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IGNOU COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR ONLINE COURSES REVIEWS SWAYAM COURSES



A meeting of the **Coordination Committee for Online Courses (CCOC)**, chaired by Vice-Chancellor and SWAYAM National Coordinator **Prof. Uma Kanjilal**, was held on **31 August 2026** at the headquarters. The committee reviewed the status of SWAYAM courses offered by **IGNOU**. During the virtual meeting, course proposals for the January 2027 session of the SWAYAM platform were also discussed.

Four new courses have been approved for the January 2027 session: **Physical and Structural Geology, Heritage of Rajasthan-Wildlife, Advanced Economic Geography, and Foundations of Rehabilitation Psychology**. These will be facilitated by IGNOU's School of Sciences (SOS) and School of Social Sciences (SOSS).



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At the meeting, Prof. Kanjilal told members that course content for IGNOU courses should be made more engaging through the use of AI tools and other innovative methods. The committee also resolved to hold a separate meeting with SWAYAM course coordinators to improve content quality and delivery.

The meeting was attended by **Prof. Neeti Agrawal, Prof. Nita Mathur, Prof. Manish Trivedi, Prof. Pema Eden Samdup, and Prof. Gaurav Singh**, along with **Prof. Neera Kapoor**, Director of the Centre for Online Education (COE), who served as convener.



MENTAL HEALTH LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS ROLE OF STORYTELLING AND METAPHORS IN PROMOTING WELL-BEING



The Discipline of Psychology, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, organised the fifth lecture in its Mental Health Lecture Series on 'Well-being, Inclusion and Sustainability' on 1 September 2026 through hybrid mode at the Conference Hall, Radhakrishnan Block, IGNOU, New Delhi. Prof. S. P. K. Jena, Former Senior Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, University of Delhi, delivered the lecture on "Use of Story-telling and Metaphors for Promotion of Mental Health".





Prof. Nita Mathur welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of **sustained discourse on mental health**. On the occasion, **the fourth issue of the E-Magazine on Mental Health** published by the Discipline of Psychology was also released. The issue focuses on **'Happiness and Mental Health'**. **Around 62 participants**, including faculty members, students, and Heads of Divisions and Regional Centres, attended the lecture in online and offline modes.





Prof. Jena highlighted the potential of **storytelling** as a medium for creating awareness about **mental health conditions** and promoting **mental health and well-being**. He discussed its relevance within the **biopsychosocial approach** and highlighted **evidence-based applications of storytelling and metaphors** in promoting mental health among **children and adults**. He further underlined the **diagnostic and therapeutic implications of storytelling**, noting its enduring role in human narratives and well-being.



IGNOU BIDS FAREWELL TO SUPERANNUATING EMPLOYEES, HONOURS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS



Sl. No	Name & Designation	Place of Posting	Date of Superannuation
1.	Prof. Deeksha Kapur,	SOCE	31/08/2026
2.	Ms. Manorama Singh, Director, RSD	RSD	31/08/2026
3.	Dr. Santosh Kumari, Sr. Regional Director	RC- Khanna	31/08/2026
4.	Dr. V. P. Rupam, Addl. Director	SRD	31/07/2026
5.	Ms. Rajni A Jeet, Dy. Registrar	RC Delhi II	31/08/2026
6.	Sh. Gajender Kumar Diwakar, Media Officer	EMPC	31/07/2026
7.	Ms. Mandip Kaur Ahluwalia, Assistant Director (Software)	SOH	31/08/2026
8.	Sh. Yograj, Assistant Engineer (Auto)	Admn Division	31/07/2026
9.	Ms. Rajni Guwalani, Assistant Registrar	MPDD	31/08/2026
10.	Ms. Anita Kumari Raj, Assistant Registrar	SOVET	31/07/2026
11.	Sh. Kasturi Lal, Assistant Registrar	F&A Division	31/08/2026
12.	Ms. Amrit Kaur, Section Officer	RC- Delhi III	31/07/2026
13.	Sh. Virender Kumar Sharma, Private Secretary	RC- Noida	15/06/2026 VRS
14.	Sh. Swadhin Mishra, Assistant Section Officer	Admn. Division	31/08/2026
15.	Sh. Sunil Kumar Baghel, Assistant Section Officer	RSD	31/07/2026
16.	Sh. Manohar Lal, Assistant Section Officer	Admn. Division	31/07/2026
17.	Sh. Lok Nath Bhandari, Assistant Section Officer	PIU	31/07/2026
18.	Sh. Sayed Nehal Imam, Semi-Professional Asst.	L&DD	31/07/2026
19.	Ms. Daulat Devi, MTS	Admn. Division	31/08/2026
20.	Ms. Saraswati Poudel, MTS	SOE	31/07/2026 VRS
21.	Sh. Suraj Pal, MTS	NCIDE	31/07/2026



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organised a felicitation ceremony on Monday, 31 August 2026, to honour employees superannuating from the University in recognition of their dedicated service and contributions. The ceremony was held at **Baba Saheb B. R. Ambedkar Sabhagar**, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, **New Delhi**. A total of 21 employees from various Schools, Divisions, Regional Services, and Centres were felicitated on the occasion.

