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IGNOU Holds 69th Meeting of the Standing Council of the Academic Council





The **69th Meeting** of the **Standing Council of the Academic Council** was held on 30 October 2026, presided over by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal.**

The meeting was attended by eminent academic members, including **Prof. Pankaj Arora,** Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE); **Prof. Sushma Yadav,** Former Vice Chancellor, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya; and Directors of various Schools and Divisions of the University.

A total of 40 agenda items, including one table item, were deliberated upon during the meeting. The discussions covered various academic matters, including the implementation and subsequent progress of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUP) and one-year Postgraduate Programmes under the **National Education Policy** (NEP) 2020. Other matters included fee-related issues, evaluation methodologies, course mapping, and the approval of several micro-credential courses proposed by various Schools to be offered as Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) and Value-Added Courses

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IGNOU SOCIS Organises First Lecture of Knowledge Transfer Series 3.0 on Digital Safety





The **School of Computer and Information Sciences** (SOCIS), IGNOU, organised the first lecture of its **Online Knowledge Transfer Series** (KTS) 3.0 on 30 October 2026 in hybrid mode. The lecture, titled **'Building a Culture of Digital Safety at IGNOU',** was held under the series theme 'Learn Anytime Anywhere', which aims to promote knowledge sharing and awareness of emerging areas of technology.



The programme was held under the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal,** with **Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat,** Director, SOCIS, as the Director of the programme. **Mr. Mahipal Waldia,** Senior IT Manager and Data Protection Officer, Jhpiego India Country Office, was the speaker. **Prof. Akshay Kumar** coordinated KTS 3.0, Lecture 1.

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Mr. Mahipal Waldia delivered an interactive presentation on the importance of building a culture of digital safety. The lecture focused on creating awareness about cybersecurity, data protection and the need to adopt safe and responsible digital practices. It also highlighted the importance of developing awareness among students and other stakeholders to safeguard themselves against potential cyber threats and vulnerabilities in an increasingly digital environment. The presentation provided participants with insights into responsible digital behaviour and the need to adopt a security-conscious approach while using digital platforms.

Approximately **95** students from the School of Education enrolled in the **Integrated Teacher Education Programme** (ITEP) participated in the programme. They attended the presentation and took part in the concluding online quiz. Five prizes were awarded to the quiz winners in recognition of their performance and participation. The interactive presentation and quiz provided students with an opportunity to engage with the topic and understand the importance of digital safety in their everyday use of technology.



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IGNOU SOCE Organizes Workshop on Preventing Substance Use in Academic Institutions



The **School of Continuing Education** (SOCE), IGNOU, organised a workshop on '**Preventing Substance Use in Academic Institutions'** on 27 October 2026 at the Conference Hall, Centre for Online Education, IGNOU, as part of the National Programme for the Celebration of Six Years of *Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan* (NMBA). The workshop aimed to sensitize the university community to substance use prevention and promote a healthy, safe and substance-free academic environment.

The workshop began with opening remarks by **Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava,** Registrar, IGNOU, who urged participants to empower themselves to contribute individually towards addressing this serious concern. **Prof. Heena K. Bijli,** Director, SOCE, delivered the welcome address and emphasised the role of educational institutions in promoting preventive awareness, responsible behaviour and community engagement.

The technical session was conducted by **Dr. Gauri Shankar Kaloiya** and **Mr. Abhishek Banga.** Dr. Kaloiya, Professor of Clinical Psychology at the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi, explained substance use and its effects on physical health, psychological well-being and students' academic performance. He discussed different types of substances and distinguished between substance use, substance abuse and dependence. He also highlighted the importance of academic

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Mr. Abhishek Banga, Counsellor with the Department of Women and Child Development, **Ministry of Women and Child Development,** and National Trainer for Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), elaborated on the three levels of prevention. He also discussed warning signs, associated stigma, treatment, training and rehabilitation.

Both resource persons discussed substance use prevention in academic institutions, highlighting the importance of recognising warning signs, understanding the psychological and social dimensions of substance use, and promoting timely intervention and support. The interactive session addressed participants' questions and misconceptions about substance use and abuse.

