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Research Unit

CIQA Conducts Internal Audit of IGNOU Research Unit



A team from the **Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)**, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), comprising **Dr. Navita Abrol**, Deputy Director, CIQA; **Dr. Sunil Kumar**, Additional Director, Planning and Development Division (P&DD); and **Dr. Deeksha Dave**, Associate Professor, School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS), visited the Research Unit (RU) to conduct an Internal Academic and Administrative Audit. The Audit Team was welcomed by **Prof. Kaustuva Barik**, Director (I/c), **Dr. Satish R. Gaikwad**, Deputy Director, and other staff members of the Research Unit.

The visit focused on reviewing the Unit's academic and administrative processes and assessing their adherence to established institutional standards and procedures. The team also examined relevant documentation and existing practices to identify areas for strengthening efficiency and improving the functioning of the Unit. The review formed part of IGNOU's institutional efforts to maintain high standards of academic and administrative functioning. It provided an opportunity to assess ongoing practices, address areas requiring attention and reinforce systematic approaches to quality assurance and continuous improvement.

PIU

CIQA Team Conducts Internal Academic and Administrative Audit of Public Information Unit (PIU)



The **Public Information Unit (PIU)** of **Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)** underwent an **Internal Academic and Administrative Audit** on 29 September 2026, conducted by a team from the **Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)**. The audit team comprised **Dr. Navita Abrol**, Deputy Director, CIQA, and **Dr. Sunil Kumar**, Additional Director, Planning and Development Division (P&DD).

Dr. Ezra John, PRO (I/c), welcomed the audit team along with the PIU staff members, **Mr. Lok Nath Bhandari**, **Mr. Rajesh Arora**, **Ms Pooja Arora** and **Ms Sunita**. During the visit, the PIU team apprised the auditors of the Unit's regular administrative and communication activities, covering a wide range of initiatives undertaken to disseminate information about the University's academic, institutional and learner-centric activities. The audit focused on reviewing the academic and administrative processes of the PIU, assessing compliance with established quality standards and identifying areas for continuous quality enhancement. The team also reviewed the mechanisms adopted by the Unit for effective dissemination of information and strengthening the University's public outreach.

PIU



The PIU staff briefed the audit team on its regular work across various communication platforms and formats, including social media, media press releases, published media reports and interviews in print and digital, coordinating television interviews, in-house digital newsletter, university's event coverage and coordinating with Regional Centres for information and publicity. The team also shared the Unit's plans for further strengthening its communication and outreach initiatives in the future.

The interaction provided an opportunity to review the existing practices of the PIU and identify areas where communication processes could be further streamlined and made more effective. The audit team offered constructive suggestions for enhancing the Unit's outreach, improving the dissemination of information and expanding the visibility of the University's initiatives among learners, prospective students, the media and other stakeholders. The visit concluded on a constructive note, with the recommendations providing useful directions for the PIU to further strengthen its communication mechanisms and develop more systematic and effective outreach strategies. The audit is expected to contribute to the Unit's ongoing efforts towards continuous quality improvement, greater stakeholder engagement and wider dissemination of IGNOU's academic and institutional initiatives.



CPC

Pan-India Campus Placement Drives and Initiatives

The **Campus Placement Cell** (CPC) at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) serves as a vital bridge between academia and industry, consistently organizing Pan-India placement drives to secure career progression & employment opportunities for its learners. The placement drive organised by the CPC was spearheaded by **Prof. Nayantara Padhi**, Director, CPC and coordinated by **Dr. Vineet Kr. Srivastava**, AD, CPC.

