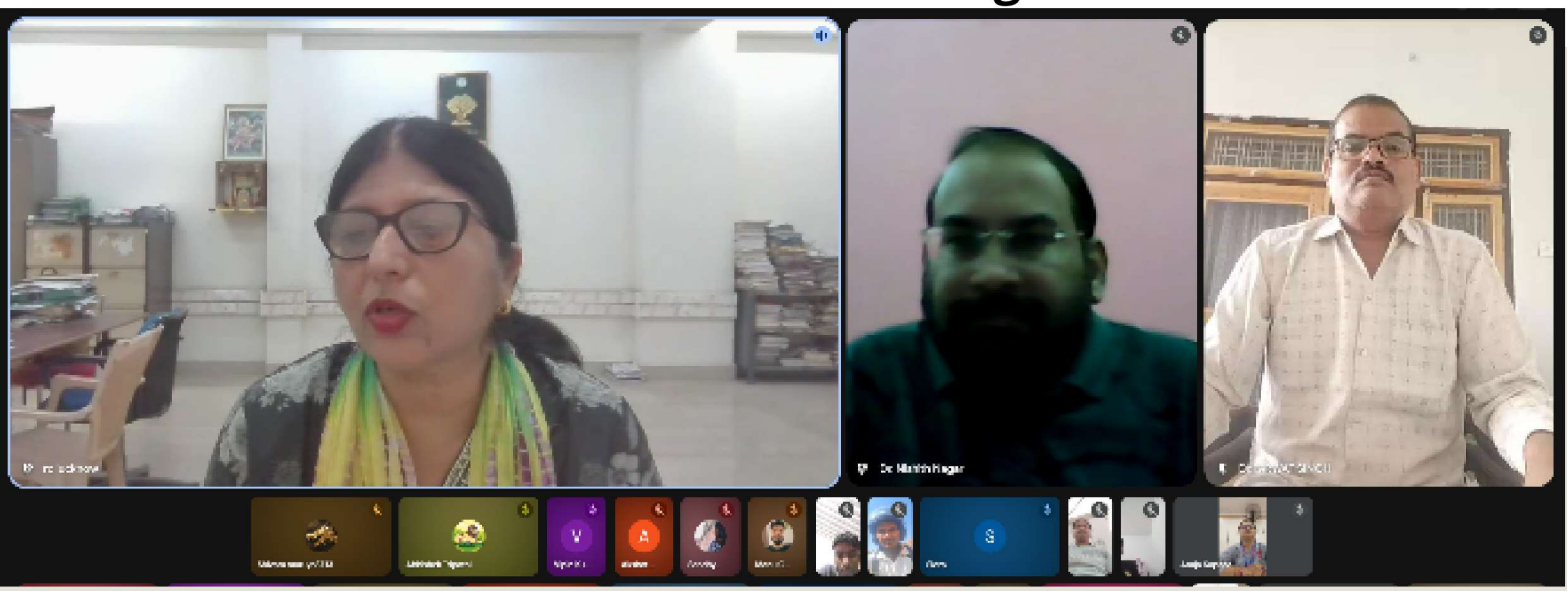
RC Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organizes Virtual Orientation for Online Programme Learners

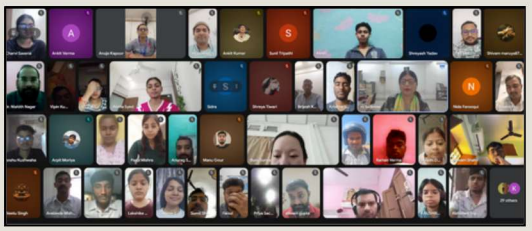


IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organized a **Virtual Orientation Meeting** for learners enrolled in various online programmes on 10 November 2026 through Google Meet. The session was attended by around 85 learners, along with **Dr. Reena Kumari,** Regional Director; **Dr. Nishith Nagar,** Assistant Registrar; and **Dr. Parvat Singh,** Coordinator. The meeting commenced with the IGNOU Kulgeet.





