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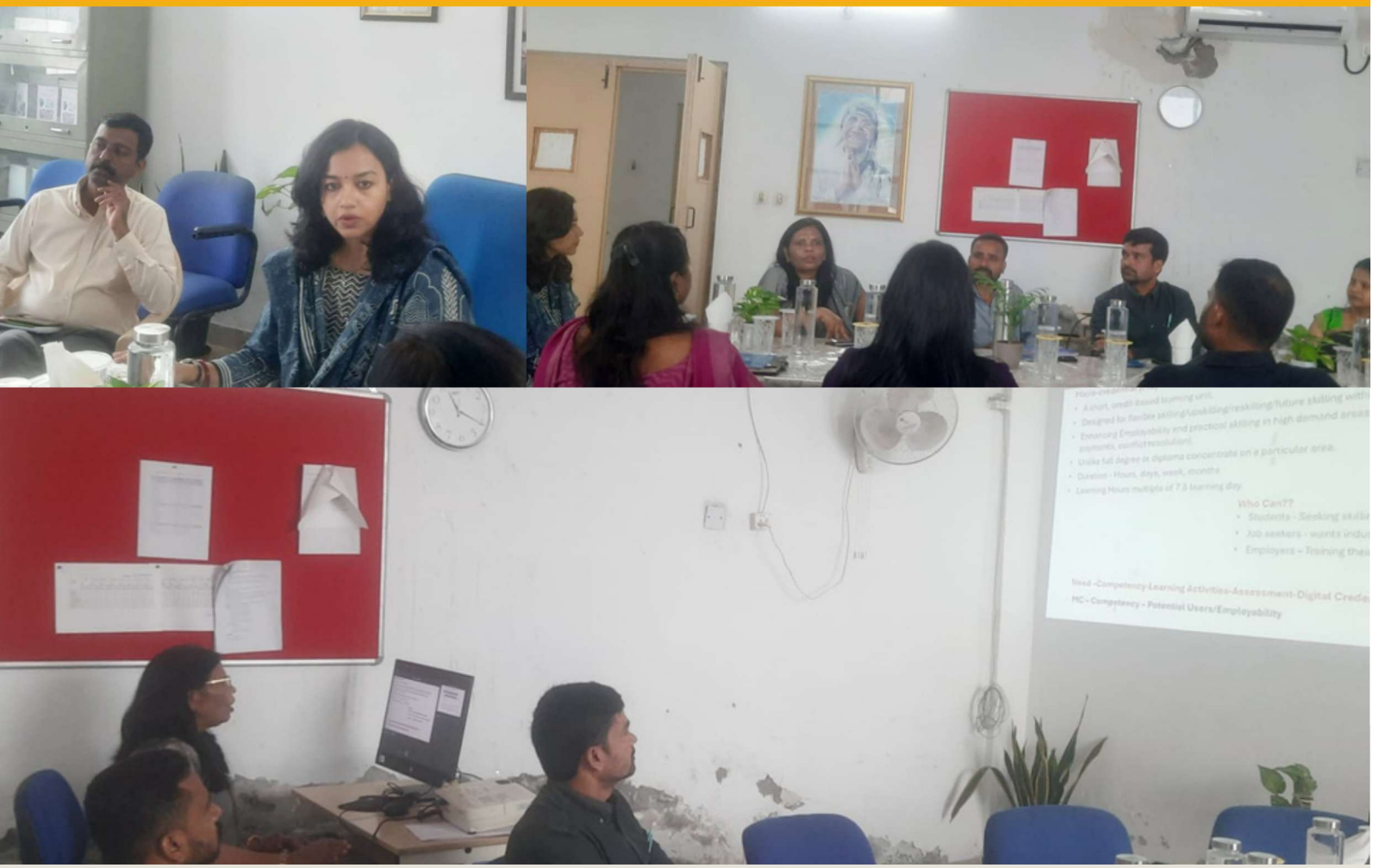
SOSW Organizes Orientation on Development of Micro-Credentials



The School of Social Work (SOSW), **Indira Gandhi National Open University** (IGNOU), organised an interaction with **Dr. Vinita Katiyar,** Deputy Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office (VCO), IGNOU, on 23 October 2026 to familiarise faculty members with the development of micro-credentials in the domain of social work.

