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IGNOU's SOFL Explores Japan Foundation's Online Material for Japanese Language Courses

The **School of Foreign Languages** (SOFL), IGNOU, hosted a presentation on the use of IRODORI Japanese language learning material in its Japanese Language Skill Courses on 26 October 2026. **Mr Miura Takashi,** Japanese Language Advisor at the Japan Foundation, delivered the presentation, which was attended by all faculty members of the School.





Prof. Mohd Saleem, Director, SOFL, appreciated the proposal and the Japan Foundation's efforts to make IGNOU's self-learning material (SLM) more relevant to learners. As a way forward, SOFL will explore the possibility of incorporating the Japan Foundation's online learning material to benefit IGNOU's Japanese language learners across India, as noted by **Mr Shivaji Bhaskar,** Programme Coordinator,



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IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Organises Orientation for Academic Counsellors



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna organized an orientation programme for academic counsellors on 17 October 2026 at Learner Support Centre (LSC-0573), Nalanda College, Biharsharif, Nalanda. The programme covered the **Online Project Management System** (OPMS), assignment evaluation procedures, compliance with university guidelines, and the functioning of learner support centres.

Dr E. Krishna Rao, Senior Regional Director; **Dr Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director; and **Dr Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, attended the programme. **Dr Ratnesh Aman,** Coordinator, LSC-0573, welcomed the officials, academic counsellors, and assistant coordinators.

Dr E. Krishna Rao highlighted the role of academic counsellors in maintaining academic quality and supporting learners. He briefed them on OPMS, recently introduced by IGNOU Headquarters, and emphasized the need to familiarize

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Dr Asif Iqbal explained the prescribed criteria for assignment evaluation, stressing objective assessment, consistency, timely evaluation, and accurate entry of awards in accordance with university guidelines.

Dr Neelu Sharma emphasized adherence to IGNOU's rules, regulations, and official communications. She cautioned counsellors against misinformation circulated through unofficial channels, particularly fake messages about assignment submission deadlines and procedures, and advised them to refer learners to official notifications from IGNOU Headquarters and the Regional Centre.







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The officials subsequently inspected the Learner Support Centre, examining assignment evaluation records, arrangements for the segregation and handling of assignments, and staff attendance records. They emphasised the importance of proper documentation and compliance with university procedures. To improve assignment data management, the centre was directed to depute a representative to IGNOU Regional Centre Patna for orientation on the ARMS Portal, focusing on the accurate and timely entry and management of assignment awards.

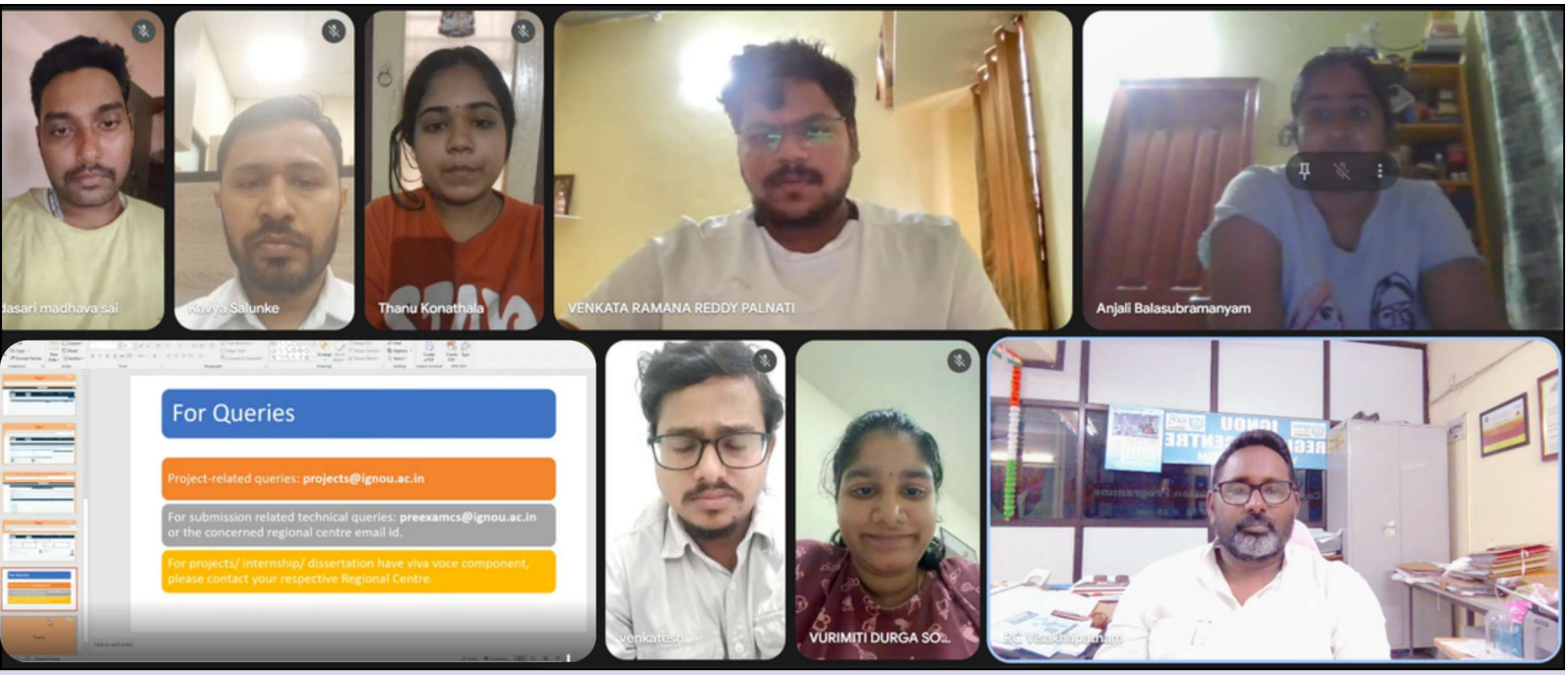
The team also inspected the computer laboratory and interacted with faculty members of the Department of Computer Science to assess the feasibility of activating IGNOU's Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) and Master of Computer Applications (MCA) programmes at the centre. The discussions focused on the infrastructure and academic support facilities available for the proposed programmes.

