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IGNOU VC Delivers Keynote at UNESCO's Global MIL Week 2026 in New Delhi

IGNOU Vice Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** gave the keynote address at the inaugural session of **UNESCO's Regional Event for Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2026.** The two-day event was held at the UNESCO Regional Office for South Asia in New Delhi on 26–27 October. Its theme was ***"We All Play a Part: Advancing Media and Information Literacy for the People",*** with a focus on MIL and Education in South Asia.



The inaugural session was also addressed by **Mr. Tim Curtis,** Director, UNESCO Regional Office for South Asia, and **Mr. Kamal Pathmasiri,** Director General, South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD). **Policymakers, teacher educators, curriculum experts, media professionals** and **young people** from **India, Sri Lanka,**

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In her address, **Prof. Kanjilal** linked the theme's call for "MIL for the People" to IGNOU's identity as The People's University. In a world shaped by **algorithms** and **generative AI,** the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor mentioned that the learners must be able to question what they see and not just read it. She stressed that **Media & Information Literacy** (MIL) must reach teachers and learners at scale, and that IGNOU's national network is built for a similar reach. Speaking on the Artificial Intelligence (AI), Prof. Kanjilal said that, "IGNOU is integrating AI into teaching and learning responsibly, and that AI in education must go hand in hand with AI literacy reaching the unreached".

The Vice Chancellor highlighted the **partnership IGNOU** formalized with **UNESCO** and **SACTD**, Sri Lanka, through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** signed on 20 May 2025. The MoU sets a three-year roadmap to bring MIL into teacher education across South Asia. It covers joint curriculum development, Training of Trainers, research, and support for underserved groups. Under the project, IGNOU has developed a **one-year Post Graduate Diploma in Media and Information Literacy (PGDMIL),** based on the **UNESCO MIL Curriculum.** Designed mainly for academicians, it is open to any graduate, with admissions in





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IGNOU and Google Explore AI-Driven Learning, Virtual Laboratories and Flexible Assessment

Meeting at IGNOU Headquarters explores technology-led solutions for remote learners, emerging skill courses, innovation and next-generation examinations



In a significant step towards advancing technology-enabled education, **Indira Gandhi National Open University** (IGNOU) held a meeting with a delegation from **Google** at the Vice Chancellor's Office on 28 October 2026. Chaired by IGNOU Vice Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal,** the meeting explored opportunities for collaboration in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), data science, immersive learning, virtual laboratories, digital assessment and emerging technology-based skill development.

Prof. Kanjilal welcomed the Google delegation, comprising **Mr. Peter Kaksi, Ms Arti Dwivedi, Mr. Ashish Chaudhary, Mr. Jatin Dalal, Mr. Govindra Okheda, Mr. Basil Ayyas** and **Mr. Amit Arora**. She outlined IGNOU's vision of evolving into a technology-driven virtual university that combines the reach of open and distance learning with the possibilities offered by digital innovation. The discussions reflected the University's efforts to identify practical technology solutions that can enhance learning, strengthen academic engagement and extend educational opportunities to learners in geographically remote and underserved areas.

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Presenting the University's future priorities, Prof. Kanjilal highlighted the need to introduce market-relevant courses in AI, ML and data science, while expanding into animation, visual effects, gaming and comics (AVGC), extended reality (XR) and generative AI. These emerging domains, she observed, offer considerable scope for developing industry-oriented learning pathways and equipping learners with competencies relevant to a rapidly changing employment landscape.

A key proposal discussed during the meeting was the development of a **Living Lab** to facilitate experiential learning for IGNOU students who may not have physical access to laboratory facilities. Under this concept, learners would be able to conduct experiments remotely through digitally connected systems, with robotics enabling them to initiate and control laboratory equipment from a distance. The proposed model would bring practical learning within the reach of students irrespective of their geographical location, helping bridge the gap between theoretical instruction and hands-on experience. Prof. Kanjilal invited Google to explore AI-enabled tools and technological solutions that could support the development of such a learning environment.