Prof. Sayantani Guin, Director, School of Social Work, welcomed **Dr. Katiyar** and highlighted the importance of developing micro-credentials to address emerging skill requirements and enhance the professional competencies of social work learners. The interaction focused on identifying relevant areas within social work where short-term, skill-oriented and competency-based learning programmes could be

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Dr. Katiyar, the resource person, elaborated on the framework for developing micro-credentials in alignment with the **National Skills Qualification Framework** (NSQF). She discussed its outcome-based and competency-driven approach, the eight qualification levels, industry relevance, and the compliance requirements of the **National Council for Vocational Education and Training** (NCVET). She also explained the relevance of **National Occupational Standards** (NOS) and **Qualification Packs** (QP) in designing skill-based and employment-oriented learning programmes.

The discussion explored potential areas for micro-credentials in social work, including **community development, counselling skills, child protection, elderly care, mental health support, gender and development, disability inclusion, disaster management, livelihood promotion, and social welfare service delivery**. Emphasis was placed on identifying emerging professional needs and developing programmes that strengthen practical skills and improve learners'

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Dr. Katiyar further highlighted the importance of industry and stakeholder participation, flexible credit allocation, stackability, integration with existing academic curricula, and diverse delivery formats. She emphasised that proposals for micro-credentials should clearly demonstrate the demand for specific skills, relevance to employment opportunities, future requirements, and the needs of identified target groups.

Faculty members actively participated in the interaction and raised queries regarding the identification of suitable domains, curriculum development, competency assessment, certification, and implementation of micro-credential programmes in social work.

The interaction provided an opportunity for the School of Social Work to explore innovative, flexible, and skill-oriented learning pathways that can strengthen professional social work education and respond to emerging societal and workforce needs. Vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr Konde Lingaswamy.**



CIQA

CIQA Team Conducts Internal Academic and Administrative Audit of IGNOU Convention Centre





A team comprising **Dr. Navita Abrol** and **Dr. Deeksha Dave** from the **Centre for Internal Quality Assurance** (CIQA), IGNOU, visited the **Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre** to conduct an Internal Academic and Administrative Audit. The visit formed part of the University's institutional efforts to review academic and administrative processes and strengthen quality assurance practices.

The Audit Team was welcomed by **Sh. Kamal Kant Sahay,** Deputy Registrar and Security Officer (I/c), and other staff members of the Security Department. The audit focused on the Convention Centre's operations, including administrative procedures, booking and event management processes, along with the maintenance of relevant records and documentation. The team examined the existing practices to assess their alignment with established institutional procedures and identify areas for improvement. The visit provided an opportunity to review operational practices, assess administrative efficiency, and identify measures to strengthen the functioning of the Convention Centre. The audit is expected to support the University's ongoing efforts towards continuous quality improvement, accountability and the effective management of institutional facilities.

RC DEHRADUN

IGNOU's Pan-India Placement Drive at RC Dehradun





As part of its Pan-India initiative to strengthen industry-academia linkages, the Campus Placement Cell (CPC), IGNOU, under the guidance of **Prof. Nayantara Padhi,** Director, CPC, organised a placement drive in collaboration with Regional Centre Dehradun on 22 October 2026. **Dr. Vineet Kr. Srivastava,** Assistant Director, CPC, coordinated recruiter outreach and student engagement.

The drive attracted over 60 candidates from Uttarakhand, neighbouring districts of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. **Dr. Anil Kumar Dimri,** Senior Regional Director and Head, RC Dehradun, highlighted IGNOU learners' capabilities, while **Mr. Vaibhav Gupta,** State Head, CII, and **Mr. Ravikant Upadhyay** of Bajaj Life Insurance encouraged candidates to pursue continuous learning and skill development. **Dr. Rajiv Kumar,** Regional Director, RC Dehradun, welcomed the participants and anchored the programme, while **Dr. Jagdamba Prasad,** Regional Director, RC Dehradun, delivered the vote of thanks.