The workshop was attended by security guards, sanitation workers, faculty members from other Schools, SOCE faculty and non-teaching staff. Prof. Heena K. Bijli concluded the workshop by summarising the key takeaways. The workshop reaffirmed IGNOU's commitment to advancing the objectives of *Nasha Mukt Bharat*

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IGNOU SOCE Organises Interactive Mental Health Awareness Session Through Activity-Based Games



Continuing its efforts to promote student well-being, the **School of Continuing Education** (SOCE), in collaboration with **RAHAT Trust,** also organised a C4MH (Campaign for Mental Health) session on substance use awareness and prevention on 27 October 2026 at the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU. The session marked six years of the *Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan* and aimed to raise awareness about substance use, its associated risks, and the importance of prevention and timely support.

More than **50 students** and faculty members participated in the session. Through interactive, activity-based floor games, participants engaged in discussions on substance use, its potential consequences and the importance of making informed choices. The activities provided a platform for open discussions on substance use-related concerns and highlighted the importance of seeking appropriate support and treatment. The interactive format received positive feedback from SOCE faculty members and participants.

Prof. Heena K. Bijli, Director, SOCE, presented certificates of appreciation to the participating students and felicitated the RAHAT Trust team. She also thanked the students, faculty members, staff and the RAHAT Trust team for volunteering and contributing to the

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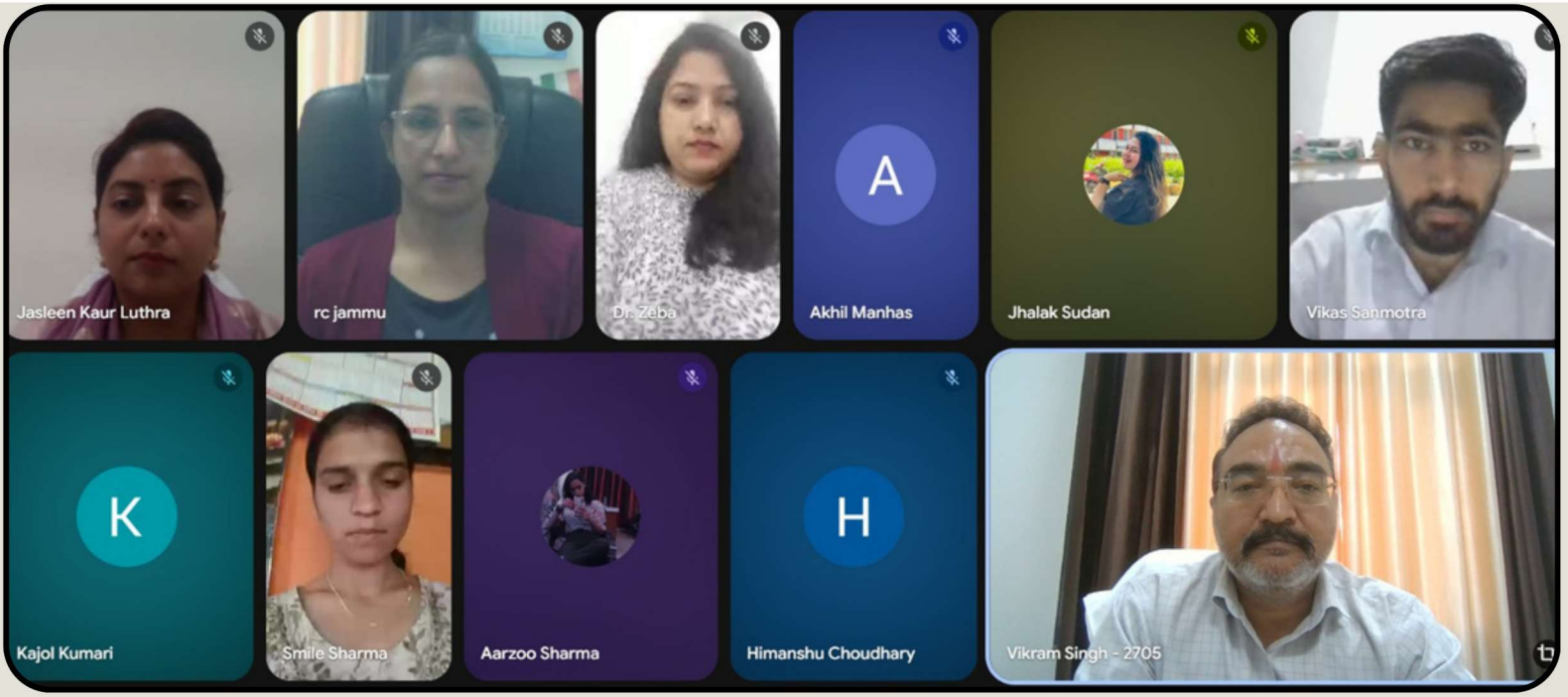