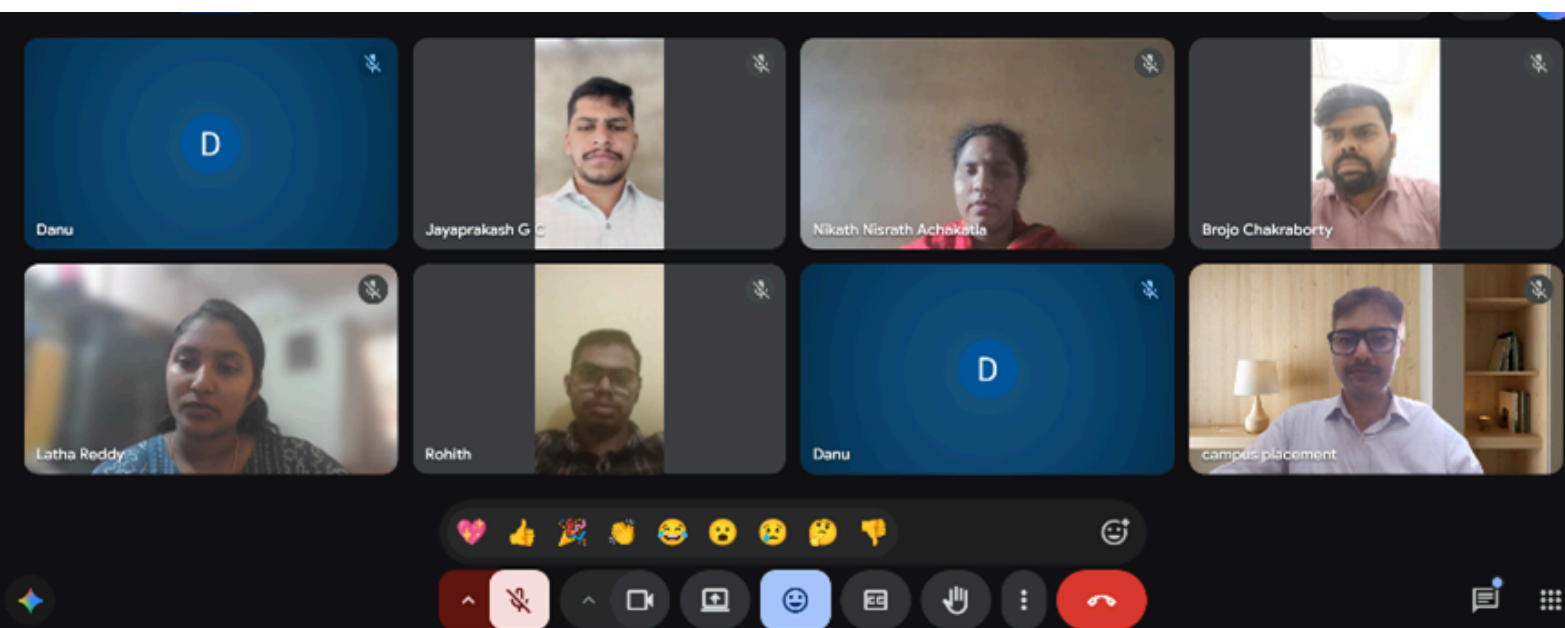
Driving these Pan-India placement and career-development initiatives, the CPC coordinated towards connecting IGNOU Regional Centres with leading corporate recruiters and HR teams. Through strategic coordination, continuous communication, and end-to-end facilitation, the CPC ensured that placement opportunities were effectively identified, organized, and extended to learners across the country.

The coordinated efforts of the CPC and Regional Centres helped bridge the gap between industry requirements and learner aspirations, enabling IGNOU learners to access diverse employment opportunities closer to their respective regions. From recruiter engagement and opportunity dissemination to pre-placement interactions, candidate coordination, and interview facilitation, The following outlines the recent placement and pre-placement events successfully organized across various Regional Centres.

CPC & RC Bangalore

RC Bangalore – Campus Placement Drive with Skill Flow Learning

On 18 September 2026, CPC conducted a **Virtual Placement Drive** (For RC Bangalore learners and alumni) in collaboration with **Skill Flow Learning** for the **Business Development Associate Trainee** role, featuring a pre-placement offer (PPO) of 5-7 LPA. The drive generated significant interest, with 170+ students registering for the opportunity. Approximately 100 candidates were shortlisted for the virtual group discussions and technical interview rounds across multiple interview panels, ultimately culminating in **16 students successfully securing job offers**.



