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### IGNOU Launches Online Project Management System (OPMS) to Streamline Academic Submissions




The **Indira Gandhi National Open University** (IGNOU) launched its **Online Project Management System (OPMS)** on 16 October 2026. The digital initiative, developed by the **Student Evaluation Division (SED),** IGNOU, in association with **BISAG-N** and **SAMARTH,** facilitates the online submission of project reports, dissertations, internship reports and other related academic assignments.

The system was formally launched by **Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU,** marking a significant step towards strengthening the University's digital academic

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The programme commenced with a welcome address and opening remarks by **Prof. Jaideep Sharma,** Registrar, Student Evaluation Division, IGNOU. This was followed by the launch of OPMS and an address by the **Vice Chancellor, Prof. Uma Kanjilal.**

**Dr. Amit Kumar Shrivastava,** Additional Director, SED, IGNOU, delivered a brief demonstration of the student submission module, highlighting the system's workflow and its role in facilitating the online submission of academic reports.

In her address, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** highlighted OPMS as a crucial step towards making IGNOU a digital university. She spoke about reducing paper waste, building a strong database, automating processes and improving the linking of data and information. She also highlighted the future potential for integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the system. Highlighting transparency, ease, and speed as key benefits, she acknowledged the contributions of the BISAG-N, SAMARTH, and SED teams. She said, *"We have long felt the need to streamline the handling of files and project reports. OPMS is an important step towards reducing paper wastage and making IGNOU a digital university."*

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Representing BISAG-N, **Ms. Gunjan,** Project Director, addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of technological collaboration in developing digital solutions for higher education. She expressed BISAG-N's keen interest in exploring further collaborative opportunities with IGNOU as well.

The launch programme reflected the collaborative efforts of IGNOU, BISAG-N and SAMARTH in developing a technology-enabled solution to facilitate project submission and improve the efficiency of student evaluation processes.

OPMS has been developed to provide a structured digital platform for students to submit their project reports, dissertations, internship reports, field work reports and other prescribed academic submissions. Integrated with the SAMARTH Portal through an Application Programming Interface (API), the system enables students to access the submission facility using their existing SAMARTH student login credentials. After payment of the prescribed project fee through the portal, students are directed to OPMS to upload their reports.

The initiative is expected to facilitate a more streamlined and technology-enabled submission process across IGNOU programmes, including Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) programmes.

Security and integrity of submitted documents have been incorporated into the system's design. Relevant student and submission details, including the student's name, enrolment number, programme code, course code, Internet Protocol (IP) address and date of submission, are automatically inserted on each page of the uploaded report. Measures have also been incorporated to restrict the complete downloading of submitted reports and

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The Student Evaluation Division has coordinated the development and testing of the system in association with the BISAG-N team, consisting of **Ms. Zankar N. Prajapati,** Associate Project Manager; **Shri Harsh Upadhyay,** Software Developer, User Interface/User Experience (UI/UX); **Ms. Anjali Bhavsar,** Software Developer; **Shri Naushil Patel,** Quality Analyst; and **Shri Dhanesh Kumar Singh,** DevSecOps and System Administrator, and the SAMARTH team, consisting of **Shri Anil Singh Bafila,** Head, Research and Development (R&D); **Mr. Shyam Sunder;** and others.

The initiative has been supported by the dedicated efforts of the SED team, including **Mrs. Aakanksha Sharma,** DR, **Shri Santosh Tripathi,** DR, **Sri Manoj Kumar,** DR, **Shri Mahendra Singh Rawat,** AR, **Shri Lalit Kumar,** AR, **Shri Bhupender Singh Rawat,** AD; **Mrs. Anju Sharma; Shri Ajay Rawat; Shri Vineet Kumar; Mohammad Izhar Azad,** EDP, **Shri Chandra Mohan AE(DP), Shri Jai Prakash,** ASO, whose contributions have supported the development and implementation of the system.

The introduction of OPMS reflects IGNOU's continued commitment to leveraging digital technologies to improve administrative efficiency, facilitate student services and strengthen academic evaluation processes. Through this collaborative initiative, IGNOU, BISAG-N and SAMARTH reaffirm their commitment to advancing technology-enabled solutions for higher education and enhancing the academic experience of learners.



# Glimpses of the OPMS Launch













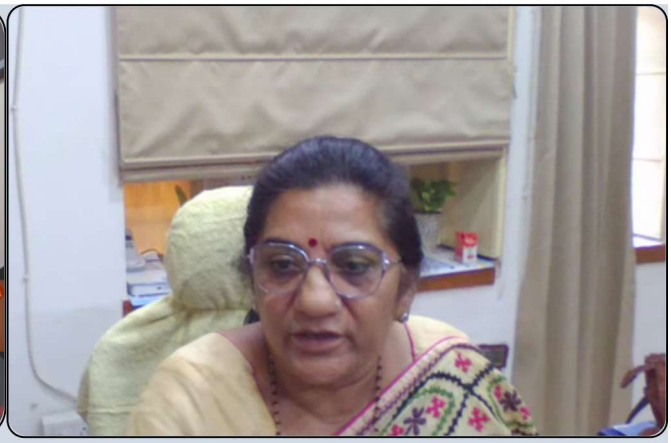




# RC Jaipur

## IGNOU RC Jaipur Conducts Online Induction Meeting for PGDRPC Learners



**IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur,** in collaboration with Work Centre RJ091, MJRP College of Education, Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phoole University, Jaipur, organized an online induction meeting for learners enrolled in the **Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology (PGDRPC)** programme for the July 2026 session on 15 October 2026. A total of **164 learners** from various Regional Centres attended the meeting.

