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## Headquarters

### IGNOU Painting Competition Promotes Swachhta Hi Seva and Environmental Awareness



**Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)** organised a **Painting Competition** for children at its Headquarters on 27 September 2026, to create greater awareness about cleanliness, environmental conservation, and the need to protect the planet. Organised by the **School of Performing and Visual Arts (SOPVA)**, the competition was held as part of the **nationwide Swachhta campaign**, with children invited to express their thoughts and concerns through art on the themes '**Swachhta Hi Seva**', '**Mother Earth**', and '**Climate Change**'.

The initiative sought to bring alive the spirit of the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign by encouraging children to view cleanliness not merely as a civic responsibility but as a service towards society and the environment. Through their paintings, the young participants presented **imaginative** and **thought-provoking interpretations** of a cleaner and healthier world, while drawing attention to the growing challenges posed by environmental degradation and climate change.

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The competition also reflected IGNOU's relentless efforts to promote awareness and responsible environmental practices through meaningful public engagement. By providing children with a creative platform, the University sought to nurture environmental consciousness at an early age and encourage them to recognise their role in protecting and sustaining the natural world. The paintings offered a vibrant visual expression of the interconnected concerns of cleanliness, climate change and the preservation of Mother Earth.

IGNOU Vice Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** lauded the efforts of **SOPVA** and the **General Administration** in organising the programme and using creative expression as a means of sensitizing children towards cleanliness, the environment and the Earth. She also appreciated the enthusiasm and imagination reflected in the paintings, noting the importance of giving children opportunities to articulate their understanding of contemporary environmental concerns.

The initiative went beyond the conventional idea of a cleanliness campaign by linking **Swachhta Hi Seva** with environmental stewardship and climate consciousness. It underscored the message that keeping the surroundings clean, protecting natural resources and responding responsibly to climate change are collective responsibilities. Through the Painting Competition, IGNOU showcased its contribution as an organisation that values the culture of cleanliness, sustainability and care for Mother Earth.

# SOCE

## SOCE Faculty Members Attend Orientation on Development of Microcredentials



The **School of Continuing Education (SOCE)** organised an interaction with **Dr. Vinita Katiyar**, Deputy Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office (VCO), IGNOU, on 24 September 2026 to familiarise faculty members with the essentials of **developing microcredentials**.

**Prof. Heena K. Bijli**, Director, SOCE, welcomed Dr. Katiyar and briefed the gathering on her scientific background and contributions to IGNOU. The Discipline Coordinators also presented an overview of the programmes offered by their respective disciplines. Dr. Katiyar delivered a session on developing microcredentials in alignment with the **National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)**, highlighting its outcome-based and competency-driven approach, eight qualification levels, industry relevance, and compliance requirements of the **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)**.

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The session covered **National Occupational Standards (NOS), Qualification Packs (QP)**, skill-based and employment-oriented learning, and certification of defined competencies. Discussions also focused on **integrating microcredentials with academic curricula**, industry participation, flexible credit allocation, stackability, and diverse delivery formats.

Emphasising their potential across disciplines, Dr. Katiyar outlined the need for proposals demonstrating industry requirements, skilling needs, employability potential, future relevance, and clearly defined target groups. She also addressed the faculty members' queries regarding their development.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. Katiyar for her guidance and insights.



## SOGDS

### School of Gender and Development Studies Organises Special Lecture on Indian Feminism



The **School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS)** organised a special lecture titled '**The Allure of Indian Feminism: Desiring Emancipation,**' delivered by feminist scholar **Prof. Savita Singh**, on 25 September 2026, in recognition of **Prof. Annu J. Thomas**, who is scheduled to superannuate on 30 September 2026.

The lecture explored the idea of **emancipation** in **Indian feminism**, extending beyond the demand for equality to the transformation of the conditions under which the feminine self has historically been constituted. Situating Indian feminism within the intersections of caste, class, community, sexuality, family, religion, labour, and colonial modernity, Prof. Singh discussed emancipation as a re-making of the self and social relations beyond inherited patriarchal norms.

She further discussed the movement from resistance to desire, highlighting feminism's emancipatory impulse to create a more just, relational, creative, and sensuous existence. The lecture examined freedom not merely as liberation from patriarchy but also as the possibility of transforming the self and the world. The programme was coordinated by **Prof. G. Uma**, SOGDS, who also moderated the question-and-answer session. Faculty members from other Schools attended the lecture, and **Prof. Sunita Dhal** proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of SOGDS.

## RC- Lucknow

### IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Conducts MSCCFT Dissertation Viva-Voce Examination



**IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow** conducted the Viva-Voce Examination for the **MSCCFT (MCFTP-2)** Dissertation Report on 24 September 2026 through Google Meet.

**Prof. Amiteshwar Ratra**, School of Continuing Education, IGNOU, New Delhi, served as the External Examiner. **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director and Head; **Dr. Reena Kumari**, Regional Director; **Dr. Nishith Nagar**, Assistant Registrar; **Mr. Arabinda Misra**, Assistant Director (Software); and all four examinees were present during the examination.

## RC- Lucknow

# IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow Organises Webinar on Start-up Funding and Entrepreneurship



**The Innovation Club, IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow**, in collaboration with Netaji S.C. Bose Govt. Girls' PG College, Lucknow (IGNOU LSC-27202), organised a webinar titled ***From Idea to Empire: How Start-ups Get Funded and Why It Matters to You*** on 24 September 2026 through Google Meet.

**Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director and Head, served as the Patron, while **Prof. Shalini Srivastava**, Principal, Netaji S.C. Bose Govt. Girls' PG College, was the Chairperson. **Prof. Poonam Verma**, Department of Economics, delivered the keynote address on entrepreneurship, start-up financing, and innovation-led enterprises.

The webinar covered start-up funding, financial management, and the journey from an innovative idea to a viable enterprise, with around **74 students** participating. **Dr. Jai Prakash Verma**, Regional Director and Nodal Officer, Innovation Club, coordinated the programme, which was attended by **Dr. Reena Kumari** and **Dr. Anamika Sinha**, Regional Directors, and **Dr. Nishith Nagar**, Assistant Registrar. **Dr. Vishal Pratap Singh**, Coordinator, IGNOU LSC-27202, proposed the vote of thanks. The initiative aimed to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and start-up awareness among learners and young aspirants.

## RC- Patna

# IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Conducts Project and Internship Viva-Voce for BBARIL Learners



**IGNOU Regional Centre Patna** conducted the Project and Internship Viva-Voce for **BBARIL learners** in face-to-face mode on 25 September 2026.

**Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, interacted with the learners before the examination, encouraging them to participate confidently and adhere to the prescribed academic requirements. He also interacted with the examiners, emphasising compliance with evaluation guidelines and the importance of maintaining academic standards without compromising the quality of assessment.

The viva-voce was conducted smoothly with the coordination of the Regional Centre staff under the guidance of **Dr. Asif Iqbal**, Regional Director, and **Dr. Neelu Sharma**, Assistant Regional Director.



## RC- Khanna

### IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna Organises Awareness Programme on PCOS/PCOD among Adolescent Girls



**IGNOU Regional Centre Khanna** organised an awareness programme on the theme **'Healthier Students, Stronger Nation'**, with the sub-theme **'PCOS/PCOD Awareness among Adolescent School Girls'**, at Government High School, Bulepur, on 25 September 2026.

The programme was organised in response to the felt need expressed by the school, located in Bulepur village, one of the **Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan (UBA)**-networked villages of Regional Centre Khanna. The initiative was also undertaken in response to the **School of Health Sciences' (SOHS)** communication to organise a programme on the theme.

**Dr. Manju Goel**, Regional Director, and **Dr. Maria Afzal**, Assistant Regional Director, interacted with the students and screened a documentary prepared by KEM Hospital on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (**PCOS**), recently renamed Polyendocrine Metabolic Ovarian Syndrome (**PMOS**). Information, Education and Communication (**IEC**) material prepared by SOHS was also shared with the participants. The Resource Persons addressed the students' myths, misconceptions, and queries related to the condition, facilitating awareness and discussion on **adolescent health**.



## RC- Jaipur

# IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur Holds Orientation Meeting for Newly Appointed LSC Coordinators



**IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur** organised an orientation meeting for the newly appointed Coordinators of Learner Support Centres (**LSCs**) **23199, 23200, 23201, 23130, and 23132** on 24 September 2026 at the Regional Centre's Conference Room.

**Dr. Mamta Bhatia**, Senior Regional Director, familiarised the Coordinators with the University's academic and administrative procedures, learner support services, admission processes, examination-related activities, and the effective functioning of LSCs.

The Academic Officers provided guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Coordinators and addressed their queries. The participants actively engaged in the session and expressed their commitment to strengthening learner support services and ensuring the smooth functioning of the study centres.



## RC- Patna

# IGNOU Regional Centre Patna Conducts B.Ed. Admission Counselling for SC, ST and EWS Candidates



**IGNOU Regional Centre Patna** conducted B.Ed. admission counselling for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates on 24 September 2026. A total of **48 candidates** participated, comprising 21 SC, 11 ST, and 16 EWS candidates. Seats were allotted across four Learner Support Centres (LSCs): 05136, Islamia Teacher Training (B.Ed.) College, Phulwari Sharif, Patna; 05143, Maa Kamla Chandrika Jee Teachers Training College, Jehanabad; 05201, University of South Bihar, Gaya; and 82016, Sunderwati Mahila College, Bhagalpur.

Before the counselling commenced, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, briefed the applicants on the counselling procedure, admission formalities, and the importance of completing the process carefully within the prescribed timelines.

**Dr. Asif Iqbal**, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna; **Dr. Kirti Vikram Singh**, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur; **Shri Jai Prakash Ojha**, Deputy Registrar; **Dr. Neelu Sharma**, Assistant Regional Director; and **Shri Ashok Kumar**, Assistant Section Officer, coordinated the counselling, examination and admission arrangements, ensuring the smooth, orderly conduct of the process.



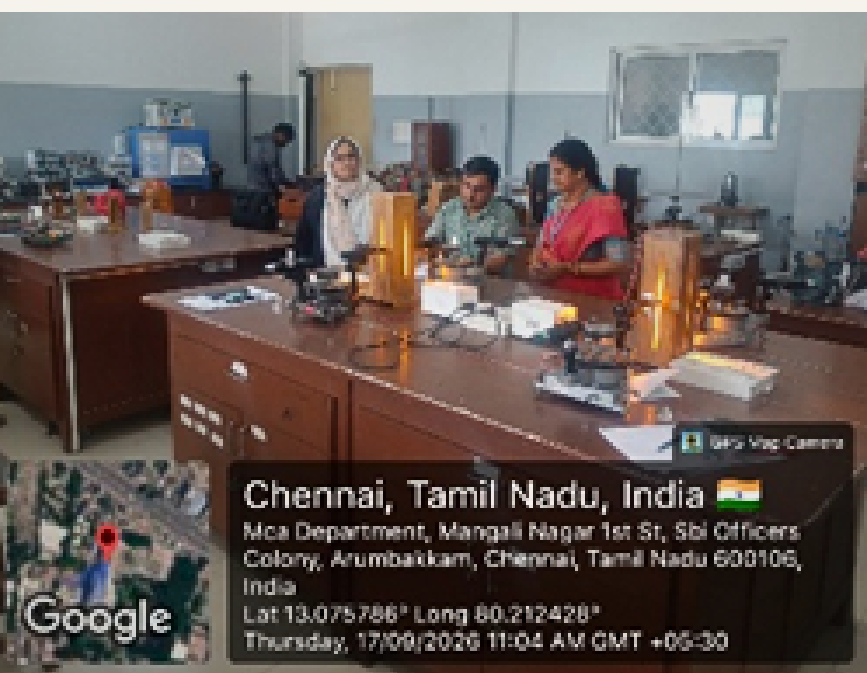
## RC- Chennai

### IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai Conducts Practical Examination for M.Sc. Physics



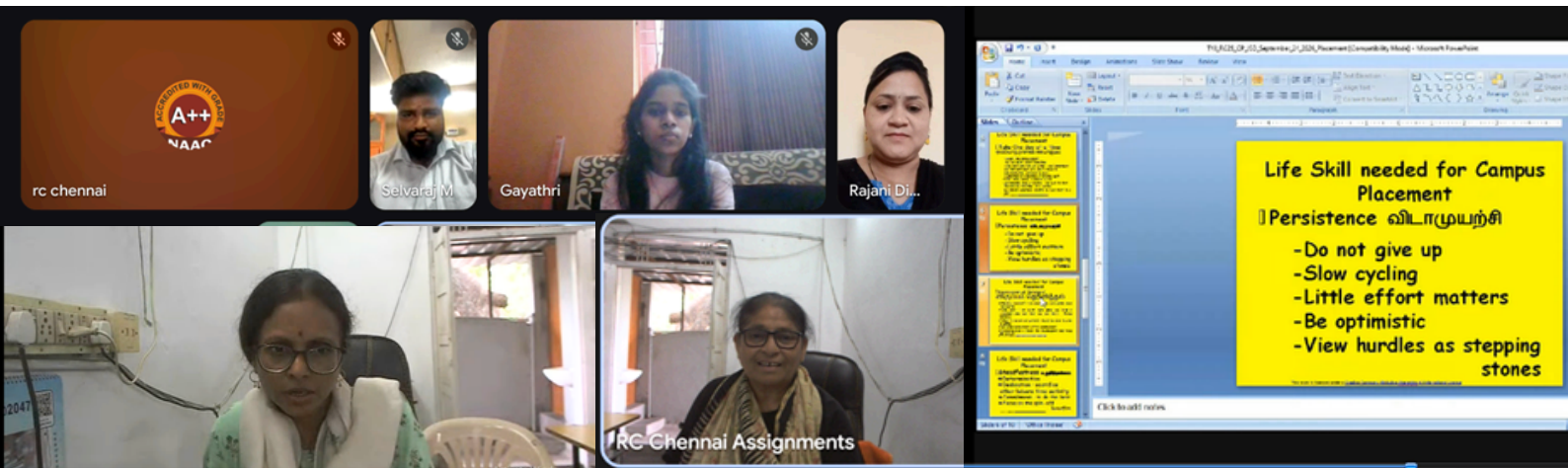
The **Term-End Practical Examination (TEPE)** June 2026 for **M.Sc. Physics (MPHL-09)** was conducted at Learner Support Centre (LSC) 2501, DDGD Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, Chennai.

**Dr. S. K. Zareena**, Assistant Regional Director, observed the conduct of the practical examination. **Dr. Ramathilagam** served as the Examiner, and the examination was attended by the learners enrolled in the programme.



## RC- Chennai

### IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai Organises Webinar on Skills Required for Campus Placement



**IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai** organised a webinar on Skills Required for Attending Campus Placement Drive, with around **140 students** from different parts of the region participating.

**Dr. S. K. Zareena**, Assistant Regional Director, welcomed the students and briefed them on campus placement activities initiated by the Campus Placement Cell, IGNOU, New Delhi. She also shared job opportunities for IGNOU students and alumni with **M/s. Bajaj Life Insurance Limited** and **M/s. Axis Bank**, along with contact details for participating in interviews being conducted in Chennai.

**Dr. Premila Swamy D**, Regional Director, delivered a session on Communication Skills Required for the Job Market, highlighting clear expression, active listening, body language, confidence, and interpersonal skills. **Dr. J. S. Dorothy**, Senior Regional Director, spoke on Life Skills Required for Campus Placement, emphasising self-confidence, time management, problem-solving, adaptability, decision-making, teamwork, and a positive attitude. Dr. Dorothy appreciated **Dr. N. Sudhakaran**, Coordinator, IGNOU LSC-2534, for mobilising learners to attend the programme. Dr. S. K. Zareena proposed the vote of thanks.