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The Vice Chancellor also emphasised the potential of gamification to improve academic engagement among learners enrolled in open, distance and digital education programmes. She expressed interest in developing interactive learning videos that go beyond the conventional presentation of course content by incorporating features that encourage participation, exploration and active learning. The discussion highlighted the scope for combining digital content, intelligent learning tools and interactive experiences to make education more engaging and responsive to learners' needs.



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Reimagining assessment and examinations

The meeting also examined opportunities to transform IGNOU's assessment and examination systems through technology. Referring to the recently launched Assignment and Project Management System, Prof. Kanjilal outlined the University's plans to explore more flexible and accessible assessment mechanisms. These included computer-based testing (CBT) at Regional Centres and the longer-term possibility of an 'On-the-Go' examination facility through devices such as Chromebooks, subject to appropriate technological, academic and examination safeguards.

The concept of a '**Walk-In Exam**' facility was discussed as a potential means of providing learners with greater flexibility in choosing when and where to undertake assessments. Other possibilities included the generation of individualised question papers and assignments, AI-assisted assessment and evaluation, and remotely proctored examinations for international students. Such initiatives could help the University explore more responsive assessment models while retaining the integrity and credibility of its examination processes. In an effort to address the specific challenges faced by learners in remote locations, Prof. Kanjilal proposed an innovative outreach model involving **mobile examination vans** associated with Regional Centres. These vans could travel to geographically distant communities and facilitate remotely proctored examinations, thereby reducing the need for learners to undertake long journeys to examination centres. The proposal reflected IGNOU's continuing emphasis on equitable access and its search for practical ways to bring

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Building pathways for skills, innovation and collaboration

The Google delegation introduced the IGNOU officials to initiatives such as the Google AI Educator Series and Google Career Certificates, which could offer opportunities to strengthen digital competencies and improve learners' employability. The discussions also explored the possibility of developing stackable courses integrated into IGNOU's existing programmes across disciplines, enabling learners to acquire additional skills and build progressively towards broader academic or professional qualifications.

As part of its proposed engagement with the University's innovation ecosystem, Google indicated that it would explore possible avenues for providing foundational technology support to the upcoming **Innovation Lab** of the **National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education** (NCIDE) under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The proposed engagement could help strengthen the technological foundation for experimentation, innovation and the development of learner-focused solutions. Google representatives also introduced the IGNOU officials to the **Google Developer Community**, through which developers and innovators can access mentorship and opportunities to exchange ideas and develop technological solutions. The discussion further extended to the possibilities of an agentic platform for the University, with attention to the learning pathways and foundational competencies that would be required to support its

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The meeting provided a valuable platform for IGNOU to present its technology-led academic vision and explore how Google's expertise and digital ecosystem might support its implementation. The range of proposals discussed, from remotely accessible laboratories and interactive learning resources to flexible examinations, stackable qualifications and innovation support, underscored the University's determination to move beyond the conventional boundaries of distance education.

For IGNOU, whose learners are spread across diverse geographical and socio-economic settings, the potential of these initiatives lies not merely in adopting new technologies but in applying them to address persistent barriers to access, participation and practical learning. The discussions also reflected the importance of aligning digital transformation with employability, academic quality and the distinctive needs of open and distance learners. The meeting concluded on a constructive note, with the prospect of translating the ideas discussed into an actionable proposal for further consideration. The engagement marks a promising step towards exploring technology partnerships that could strengthen IGNOU's digital learning infrastructure and advance its vision of a more accessible, flexible and innovation-driven university.



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SACTD Director General Visits IGNOU



Following UNESCO's Global MIL Week event in New Delhi, **Mr. Kamal Pathmasiri, Director General of the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development (SACTD), Sri Lanka,** paid a courtesy visit to IGNOU on Tuesday, 27 October 2026, and met the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal.** During the visit, he interacted with the IGNOU faculty members participating at the workshop on 'Designing Digital Learning Experiences for MOOCs', organised by the University's International Division at the Headquarters under the GIZ-supported Digital Skills to Succeed (DS2S) project.

