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IGNOU Vice-Chancellor Inaugurates National Seminar on Preservation of Analog Archives

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** inaugurated a Two-Day National Seminar on the management and preservation of non-print archival materials at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) on 6 October 2026. Prof. Kanjilal was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the seminar, titled 'The Management of Non-Print Materials in Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums'.

Prof. Kanjilal also inaugurated a curated exhibition, '**Rewind & Preserve: Journey from Analog to Digital**', which brings together a selection of IGNCA's non-print holdings.



The exhibition features slides, negatives, glass plate negatives, microfilms and audio tapes, alongside the cameras, projectors, light boxes and microfilm readers once used to produce, process and access these materials. Together, the objects offer a material history of analog documentation and the technologies through which it was created and preserved.

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The inaugural session, held at the Umang Conference Hall of IGNCA, was chaired by **Dr Sachchidanand Joshi**, Member Secretary, IGNCA. It brought together conservators, archivists, scholars, researchers and others engaged with the preservation and interpretation of documentary heritage.

The seminar addresses a less visible but pressing dimension of archival preservation, the survival of the physical media on which historical records are stored. Glass plate negatives, photographic negatives, slides, microfilms and audio-visual tapes constitute an extensive record accumulated over nearly two centuries, but remain susceptible to climatic conditions, chemical deterioration and the obsolescence of the equipment required to access them. In many cases, the information they contain continues to exist only in the analog form.

Against this backdrop, the seminar seeks to assess the nature and condition of such collections held by institutions across the country and deliberate on a policy framework for their long-term preservation. Discussions during the two-day seminar will also examine scientific conservation practices and the phased digitisation of archival resources, with the objective of ensuring that fragile analog records remain accessible to future generations.



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Student Services Centre Conducts Monthly Interactive Radio Counselling Programme 'Samadhaan – Aapki Khatir'



The **Student Services Centre (SSC)**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), conducted its monthly **Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC)** programme, '**Samadhaan – Aapki Khatir**', on 8 October 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Gyan Vani FM Radio** Channel (105.6 MHz).

Dr. Bhavana Gulati welcomed the listeners and shared key updates on the University's academic calendar. The session provided guidance on **admissions for the July 2026 session**, including registration deadlines, programme eligibility, and mandatory verification requirements for new and continuing applicants enrolled in the July 2026 academic cycle.

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The session also covered the **credit transfer framework**, with guidance on the provisions governing the transfer of credits for learners transitioning between programmes, including the relevant policy requirements and documentation. Information was also shared on **Tutor-Marked Assignments (TMAs)**, including the timely submission of handwritten assignments at designated Study Centres and their significance in continuous internal assessment.

Learners preparing for the December 2026 **Term-End Examinations (TEE)** were briefed on the online examination form submission process, fee payment structure, assignment pre-requisites, and hall ticket generation. A few phone calls were received during the live session, and the queries and concerns raised by the learners were addressed during the interaction.

RC Mumbai

IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai Organises Swachhata Awareness Meeting and Cleanliness Drive



As part of the **'Swachhata Hi Seva' (SHS)** 2026 campaign, **IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai** organised an awareness meeting and cleanliness drive on 1 October 2026 with the participation of staff and students at the Regional Centre.

During the awareness meeting, **Dr. Milind B. Patil**, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai, briefed the participants about various activities being undertaken by the Regional Centre, including the **'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'** initiative. **Dr. Rahul Mishra**, Regional Director and Head, IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai, encouraged the participants to continue contributing individually towards sustaining the gains made during the last 12 years of the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**. He emphasised that active participation by every individual is essential to achieving the objectives of the mission. Following the meeting, the staff of IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai participated in a cleanliness drive on the Regional Centre premises.



RC Patna

IGNOU RC Patna Organises 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' Cleanliness Drive



As part of the '**Swachhata Hi Seva**' (SHS) 2026 campaign, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna organised a cleanliness drive under the theme '**Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath**' on 1 October 2026 at the Regional Centre premises. Academic and Administrative Staff Members, along with about **50 learners**, participated in the drive.

Addressing the gathering, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, emphasized the importance of making cleanliness an integral part of daily life and work culture. He encouraged individuals and promoted collective responsibility towards maintaining clean surroundings.