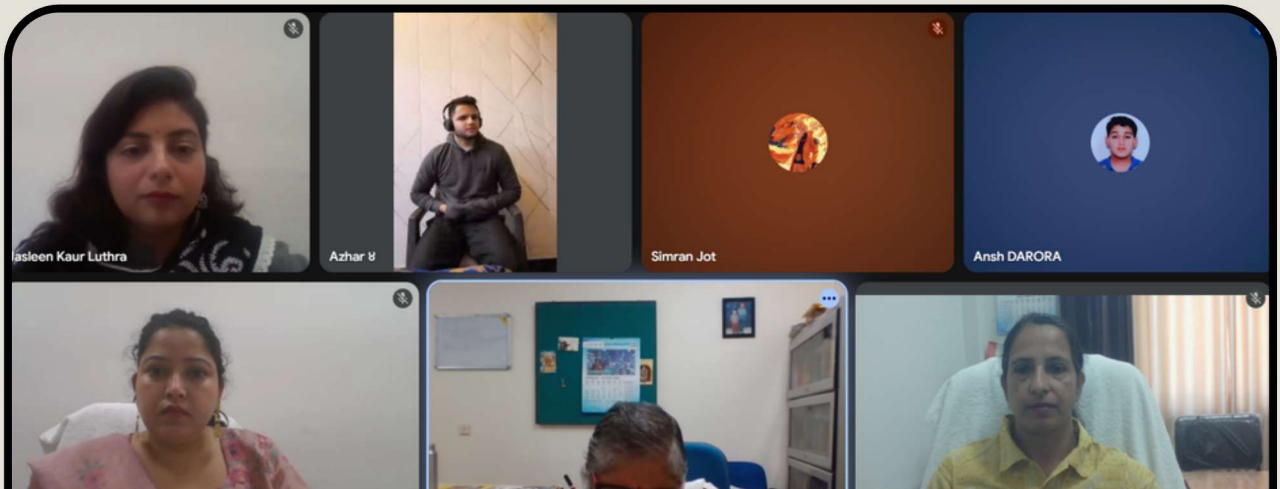
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IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu Conducts Online Learner Assessment and Grievance Redressal Activities



