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IGNOU, KSOU Discuss Expanding Access to Higher Education Through ODL



Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Vice-Chancellor **Prof. A. P. Gnana Prakash** paid a courtesy visit to **Indira Gandhi National Open University** (IGNOU) Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** on 18 November 2026. The interaction centred on the evolving role of open and distance learning (ODL) in strengthening India's higher education system and extending educational opportunities to learners across diverse social, economic and geographical backgrounds.

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During the meeting, **Prof. Prakash** apprised Prof. Kanjilal of KSOU's initiatives to expand access to quality higher education across the region of Karnataka and beyond. He appreciated IGNOU's contribution to democratizing education and acknowledged its pivotal role in reaching learners across varied social and geographical contexts. The discussion also explored the potential of technology-enabled learning in making higher education more accessible, inclusive and responsive to the changing needs of learners.

Emphasizing the need to leverage emerging technologies, **Prof. Kanjilal** highlighted the importance of strengthening educational opportunities for learners in underserved and remote areas, particularly those at the last mile. She stressed that geographical distance and socio-economic circumstances should not impede access to quality education, and that institutions must continue to innovate in delivering flexible and inclusive learning opportunities.

The interaction also touched upon IGNOU's efforts to forge strategic partnerships and strengthen its position as a global leader in open, distance and digital education. Aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the University continues to advance an inclusive, technology-driven educational ecosystem to serve learners across the country. The meeting reflected the growing importance of institutional collaboration, digital innovation and learner-centric approaches in shaping a more equitable and accessible higher education landscape in India.

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Prof. A.P. Gnana Prakash, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, during his visit to the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC), IGNOU, on 18 November 2026.



During this visit, Prof. Gnana Prakash also toured the video and audio studios of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC), where he interacted with the production, engineering, graphics, and video teams. He expressed keen interest in developing similar studio facilities at KSOU. He also visited the Centre for Online Education (COE), SWAYAM studios, and smart classrooms. The Directors of COE, EMPC, and the Planning and Development Division (P&DD) accompanied him during the visit.

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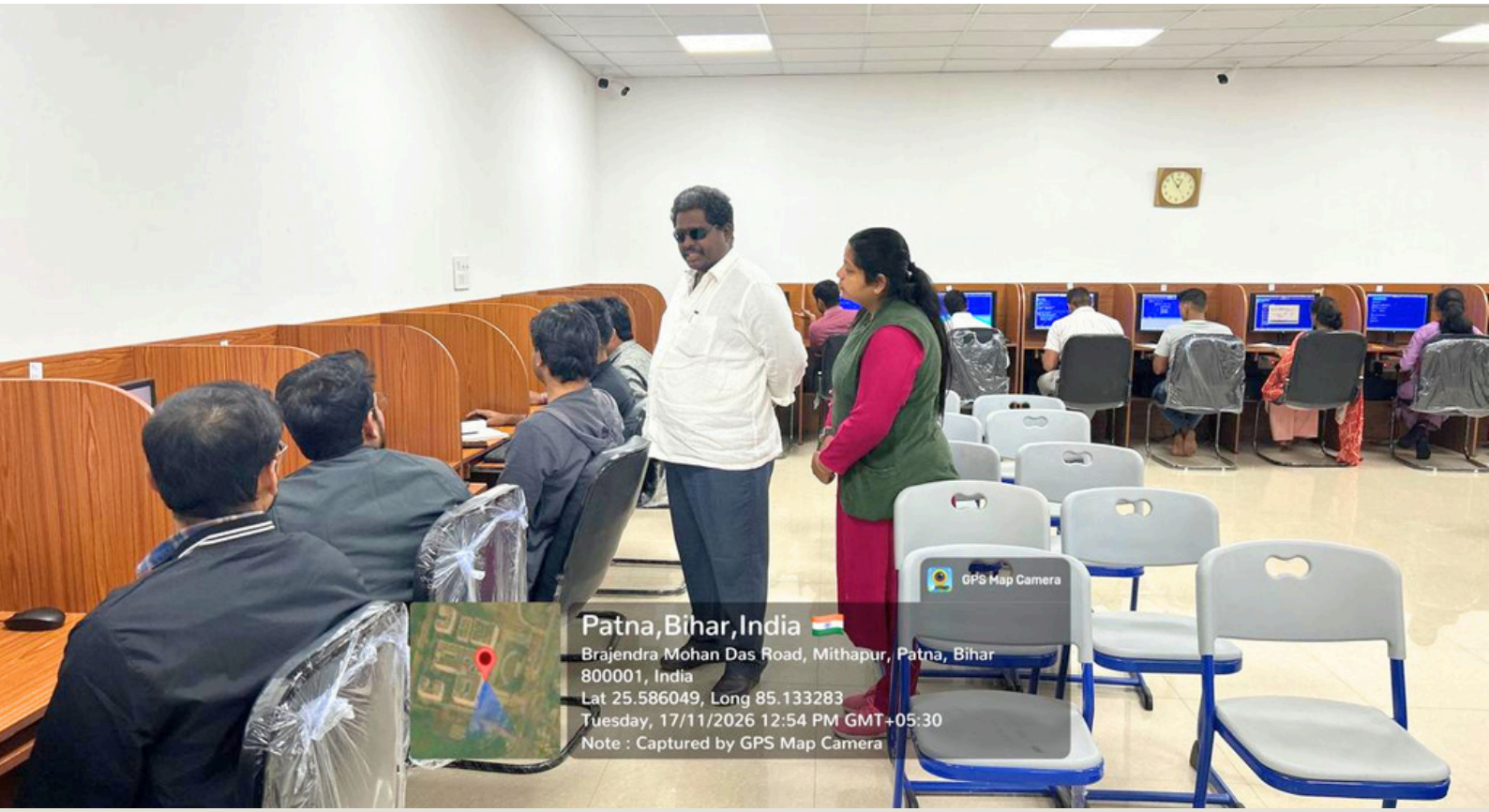
IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Monitors MCA Practical Counselling Sessions at Work Centre 0500A