During the interaction, Prof. Kanjilal outlined areas of mutual interest in which IGNOU and SACTD can collaborate in the South Asian region. Mr. Pathmasiri assured that SACTD will work closely with IGNOU to facilitate Media and Information Literacy training in Sri Lanka and across South Asia. IGNOU and SACTD are partners, with UNESCO, in the MIL project launched under the Memorandum

Glimpses of IGNOU–SACTD Interaction











SOITS

IGNOU Organises National Seminar on E-Waste Management for a Sustainable Future



The **School of Inter-Disciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies** (SOITS), IGNOU, organised a national seminar on **"E-Waste Management for a Sustainable Future"** under the theme "Responsible E-Waste Management for a Cleaner, Greener Tomorrow" at the Babasaheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU, on 28 October, 2026. The seminar brought together experts and academicians to deliberate on the growing challenges of electronic waste, its environmental and health implications, and the need for sustainable waste management practices.

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, extended her support and encouragement for the initiative, emphasising the importance of raising awareness about responsible e-waste management. She observed that while technology has transformed lives by facilitating communication, education and access to information, it has also brought the responsibility of managing electronic waste safely, scientifically and sustainably. Reaffirming IGNOU's commitment to education and social responsibility, she highlighted the University's role in promoting awareness among learners, faculty members and communities through education, research and outreach. She also stressed the importance of responsible

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Delivering the welcome address, **Prof. B. Rupini,** Director, SOITS, IGNOU, highlighted the health hazards associated with improper e-waste disposal and emphasised the importance of responsible handling of discarded electronic devices. She urged people to adopt practices such as repairing and reusing electronic products rather than replacing them frequently. Drawing attention to excessive consumerism and the tendency to upgrade mobile phones and other electronic gadgets, she stressed that e-waste requires specialised disposal methods because of its toxic components. She also highlighted IGNOU's initiatives in this area and reaffirmed that the University follows government rules and prescribed procedures for e-waste disposal.

Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Registrar, IGNOU, underscored the importance of recycling, reusing and repurposing electronic products to build a sustainable future. Referring to the Indian Knowledge System, he observed that the principles of reuse and resource conservation have long been integral to Indian traditions. He emphasised that these principles remain relevant in addressing contemporary environmental challenges and called for greater awareness and responsible practices to reduce e-waste.



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Prof. Tanu Jindal, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Amity University, a distinguished environmental scientist specialising in environmental toxicology, pollution monitoring and sustainability, spoke about the increasing accumulation of e-waste and described it as a major toxicological challenge. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Ecotoxicology from the University of Delhi and has led several research and academic initiatives addressing environmental pollution, public health and eco-friendly technologies.

In her address, Prof. Jindal explained that burning electronic waste releases hazardous substances, including heavy metals such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium, creating a toxic mixture that poses serious risks to human health and the environment. She highlighted the dangers of acid leaching and groundwater contamination, drawing attention to the vulnerability of children, women, and workers in the informal waste-handling sector. Emphasising the need for more effective waste management practices in India, she called for a shift from toxicity to circularity, with greater focus on resource recovery, safe recycling and minimising exposure to hazardous substances.

Dr. Suneel Pandey, Senior Fellow and Director, Environment and Waste Management Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, has over 30 years of experience in waste management, circular economy and resource efficiency. He holds a Ph.D. in Hazardous Waste Characterization from Nagpur University and a postgraduate degree in Analytical Chemistry from Banaras Hindu University. He also chairs the expert committee on circular economy in e-waste management constituted by the Ministry of

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Dr. Pandey highlighted the economic and strategic importance of recovering critical raw materials from discarded electronic products. He emphasised that recovering these materials from end-of-life products, including batteries and electronic equipment, is essential for strengthening resource security and advancing the circular economy. His address covered the critical raw material value chain, the Government of India's initiatives, including the **National Critical Mineral Mission** (NCMM), and the role of critical mineral recycling. He also discussed the status of commercial recycling in India, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), gaps in existing recycling practices and the high capital investment required for advanced recycling technologies. He underlined the need for an effective framework for recovering critical raw materials from e-waste.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by **Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur,** SOITS, IGNOU, who acknowledged the speakers and participants for their contributions to the discussion on responsible e-waste management.