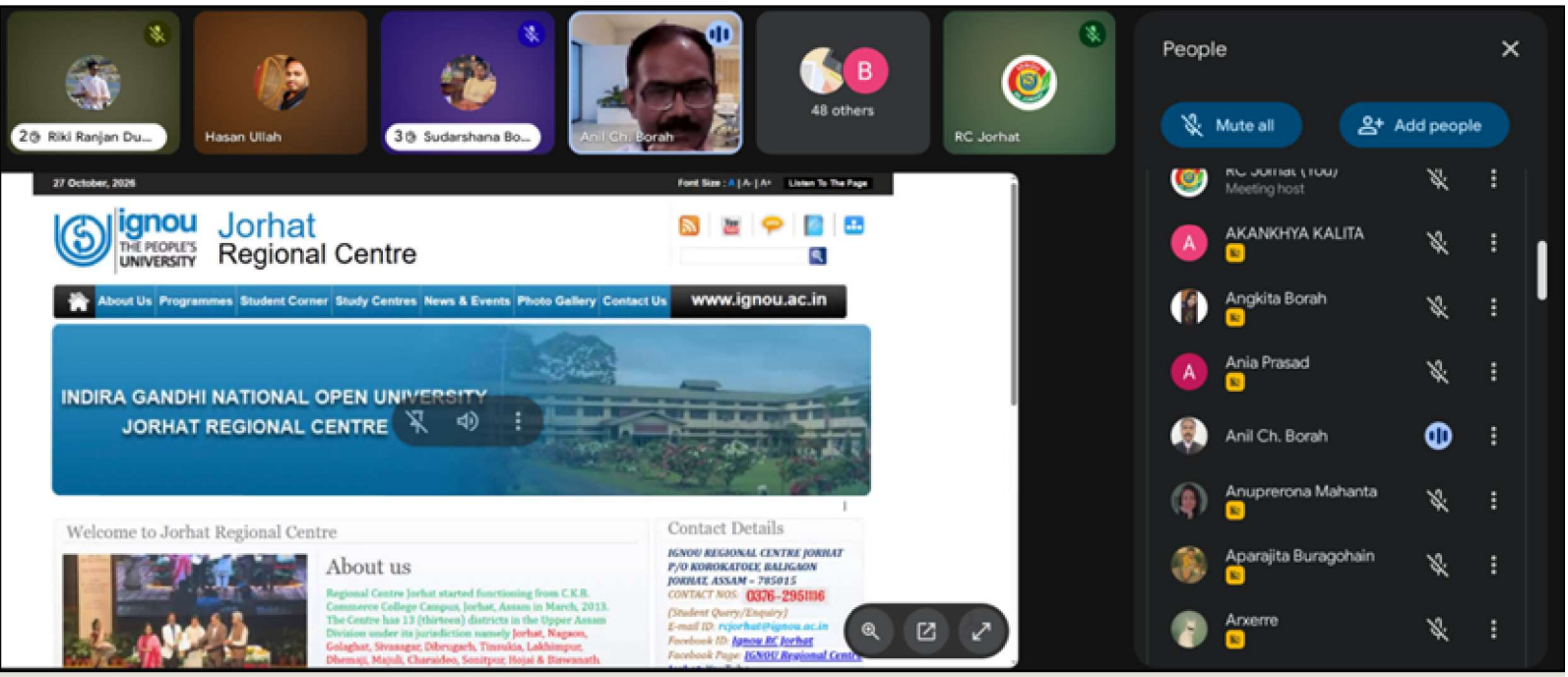
IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu conducted an online viva-voce examination for the **Bachelor of Business Administration** (BBA) under the Term-End Examination (TEE), June 2026, on 28 October 2026. **Dr. Madhulika P. Sarkar** conducted the viva-voce examination as the examiner. **Dr. Asha Upadhya,** Regional Director; **Dr. Jasleen K. Luthra,** Assistant Regional Director (ARD); and **Dr. Zeba** were present from IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu. All learners attended the examination and performed well during the viva-voce assessment.

In another activity, the Regional Centre conducted an Online Grievance Redressal meeting through RC Academics to address learners' admission-related grievances. The meeting witnessed active participation, with learners raising their concerns regarding the admission process. The grievances were addressed to facilitate a smooth admission process.



RC Jorhat

IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat Conducts Induction Meeting for July 2026 Semester-Based Programme Learners



