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IGNOU Launches 11th One-Year M.A. Programme with M.A. in Development Studies



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Indira Gandhi National Open University
New Delhi-110068

Open For:

- FYUP Graduates
- Professional Agriculture/ Allied Graduates
- Engineering Graduates

Admissions are now open for

One-Year MA in Development Studies (MADVSOY)
for the July 2026 session

Build your career in the development sector with a programme that equips you with knowledge, skills and practical exposure.

Programme Objectives

- To impart comprehensive knowledge on various dimensions of development studies.
- To train and develop qualified human resources for professional roles within the development sector.
- To build specialized skills in the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of development projects and programmes.

Target Learners & Eligibility

This streamlined pathway is tailored specifically for:

- FYUP Graduates**
Alumni of Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes from any discipline.
- Professional Agriculture/Allied Graduates**
Graduates from 4-year or 5-year undergraduate tracks.
- Engineering Graduates**
Holders of a 4-year B.Tech or BE degree in any branch.

Programme Structure

Semester 1 (20 Credits)

All courses in this semester are compulsory.

- MDV-201: Introduction to Development and Development Theories (8 Credits)
- MDV-102: Dynamics of Development (6 Credits)
- MDV-103: Issues and Challenges of Development (6 Credits)

Semester 2 (20 Credits)

Compulsory Course:

- MDV-206: Research Methodology in Development Studies (6 Credits)

Elective Options (Choose 2):

- MDV-109: Development in India - An Overview (6 Credits)
- MDV-004: Gender and Development (6 Credits)
- MDV-105: Development Planning and Management (6 Credits)
- MDV-108: Development Communication and Extension (6 Credits)
- MDV-110: Training and Development (6 Credits)
- MDV-111: Local Self-Governance and Development (6 Credits)
- MDV-115: Health and Development (6 Credits)
- MEDS-41: Introduction to Urban Development (6 Credits)
- MEDS-051: Fundamentals of CSR (6 Credits)
- MDVP-217: Project Work (6 Credits)

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Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched the **One-Year M.A. in Development Studies (MADVSOY)** for the **July 2026 session**, taking the number of its one-year M.A. programmes to 11. Offered by the **School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS)**, the programme is designed to provide advanced academic training in the field of development.

The 40-credit programme is offered over two semesters. The first semester includes Introduction to Development and Development Theories, Dynamics of Development, and Issues and Challenges of Development. The second semester includes Research Methodology in Development Studies and electives in areas including Gender Studies, Development Planning and Communication, Training and Development, Local Self Governance, Health and Development, Corporate Social Responsibility, Urban Development, and Project Work.

The programme is open to **graduates of Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUP) from any discipline**, professional four-year or five-year undergraduate programmes in Agriculture and allied fields, and holders of four-year B.Tech. or B.E. degrees in any branch. The **11 one-year M.A. programmes** offered by IGNOU include **M.A. Economics, M.A. Sociology, M.A. History, M.A. Political Science, M.A. English, M.A. Hindi, M.A. Sanskrit, M.A. Urdu, M.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, M.A. Development Studies, and M.Com.** Admissions for the **July 2026 session** are being facilitated through IGNOU's admission portal.

RC- Port Blair

IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair Academic Presents Book on Digital Transformation in Higher Education to Vice-Chancellor



Dr. Uday Kumar, Assistant Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), **Regional Centre Port Blair**, recently visited the University headquarters in New Delhi and met the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Uma Kanjilal**, presenting her with his newly published book, '*Distance Education and Open Learning System in India: Higher Education in a Digital Age*'. The book examines the evolving landscape of distance education and open learning in India against the backdrop of rapid digital transformation in higher education. Its publication marks a significant scholarly contribution to the growing discourse on technology-enabled learning and the changing contours of the open and distance learning system. Prof. Kanjilal appreciated Dr. Kumar's scholarly achievement and his contribution to pedagogical research, noting the significance of academic work that engages with the emerging dimensions of digital education and open learning.

During his visit to the IGNOU headquarters, Dr. Kumar also interacted with **Prof. Anita Priyadarshini**, Director, Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE), along with faculty members and staff of the Institute. **Dr. Satya Raj**, Associate Professor, Discipline of Geography, School of Sciences, also congratulated Dr. Kumar on the publication of his book.



