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IGNOU's SOPVA Turns Campus Waste to Art During 'Swachhta Pakhwara'



The **School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA)** in association with **General Administration** and **CMD** at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organised a **Sculpture Art Workshop** using waste materials from **16 to 23 September 2026** as part of '**Swachhta Pakhwara 2026**'. The initiative brought together cleanliness, creativity and environmental consciousness by transforming discarded materials from the IGNOU campus into distinctive works of art.

The workshop reflected SOPVA's innovative approach to the Swachhta campaign, demonstrating how materials considered waste can be creatively repurposed into aesthetically engaging and meaningful artworks. The initiative not only promoted a cleaner campus but also encouraged a broader understanding of sustainability by giving discarded objects a new artistic and functional identity. The artworks created during the workshop have been installed at different locations on the IGNOU campus, adding a creative dimension to the university's public spaces.

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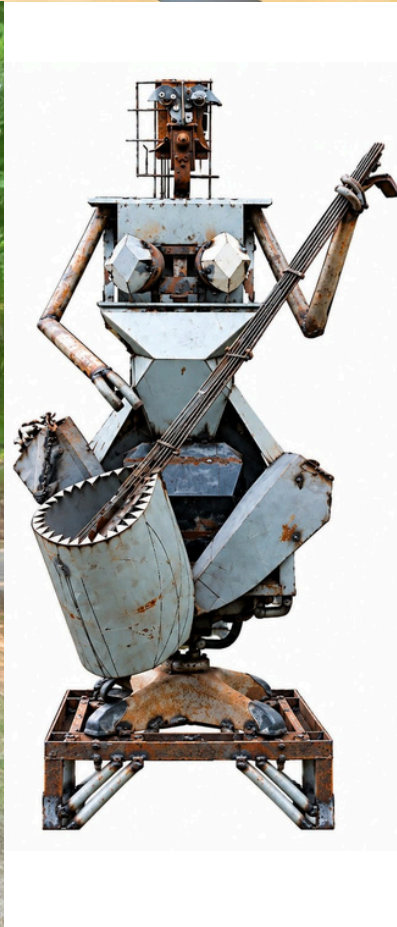


On the concluding day, **IGNOU Vice Chancellor Prof. Uma Kanjilal** along with esteemed guests **Prof. Sushma Yadav**, **Prof. Ashok Sharma**, and **Prof. Rattan Lal** felicitated and acknowledged the contributions of the participating installation artists. Appreciating the initiative, Prof. Kanjilal recognized the workshop as a creative expression of the spirit of 'Swachhta Pakhwara' and the importance of developing sustainable practices through art and innovation.

The workshop was organised under the guidance of **Prof. Lakshaman Prasad**, Director, SOPVA, with valuable contributions from SOPVA faculty members **Dr. Mallika Banerjee** and **Dr. Seema Johari**, Ph.D. scholars **Mr. Kapil**, **Mr. Deepak**, **Mr. Tusar Verma** and **Mr. Jitendra Kumar** (MADP), and SOPVA staff members **Mr. Chandan** and **Mr. Amit Thapa**. Artists who participated in the workshop included **Dr. Mithun Kumar Dutta**, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; **Mr. Jitendra Nayak**, Mumbai; **Mr. Goutam Pramanik**, Kolkata; **Mr. Avanish Kumar Varma**, Varanasi; and **Mr. Jitendra Prajapati** and **Mr. Anil Kumar**, Delhi. Working with discarded and unused materials collected from the campus, the artists created a range of sculptures and installations that demonstrate the creative possibilities inherent in everyday waste. The initiative stands out as a noteworthy effort by SOPVA to make the message of cleanliness more visible and engaging through artistic expression. By turning scrap into art, the workshop successfully connected environmental responsibility with creativity and demonstrated that a cleanliness drive can extend beyond maintaining physical spaces to fostering a culture of reuse, imagination and sustainable living.