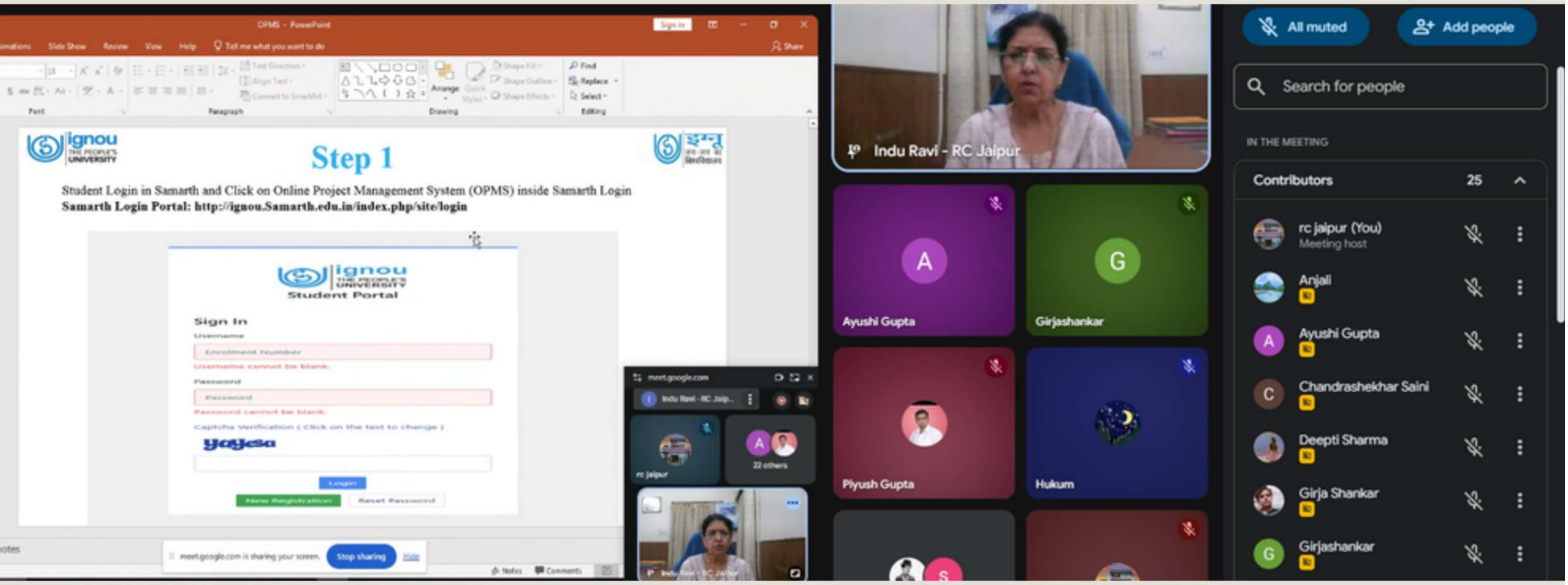
Recruiters, including Utkarsh Bank, Bajaj Life Insurance, Tata Motors, Airtel, Vi, Numax, Kotak, Allied Sky Resources and EAPRO, participated in the selection process, conducted interviews and briefed candidates on job opportunities. Over 20 candidates were shortlisted for the next round.

The drive reaffirmed IGNOU's commitment to expanding employment opportunities for learners through industry partnerships and its Pan-India network of Regional Centres.



RC JAIPUR

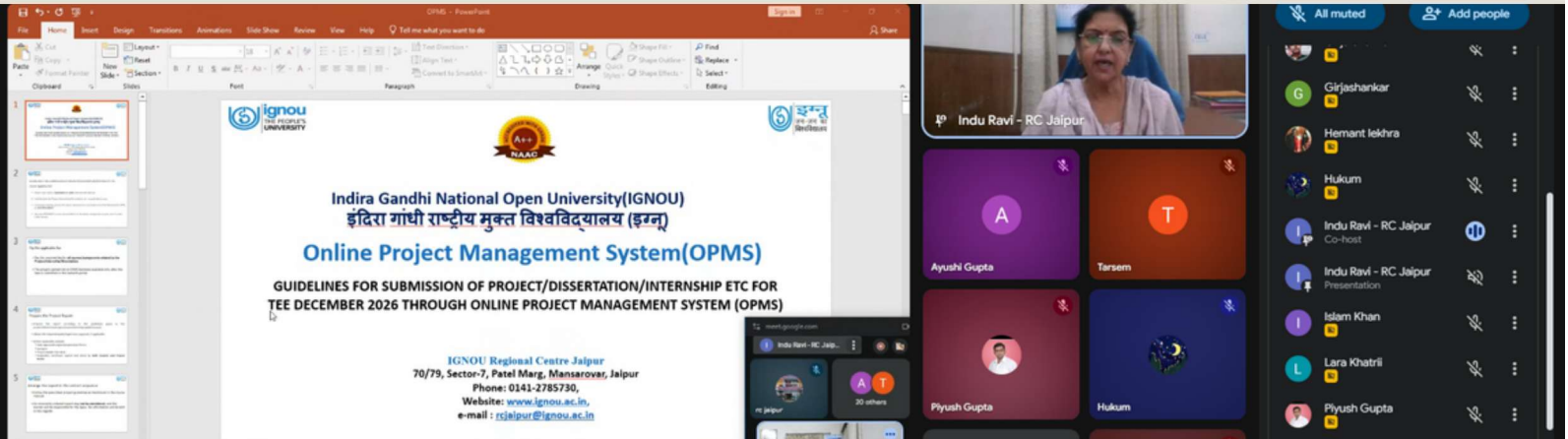
Student Grievance Redressal Session on Online Project Management System (OPMS)



IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur organized a **Student Grievance Redressal Session** on the Online Project Management System (OPMS) on 22 October 2026 to address learners' queries and facilitate a smooth and transparent online project submission process.

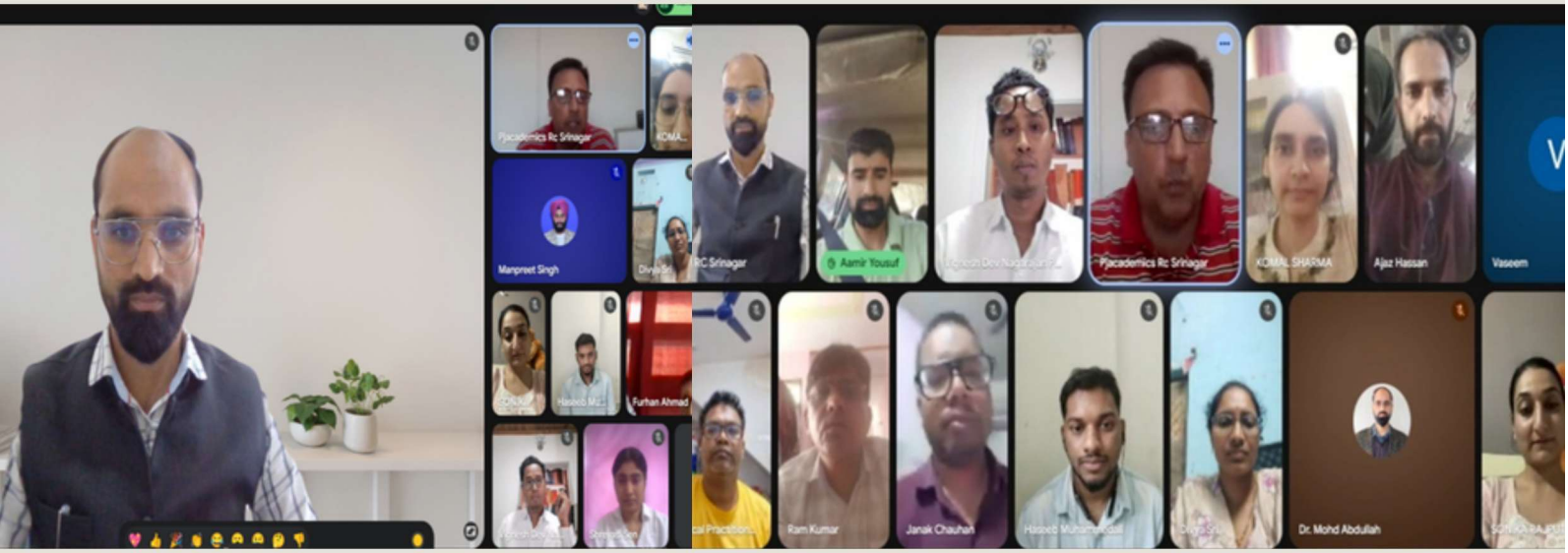
During the session, **Dr. Indu Ravi,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur, delivered a detailed presentation on OPMS, explaining the step-by-step procedure for online project submission and guiding learners on the effective use of the system.

The interactive session enabled learners to clarify their doubts and seek guidance on project submission-related issues. The session recording has also been uploaded to the official YouTube channel of IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur for learners to access and revisit the guidance.



RC SRINAGAR

IGNOU RC Srinagar Organizes Online Induction Meeting for PGDRPC Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar, in collaboration with Work Centre Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Bemina, Srinagar, organised an **Online Induction Meeting** on 25 September 2026 for learners enrolled in the Post Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Psychology (PGDRPC) programme for the July 2026 session.