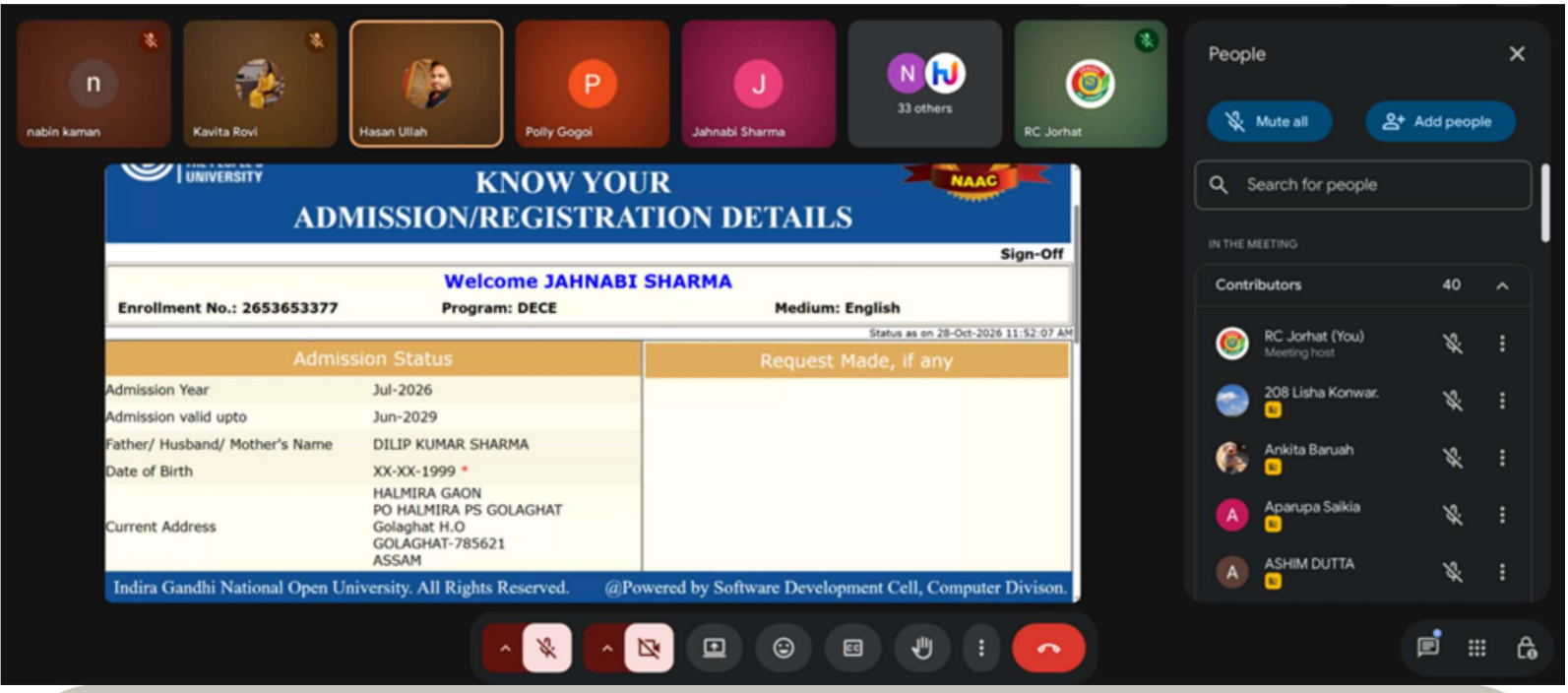
IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat conducted an induction meeting for learners enrolled in semester-based programmes for the July 2026 session on 27 October 2026. 85 learners participated in the meeting.

The session was initiated by **Dr. Sanjib Kataky,** Senior Regional Director, who elaborated on the functions of Regional Centres and Study Centres. He also explained the importance of counselling sessions, assignment submission and examination form submission, emphasising that consistency and discipline are key to success in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. **Dr. Anil Chandra Borah,** Senior Regional Director and Head, interacted with the learners and spoke about various aspects of the academic process, including examinations and assignment submission. He welcomed the learners and congratulated them on choosing IGNOU.

Mr. Hasan Ullah, Office Staff, delivered a presentation on the IGNOU website, familiarising learners with the procedures for checking registration status, accessing assignment questions and previous question papers, and using eGyanKosh. This was followed by an interactive session in which learners sought clarifications on various aspects of the University's online services. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by **Ms.**

RC Jorhat

IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat Conducts Induction Meeting for Diploma and PG Diploma Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat conducted an induction meeting for learners enrolled in **Diploma** and **Post Graduate Diploma programmes** for the July 2026 session on 28 October 2026. Approximately **45 learners** participated in the meeting.