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As part of its sustainability initiative, SOITS, IGNOU, also organised an e-waste collection drive on October 28, 2026, under the slogan **"Old Tech, New Purpose: Power a Greener Planet!"** The initiative encouraged the University community to contribute towards creating a cleaner and greener campus by responsibly disposing of obsolete electronic equipment.

The collection drive covered a wide range of electronic items, including computing devices, motherboards, graphic cards, mobile phones, tablets, smartwatches, headphones, earphones, speakers, chargers, power banks, batteries, cables, wires, extension boards, routers, modems, printers, remote controls, LED bulbs, lamps, mosquito traps, circuit boards and connectors.





The initiative reinforced the importance of responsible e-waste disposal, resource recovery and recycling while encouraging sustainable practices to minimise the environmental impact of discarded electronic products.

Through the seminar and the collection drive, IGNOU reiterated the importance of collective responsibility, public awareness and sustainable practices in addressing the growing challenge of electronic waste

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IGNOU Organises Second Plantation Drive, Reiterates Commitment to a Clean and Green Campus



Building on the encouraging response to the inaugural edition of its plantation drive at the Headquarters under the initiative ***'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam',*** the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organised its second plantation drive at the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre on 28 October 2026, as part of the nationwide *'Swachhata Hi Seva'* (SHS) 2026 campaign. The initiative reflects the University's sustained efforts to promote environmental responsibility, nurture a culture of tree plantation and advance its vision of a clean, green and sustainable campus.

IGNOU Vice Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** led the plantation drive, which witnessed enthusiastic participation by faculty members, administrative staff and ITEP students. The collective participation lent the initiative a strong sense of community engagement, highlighting the importance of individual and institutional efforts in protecting nature and preserving the environment for future generations.

Addressing the staff and students, Prof. Kanjilal emphasised the importance of nurturing trees and protecting the natural environment as integral to building a sustainable future. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor encouraged the participants to recognise that planting a tree is only the beginning of a larger responsibility, one that entails caring for it as it grows and ensuring its long-term survival. Prof. Kanjilal also underscored the need to translate environmental awareness into everyday practices, with a focus on cleanliness, conservation and responsible use of natural resources.

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The plantation drive brought together the spirit of *'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'* and the objectives of Swachhata Hi Seva, reinforcing the message that caring for Mother Nature is a collective responsibility. By encouraging members of the University community to participate directly in greening the campus, IGNOU is giving practical expression to the principle that environmental conservation must extend beyond awareness to sustained action. The initiative also advances IGNOU's commitment to developing a Clean and Green Campus, where cleanliness, greenery and environmental consciousness are integral to institutional life.



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STRIDE and Administration Division

STRIDE Organises Workshop on Labour Code Compliance in Collaboration with Administration Division



STRIDE, in collaboration with the Administration Division, IGNOU, organized a workshop on **'Labour Code and Compliance of Labour Rules'** for IGNOU officials on 27 October 2026 as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, observed under the theme 'Probity for Prosperity'.

The workshop was conducted in hybrid mode, with participants from IGNOU Headquarters attending physically at the Conference Hall, COE, IGNOU, and participants from Regional Centres (RCs) and Regional Evaluation Centres (RECs) joining online. A total of **102** participants attended the workshop.

At the outset, **Prof. Anita Priyadarshini,** Director, STRIDE, welcomed the dignitaries, resource persons and participants. She emphasized the importance of compliance with labour rules as an integral part of ethical conduct in government processes and good governance.