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वीणा वादक महिला

यह मूर्ति एक वीणा वादक महिला की है, जिसे मैंने धातु के कबाड़ और औद्योगिक अवशेषों से गढ़ा है। यह केवल एक आकृति नहीं, बल्कि संगीत, साधना और स्त्री शक्ति का एक जीवंत प्रतीक है।

कलाकार के रूप में मेरी भावना रही है कि संगीत मनुष्य को भीतर से जोड़ता है। वीणा का स्वर शांति, संतुलन और आत्मिक उन्नति का प्रतीक है। इस मूर्ति में प्रयुक्त धातु के टुकड़े, जंग लगी सतहें और कटी-फटी संरचनाएँ जीवन के अनुभवों की तरह हैं—टूटे हुए, फिर भी अपनी उपयोगिता में सुंदर।

महिला का रूप पूरी तरह शास्त्रीय नहीं, बल्कि आधुनिक और अमूर्त है, जिससे यह पारंपरिक बिंब से आगे बढ़कर आज के समय की संवेदना को भी व्यक्त करता है। उसके शरीर की बनावट में ज्यामितीय आकारों का प्रयोग किया गया है, जो स्त्री की दृढ़ता, स्थिरता और आत्मविश्वास को दर्शाता है। वीणा की लंबी तारें धातु की छड़ों से बनाई गई हैं, जो जीवन की निरंतरता और लय का संकेत देती हैं।

इस कार्य के माध्यम से मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि कला केवल सौंदर्य नहीं, बल्कि संवेदना की भाषा है। यह मूर्ति उस स्त्री शक्ति को समर्पित है, जो सृजन, संगीत और करुणा के माध्यम से संसार को संतुलित करती है।



CPC

IGNOU's Two-Day Mega Placement Drive Draws Record 6,500 Registrations, Connecting Learners with 400+ Career Opportunities



The **Campus Placement Cell (CPC)**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), organised a **two-day Mega Placement Drive** for IGNOU students and alumni on 17 and 18 September 2026 at the B.R. Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi. The drive brought together learners and recruiters from diverse sectors, providing opportunities for direct interaction with employers and exposure to contemporary recruitment practices.

The drive recorded nearly **6,500 registrations**, the highest-ever registration for a placement drive at IGNOU. More than **400 job opportunities** were offered by recruiters including **Axis Bank, Bajaj Life Insurance Ltd., Birds Flight Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bajaj Capital Broker Ltd., Etherea Essentia, Nursify Skills Academy, Altruist Technology Pvt. Ltd., and Adroit Synergies Pvt. Ltd.** The opportunities covered sectors such as Banking, BFSI, Aviation, Services, EdTech, and FMCG.



CPC



Around **600 candidates** participated physically in the recruitment process over the two days. At the conclusion of the drive, around **383 candidates were shortlisted** and called to their respective offices for further engagement, based on the selection.

The drive was organised under the guidance of **Prof. Nayantara Padhi**, Director, CPC. To prepare candidates for the recruitment process, **Dr. Vineet Kr. Srivastava**, Assistant Director, CPC, conducted an orientation and interactive guidance session covering job roles, eligibility requirements, recruitment procedures, interview stages, career prospects, employer expectations, communication, and professional conduct. The session also addressed candidates' queries and provided practical guidance on approaching recruiters with clarity and confidence.

The drive provided learners with exposure to multiple stages of contemporary recruitment, including preliminary screening, online assessments, personal interviews, Human Resources (HR) interactions, and role-specific evaluation. **Axis Bank and Bajaj Capital** also conducted online assessment tests on the spot, giving candidates practical exposure to technology-enabled recruitment.

Learners appreciated the opportunity to interact directly with recruiters, understand workplace expectations, and gain confidence through practical exposure to the recruitment process. Participating recruiters appreciated the preparedness, confidence, and professional attitude displayed by IGNOU learners. Parents accompanying learners also appreciated the University's efforts to create direct employment opportunities.

SOSS

IGNOU Faculty Participate in Two-Day Workshop on Mental Health and Wellbeing



Prof. Swati Patra and Dr. Monika Misra from the Discipline of Psychology, IGNOU, along with Ms Mansi Bisht, PhD Scholar, participated in a **Two-day Regional Capacity Building Workshop on Positive Mental Health, Resilience, and Wellbeing** organised by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE), at IIT Guwahati on 20 and 21 September 2026.