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna conducted a **monitoring visit** to Work Centre 0500A on 17 November 2026 to review the ongoing practical counselling sessions for learners enrolled in the Master of Computer Applications **(MCA)** programme.

Dr. E. Krishna Rao, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, accompanied by **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director, and **Dr. Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, visited the work centre and reviewed the practical sessions being conducted for first, second, and third-semester learners in courses MCSL217, MCSL223, and MCSL228. The officials assessed the laboratory facilities and academic support arrangements available to learners for hands-on training.

During the visit, the officials interacted with learners to gather feedback on the practical counselling sessions and the use of smart technology in the teaching-learning process. Learners expressed satisfaction with the academic counselling and appreciated the use of smart technological tools in improving their understanding of practical concepts and making the sessions more interactive.

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Dr. E. Krishna Rao emphasized the importance of practical exposure and technological proficiency in computer applications. He encouraged learners to make effective use of the available laboratory infrastructure and digital learning resources to strengthen their technical competencies. Dr. Asif Iqbal highlighted the role of practical counselling in complementing theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience and encouraged learners to actively participate in the sessions.





The visit was part of IGNOU Regional Centre Patna's efforts to monitor academic activities at work centres and ensure the effective delivery of learner support services in accordance with the University's academic standards.



RC Bijapur

IGNOU Regional Centre Bijapur Reviews Preparations for December 2026 Term-End Examinations



IGNOU Regional Centre Bijapur conducted an **Online Meeting** with Examination Superintendents under Regional Centre 85 on 18 November 2026 to review preparations for the December 2026 Term-End Examinations (TEE).

Dr. B. N. Devendra, Regional Director (I/c), briefed the Examination Superintendents on the procedures and guidelines to be followed during the examinations. He emphasized strict adherence to the instructions issued by IGNOU Headquarters, New Delhi, to ensure the fair and systematic conduct of examinations at all examination centres.