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Prof. Tata Ramakrishna, Coordinator of the programme, provided an overview of the workshop, its background and expected outcomes. The workshop was inaugurated by **Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava,** Registrar (Administration), and the opening remarks were delivered by **Prof. Subodh Kesharwani,** Chief Vigilance Officer.

The resource persons, **Shri P. S. Karmase,** Deputy Labour Commissioner, and **Ms. Ritu Awasthi,** Labour Enforcement Officer, Central Labour Commission, New Delhi, conducted sessions on the new labour codes and compliance with labour rules and related concerns. The sessions were informative and interactive. **Dr. Shyama Prasad Rout,** Deputy Registrar (General Administration), proposed the formal vote of thanks.

RC Varanasi

Registrar Visits IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi and Study Centre at BHU



Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Registrar, IGNOU, visited IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi and Study Centre 48003 at the Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IAS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), on 25 October 2026.

During the visit to the study centre, Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava interacted with learners of the Diploma in Dairy Technology (DDT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Food Safety and Quality Management (PGDFSQM) programmes who were attending practical counselling sessions. He reviewed their academic and practical activities and sought feedback on student support services. He was accompanied by **Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi,** Regional Director and Head, IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi. **Dr. Arvind Kumar,** Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre 48003, welcomed the visitors, while **Dr. Tarun Verma,** Course Instructor, demonstrated the learners' practical work. This included the preparation of dairy products such as *chhena, paneer, rabri, chhena kheer* and *peda,* along with laboratory testing activities related to milk. The visitors appreciated the learners' efforts and practical skills. The learners also expressed their gratitude for the facilities and support provided by IGNOU.

Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava also visited the Regional Centre Varanasi premises to review their condition and maintenance and issued necessary directions. He interacted with the Regional Centre's officials and staff during the visit.





RC HYDERABAD

Vigilance Awareness Week



Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 was observed on 26 October 2026 at IGNOU Regional Centre, Hyderabad, under the theme “Probity for Prosperity.” **Dr. Raju Bolla,** Regional Director, addressed officers and staff on the value of integrity, transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in public administration, explaining that probity in professional and personal life is essential to preventing corruption, strengthening public trust and ensuring responsible governance. He urged everyone to discharge their duties honestly and uphold ethical values, and subsequently administered the Integrity Pledge, reaffirming the collective commitment to combat corruption and promote ethical practices in public service. The programme highlighted the shared responsibility of employees and stakeholders in building a transparent, accountable and corruption-free

RC HYDERABAD

Induction Meeting







An offline **induction meeting** for learners enrolled in the July 2026 admission cycle was held on 25 October 2026 at Learner Support Centre 01131, Aurora Business School, Punjagutta, Hyderabad. Of the 651 learners allotted to the centre, 300 attended the session. **Dr. Raju Bolla,** Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Hyderabad, addressed the learners and explained the university's academic requirements, the importance of assignments and their submission deadlines, the role of counselling in distance education, the online submission of RR and examination forms, access to Self-Learning Materials, and the need to maintain a complete file of academic records until completion of the

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Valedictory Session



The **B.Ed. workshops** for first- and second-year learners were held at IGNOU Learner Support Centre (LSC) 0158, Nava Bharathi College of Education, Hyderabad from 10 to 21 October 2026, with approximately 82 learners taking part in the twelve-day programme. The sessions strengthened pedagogical knowledge, practical teaching skills and an understanding of the educator's professional responsibilities. In the valedictory session, **Dr. Raju Bolla,** Regional Director, urged learners to bridge theory and practice through lesson planning, practice teaching, classroom observation and reflective learning, and to build collaborative, inclusive classrooms where every student is valued.

He further stressed creative teaching with innovative aids, digital resources and empathy, lifelong learning, research, innovation and national development, and cited **Mr. G. D. Naidu** as an example of practical intelligence. The workshops concluded with the message that teachers must be facilitators, mentors, innovators

RC DELHI 2

IGNOU Participates in the 12th Vibrant India–2026 and PSEs Development & Achievement Expo





The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) participated in the **12th Vibrant India–2026 and PSEs Development & Achievement Expo,** held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, from 23 to 25 October 2026. The three-day event brought together various Ministries, Government Departments and public institutions to showcase their flagship initiatives, welfare schemes and citizen-centric services.