Dr. A. H. Rizvi, Regional Director, oriented learners on the programme's academic objectives and emphasised the importance of developing professional knowledge and competencies in rehabilitation psychology. **Dr. Mohd Abdullah,** Assistant Regional Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the programme's academic framework, including admission procedures, the programme guide, self-learning materials, assignments, counselling, practical sessions, term-end examinations and other academic requirements.

The meeting highlighted the importance of active learner participation. **Ms. Aarifa Amin,** Work Centre Coordinator, also interacted with learners and emphasised the significance of counselling and practical sessions at Work Centre CRC, Bemina. **Mr. Peer Javeed Iqbal** coordinated the meeting.

RC SRINAGAR

IGNOU RC Srinagar Organises Online Induction Meeting for Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar, in collaboration with Programme Study Centre 1263P, Bibi Halima College of Nursing and Medical Technology, organised an online induction meeting on 15 October 2026 for learners enrolled in the Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing programme for the January 2026 session.

Dr. A. H. Rizvi, Regional Director, oriented learners on the programme's academic objectives and emphasised the importance of acquiring professional knowledge, skills and competencies in nursing. **Dr. Mohd. Abdullah,** Assistant Regional Director, delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the programme's academic framework, including admission procedures, the Programme Guide, self-learning materials, assignments, counselling sessions, practicals, term-end examinations and other essential academic requirements.

The meeting emphasised active learner participation and adherence to the programme's academic guidelines. **Ms. Shazia,** Coordinator, Programme Study Centre 1263P, Bibi Halima College of Nursing and Medical Technology, also interacted with learners and highlighted the importance of attending counselling sessions and practical classes at the Study Centre to enhance their academic understanding and professional skills.

RC PATNA

IGNOU RC Patna Organises Online Induction for MBA Learners



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre Patna, organised an online induction meeting on 21 October 2026 for newly enrolled learners across all MBA programmes and specialisations under the July 2026 admission cycle. Conducted via Google Meet, the session aimed to familiarise learners with the University's academic framework, programme requirements and essential procedures.

The meeting commenced with the presidential address by Senior Regional Director **Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** who welcomed the learners to IGNOU and highlighted the roles of the Regional Centre (RC) and Learner Support Centres (LSCs) in providing academic support and addressing learners' concerns. Emphasising IGNOU's commitment to accessible and quality education, **Dr. Rao** encouraged learners to make effective use of the academic resources and support services available through the RC and LSCs, and to pursue their academic and professional goals with dedication, discipline and consistent effort.

Dr. Neelu Sharma, Assistant Regional Director (ARD), delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation on key aspects of the MBA programmes. She explained the programme structure, assignment guidelines, procedures for downloading and submitting assignments, and the re-registration process. Learners were also guided on accessing relevant academic information and adhering to the prescribed University guidelines.

Regional Director **Dr. Asif Iqbal** addressed the participants and stressed the importance of regularly checking University notifications, following academic schedules, and making effective use of IGNOU's digital resources and learner support services. He encouraged learners to remain proactive and committed throughout their academic journey.

The meeting concluded with an interactive doubt-clearing session, during which learners sought

RC MUMBAI

IGNOU RC Mumbai Organises Online Induction Meeting for July 2026 Learners



On 16 October 2026, **IGNOU Regional Centre Mumbai** organised an online induction meeting via YouTube Live for newly admitted learners of annual-based programmes under the July 2026 admission cycle.

The session aimed to familiarise learners with IGNOU's Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and online education systems and guide them on the academic activities required to complete their respective programmes.

Dr. Rahul Mishra, Regional Director, welcomed the learners to IGNOU and explained the ODL and online programme systems. He also highlighted the innovation and entrepreneurship activities organised by IGNOU and its Regional Centres and encouraged learners to participate in the Innovation Club activities of RC Mumbai.

Dr. P. Namboothiripad, Assistant Regional Director (ARD), provided detailed information on key academic activities, including assignment submission, examination form submission, counselling sessions, projects, practicals and examinations. His presentation helped learners understand their programme

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Dr. Milind B. Patil, ARD, briefed learners on online learning programmes, the Learning Management System (LMS) portal and the support mechanisms available for online learners. He also informed them about the grievance redressal drives organised by the Regional Centre.

Mr. Shashank Tripathi, Assistant, guided learners on navigating the IGNOU website and social media platforms and accessing assignment question papers, study materials and other academic resources through a screen-sharing demonstration.

The meeting concluded with a question-and-answer session addressing individual learner queries, followed by a vote of thanks.