RC- Shimla

Admission Opportunities at IGNOU Highlighted for Himachal Pradesh Police Personnel



IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla organised an admission promotion activity at the **Police Headquarters (PHQ), Shimla**, on 2 September 2026 for officers and staff deployed at PHQ. **Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Ashok Tiwari**, felicitated the Regional Centre representative with a memento and appreciated IGNOU's role in taking education to the doorstep of learners in Himachal Pradesh. He also encouraged officers and staff to make productive use of their time by enrolling in IGNOU programmes to enhance their qualifications and professional skills.

The interactive session saw keen interest from police officials in various IGNOU programmes, including **Disaster Management, Criminal Justice, Cyber/Information Security, Anti-Human Trafficking, MCA, BCA, MBA, Human Rights, and Bachelor's Degree Programmes**. The session was also attended by the DIG, SSP, and other police personnel.

Meanwhile, the Regional Centre team also visited Study Centre 1101, Government Degree College, Sanjauli, to monitor the ongoing BA and MA Psychology practicals. The team interacted with learners, Academic Counsellors, and the Coordinator and sought feedback on the quality of support services. The learners shared positive feedback about the support provided by the Study Centre.



RC- Bhagalpur

Strengthening Learner Support: RC Bhagalpur Holds Study Centre Coordinators' Meeting



IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur organised a Coordinators' Meeting with Coordinators of its Study Centres to discuss academic, administrative, and learner-support related issues. The meeting was chaired by **Dr. Sara Nasreen**, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU.

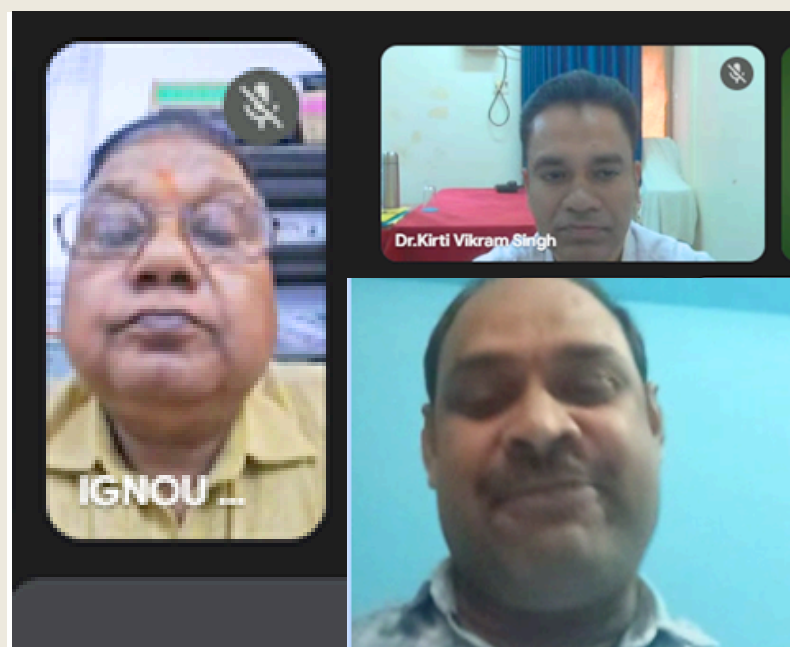
Dr. Sara Nasreen discussed assignment-related issues and emphasised on-the-spot assignment evaluation for timely processing of learners' academic records. She also encouraged the Coordinators to take proactive steps towards the **activation and promotion of new IGNOU programmes**.



Dr. Kirti Vikram Singh, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Bhagalpur, highlighted issues related to the activation of new programmes, placement drives, Study Centre-related concerns, and innovation initiatives.

Dr. O. P. Tiwari, Regional Director, discussed issues faced by the Regional Centre and sought suggestions from the Study Centre Coordinators for their effective resolution.

The Study Centre Coordinators made individual presentations and shared the activities, challenges, and suggestions related to their respective centres. The meeting concluded with a commitment to **strengthen coordination between the Regional Centre and Study Centres** and improve learner-support services through collective efforts.



