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IGNOU Organized Expert Talk on Development of Skill-Based Micro-Credentials



The **School of Engineering and Technology (SOET)**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), organised an **Expert Talk on “Development of Micro-Credentials Skill-Based Course”** on September 16, 2026 to deliberate upon the emerging role of skill-based micro-credentials in higher education and their potential to enhance learners’ employability, upskilling and reskilling opportunities.

Dr. Vinita Katiyar, Deputy Director, VCO, IGNOU, was invited as the expert speaker for the session.

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During the expert talk, **Dr. Vinita Katiyar** provided an extensive overview of the concept, structure, development and implementation of skill-based micro-credentials. She discussed the importance of designing micro-credentials around clearly defined competencies, measurable learning outcomes and identified skill requirements. She emphasized that the development of micro-credential courses should be closely aligned with industry needs and emerging technological trends. A significant focus of the discussion was on the stackability and progression of micro-credentials. It was highlighted that appropriately designed micro-credentials can provide learners with flexible learning pathways and skill qualifications.

The faculty members of SOET actively participated in the interaction and discussed possible frameworks for identifying skill areas, designing course structures, developing learning outcomes, mapping competencies, preparing assessment strategies and establishing mechanisms for certification and quality assurance.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by **Dr Shweta Tripathi** who expressed gratitude to Dr. Vinita Katiyar for her valuable insights and to **Prof. Sanjay Agrawal** for his guidance and support in promoting innovative academic initiatives at SOET.

SOSS

SOSS Faculty Training on AI in Teaching and Research



In keeping with the Hon'ble IGNOU Vice Chancellor's vision of **integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI)** into the University's **teaching and research processes** and enabling faculty members to engage meaningfully with emerging AI technologies, the **School of Social Sciences (SOSS)** organised a **two-day training programme** on 17–18 September 2026 at STRIDE, IGNOU. The programme followed the **IGNOU-GIZ-Leipzig University** collaborative training held in Hyderabad in July, where selected IGNOU faculty members were trained to subsequently share their learning within their respective Schools.



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At SOSS, **Prof. Mitoo Das, Dr Ashok Kumar and Dr G. Ashok**, who had participated in the Hyderabad programme, facilitated the sessions. The programme introduced faculty members to a range of AI tools and their applications in teaching and research, with hands-on exploration of selected tools, exchange of experiences and ideas, and critical reflection on their possibilities, limitations and responsible use.

The enthusiastic participation of faculty members led to lively discussions and made the sessions highly interactive and enriching. Organised with the guidance and support of **Prof. Nita Mathur**, Director, SOSS, the programme marks a promising step towards informed, responsible and creative engagement with AI in the School's teaching and research practices.



RC PATNA

RC Patna Conducts Project Viva-Voce Examination for BCA and BCA-NEW Programmes



The IGNOU **Regional Centre, Patna** successfully conducted the **Project Viva-Voce Examination for the BCA and BCA - NEW Programmes** during 17-18 September 2026. The examination was organised over a period of two days, with 167 learners appearing for the Viva-Voce on the concluding day. Prior to the commencement of the examination, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna, held an interaction with the External Examiners. During the interaction, the examiners were apprised of the prescribed IGNOU guidelines, examination procedures, and necessary instructions to ensure uniformity and adherence to the stipulated norms. The Viva-Voce proceedings were completed in an orderly and seamless manner under the guidance and supervision of **Dr. Asif Iqbal**, Regional Director, and **Dr. Neelu Sharma**, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna.



RC LUCKNOW

IGNOU Lucknow Conducts Viva-Voce Examination for Library Science Programmes



The IGNOU **Regional Centre, Lucknow**, conducted the **Viva-Voce Examination** for the MLIS/ PGDLAN / BLIS Literature Survey / Project Report for the Course Codes MLII-105, MLIP-8 and; BLII-230 respectively on 17 September 2026. The examination was conducted by **Dr. Pravish Prakash**, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Lucknow. Most learners enrolled in the MLIS, PGDLAN and BLIS programmes appeared for the Viva-Voce Examination.

The examination was systematically conducted in the presence of **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra**, Senior Regional Director and Head, IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow; **Dr. Reena Kumari**, Regional Director; **Dr. Nishith Nagar**, Assistant Registrar; and **Ms Rajshree Verma**, Semi Professional Assistant. The Viva-Voce provided learners an opportunity to present and discuss their academic work before an external academic expert, marking an important stage in the completion of their respective programme requirements.