Dr. Reena Kumari welcomed the learners and familiarized them with IGNOU's vision, institutional role and efforts to expand access to higher education. She also demonstrated the university website, explaining the available student support services and introduced the social media platforms of IGNOU Headquarters and Regional Centre Lucknow.



Dr. Nishith Nagar encouraged learners to complete their respective programmes within the minimum prescribed duration. **Mr. Arabinda Misra** demonstrated the Learning Management System (LMS) portal and explained the process of assignment submission through the platform. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr.



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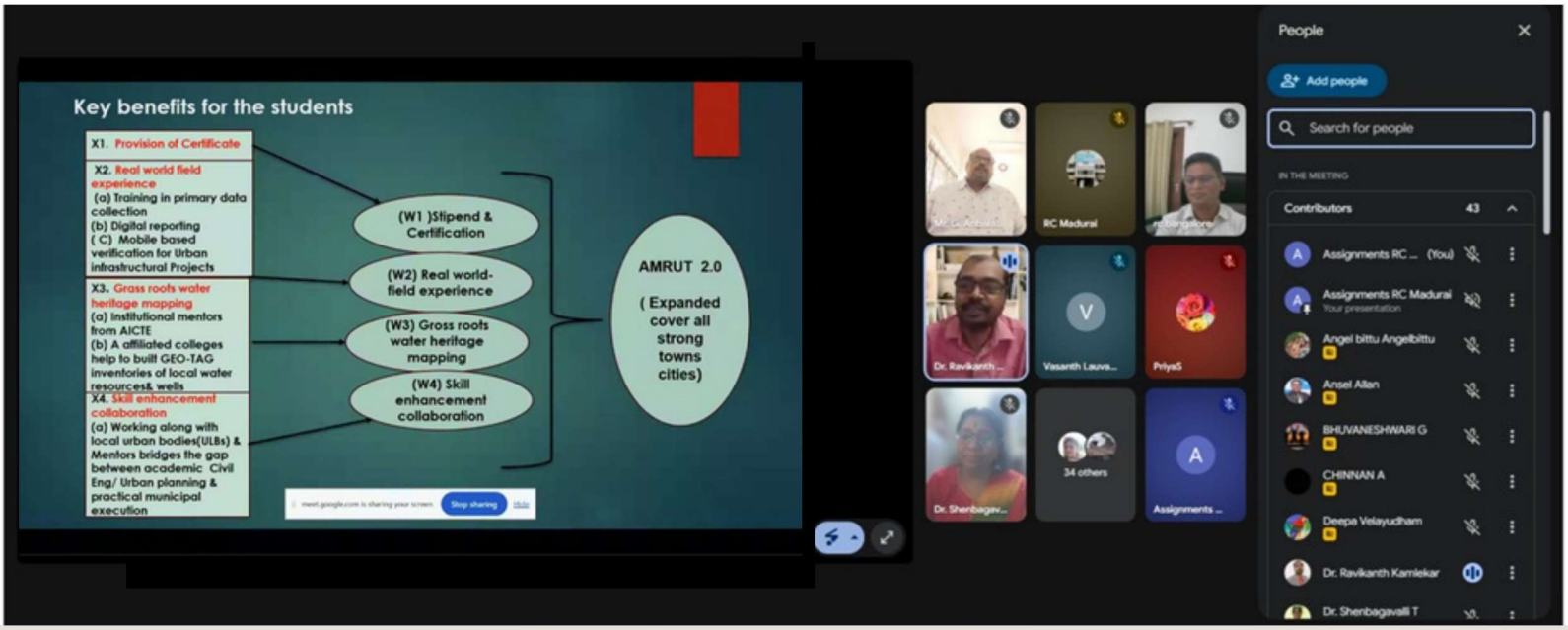
IGNOU Regional Centre Madurai Organizes Webinar on Entrepreneurship and Startup Opportunities



IGNOU Regional Centre Madurai, in collaboration with the Zone 12 cluster **Regional Centres of Chennai, Bengaluru, Bijapur,** and **Port Blair,** organized a **webinar** on 'From Idea to Funding: Leveraging Startups India in the Digital Era' on 10 November 2026 as part of the **National Entrepreneurship Day 2026 celebrations**. The webinar was organized under the initiatives of the National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE), IGNOU, through Google Meet and witnessed participation from around 45 learners.