Dr. Asif Iqbal, Regional Director, highlighted the importance of cleanliness for a healthy life and stressed the contribution of a clean environment to individual well-being, reiterating the message, '**Swachhta Hi Swasthya Hai.**'



RC Mumbai

IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai Organises Induction Meeting for July 2026 Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai organised an online induction meeting for learners newly admitted to the **Semester-Based Programmes** of the July 2026 session on 5 October 2026. The meeting aimed to familiarise the learners with IGNOU's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online systems. He guided them on the academic activities required for successful completion of their programmes.

Dr. Rahul Mishra, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai, welcomed the learners and briefed them about the ODL and Online programme systems. He also highlighted various innovation and entrepreneurship activities organised by IGNOU and its Regional Centres and encouraged the learners to participate in the activities of the Regional Centre's Innovation Club.

Dr. Milind B. Patil, Assistant Regional Director, provided detailed information on academic activities, including assignment submission, examination form submission, counselling sessions, projects, practicals, and examinations. The session helped learners gain a better understanding of their programme structure and the academic requirements they would need to fulfil.

Mr. Shashank Tripathi, Assistant, demonstrated the IGNOU website and social media platforms and explained how learners could access assignment question papers, study materials, and other academic resources. The session concluded with an interactive query session, during which the learners sought clarification on various academic matters, followed by a vote of thanks.

RC Delhi 2

Induction Meetings for Certificate Programmes Organised by Regional Centre Delhi-2



Regional Centre Delhi-2, the Nodal Regional Centre for IGNOU's July 2026 session, organised programme-specific **Online Induction Meetings** for newly enrolled learners of the Certificate in French Language (**CFL**), CFL-Online (**CFLOL**), Certificate in Information Technology (**CIT**), CIT-Online (**CITOL**), and Certificate Programme in Laboratory Techniques (**CPLT**) on 3 October 2026.

Dr. Rita Chauhan, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2, provided an overview of IGNOU's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online programmes. She highlighted the flexibility, inclusivity, and accessibility of IGNOU's learner support system and briefed the participants on the credit system, theory and practical courses, academic counselling sessions, digital study materials, and resources available through the Learning Management System (LMS) and IGNOU portal.

Dr. Chauhan further outlined the requirements for assignment submission and the minimum attendance required to be eligible for practical examinations for CIT/CITOL and CPLT. She also explained the process of filling the Term-End Examination form separately for theory and practical courses for CIT and CPLT through the Student Login on the Samarth Portal.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which learners clarified their queries regarding various academic and technical support services offered by the University.

RC Jammu

IGNOU RC Jammu Organises Placement Drive with Axis Bank



IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu, in association with Axis Bank Ltd., organised placement drive interviews for IGNOU learners and alumni on 29 September 2026, in accordance with the placement initiatives of the Campus Placement Cell, IGNOU Headquarters.

Of the 95 candidates called for the interviews, 25 appeared. **Mr. Shivinder Gupta** and **Mr. Abhinandan Sharma** from Axis Bank conducted the interviews for opportunities in the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector. The selection process assessed candidates on aptitude and communication skills.

Twelve candidates were shortlisted for training followed by offer letters. **Dr. Mohan Sharma**, Senior Regional Director; **Dr. Asha Upadhyay**, Regional Director; and **Dr. Vikram Singh, Dr. Zeba**, and **Dr. Jasleen**, Assistant Regional Directors, interacted with the candidates during the pre-interview process.

Dr. Mohan Sharma congratulated the shortlisted candidates and thanked the Axis Bank talent acquisition team for providing career opportunities to IGNOU learners and alumni.

RC Bhagalpur

IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur Holds Induction Meeting for July 2026 Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur organised an **Induction Meeting** for learners enrolled in the Certificate and Semester-Based Programmes of the July 2026 admission cycle.