In a separate interaction, faculty members of the Department of Library and Information Science discussed the feasibility of activating the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) and Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) programmes.

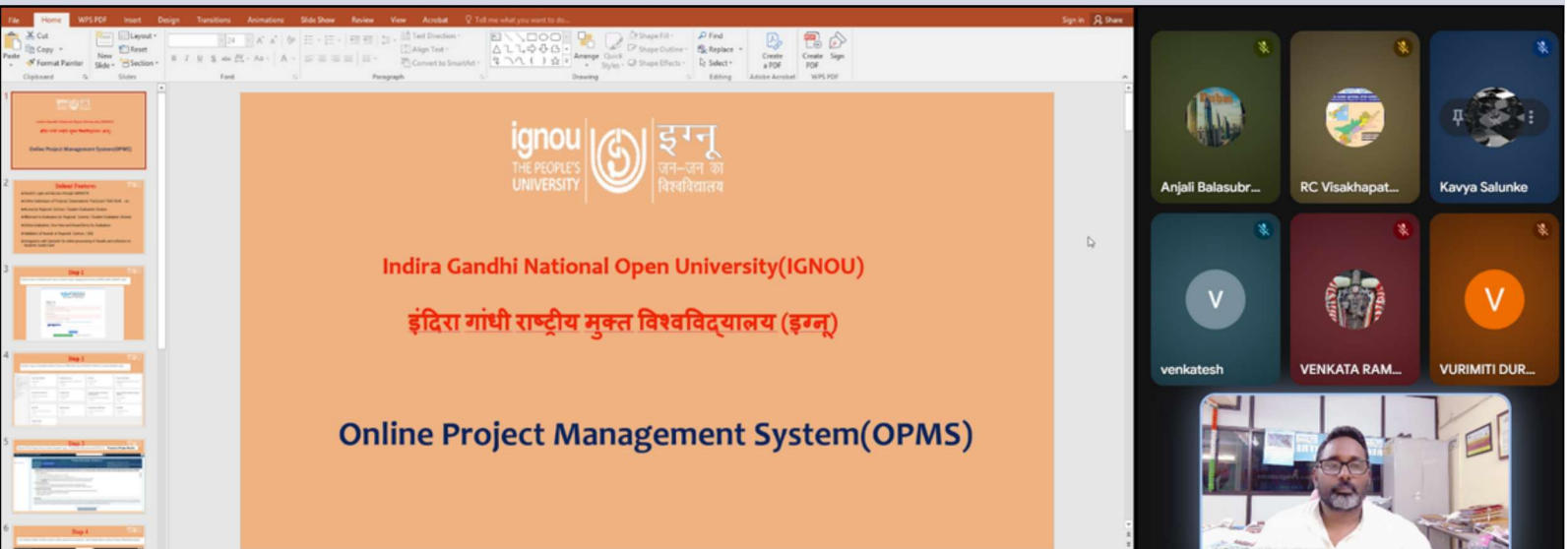
The LSC Coordinator was asked to submit the prescribed proformas for all four proposed programmes. The proposals will be forwarded to the competent authority

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IGNOU Regional Centre Visakhapatnam Orients Learners on OPMS Portal