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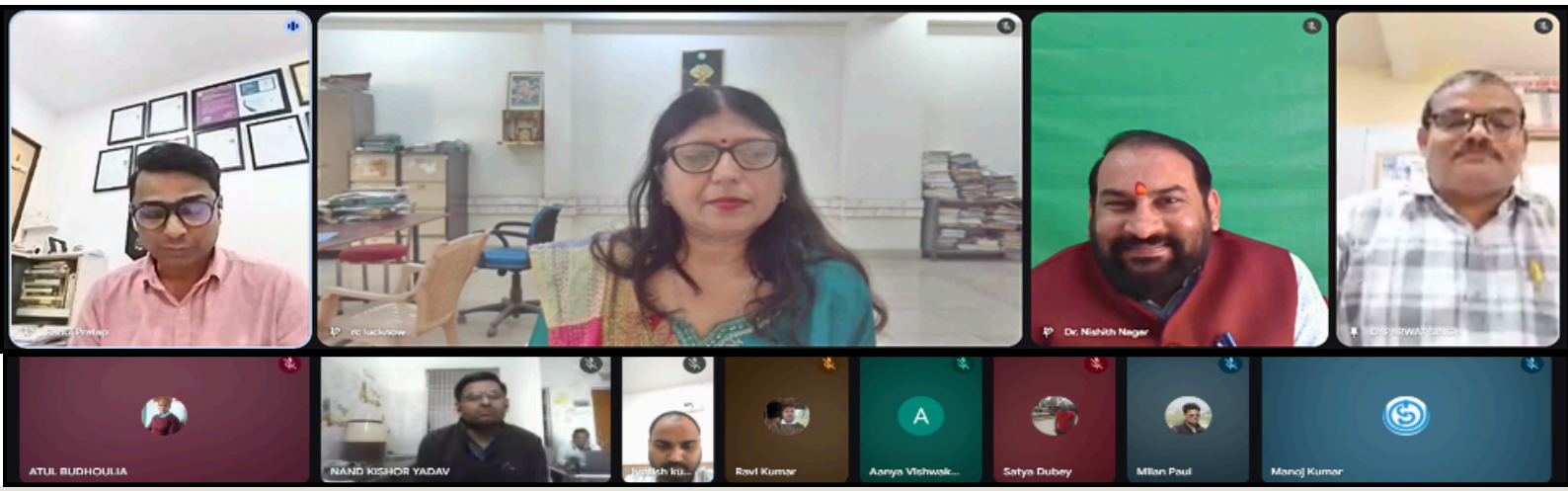
IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organizes Virtual Orientation Programme for PGDRD and MARD Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organized a **Virtual Orientation Programme** for learners of the Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development **(PGDRD)** and Master of Arts in Rural Development **(MARD)** programmes on 17 November 2026. The programme focused on the preparation and submission of synopses and project work.

Dr. Reena Kumari, Regional Director, welcomed the participants and introduced the keynote speaker, **Dr. Rahul Pratap,** Academic Counsellor. The session was attended by PGDRD and MARD learners, along with **Dr. Nishith Nagar,** Assistant Registrar; **Dr. Parwat Singh** and **Dr. Atul Bhudhoulia,** Coordinators; and **Mr. Manoj Kumar,** Personal Assistant.

Dr. Reena Kumari discussed the modalities for completing project work and advised learners to upload their synopses and projects through the newly launched Online Project Management System on the SAMARTH Portal. She also provided a virtual tour of the IGNOU website and highlighted various Central and State Government schemes, encouraging learners to explore their objectives and benefits and consider relevant areas for their project work.

Dr. Rahul Pratap explained the steps involved in preparing synopses and project reports and advised learners to refer to the IGNOU Programme Guide. He emphasized maintaining originality in their work and strictly avoiding plagiarism. Dr. Nishith Nagar highlighted employment opportunities in the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector and other government institutions. He encouraged learners to complete their programmes within the stipulated timeframe. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Parwat Singh.

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IGNOU Regional Centre Bijapur Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026



IGNOU Regional Centre Bijapur observed **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026** to promote integrity, transparency, accountability, and collective responsibility in building a corruption-free India. As part of the observance, the Regional Centre organized a talk on 16 November 2026, focusing on ethical values, preventive vigilance and the role of individuals in combating corruption.



Dr. Basavaraj Math, Director, Karnataka Itihasa Academy, Bengaluru, was the resource person. He highlighted the importance of individual and collective contributions towards building a corruption-free India and emphasized the need to uphold moral values, honesty, accountability and transparency in public life. **Dr. B. N. Devendra,** Regional Director (I/c), highlighted the significance of Vigilance Awareness Week and encouraged participants to uphold ethical values and remain vigilant in their personal and professional conduct. The programme concluded with a collective reaffirmation of the commitment to integrity, transparency and accountability, underscoring the role of every individual in contributing towards a corruption-free society.