RC- Varanasi

IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi Promotes Rural Development and Vocational Programmes at BHU



IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi organised a promotional meeting at the **Centre for Integrated Rural Development (CIRD), Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**, Varanasi, on 10 September 2026. Regional Director and Head **Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi** and Deputy Registrar **Sh. Banmali Singh** attended the programme, along with CIRD faculty members and students of Management in Rural Development and vocational courses, including stitching and weaving.

Dr. Tripathi highlighted IGNOU programmes relevant to Rural Development, including **CRD, PGDRD, MARD, CNM and CBS**, and encouraged students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously,

one through face-to-face mode and another through distance mode. He also suggested the Certificate in Fashion Design (CFDE) to students pursuing vocational courses.

Sh. Banmali Singh apprised the students of IGNOU's flexibilities, including **admissions and examinations twice a year**, choice of Regional, Study and Examination Centres, and flexible programme duration, enabling learners to study at their own pace.

Prof. Ranjan Kumar Singh, Dean of Students, BHU, addressed the gathering, while **Prof. Alok Kumar Pandey**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU, coordinated the programme.



IGNOU Kolkata Orients 110 Newly Enrolled SOCIS Learners in Online Induction Meeting

Senior SOCIS faculty provided academic guidance on programme requirements, academic responsibilities, learning resources, and examination and assignment processes. Learners also sought clarification on **academic and administrative matters**.

The programme was attended by **Dr. Ajay Kumar Behera**, Regional Director, and **Dr. Santanu Mukherji**, Assistant Regional Director, from Regional Centre Kolkata. From SOCIS, participants included **Prof. Sandeep Singh Rawat**, Director and Professor; **Prof. P. V. Suresh**, **Prof. V. V. Subrahmanyam**, **Prof. Divakar Yadav**, and **Prof. Akshay Kumar**, Professors; and **Dr. Adwitiya Sinha**, Associate Professor.

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RC- Chennai

Hindi Day Celebration at IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai



Hindi Day Celebration was held at IGNOU Regional Centre Chennai. **Dr. J. S. Dorothy**, Senior Regional Director, spoke about how **Hindi serves as the Official Language**. **Ms. G. Umamaheswari**, JAT, spoke about the phonetic script of the Hindi language.

Dr. Ravikanth Kamlekar, Regional Director, spoke about the **life skills needed for integrating a language into one's life**. **Dr. Premila Swamy**, Deputy Regional Director, spoke about how Hindi as a language facilitates communication. **Dr. S. K. Zareena**, Assistant Regional Director, highlighted National Hindi Day and World Hindi Day.

Sh. P. Venkata Bhargav, Assistant Registrar, spoke about the origin and usage of Hindi as a language alongside English and regional languages.

Keeping in line with NEP 2020, **the proceedings were also conducted in the regional language Tamil, besides Hindi and English.**



RC- Lucknow

IGNOU Lucknow Reviews Learner Support and Admission Outreach at Virtual Coordinators' Meeting



IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow organised a virtual Coordinators' Meeting on 11 September 2026 to discuss student support services and admission-related activities. The meeting was attended by **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director and Head; **Dr. Reena Kumari**, Regional Director; **Dr. Anamika Sinha**, Regional Director; **Dr. Jai Prakash Verma**, Regional Director; and Coordinators from various Learner Support Centres (LSCs). The meeting commenced with the University's Kulgeet.

Dr. Anil Kumar Misra outlined the objectives of the meeting and encouraged the Centre Coordinators to **strengthen the quality of frontline student support services** at their respective LSCs. Dr. Reena Kumari briefed the Coordinators on Online Programmes, navigation of the Learning Management System (LMS) portal, assignment management, and upcoming examinations.

Dr. Anamika Sinha made a presentation on **digital resources and the student journey**, covering the IGNOU website, admissions, scheduling of theory and practical counselling sessions, and research-related activities, including Synopsis and Projects. She also highlighted the use of the digital repository e-Gyankosh.

Dr. Jai Prakash Verma discussed **outreach and upcoming promotional strategies** to expand the reach of student support services across the Regional Centre and LSCs.

Coordinators from different LSCs also made presentations on issues related to their respective centres. The meeting was moderated by Dr. Anamika Sinha, while **Dr. Parvat Singh** proposed the vote of thanks.