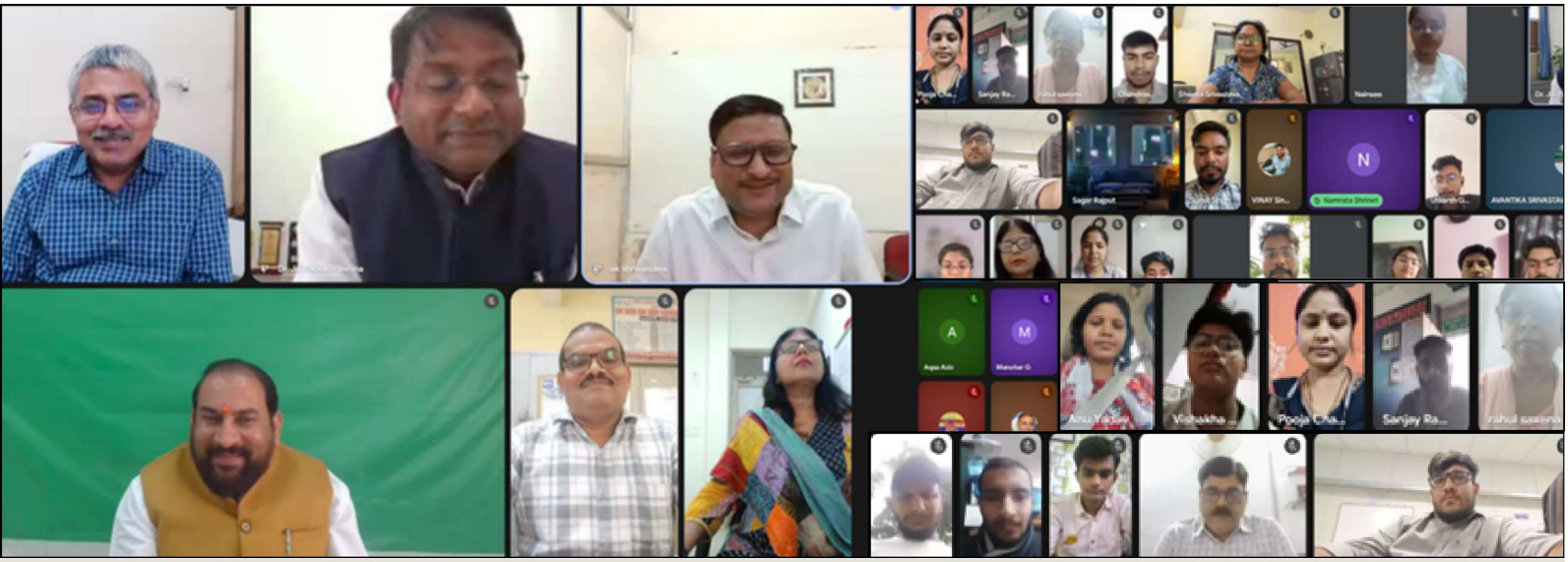


IGNOU Regional Centre Visakhapatnam organised an online orientation programme on 21 October 2026 to familiarise learners with the newly launched **Online Project Management System** (OPMS) portal for project submission. The programme covered the guidelines, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and procedures for project submission. A presentation was also delivered to demonstrate the portal's operational guidelines and submission process. Learners of the Regional Centre participated in the programme.



RC Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organises Workshop on Project Preparation and Submission



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organized an online workshop on the preparation and submission of synopses, projects, dissertations, internships, and fieldwork on 23 October 2026, under the guidance of **Dr Anil Kumar Misra,** Senior Regional Director and Head, IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow.

Dr Amit Kumar Bajpai, DGM and Education Head, UPTEC, Lucknow, delivered the keynote address, explaining the procedures for preparing synopses, projects, dissertations, and internship work. **Dr Amit Kumar Srivastava,** Additional Director, Student Evaluation Division (SED), IGNOU Headquarters, spoke about the newly launched Online Project Management System (OPMS). He highlighted that the portal would save learners' time and enable them to track the progress of their submissions.

The resource persons discussed the prescribed guidelines for project preparation and submission, covering research methodology, academic writing, planning, and compliance with university procedures. Around 201 learners participated in the workshop. **Dr Jai Prakash Verma,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow, convened the programme, with **Dr Parvat Singh,** Coordinator, IGNOU LSC-27211, Kanpur Dehat, serving as Organising Secretary. **Dr Reena Kumari,** Regional Director, and **Dr Nishith Nagar,** Assistant Registrar, were also present.

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IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Academics Visit CUSB for B.Ed. Workshop







IGNOU Regional Centre Patna officials visited Learner Support Centre (LSC-05201) at the Central University of South Bihar (CUSB), Gaya, on 24 October 2026 to interact with learners attending the B.Ed. First-Year Workshop being conducted from 16 to 27 October 2026.

