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Headquarters

IGNOU Vice-Chancellor Calls on Higher Education Secretary



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** paid a courtesy call to **Ms Deepti Gaur Mukherjee,** Secretary, Higher Education, **Ministry of Education,** in New Delhi on Monday, 12 October 2026.

During the meeting, Prof. Kanjilal apprised the Secretary of IGNOU's recent initiatives and its ongoing efforts to broaden access to inclusive, technology-enabled education across the country. The interaction also provided an opportunity to discuss the evolving role of open and distance learning in strengthening India's higher education system and extending educational opportunities to diverse learner communities.

Ms Mukherjee appreciated IGNOU's contribution to democratising education and acknowledged the university's pivotal role in reaching learners across varied social and geographical contexts. The meeting underscored the significance of open and distance

RC Bhagalpur

Ph.D. Entrance Test Held at IGNOU Learner Support Centre in Bhagalpur







The **Ph.D. entrance test** was held on 11 October 2026 at Marwari College, Bhagalpur, IGNOU Learner Support Centre (LSC) 0505. **Dr. O. P. Tiwari,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur, was deputed as the observer for the examination. Seven Learners of the IGNOU RC Bhagalpur appeared for the

RC Jaipur

IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur Organizes Online Induction Meeting for Certificate in First Aid Programme



IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur conducted an **Online Induction Meeting** for learners enrolled in the **Certificate in First Aid (CFAID)** programme for the July 2026 session on 9 October 2026.

Dr. Laxmi, Associate Professor, School of Health Sciences (SOHS), IGNOU, and Programme Coordinator, briefed learners on the programme objectives, course structure and study materials, assignment submission procedures and practical components. **Dr. Mamta Bhatia,** Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur, highlighted the objectives and importance of the programme and encouraged learners to participate actively in the learning process.

The session helped learners understand the academic requirements of the programme and clarify their queries regarding the course. **Dr. Sher Singh,** Assistant

RC Chennai

IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai Conducts Ph.D. Entrance Examination



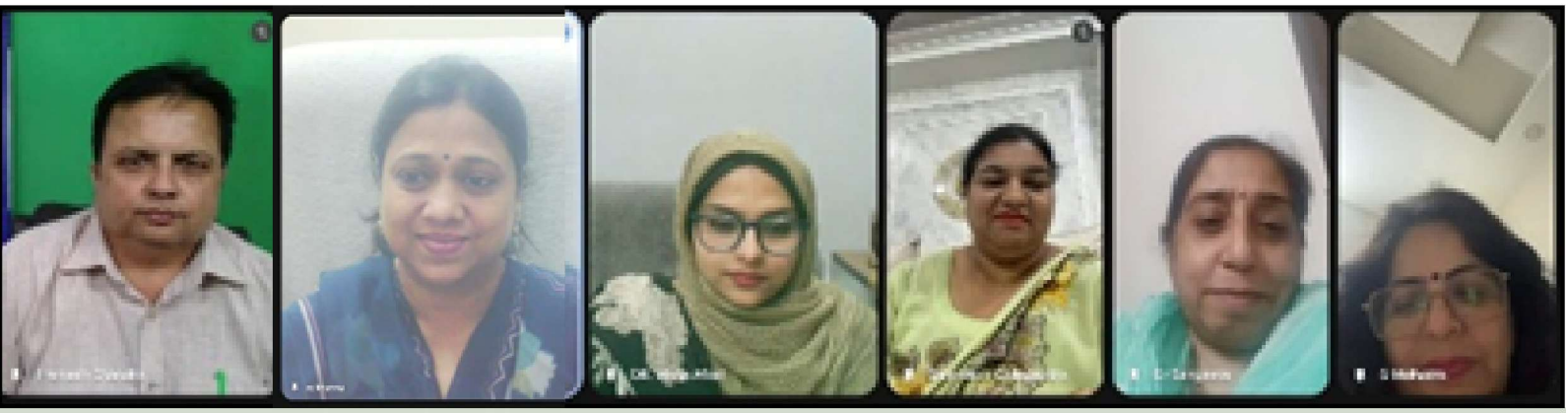


IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai conducted the **Ph.D. entrance examination** on 11 October 2026 at Examination Centre 2501, with **Dr. J. S. Dorothy,** Senior Regional Director, deputed as the observer.

Following the examination, the used OMR sheets and signed copies of candidates' hall tickets were sent to IGNOU Headquarters. The examination was conducted smoothly by the Regional Centre, with all procedures followed as per the prescribed guidelines.

RC Khanna

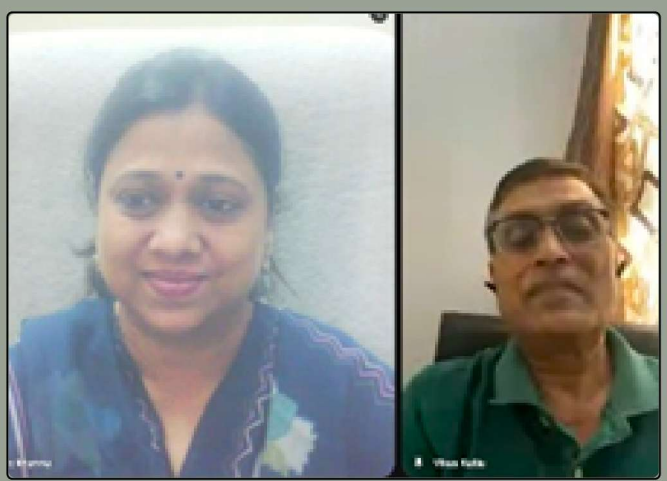
IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna Reviews Enrolment and Academic Preparedness at Coordinators' Meeting



IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna organized an online coordinators' meeting on 9 October 2026 to review enrolment for the July 2026 admission cycle, assignment award submission, preparedness for the December 2026 Term-End Examination (TEE), and academic support at Learner Support Centres (LSCs).