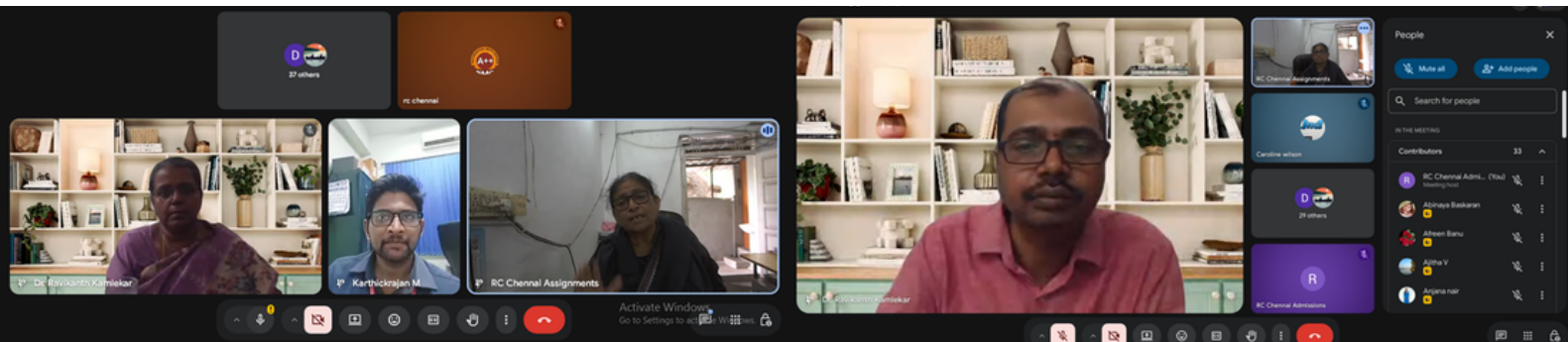
The workshop was inaugurated by **Shri Devendra Kumar Sharma**, Director, Department of Higher Education, MoE, and **Dr. Jitendra Nagpal**, Director, Institute of Mental Health and Life Skills Promotion, New Delhi, and Director, Expressions India.

The workshop focused on student wellbeing, institutional responsibilities, and the development of sustainable campus wellbeing ecosystems. Participants from various institutions also presented their institutional wellness action plans. Highlighting the importance of mental health in educational institutions, the MoE emphasised the need for regular follow-up meetings in this regard.



RC- Chennai

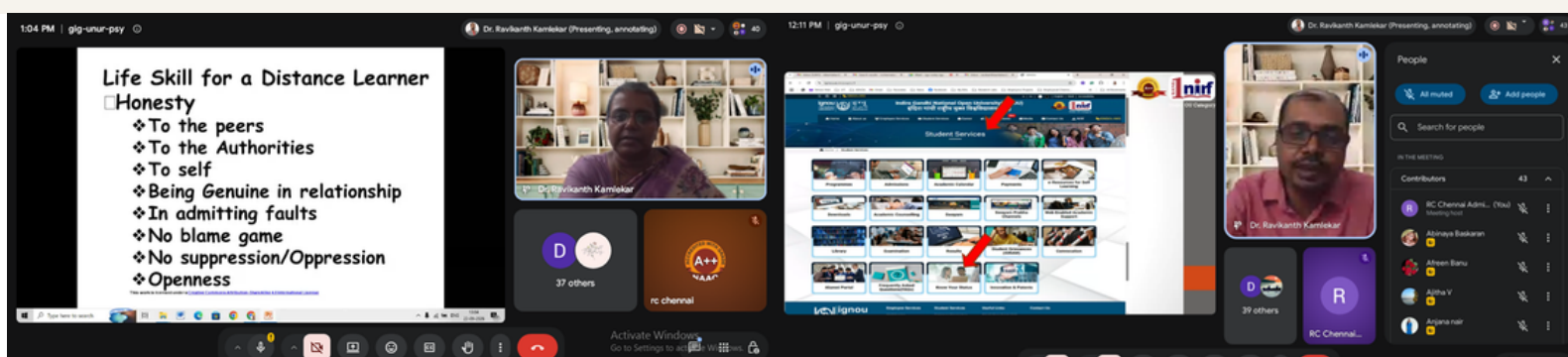
Induction Meeting for Certificate Programme Learners Held at IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai



An **Induction Meeting** for learners enrolled in Certificate Programmes for the July 2026 session was organised by IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai on 22 September 2026. The programme was attended by nearly **40 learners**.

Dr. J S Dorothy, Senior Regional Director, welcomed the learners and briefed them about the University and its academic achievements, including its A++ National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation and first position in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking among Open Universities. She encouraged the learners to make effective use of the academic and learner support facilities available to them. **Dr. Ravikanth Kamlekar**, Regional Director, explained the learner support system, including counselling sessions, study materials, Identity Cards, and other academic support services. Dr Sk Zareena, Assistant Regional Director, briefed the learners on assignment submission, examination form submission, and other important academic schedules and procedures. **Dr J S Dorothy** also spoke on **“Life Skills for a Distance Learner”**, highlighting the importance of self-discipline, time management, regular study habits, communication skills, and responsibility for one’s own learning.