Dr E. Krishna Rao, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, highlighted the importance of teacher education in improving school education and encouraged learners to use the workshop to strengthen their pedagogical knowledge, practical skills, and professional competencies. He emphasized the role of continuous learning and dedication in becoming effective educators.

Dr Asif Iqbal, Regional Director, stressed the importance of practical training, active participation, and applying theoretical knowledge in classroom settings. He encouraged learners to adopt innovative, learner-centred teaching practices. **Dr Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, highlighted the importance of empathy, patience, and inclusivity in teaching, urging learners to respect individual differences and create supportive learning environments. **Ranjeet Kumar,** a B.Ed. learner and teacher at Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, CUSB, appreciated the informative sessions and expertise of the resource persons, recommending such workshops for the professional development of working teachers. **Prof. Ravi Kant,** Coordinator of LSC-05201, along with the assistant coordinator, and academic counsellors also briefed the Regional Centre officials on the workshop activities. The activities were reported to

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IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai Participates in Transfer of Credit Committee Meeting at NIOS



The **Transfer of Credit** (TOC) Committee meeting was held at the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) **Regional Centre Chennai,** to facilitate former NIOS learners and learners from certain other school education boards who were unable to qualify in their Secondary or Senior Secondary examinations after enrolling with NIOS.

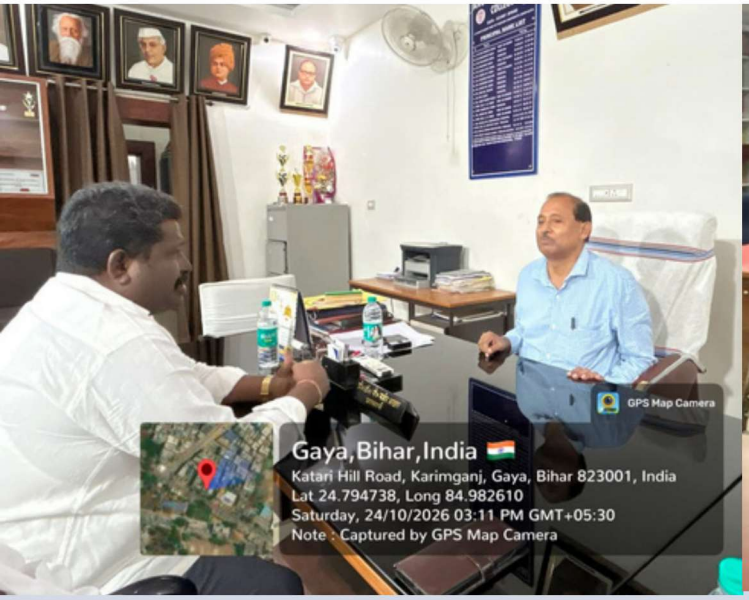
The committee comprised representatives from Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), IIT Chennai; the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Regional Office, Chennai; the Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education, DPI Campus, Chennai; NIOS Regional Centre Chennai; and IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai.

The members present were **Dr R Senthil Kumar,** Principal, KV IIT; **Shri Kuldeep Singh,** Under Secretary, CBSE Regional Office, Chennai; **Dr P Kuppusamy,** Director, Non-Formal and Adult Education, DPI Campus, Chennai; **Dr R Baskar,** Regional Director, NIOS Regional Centre Chennai; and **Dr J S Dorothy,** Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai. **Shri Harshit Saxena,** Junior Assistant, and **Ms A Merlin Mary,** EDP, NIOS Regional Centre Chennai, were also present.

Dr R Baskar acknowledged the support extended by **Dr K Panneerselvam,** Director, Regional Services Division (RSD), IGNOU Headquarters, during his tenure as Senior

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IGNOU RC Patna Assesses Feasibility of New Learner Support Centre in Gaya





IGNOU Regional Centre Patna visited Anugrah Memorial College, Gaya, on 24 October 2026 to assess the feasibility of establishing a Learner Support Centre (LSC) and expanding access to higher education in the region.

The academic team, comprising **Dr E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director; **Dr Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director; and **Dr Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, met **Prof. Mohd. Nazir Akhtar,** Principal of the college, to discuss the proposal.

Dr E. Krishna Rao highlighted the potential of an LSC to improve access to flexible and affordable higher education for learners in and around Gaya. Dr Asif Iqbal briefed faculty members on the empanelment of academic counsellors, programme activation procedures, and the academic support facilities required for IGNOU programmes.

The team explored the feasibility of offering the Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS), Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), and Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) programmes, subject to university norms and approval.

As part of the assessment, the team inspected the college's Physics, Chemistry, and Computer laboratories to evaluate the infrastructure and practical facilities available for the proposed programmes. The proposal will be subject to the prescribed university procedures and