The superannuating employees shared their experiences and reflections from their years of service at the University. They also spoke about their professional journeys and memories associated with IGNOU. The employees were felicitated by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** and Registrar **Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava**. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Uma Kanjilal thanked the superannuating employees for their years of service and contribution to the University and extended her best wishes to them for the future.





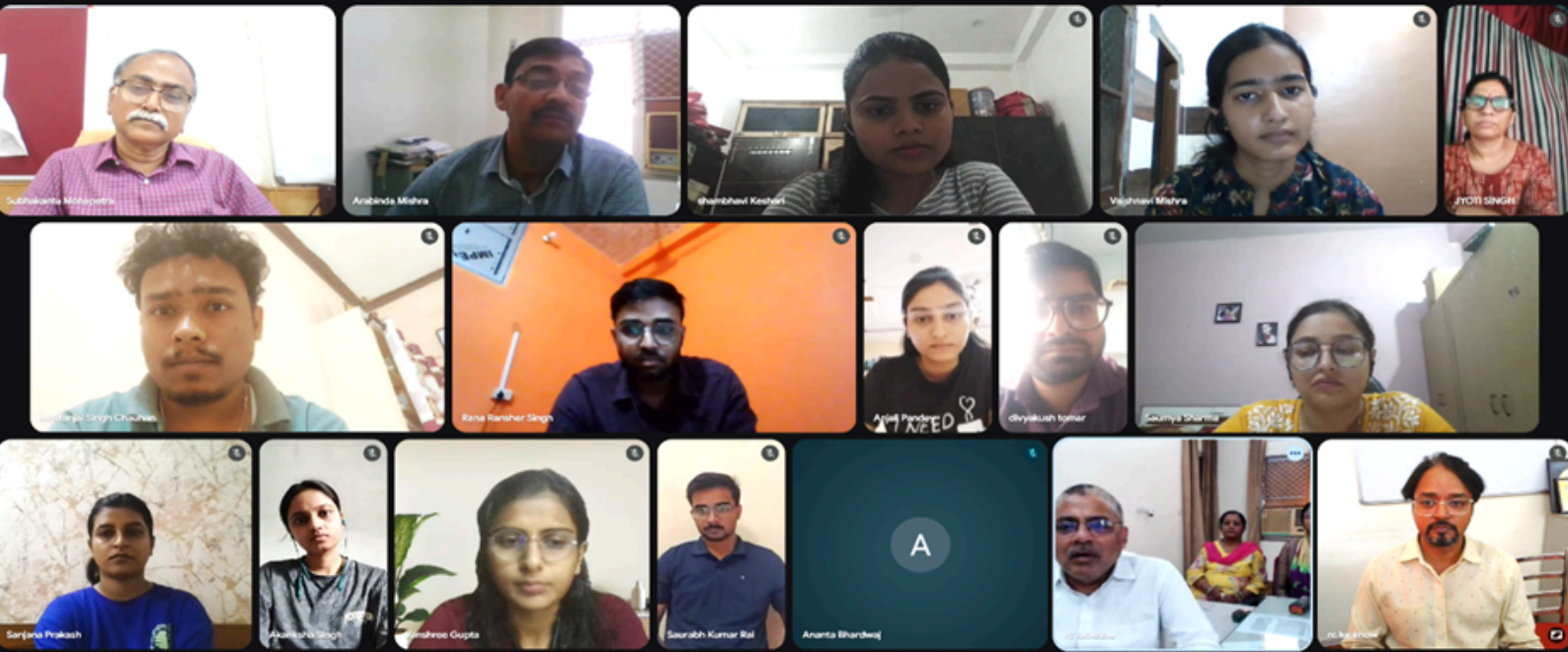






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VIVA-VOCE CONDUCTED FOR MSCGG PROJECT REPORTS AT IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE LUCKNOW



IGNOU **Regional Centre, Lucknow** conducted the Viva-Voce for the Project Report of the **MGGP1** course of the Master of Science in **Geoinformatics (MSCGG)** programme through Google Meet on 27 August 2026.

Prof. Shubhakanta Mohapatra, School of Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi, served as the External Examiner for the Viva-Voce. All **17** examinees who were invited for the examination appeared for the Viva-Voce. **Senior Regional Director and Head Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, **Regional Director Dr. Reena Kumari**, **Dr. Anamika Sinha** and **Assistant Director (Software) Arabinda Mishra** were present during the examination.