The learners interacted with the Academics of the Regional Centre and raised queries related to their programmes and academic requirements, which were addressed during the session. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Ravikanth Kamlekar. The recording of the webinar is available on the IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gm3plAsnhjw>



RC- Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Officials Interact with B.Sc. Learners During Practical Session



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organised a **Practical Counselling Session** for B.Sc. learners of the course code BZYCL-134 from 19 September 2026 at Learner Support Centre-2720, Lucknow Christian College, Lucknow.

Senior Regional Director & Head **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Regional Director **Dr. Reena Kumar**, and Assistant Registrar **Dr. Nishith Nagar** conducted a surprise inspection of the session on 22 September 2026. They interacted with the learners and addressed their queries regarding the practical session. Coordinator **Prof. Naveen Samuel Singh** was also present and facilitated the learners during the ongoing practical session.

RC- Lucknow

Viva-Voce for MSCGG Project Reports Conducted at IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow conducted the **Viva-Voce for MSCGG Project Reports** for the course code MGGP-1 for the Term-End Examination (TEE) June 2026 on 22 September 2026 through Google Meet.

Prof Subhakanta Mohapatra, School of Sciences, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, served as the External Examiner for the Viva-Voce. Senior Regional Director & Head **Dr Anil Kumar Misra**, Regional Director **Dr Reena Kumar**, Assistant Registrar **Dr Nishith Nagar**, Assistant Director (Software) **Mr Arabinda Misra**, and most of the examinees were present during the session.

RC-Shimla

IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla Holds Viva-Voce and Grievance Redressal Session Alongside Hindi Diwas Celebrations



IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla conducted the **Master of Arts in Psychology (MAPC) Viva-Voce** examination under the **Term-End Examination (TEE)** June 2026 for courses MPCE-15 and MPCE-16 on 23 September 2026 at the Regional Centre office. **Prof. Sunil Sharma**, Himachal Pradesh University, served as the External Examiner. Learners participated actively in the viva-voce examination as part of the academic process. On the occasion of **Hindi Diwas**, the Regional Centre organised various activities for learners. Enthusiastic participation from around 40 learners was recorded for activities on “कार्यालयी कार्यों में हिंदी का महत्व”, “मुहावरे” and “शब्दार्थ”. The activities provided learners an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and promote the use of Hindi in academic and official communication. E-certificates will be issued to participants and winners upon completion of the evaluation process.

A **Grievance Redressal Session** was also organised, during which learners raised concerns particularly regarding assignment updation and the timely dispatch of study material. The learners were provided appropriate guidance and clarification regarding their concerns. They appreciated the efforts of the Regional Centre in addressing learner concerns and resolving their queries in a timely manner. They also requested the continuation of the Psychology programmes, highlighting that IGNOU provides an important opportunity for learners to pursue Psychology through the Open and Distance Learning mode. The combined academic and learner engagement activities received an encouraging response from the learners.



RC- Lucknow

IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organises Awareness Workshop on Diploma Programmes and Career Counselling



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organised an **Awareness Workshop on IGNOU's Diploma Programmes and Career Counselling** at Shri Jai Narain Misra PG College, Lucknow, on 22 September 2026. The workshop familiarised students with career-oriented Diploma Programmes and the opportunities available through the Open and Distance Learning system.

Senior Regional Director & Head **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Regional Director **Dr. Reena Kumari**, Assistant Registrar **Dr. Nishith Nagar**, Coordinator **Prof. (Dr.) Vivek Singh**, Assistant Coordinator **Dr. R. P. Singh**, and students of the college attended the workshop.

Dr. Anil Kumar Misra highlighted the role of personality development, vocational education, and career-oriented learning in enhancing employability and professional growth. **Dr Reena Kumari** provided an overview of IGNOU's Diploma Programmes, covering eligibility, admission procedures, programme duration, and the flexibility of the Open and Distance Learning system. Dr. Nishith Nagar encouraged the students to consider enrolling in IGNOU's Diploma Programmes for the July 2026 session. The workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Prof. Vivek Singh.