The four Regional Centres of IGNOU in Delhi and the NCR participated collectively in the Expo, with Regional Centre Delhi-2 serving as the coordinating Regional Centre. Extensive preparations were undertaken to ensure the University's effective representation at the event. The overall coordination of IGNOU's participation was entrusted to the designated Nodal Officers, **Dr. Rita Chauhan,** Regional Director, and **Dr. Amir Jamal,** Regional Director, under the leadership of **Dr. D. P. Singh,** Senior Regional Director and Head, Regional Centre Delhi-2. The team coordinated the planning, execution and day-to-day management of the University's participation throughout the three-day exhibition.





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The IGNOU pavilion showcased the University's wide range of academic programmes offered through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and online learning modes. Information on undergraduate, postgraduate, diploma, certificate and skill-based programmes was displayed alongside details of learner support services, digital initiatives and online admission facilities. Brochures, digital presentations and other promotional materials helped visitors gain a comprehensive understanding of IGNOU's academic offerings and learner support system.

The pavilion attracted a steady stream of visitors, including students, parents, working professionals, teachers and members of the general public. Prospective learners sought information about admission procedures, programme options, eligibility criteria, online services and career opportunities. Faculty members and staff representing IGNOU engaged with visitors, addressed their queries and guided them in identifying programmes suited to their educational backgrounds, professional needs and career aspirations.



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The Senior Regional Directors and Heads of the four Regional Centres in Delhi and the NCR—**Dr. Siran Mukerji, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Dr. M. A. Laskar** and **Dr. D. P. Singh**—along with their respective teams, actively contributed to the University's participation. The co-ordinators, academic counsellors, and staff from all the four Regional Centres of Delhi and NCR also actively participated in the event. They interacted with visitors throughout the exhibition, creating awareness about IGNOU's flexible learning system and encouraging prospective learners to enrol in programmes that matched their educational and career goals.

On 25 October 2026, the IGNOU pavilion was visited by **Dr. K. Paneerselvam**, Director, Regional Services Division (RSD), IGNOU, accompanied by several distinguished dignitaries, including **Prof. K. Tamil Mannan,** School of Engineering and Technology (SOET), IGNOU; **Dr. Dinesh Rajendran,** Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Srinagar; **Prof. Paulraj Sathiya,** Department of Production Engineering, NIT Tiruchirappalli; and Shri K. Ayyanar, Zonal Director (North), Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).





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During the event, **Dr. K. Paneerselvam** was felicitated on the dais by NNS Media Group, the organiser of **Meri Dilli Utsav–2026** and the **12th Vibrant India–2026 and PSEs Development & Achievement Expo.** IGNOU was conferred the first prize in recognition of its contribution to education through the distance learning mode, particularly its efforts to extend educational opportunities to underprivileged learners. The recognition highlighted the University's commitment to accessible, flexible and inclusive higher education.

On the occasion, faculty members and representatives from the participating Regional Centres were also felicitated on the dais in appreciation of their participation and contribution to the successful conduct of the exhibition. The felicitation acknowledged the collective efforts of the Regional Centres in representing IGNOU, disseminating information about its academic programmes and promoting the University's mission of making quality higher education accessible to diverse sections of society.

IGNOU's participation in the Expo provided a valuable platform to strengthen public awareness of its academic offerings, engage with prospective learners and reaffirm its commitment to inclusive, flexible and learner-centric higher education. The coordinated efforts of the four Regional Centres in Delhi and the NCR contributed to the effective representation of the University and the successful conduct of its participation in the three-day event.

RC PATNA

Vigilance Awareness Week





Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre Patna, observed **Vigilance Awareness Week** on 26 October 2026 under the theme **"Probity for Prosperity",** as part of the three-month campaign on Preventive Vigilance being observed from 17 August to 16 November 2026.