**Dr. Mamta Bhatia,** Senior Regional Director, welcomed the participants and faculty members. The meeting familiarized learners with the programme structure, academic requirements, learning resources, assignment submission procedures, examination guidelines, and academic support available through IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur and the designated Work Centre.

**Dr. Monika Misra,** Associate Professor, Discipline of Psychology, School of Social Sciences, oriented learners on the programme's academic objectives and the importance of developing professional knowledge and competencies in rehabilitation psychology. **Dr. Ashwini Kumar,** Assistant Professor, Discipline of Psychology, School of Social Sciences, discussed the programme's academic framework and learning requirements. The meeting highlighted the importance of active participation, timely assignment submission, and regular engagement with academic activities. Faculty members from IGNOU Headquarters addressed the learners' queries. **Dr. Sher Singh,** Assistant Regional Director, coordinated the meeting.

# RC Bhagalpur

## IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur Initiates On-Spot Assignment Evaluation for December 2026 TEE



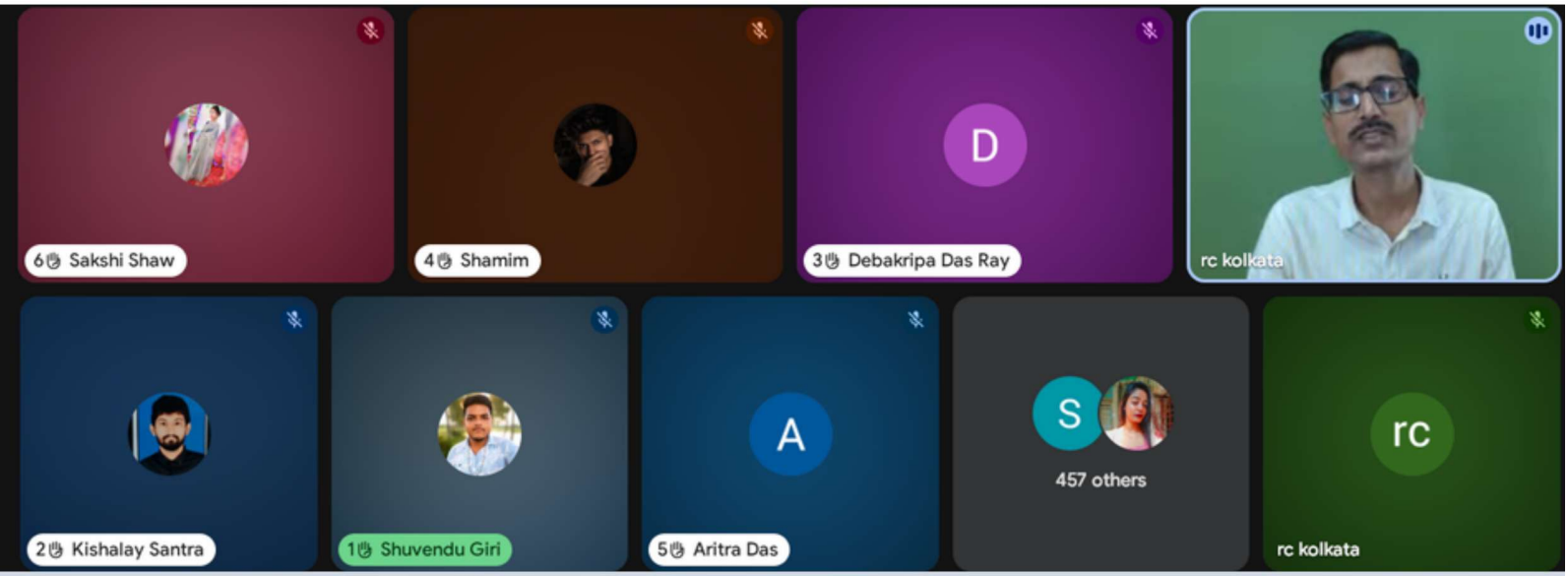
IGNOU Study Centre (0505), Marwari College, Bhagalpur, under **IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur,** has initiated on-spot assignment evaluation for the December 2026 **Term-End Examination (TEE)** to facilitate timely processing of learners' results.

The initiative involves the segregation and evaluation of assignments at the Study Centre, with evaluators and administrative staff working to ensure their systematic and timely assessment.