Dr. Sanjib Kataky, Senior Regional Director, delivered the welcome address and elaborated on the functions of Regional Centres and Study Centres. He also explained the importance of counselling sessions, assignment submission and examination form submission, emphasising that consistency and discipline are key to success in the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system.

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RC Cochin

IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin Organises Vigilance Awareness Session on 'Probity for Prosperity'



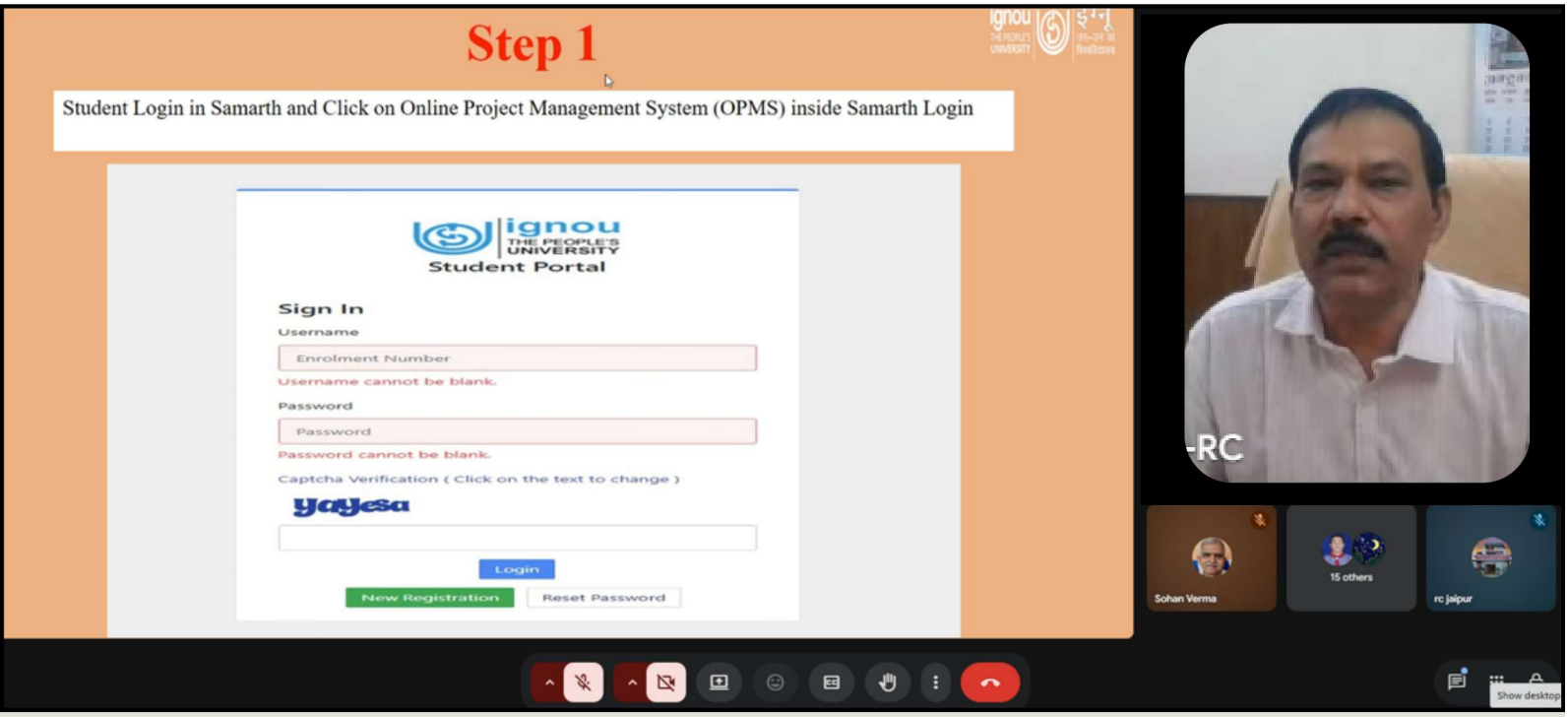
IGNOU Regional Centre Cochin and **IGNOU Regional Evaluation Centre (REC) Cochin** jointly organised a face-to-face vigilance awareness session on the theme 'Probity for Prosperity' on 29 October 2026 as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026. The session was conducted by **Mr. Vinod C.,** Inspector of Police, Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ernakulam Unit, Cochin. The programme aimed to promote awareness of integrity, transparency, accountability, and the importance of preventing corruption in public life.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. V. T. Jalajakumari,** Regional Director and Head, REC Cochin, followed by introductory remarks by **Dr. M. Rajesh,** Senior Regional Director, RC Cochin. Mr. Vinod C. delivered the main address on 'Probity for Prosperity', highlighting the importance of ethical conduct, honesty, integrity and accountability in public service. He also emphasised the role of vigilance in fostering a transparent and corruption-free administrative system.