On the occasion, all staff members of IGNOU Regional Centre Patna joined the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU in taking the vigilance pledge in online mode. Subsequently, the pledge was administered to the staff members and learners at the Regional Centre. The pledge in English was administered by **Dr. E. Krishna Rao,** Senior Regional Director, while **Dr. Asif Iqbal,** Regional Director, administered the pledge in Hindi.

Addressing the learners, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao** emphasized the importance of integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct in personal and professional life. He urged learners to uphold honesty, reject corrupt practices, and develop a strong sense of responsibility as citizens. He highlighted that integrity and accountability are essential for building a just, transparent, and prosperous society.

Dr. Asif Iqbal encouraged the learners to imbibe the values of honesty and probity in their everyday conduct and contribute towards fostering an ethical and corruption-free environment. **Mr Ojha Jai Prakash,** Deputy Registrar, was also present on the occasion, along with the staff members and learners of the Regional Centre.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Dr. Neelu Sharma,** Assistant Regional Director, who acknowledged the participation of the officials, staff members, and learners and reiterated the importance of collective commitment towards integrity and transparency. The integrity pledge was taken by RC Patna staff and 100 students of

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Vigilance Awareness Week



The Regional Centre Delhi-3 observed **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026** under the theme "सत्यनिष्ठा से समृद्धि" (Probity for Prosperity) on 26th October 2026 at 11:00 am. All staff members of the Regional Centre-3 participated in the online oath-taking ceremony organized by the Vigilance Cell, IGNOU Headquarters, through Google Meet.

The programme commenced with an address by the Chief Vigilance Officer, IGNOU, followed by the Vigilance Pledge (Hindi). The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal,** led the staff members of all Regional Centres and IGNOU Headquarters in reciting the pledge. The staff members of Regional Centre Delhi-3 also took the vigilance oath in both Hindi and English and expressing their commitment to integrity, transparency and accountability in public service. A total of 26 staff members of Regional Centre Delhi-3 participated in the online ceremony through Google Meet.

The programme emphasized the importance of preventing corruption, promoting honesty and transparency in official work.

RC JAIPUR

Vigilance Awareness Week



Vigilance Awareness Week was observed on 26.10.2026. **Dr. Mamta Bhatia,** Senior Regional Director along with all staff members took a Pledge administered online by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU New Delhi. **Dr. Mamta Bhatia** also requested all staff members to work honestly, and sincerely and to introspect our daily official work. All staff members pledged to work honestly towards a transparent working atmosphere.

RC KHANNA

Vigilance Awareness Week



Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 26th October to 1st November 2026, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week is **"Probity for Prosperity."** On this occasion, Vigilance Awareness Week Pledge was administered to all the IGNOU staff by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** in a virtual mode.

Dr. Manju Goel, Regional Director administered the pledge to all the staff members of Regional Centre, Khanna. An e-Pledge was also taken from Central Vigilance Commission portal. Guidelines for IGNOU learners for Vigilance against Corruption was prepared in regional language Punjabi and same was uploaded on the social media platforms.

RC CHENNAI

Vigilance Awareness Week



The **Vigilance Awareness Week - 2026** was observed by participating in the Online Pledge and Meeting held on 26-10-2026 from Headquarters.

Virtually, the Integrity Pledge for Citizens was taken by the Staff; Integrity Pledge for Organization for the IGNOU Regional Centre, Chennai in Chief Vigilance Commission website https://pledge.mygov.in/cvc/.

The Integrity Pledge for Organization was administered by **Dr Ravikanth Kamlekar,** RD; The Integrity Pledge for Citizens was administered by **Dr Sk Zareena,** ARD in face-to-face mode.

During the eve, **Dr J S Dorothy,** Sr. Regional Director gave a briefing about the Vigilance Awareness Week and **Shri P Venkata Bhargav,** AR shared about the importance of Probity for Prosperity.