The drive follows the guidance of IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur, which emphasized the timely evaluation of assignments to avoid delays in updating learners' grade cards and completing their academic requirements. The Study Centre administration reported that evaluation work is progressing, with compiled award lists being sent to the Regional Centre on an ongoing basis.

# RC Kolkata

## IGNOU RC Kolkata Conducts Online Induction Meeting for Semester-Based and Certificate Programme Learners




**IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata** organized an online induction meeting on 15 October 2026 for learners enrolled in semester-based and certificate programmes for the July 2026 session. A total of **478 learners** attended the meeting.

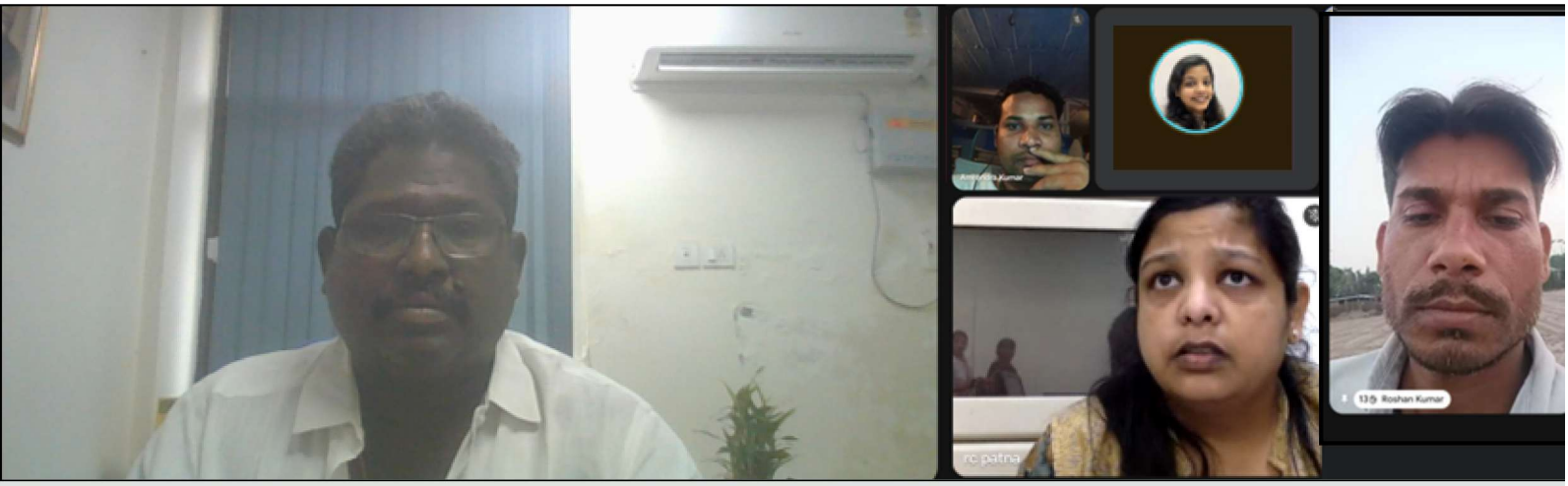
**Dr. Ajay Kumar Behera,** Regional Director (I/C), welcomed the learners and outlined the mission and vision of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), emphasizing its commitment to accessible, flexible, and quality higher education through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

The session familiarized learners with the University's academic framework and student support services, including downloading identity cards and digital study materials, understanding the credit system and programme requirements, accessing online counselling, and participating in practical counselling sessions at their Learner Support Centres (LSCs).

Learners were also guided on downloading assignment questions, submitting assignments within the prescribed deadlines, and completing Term-End Examination (TEE) forms as per the notified schedules. The meeting concluded with an emphasis on regularly checking the official IGNOU and Regional Centre websites for academic

# RC Patna

## IGNOU RC Patna Conducts Online Induction Meeting for PGDCA_NEW Learners



**IGNOU Regional Centre Patna** organized an online induction meeting on 15 October 2026 for newly enrolled learners of the **Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA_NEW)** programme for the July 2026 session. The meeting covered the University's academic framework, programme requirements, student support services, and available facilities.

**Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director, welcomed the learners and encouraged them to use IGNOU's learner-centric education system effectively. He emphasized self-discipline, regular study, and engagement with academic resources for successful completion of the programme. **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director, highlighted the role of the Regional Centre and Learner Support Centres in supporting learners. He urged them to track academic notifications, assignment deadlines, practical requirements, and examination updates, and make optimum use of the University's learning resources and support mechanisms.

**Dr. Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation introducing the IGNOU system and PGDCA_NEW programme. She covered online learning resources, assignment submission, practical components, Term-End Examinations, digital platforms, and essential procedures and guidelines for pursuing the programme. The meeting concluded with an interactive doubt-clearing session in which learners raised queries about academic procedures and programme requirements. Dr. E. Krishna Rao, Dr. Asif Iqbal, and Dr. Neelu Sharma addressed their queries.