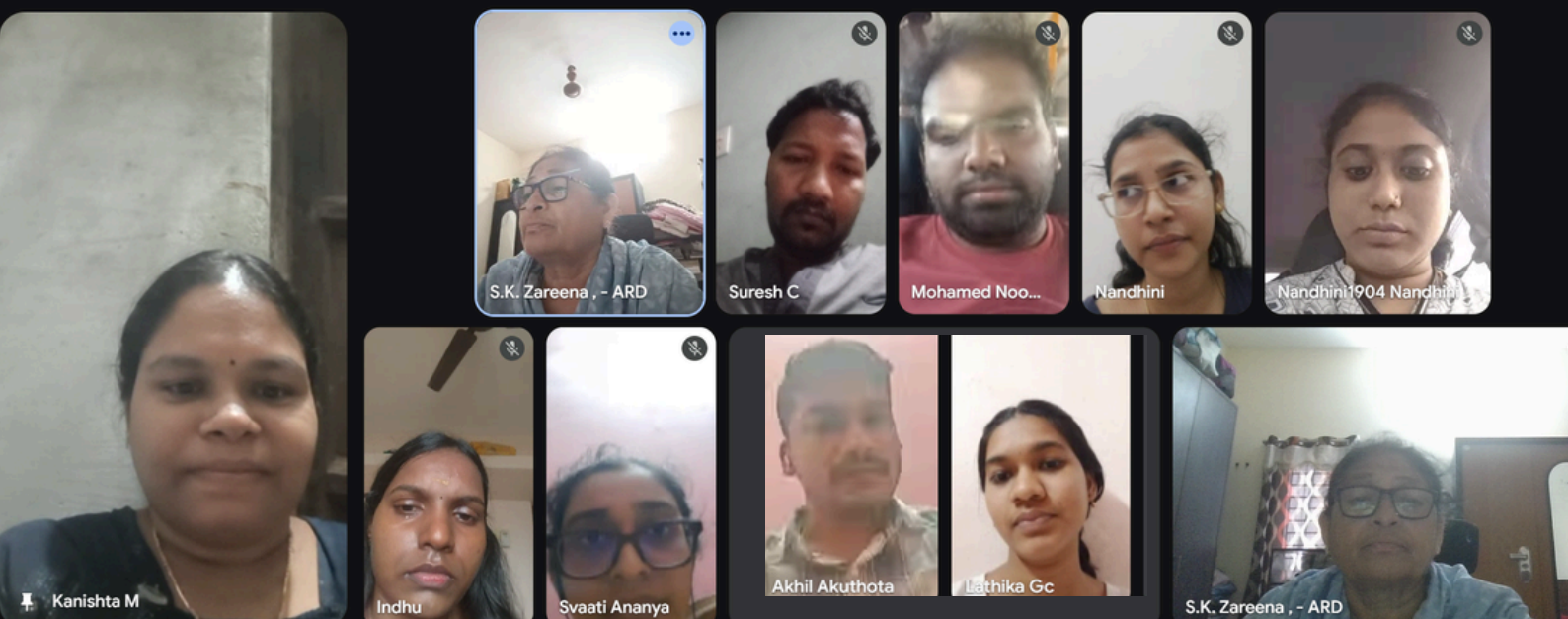
The meeting was presided over by **Dr. Sarah Nasreen**, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU. In her presidential address, Dr. Nasreen welcomed the newly enrolled learners and congratulated them on becoming part of the IGNOU academic community. She highlighted the learner-centric, flexible, and accessible nature of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system and emphasised the importance of self-discipline, time management, regularity, and sustained academic engagement for successful completion of their programmes.

Dr. Nasreen encouraged the learners to make effective use of **Self-Learning Materials (SLMs)**, **academic counselling sessions**, **digital learning resources**, and **learner support services**. She also stressed the importance of timely submission of assignments, adequate preparation for the Term-End Examinations, and regularly checking official IGNOU communications for academic and examination-related updates. In his opening remarks and introduction to the programmes, **Dr. Kirti Vikram Singh**, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur, welcomed the learners and briefed them about the Certificate and Semester-Based Programmes. He explained the importance of Self-Learning Materials and assignments and advised learners to follow the prescribed academic schedule and submission deadlines.

Dr. O. P. Tiwari, Regional Director, IGNOU, provided guidance on academic counselling and Term-End Examinations. He explained the importance of attending counselling sessions and adhering to the prescribed examination procedures and guidelines. The learners actively participated in the meeting and raised queries related to assignments, SLMs, academic counselling, and examinations. The officials addressed their queries and provided the necessary guidance.

RC Chennai

IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai Monitors Counselling Session for PGDFSQM and MSCFSQM Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai monitored an **online counselling session** for learners enrolled in the Post Graduate Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management (**PGDFSQM**) and Master of Science in Food Safety and Quality Management (**MSCFSQM**) programmes on 3 October 2026. The session, conducted by Learner Support Centre (LSC) 25230, Vivekanandha College of Arts and Sciences for Women, Tiruchengode, covered the course MVP-001 and was attended by **22 learners**.