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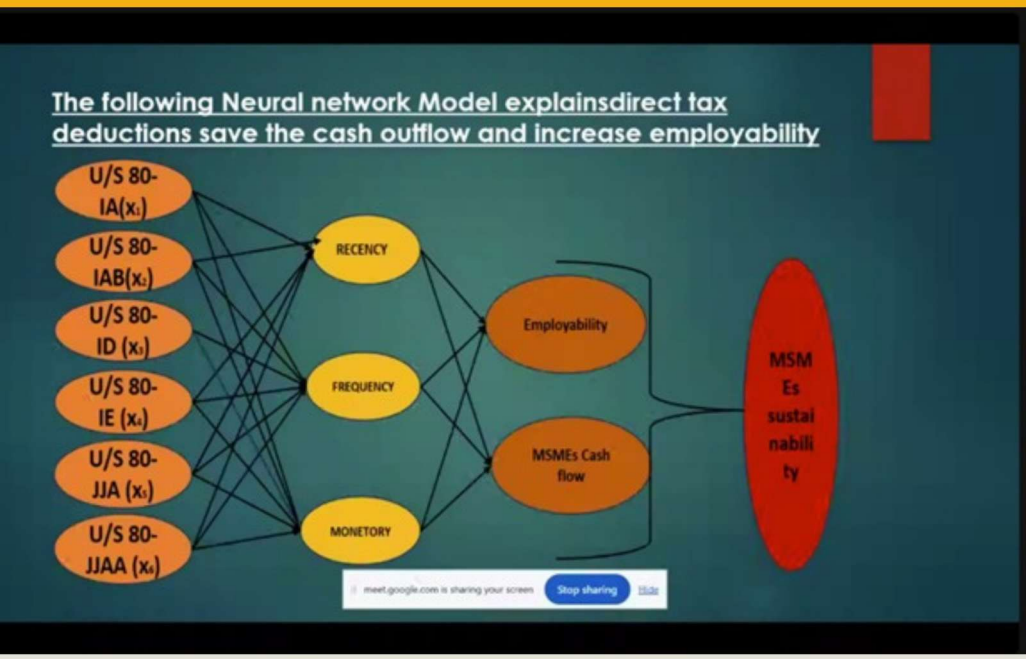


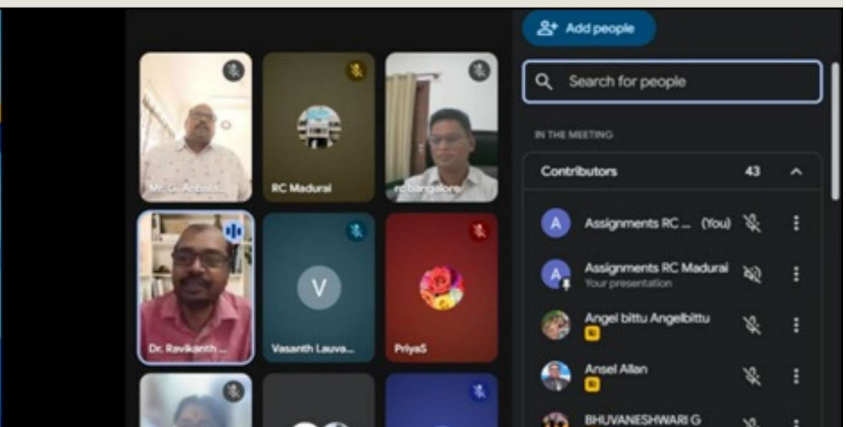


Dr. G. Anbalagan, Assistant Regional Director and Nodal Officer, IGNOU RC Madurai, welcomed the participants and introduced the resource person. Regional Directors and Nodal Officers of the participating Regional Centres also addressed the gathering.

Dr. T. Shenbagavalli, Associate Professor and DRC Member, School of Commerce, Jain University, Bengaluru, delivered the expert talk. Her presentation covered India's employability rate, the funding pattern under AMRUT 1.0, the framework of AMRUT 2.0, student benefits, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) National Internship Portal, innovations in AgriTech and the rural economy, digital public infrastructure, sustainability and green transitions, along with grassroots and frugal innovations.

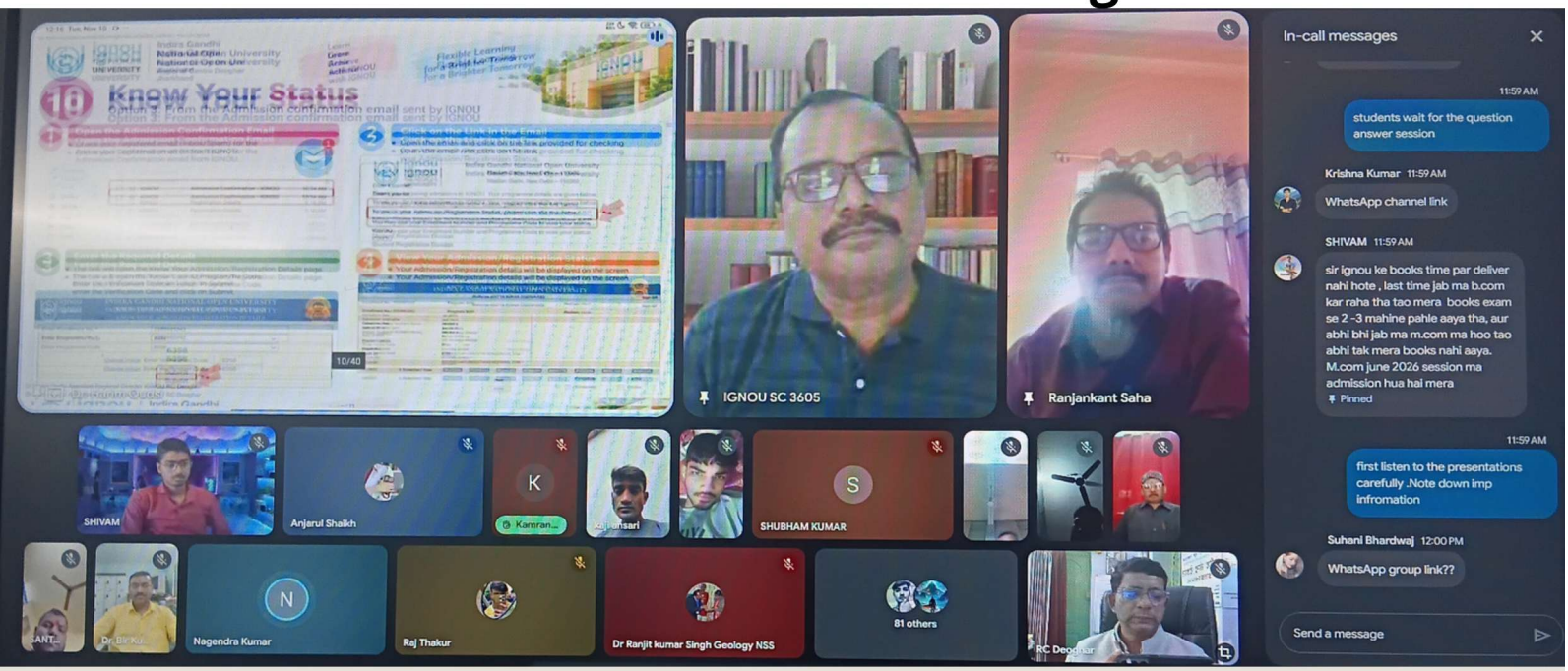
The session familiarized learners with entrepreneurship opportunities, internship avenues and benefits available through Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) initiatives. Dr. G. Anbalagan proposed the vote of thanks, bringing the webinar to a close.