The programme included a felicitation by **Dr. Jyotish N. P. Singh,** Assistant Regional Director, RC Cochin. **Sh. J. Thirumurugan,** DR, REC Cochin, also shared his insights, emphasising the importance of honesty and integrity in everyday life. **Ms. Sujini Babu,** ASO; **Ms. Manju R.;** Sh. Sabu, Assistant; and **Sh. Muhammad Ansar,** AEDP, provided administrative support for the conduct of the programme. **Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan,** Deputy Director, RC Cochin, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme reaffirmed the commitment of IGNOU Regional Centre and REC Cochin staff to upholding integrity,

RC Jaipur

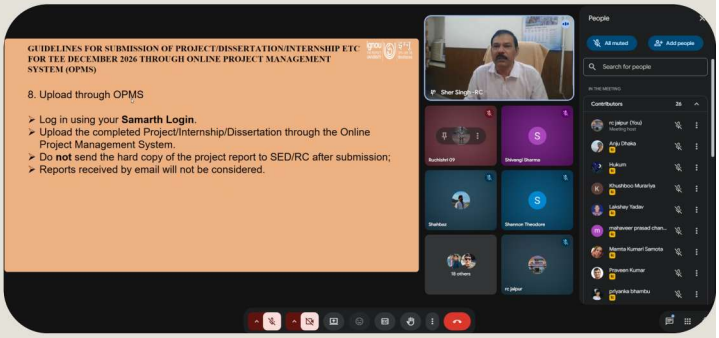
IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur Organises Student Grievance Redressal Session on OPMS



IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur organised a Student Grievance Redressal Session on the Online Project Management System (OPMS) on 29 October 2026 to address learners' queries and grievances related to the system.



Dr. Sher Singh, Assistant Regional Director, interacted with the learners and discussed their concerns regarding OPMS. He also delivered a presentation and provided step-by-step guidance on project submission procedures, status updates, and other related issues.



The session aimed to address learners' concerns and facilitate the effective use of OPMS through appropriate academic

RC Dehradun

IGNOU Regional Centre Dehradun Conducts Orientation Programme for LSCs on Online Submission of Assignments and Projects



IGNOU Regional Centre Dehradun conducted an Online Orientation Programme for all Learner Support Centres (LSCs) on 29 October 2026 to familiarise them with the recently introduced online submission processes for the December 2026 Term-End Examination (TEE).

During the programme, the LSC functionaries were briefed on the **Online Assignment Management System** (OAMS) for assignment submission and the **Online Project Management System** (OPMS) for submission of projects, dissertations, internships, field work, practicum and other related components.

Demonstrations were conducted to explain the procedures through which learners can submit their assignments and projects using these portals. The LSCs were instructed to disseminate the information among learners through all available communication channels and encourage, guide and facilitate them in submitting their assignments and projects through the university's online portals instead of offline submission.

Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, and other staff from various LSCs participated in the programme. The LSCs appreciated the university's initiative, which aims to facilitate faster