Ms M. K. Kanishta, Academic Counsellor, interacted with the learners during the session. **Dr. SK Zareena**, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai, monitored the counselling session and addressed the learners on the importance of understanding the curriculum and courses, highlighting the modular approach of the programmes.

Dr. Zareena also briefed the learners on the organisational structure of IGNOU, the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system, and the student support services available at the Regional Centre. She explained the procedure for downloading assignments and discussed the credit system followed by IGNOU, including the transfer of credits from PGDFSQM to MSCFSQM.

RC Varanasi

IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi Conducts Induction Meetings for July 2026 Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi conducted induction programmes for learners enrolled in the July 2026 session at Learner Support Centre (LSC) 48012, Microtek College of Management & Technology, Maldahiya, Varanasi, and through an online session for learners of the Certificate Programmes.

On 2 October 2026, **Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi**, Regional Director and Head, IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi, attended the induction meeting at LSC 48012. He welcomed the learners enrolled in the Certificate and Semester-Based Programmes and briefed them on post-admission activities, student support through the IGNOU website, and the flexibility and facilities available for completing their programmes. He also provided guidance on assignment submission, counselling sessions, examinations, re-registration, and Self-Learning Materials (SLMs). A total of **281 learners** enrolled at the Study Centre for the July 2026 session attended the meeting.

The Coordinator of LSC 48012 briefed the learners on the academic aspects of programmes including MCA, BCA, MSCIS, MBA, MCOM, BCOMF, BBA, PGDCA, and CIT, as well as the facilities available at the centre. The learners raised queries on various academic matters, which were addressed by Dr. Tripathi, officials, and counsellors at the Study Centre.

RC Varanasi



Regional Centre Varanasi also organised an **online induction meeting** for learners enrolled in the Certificate Programmes of the July 2026 session. Dr. Tripathi welcomed the learners and briefed them on post-admission activities, student support through social media and the IGNOU website, and the flexibility available under the programmes. The programme was coordinated by **Dr. Shravan Kumar Pandey**.

Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Assistant Regional Director, provided guidance on assignment submission and the examination process, while Dr. Pandey briefed the learners on admission status, receipt of Self-Learning Materials, support for assignments and examinations, and other online resources.

More than **60 learners** and staff participated in the online programme and interacted with the officials on various academic matters. Their queries were addressed by the Regional Centre's academic team.



RC Patna

IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Observes Swachh Bharat Diwas



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna observed Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2 October 2026 by acknowledging the valuable contribution of the sanitation workers associated with the Regional Centre. As part of the observance, the sanitation workers were felicitated for their dedicated efforts towards maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the office premises.

Addressing the gathering, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, highlighted the indispensable role of sanitation workers in ensuring a clean, hygienic and welcoming institutional environment. He noted that while their work is essential to the smooth functioning of any organisation, their contribution often remains unnoticed and does not receive the recognition it deserves.

Dr. Rao emphasised that cleanliness is sustained through the everyday efforts of those whose contributions often go unrecognised. He further stated that acknowledging them is not merely a ceremonial gesture, but an expression of respect and gratitude for their dignity of labour and continued service. He also stressed that the spirit of **Swachh Bharat** should extend beyond a single day and become an integral part of institutional culture and everyday conduct.

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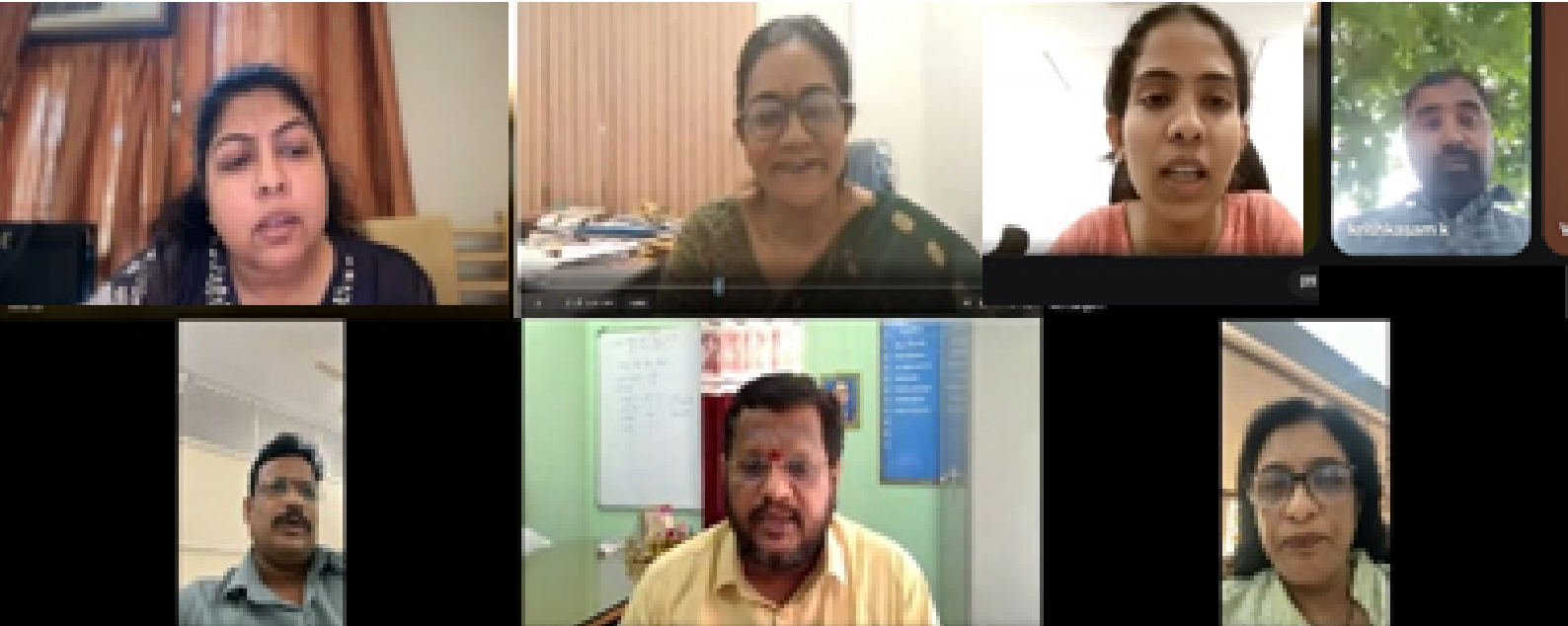
Dr. Asif Iqbal, Regional Director, also appreciated the efforts of the sanitation workers and underscored the importance of collective responsibility in maintaining a clean and healthy workplace. He encouraged officials and staff members to contribute actively towards keeping the Regional Centre premises clean and orderly.

The **Swachhata Pledge** was administered in English by Dr. E. Krishna Rao and in Hindi by Dr. Asif Iqbal. The pledge reaffirmed the commitment of the staff of IGNOU Regional Centre Patna to uphold cleanliness, hygiene and respect for the dignity of labour as part of their everyday institutional responsibilities. The meeting was attended by staff members and students of the Regional Centre.



RC Bijapur

IGNOU Regional Centre Bijapur Organises Induction-cum-Orientation for July 2026 Batch



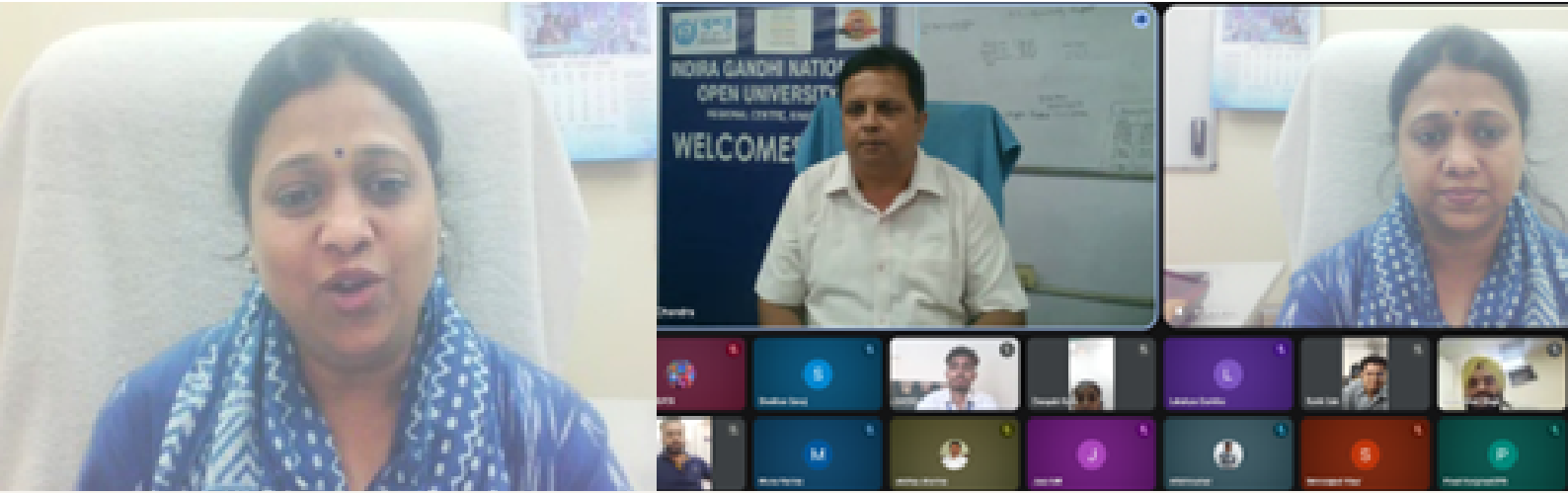
IGNOU Regional Centre (RC) Bijapur, in collaboration with the **School of Health Sciences (SOHS)**, organised an **online induction-cum-orientation programme** for students enrolled in the July 2026 batch of the Certificate in Community Health (CHBHC), Certificate in Maternal and Child Health Nursing (CMCHN), Certificate in Nursing Informatics (CNIN) and Certificate in Ayurveda for Community Health Care (CAHC) programmes on 5 October 2026.

Dr. Reeta Devi and **Dr. Laxmi**, Programme Coordinators, welcomed the students. **Dr. B.N. Devendra**, Regional Director, RC Bijapur, explained the organisational structure of IGNOU.

Dr. Reeta briefed the students on the objectives and scheme of the programmes, including theory and practical counselling sessions, evaluation and assignments. She also interacted with the students and addressed their queries. WhatsApp groups were created for all four programmes to facilitate the resolution of students' day-to-day queries in consultation with the Programme Study Centres (PSCs) under RC Bijapur.

RC Khanna

IGNOU RC Khanna Organises Induction Meeting for July 2026 Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna organised an online Induction Meeting for learners enrolled in Certificate and semester-based programmes of the July 2026 session on 5 October 2026. The session familiarised learners with IGNOU's education system, academic environment, learner support services and other facilities.

The session was initiated by **Dr. Pramesh Chandra**, Assistant Regional Director, followed by the playing of the University Kulgeet, highlighting IGNOU's vision and mission. **Dr. Manju Goel**, Regional Director, welcomed the participants and encouraged learners to regularly visit the IGNOU website for important announcements and information and access study material through **eGyanKosh**. Dr. Manju also cautioned them against fraudulent activities by individuals not associated with IGNOU and advised them to approach the Regional Centre and Learner Support Centres for queries and support.

Dr. Chandra demonstrated how learners can check their registration details through the Student Services section of the IGNOU website and briefed them on theory and practical counselling sessions and the receipt of study material. **Dr. Maria Afzal**, Assistant Regional Director, informed learners about key schedules for assignment submission and examination form filling. She also explained the process for filling out the examination form through the SAMARTH Portal. The session concluded with feedback from learners and resolution of their queries by the resource persons. Dr. Maria Afzal proposed the vote of thanks.

RC Shimla

IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla Observes National Voluntary Blood Donation Day and Swachh Bharat Diwas



IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla observed National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (NVBDD) on 1 October 2026 by organising a pledge ceremony. The pledge was taken by the staff and participants to promote awareness about voluntary blood donation and its importance. Following the pledge, the staff participated in the **'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'** cleanliness rally as part of the **'Swachhata Hi Seva'** (SHS) 2026 campaign. The activities were conducted under the guidance and supervision of **Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav**, Senior Regional Director.

On 2 October 2026, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and Swachh Bharat Diwas, **Dr. Sandeep Gupta**, Regional Director, along with **Dr. Swapnil Gupta**, Assistant Regional Director, visited Saraswati Vidya Mandir School, Shimla, to participate in a cleanliness and awareness drive. Dr. Gupta motivated the students to maintain cleanliness in and around the school premises and hostel and emphasised the importance of cleanliness and collective responsibility.

Mr. Pratap, Chief Warden, appreciated the initiative of IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla and thanked the team for motivating the students towards cleanliness. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Swapnil Gupta, who expressed gratitude to the school authorities, students and all participants for their active cooperation.