RC Deoghar

IGNOU Regional Centre Deoghar Conducts Online Combined Induction Meeting for Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Deoghar conducted an Online Combined Induction Meeting on 10 November 2026 for learners of Study Centre 3605, Sahebganj College, and Study Centre 87009, BSK College, Barharwa. The coordinators of both the study centres briefed learners on IGNOU's academic system, office timings, important deadlines and counselling arrangements.

Dr Harim Qudsi, Assistant Regional Director (ARD), familiarised learners with the IGNOU website, student support services and the **Online Admission Management Portal** (OAMP). She emphasised the importance of regularly checking their registered email accounts and guided them on navigating the Samarth portal to access programme-specific information, download assignments and avail themselves of OAMP services.

Arvind M. K. Singh, Regional Director (I/c), explained the programme guides, project guidelines and evaluation process. Drawing on the success stories of IGNOU alumni, he encouraged learners to pursue their studies with proper planning, determination and hard work. The session concluded with an interactive discussion in which learners' queries were addressed. The meeting received positive feedback from participants.

RC Srinagar

IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar Releases Annual Performance Report 'Achievements 2025–26'



IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar released its **Annual Performance Report, 'Achievements 2025–26',** on 31 October 2026 at S.P. College, Srinagar. The report highlights the Regional Centre's contributions to learners and stakeholders across the Kashmir Valley and Ladakh during 2025–26. The release ceremony was attended by **Prof. (Dr.) Haris Izhar Tantray,** Principal, S.P. College; **Dr. Syed Muzaffar Ahmad,** Principal, Government Degree College (GDC), Sopore; principals of other Government Degree Colleges; study centre coordinators; academic counsellors; Regional Centre staff; and students.

In his welcome address, **Dr. A. H. Rizvi,** Regional Director, highlighted the achievements documented in the report, including academic counselling, monitoring of practical sessions, conduct of examinations, and provision of academic guidance and student support services. Coordinators from S.P. College, Government College for Women, Srinagar, Ganderbal College, and Baramulla College also shared updates on the activities of their respective

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The report acknowledges the leadership of **Prof. Uma Kanjilal,** Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, **Dr. K. Panneerselvam,** Director, Regional Services Division (RSD), and the contributions of various schools, units and centres at Headquarters, along with principals, coordinators and part-time staff of study centres across the Kashmir Valley. The coordinators also appreciated the Regional Centre's efforts in streamlining academic, administrative, and financial activities at study centres.

An Induction Meeting was also organized for learners of the July 2026 admission session. During the meeting, **Dr. Mohd. Abdullah,** Assistant Regional Director, familiarized learners with academic expectations, student support services and the opportunities available at IGNOU. The programme witnessed participation from students, officers, and other



RC Chennai

IGNOU RC Chennai Observes National Education Day 2026



IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai observed **National Education Day 2026** on 11 November, commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India, and highlighting his contributions to education, institution-building and national development.

Dr. J. S. Dorothy, Senior Regional Director, highlighted Maulana Azad's role in India's freedom struggle and his contributions to education and nation-building, for which he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1992. She also spoke about his early life, highlighting the role of homeschooling and self-learning in his education.

Dr. S. K. Zareena, Assistant Regional Director, outlined the history of National Education Day. **Dr. Ravikanth Kamelekar,** Regional Director, highlighted his contribution to the establishment and development of cultural institutions, including the Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Dr. Premila Swamy D, Regional Director, recalled his role in establishing key national institutions, including the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, the University