Dr. Manju Goel, Regional Director, welcomed the coordinators and emphasized the need to increase enrolment, assess the feasibility of activating additional programmes at LSCs, and ensure adequate guidance for learners preparing project synopses and projects. She also highlighted the need to identify and empanel academic counsellors for activated programmes according to requirements.

Dr. Maria Afzal, Assistant Regional Director, acknowledged the LSCs for achieving nearly 100% submission of assignment awards for the June 2026 TEE and stressed the need for early preparation for the December 2026 examination, scheduled to commence on 25 November 2026.



Sh. Parget Singh, Assistant Registrar, discussed financial and administrative matters with the coordinators. **Dr. Pramesh Chandra,** Assistant Regional Director, reviewed the enrolment figures of individual LSCs for the July 2026 admission cycle. Dr. Maria Afzal delivered the vote of thanks.

RC Khanna

IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna Organizes Training on Government e-Marketplace





IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna organized a training session on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) on 9 October 2026 as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 under the theme **'Preventive Vigilance: A Three-Month Campaign'**. The session aimed to familiarize officials with the operational aspects of GeM and included a video presentation, followed by a discussion to clarify key points.

Dr. Manju Goel, Regional Director, **Dr. Pramesh Chandra** and **Dr. Maria Afzal,** Assistant Regional Directors, **Sh. Parget Singh**, Assistant Registrar, and **Mrs. Jaswinder Kaur,** Assistant Section Officer, attended the session along with skilled contractual staff.

Dr. Manju Goel encouraged permanent staff to undertake relevant courses through the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) platform during the three-month campaign. The suggested topics included IT and cybersecurity, along with cyber hygiene; public procurement; GeM features and functionalities; and conduct rules and conflict of interest.

RC Patna

IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Conducts Online Project Viva Voce for PGDLAN Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna conducted an online project viva voce for learners enrolled in the Post Graduate Diploma in Library Automation and Networking (PGDLAN) programme on 9 October 2026, facilitating the completion of their academic requirements.

Prof. Archana Shukla, Discipline of Library and Information Science, School of Social Sciences (SOSS), IGNOU Headquarters, served as the external examiner. **Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, interacted with the learners at the beginning of the session and encouraged them to participate confidently in the assessment.

The viva voce was monitored by Dr. E. Krishna Rao and **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director. **Mr. Momit Lal,** Assistant Engineer (Data Processing), IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, provided technical support.

RC Patna

IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Conducts Online Viva Voce for MLIS Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna conducted an online viva voce for learners of the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) programme as an alternative to the internship requirement on 8 and 9 September 2026. Of the 73 learners invited, 72 attended the viva voce.

Prof. Archana Shukla and **Prof. Kunwar Singh,** faculty members in Library and Information Science at IGNOU Headquarters, served as external examiners for the assessment. **Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, interacted with the learners and briefed them on the relevant guidelines and instructions.

The viva voce was monitored by Dr. E. Krishna Rao and **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director. **Mr. Momit Lal,** Assistant Engineer (Data Processing) at the Regional Centre, provided technical support.

RC Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organizes Online Induction Meeting for Over 480 Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organized an online induction meeting on 9 October 2026 for over 480 newly enrolled learners from Learner Support Centres (LSCs) 2700, 2789, 27162, 27201, 27217 and 27265 for the July 2026 session. The meeting introduced learners to the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system, academic schedules, digital resources and student support services.

Dr. Anil Kumar Misra, Senior Regional Director and Head, welcomed the learners and highlighted the university's achievements. **Dr. Reena Kumari** explained study material distribution, eGyanKosh, assignments, synopsis and project requirements, examinations, innovation initiatives, start-up support and placement services.

Dr. Anamika Sinha demonstrated navigation of the IGNOU and Regional Centre websites to access assignment papers, examination portals, counselling schedules and digital study materials. She also outlined Learner Support Centre services and live counselling through Swayam Prabha. **Dr. Jai Prakash Verma** highlighted Swayam Prabha channels and encouraged participation in the Regional Centre's Innovation and Start-ups Cell. **Mr. Brijesh Kumar** guided learners on applying for financial assistance through the National Scholarship Portal.

Moderated by Dr. Anamika Sinha, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by **Prof. Ajeet Singh,** Coordinator, Learner Support Centre. The session familiarized learners with

RC Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Reviews Academic and Learner Support Services



Dr. Reena Kumari, Regional Director, **IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow,** visited Learner Support Centre (LSC) 27108 on 11 October 2026 to review academic support and counselling arrangements for learners.

During the meeting, she discussed the allotment of academic counsellors for learners enrolled in the Master of Arts in Education (MAEDU) programme, timely evaluation of assignments and submission of awards. She also emphasized the need to conduct online counselling sessions for learners enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), MAEDU and other programmes.

It was decided that online induction meetings for learners enrolled in the MAEDU, Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Management and Administration (PGDEMA), Post Graduate Diploma in Higher Education (PGDHE) and Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Technology (PGDET) programmes for the July 2026 admission cycle would be organized shortly. **Prof. Perveen Kumar,** Coordinator of LSC 27108, assured continued support for learners.