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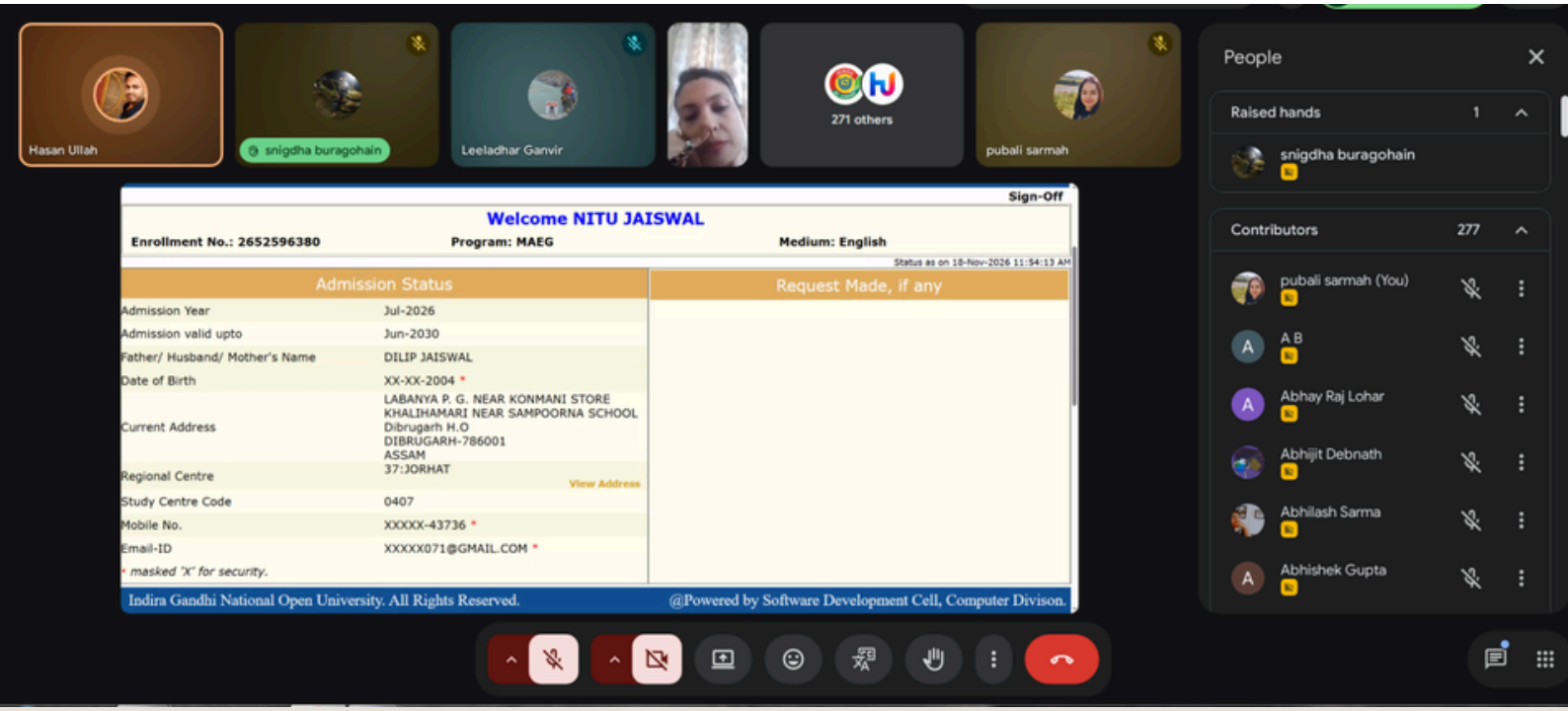
IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat Conducts Induction Meeting for July 2026 Session Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat conducted an **Induction Meeting** on 18 November 2026 for learners enrolled in various Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes for the July 2026 session. Around **285 learners** participated in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a brief introduction by **Ms. Pubali Sarma,** Office Staff. **Dr. Anil Chandra Borah,** Senior Regional Director and Head, welcomed the participants and outlined the objectives of the induction meeting. He familiarized the learners with key aspects of IGNOU's academic framework, including counselling sessions, assignment submission procedures and the process of filling out examination forms.

Mr. Jamini Saikia, SPA, and **Mr. Hasan Ullah,** Office Staff, delivered a presentation on the IGNOU website, demonstrating how learners can check their registration status, access and download assignment questions and previous years' question papers, and make use of eGyanKosh for academic resources. This was followed by an interactive session during which learners sought clarifications on various academic and administrative matters, which were duly addressed by the officials. The meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks.