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IGNOU Welcomes Financial University, Russia Delegation to Strengthen Academic Ties



A delegation from the **Financial University** under the **Government of the Russian Federation** visited the **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)** on 10 September 2026, for discussions aimed at strengthening academic ties and exploring new avenues of institutional cooperation as IGNOU has a **Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)** with the Financial University since 2023. In the past, both institutions collaborated in successfully organizing a webinar on the International Day of the Russian Language and the Birth Anniversary of Russian a Russian poet, playwright, and novelist Alexander Pushkin.

The delegation was received at the Vice-Chancellor's Office, where **Dr. Shivaji Bhaskar**, Programme Coordinator, welcomed the visiting delegates and set the context for the meeting. **Prof. Mohd Saleem**, Director, School of Foreign Languages (SOFL), then gave an overview of IGNOU and the academic activities of the School.

The Russian delegation comprised **Dr. Elena Didenko**, Vice-Rector for Continuing Education; **Dr. Olga Prokudina**, Director, School of Management and Technology; and **Dr. Alla Filyushkina**, Director, Centre for International Educational Programmes. The visiting representatives shared an overview of their university's academic priorities and discussed potential areas of collaboration with IGNOU.



Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, welcomed the delegation and emphasised the university's commitment to expanding its international academic engagement. She underscored the importance of forging meaningful institutional partnerships that promote academic exchange and create opportunities for cooperation in education and research. Prof. Kanjilal welcomed the proposal for two micro-credential courses on pilot-basis, **'Business In Russia'** and **'Teaching for Russian Language'**. She also proposed for Financial University to be IGNOU's overseas partner institution.

An interactive session followed, bringing together the visiting delegation and IGNOU officials and faculty members. The discussions covered possible areas of mutual interest and avenues for sustained academic engagement between the two institutions. The visit marked a significant step towards strengthening institutional ties between IGNOU and the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and is expected to provide a foundation for future academic collaboration.



Glimpses of the Day



IGNOU VC Invited to the 'Sainya Kaushal Diwas', University to Strengthen Educational Opportunities for Agniveers



Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been the torch-bearer in offering educational opportunities for serving personnel of the Indian Defence Services through skill-based Bachelor's degree programmes, especially designed for the Agniveers.

Lt Col Abhilash Singh Senger, GSO 1 (Plg & Coordinator), Army Education Directorate, paid a courtesy visit to IGNOU Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal** on 10 September 2026. He extended a special invitation from **Maj Gen (Dr.) Tamojeet Biswas**, Additional Director General, Army Education, for the '**Sainya Kaushal Diwas**' scheduled to be held on 21 September 2026.

IGNOU through its academic outreach programme under the Agniveer scheme, presently, offers skill-based Bachelor's degree programmes that combine discipline-specific academic courses with skill-oriented courses, providing learners with both academic knowledge and vocational competencies. The skill courses offered through these programmes have been approved by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (**NCVET**) and are aligned with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (**NEP**) 2020. The initiative is aimed at enabling Agniveers to acquire relevant skills alongside their academic qualifications, thereby enhancing their capabilities and improving their employability after completion of their service tenure. Through this integration of higher education and vocational training, IGNOU is contributing to the development of a more skilled and future-ready defence workforce.

Newly Nominated BOM Member Dr. K. Panneerselvam Pays Courtesy Visit to the Vice Chancellor



Dr. K. Panneerselvam, Registrar, SRD, and newly nominated member of the **Board of Management (BOM)**, paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, **Prof. Uma Kanjilal**, on 10 September 2026 at the Vice Chancellor's Office (VCO).

During the meeting, Prof. Kanjilal conveyed her best wishes to Dr. K. Panneerselvam on his nomination to the Board of Management. The interaction provided an opportunity to discuss matters of institutional significance and the role of the BOM in further strengthening the University's academic, administrative, and developmental initiatives.

Dr. Panneerselvam expressed his gratitude to the Vice Chancellor and reaffirmed his commitment to contributing meaningfully to the University's growth and institutional objectives in his new capacity as a member of the Board of Management. The courtesy meeting reflected the spirit of collaboration and shared commitment towards advancing the University's vision and fostering excellence in its academic and administrative endeavours.

Student Service Centre

Samadhaan – Aapki Khatir: IRC Programme on Language, Literature and Culture Studies



The Student Service Centre (SSC), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), conducted its monthly Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC) Programme, **Samadhaan – Aapki Khatir**, on 7 September 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. through **Gyan Vani FM Radio Channel (105.6 MHz)**. The programme focused on **IGNOU Admissions: Language, Literature and Culture Studies**.

The resource persons for the programme were **Prof. Devesh Kumar Mishra**, Sanskrit Discipline, School of Humanities, and **Dr. Bhavana Gulati**, Assistant Director, SSC. **Dr. Bhavana Gulati** welcomed the listeners and students and shared regular updates on the University's academic calendar. During the session, Prof. Mishra explained the concepts of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, helping learners understand their meanings, scope, and academic significance. He also explained the distinctions among the three areas while highlighting their interrelationship and relevance to understanding **human society, cultural traditions, literary expressions, and linguistic diversity**.

Prof. Mishra further apprised learners of the academic prospects and opportunities available in these fields through **IGNOU's learner-centric programmes**.

SOFL

SOFL Organizes Interactive Session on AI-Based Video Production



The School of Foreign Languages (SOFL) at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organized an insightful and interactive session on 'AI-Based Video Production' on 8 September 2026 at the School of Foreign Languages.

The session was conducted by **Prof. Gaurav Singh**, National Co-Coordinator, **SWAYAM PRABHA**, who provided an overview of the **emerging applications of Artificial Intelligence** in video production. Through an interactive presentation and discussion, he highlighted the potential of AI-powered tools in creating, enhancing, and streamlining video content for educational and communication purposes. The session provided valuable insights into the evolving landscape of digital content creation and explored the effective integration of AI into academic and pedagogical practices. Participants actively engaged in discussions, exchanged ideas, and reflected on the possibilities offered by emerging technologies.

All faculty members and consultants of SOFL attended the session and actively participated in the discussions. The programme was well received and proved to be a valuable learning experience, particularly in understanding the growing relevance of AI in educational content development and digital learning. The session underscored SOFL's commitment to embracing emerging technologies and promoting continuous professional development among its faculty and academic community.



RC- Delhi 2

IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2 Guides School Students on Career and Higher Education Opportunities



A Career Guidance and Pre-Admission Counselling Session was organised by **IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2**, at **Govt. Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya**, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi, on **8 September 2026**. **Dr. Rita Chauhan**, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Delhi-2, interacted with school students and guided them on educational and career pathways for informed decisions about higher studies.

Dr. Chauhan explained the salient features of **Open and Distance Learning (ODL)** and online education, highlighting their flexibility and accessibility for learners pursuing education alongside employment or other commitments. She briefed students on IGNOU's vocational, skill-development, technical, digital skills, healthcare and caregiving, entrepreneurship, and other employment-oriented programmes available at different levels, including Class VIII, Class X, and Class XII. She also explained IGNOU programmes and the admission process, including that **admission does not require CUET or merit-based selection**. Students were encouraged to pursue skill-based and career-oriented learning alongside conventional education, and their queries on course selection and long-term academic and professional planning were addressed. Dr. Chauhan also interacted with trainees of the Lab Assistant Training Programme organised by **SCERT, Delhi**, encouraging them to pursue higher education and integrate their academic aspirations with their technical expertise while continuing their professional commitments.



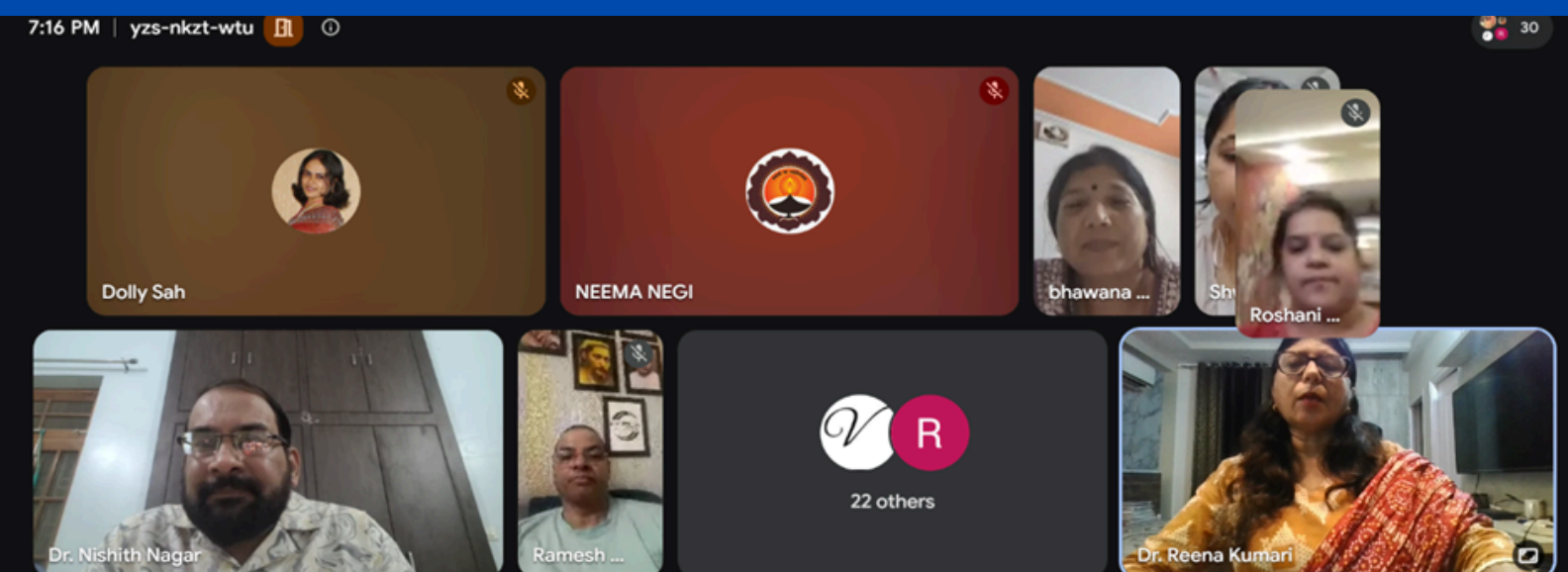
RC- Lucknow

Online Counselling Session Held for Master of Arts (Hindi) Online Programme



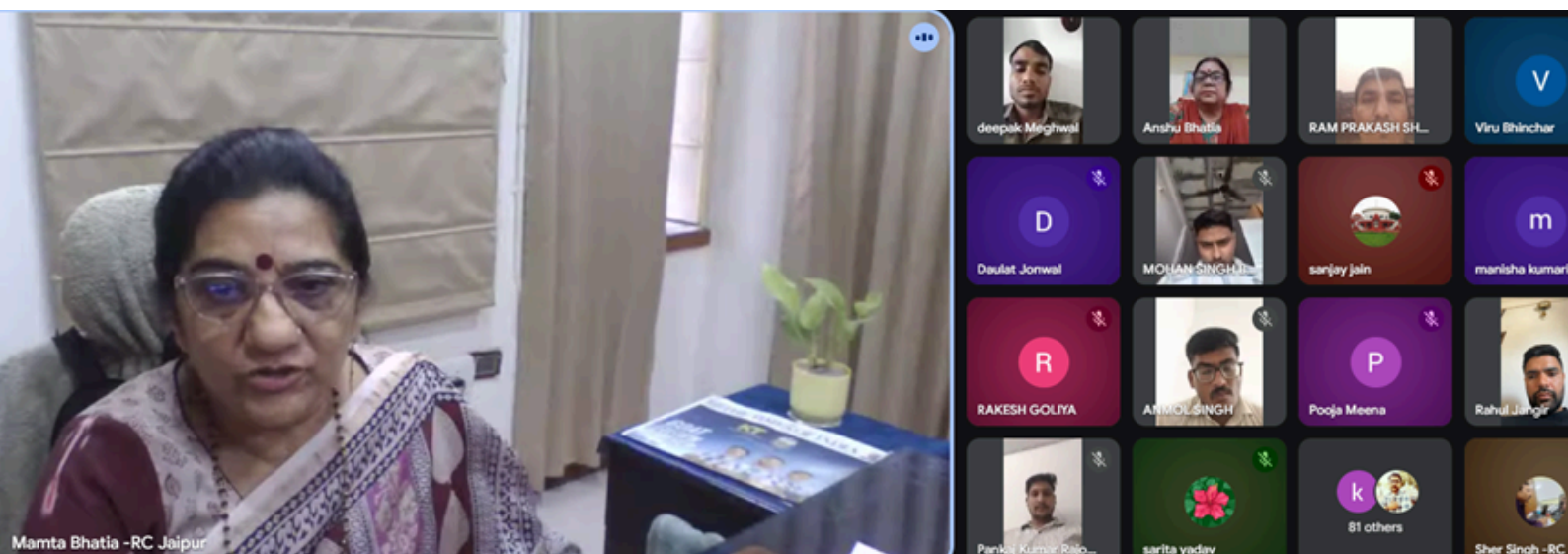
IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow, conducted an Online Counselling Session for learners of the Master of Arts (Hindi) Online (MHDOL) Programme for the course MHD-15 on 8 September 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The session was conducted by **Dr. Bhawana Srivastava, Academic Counsellor**, and monitored by **Dr. Reena Kumari, Regional Director**, and **Dr. Nishith Nagar, Assistant Registrar**. About 32 learners attended the session.



RC- Jaipur

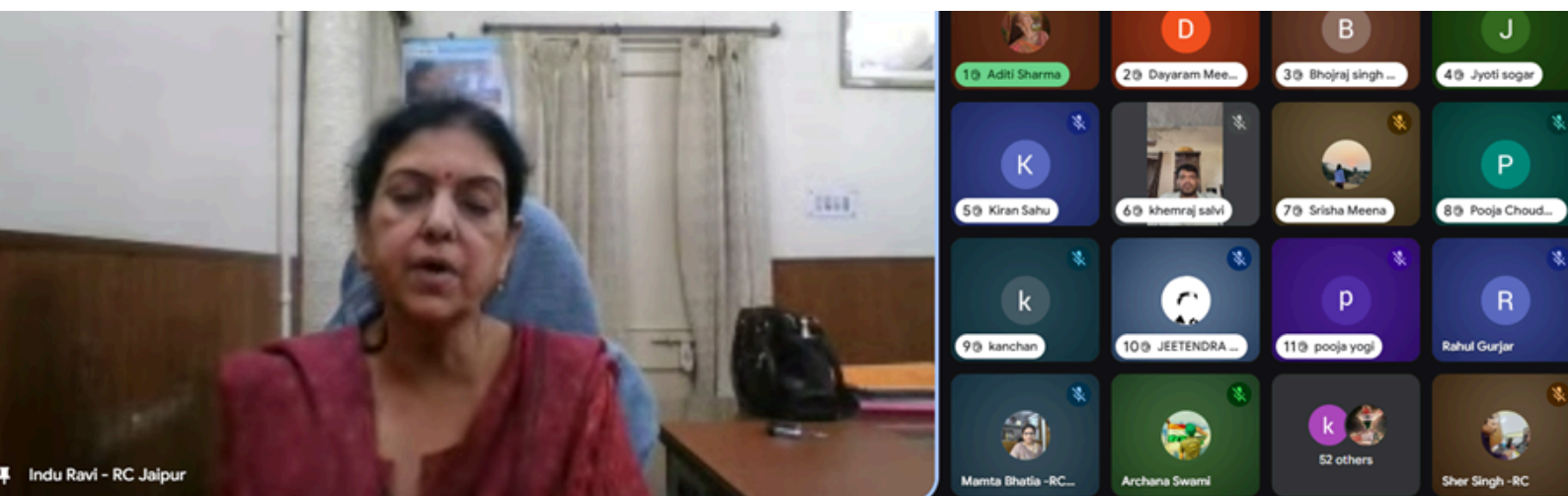
Online Induction Meeting for B.Ed. Programme – January 2026 Session



IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur organised an online Induction Meeting for **B.Ed. learners** enrolled in the **January 2026 session** at IGNOU LSC 2356, Seedling Institution of Teacher's Training, JNU Campus, Jaipur, and LSC 2366, ICG Institute of Educational Research & Development, Jaipur. A total of **105 learners** attended the meeting.

Dr. Mamta Bhatia, Senior Regional Director, welcomed the learners and Coordinators. She highlighted the objectives of the programme and advised the learners to complete all academic activities within the stipulated timelines for the successful completion of the programme.

Dr. Indu Ravi, Regional Director, briefed the learners on assignments and their weightage in the programme. She explained the process of downloading, preparing, and submitting the assignments.



RC- Lucknow

Term-End Practical Examination Held for M.Sc. Geography Course MGGL-005



IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow, conducted the **Term-End Practical Examination (TEPE)** for **MGGL-005**, a course under the M.Sc. Geography Programme, for the TEE June 2026 on **8 September 2026**. The examination was held at Maharaja Bijli Pasi Government PG College (Centre 27201).

Dr. Ravindra Pratap Singh served as the External Examiner for the examination. The examination was overseen by **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director & Head; **Dr. Anamika Sinha**, Regional Director; **Prof. Ajeet Kumar**, Coordinator; and **Dr. Poonam Bajpai**, Assistant Coordinator.



RC- Delhi 2

Orientation cum Training Session for Online Learner at RC Delhi-2

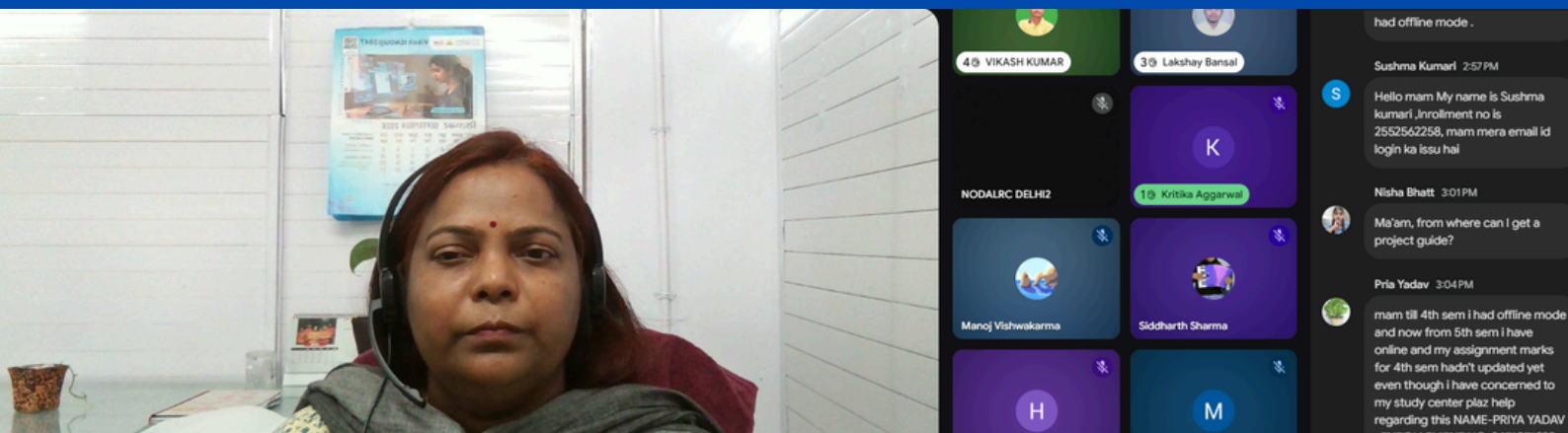


IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2 organized an orientation cum training session on **9 September 2026** for online learners enrolled in IGNOU Online Programmes. The session aimed to provide learners with guidance, motivation, and practical support regarding academic processes.

Dr. D.P. Singh, Senior Regional Director and Head, addressed the learners and emphasized the importance of academic integrity in assignments and examinations. He also briefed them on the timelines for various academic activities to help them plan their studies and submissions effectively.

Dr. Rita Chauhan, Regional Director, provided hands-on guidance on the **Learning Management System (LMS) portal**. She explained the procedures and guidelines for writing and submitting assignments, synopses, and projects, and demonstrated how learners can access various online educational resources.

The interactive session also addressed learners' queries related to academic processes, assignment submission, and programme timelines.



RC- Jaipur

IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur Organises Online Induction Meeting for B.Sc.N(PB) Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Jaipur organised an online Induction Meeting for **29 learners** enrolled in the B.Sc.N(PB) January 2026 session on **10 September 2026**. The meeting was coordinated by LSC 2316, Government College of Nursing, Jaipur.

At the outset, the participating learners introduced themselves and shared their present places of posting. **Dr. Samta Soni**, Coordinator, and **Dr. B.L. Sharma**, Assistant Coordinator, briefed the learners about the Study Centre, the schedule of theory and practical counselling sessions, and the B.Sc.N(PB) programme.

Dr. Mamta Bhatia, Senior Regional Director, welcomed and addressed the learners, highlighting key aspects of IGNOU and the B.Sc.N(PB) programme and advising them on completing the programme within the stipulated timeline.

Dr. Indu Ravi, Regional Director, and **Dr. Kamlesh Meena**, Assistant Regional Director, also addressed the learners and briefed them on the ODL system, **submission of assignments, examination forms, and other academic requirements.**