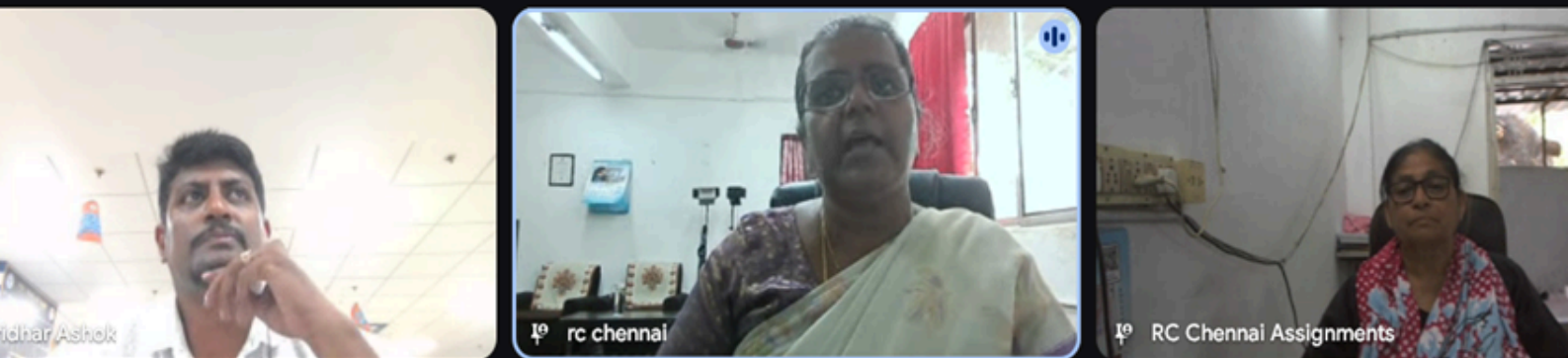
RC Bangalore –Campus Placement Drive with Jyesta Corporate Entity

In collaboration with CPC, following the momentum of earlier successes, RC Bangalore hosted another virtual recruitment event on 24 September 2026, partnering with **Jyesta Corporate** Entity to hire **Business Development Interns and Associates**. The prospect attracted nearly 200 candidate registrations. From this pool, 132 applicants were shortlisted to face various virtual interview panels. After a highly competitive initial round 8 candidates could make it to the second round. And as result **6 candidates** were **offered the job** at the end of rigorous selection process.

CPC & RC Chennai & RC Lucknow

RC Chennai – Pre-Placement Talk with Bajaj Life Insurance

In coordination with CPC, focusing on career awareness and industry readiness, **Regional Centre Chennai** organized a **Virtual Pre-Placement Talk on 'Campus Placement Prospects at Bajaj Life Insurance Ltd.'** on 21st September 2026 at 3:00 p.m. via Google Meet. Following a welcome address by ARD **Dr. SK Zareena**, Resource Person **Sh. Sridhar Ashok Kumar** (Cluster Manager HR) provided valuable insights into BFSI sector opportunities and career progression. Senior Regional Director **Dr. J S Dorothy** concluded the session by highlighting the continuous initiatives of the CPC, summarizing the session in Tamil for local learners, and proposing the vote of thanks.



RC Lucknow – Campus Placement Drive with Axis Bank Ltd.

In coordination with CPC, continuing the successful collaboration with Axis Bank Ltd., **IGNOU Regional Centre Lucknow** organized a placement drive on 22nd September 2026 targeting graduated learners. Facilitated by Senior Regional Director **Dr. Anil Kumar Misra** and Assistant Registrar **Dr. Nishith Nagar** alongside the Axis Bank HR team, the event saw an active turnout. Out of the 20 participating aspirants, **11 candidates** successfully cleared the selection process and were **shortlisted** for a week long training programme, after which they will receive their formal offer letters and postings.



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CPC, IGNOU HQs - Campus Placement Drive in collaboration with Bajaj Life

The Campus Placement Cell (CPC) expanding its on-ground placement initiatives, collaborated with **Bajaj Life Insurance** to conduct an in-person placement drive on 22 September 2026. To provide learners with direct corporate exposure, the interviews were hosted directly at the Bajaj Life Insurance office in Moti Nagar. The drive targeted candidates for the dynamic roles of **Assistant Territory Manager** and **Executive Sales Manager**. Nearly 80 candidates registered for the drive and a total of 18 IGNOU learners actively participated in the interview process, and following a thorough evaluation, **2 candidates** successfully demonstrated the requisite industry skills and were **selected for the positions**.

Continuing the momentum of corporate partnerships, the CPC collaborated with **Bajaj Capital Broking Ltd.** for another targeted placement drive on 23 September 2026. This focused recruitment event was conducted at the Bajaj Capital office located in Dwarka Mor, specifically hiring for the role of **Marketing Executive**. Approx 50 candidates registered for the drive, and a total of 8 candidates participated in the face-to-face interview rounds. Demonstrating strong potential for the financial services and marketing sector, **2 candidates** successfully cleared the rigorous selection criteria and **were offered the role**, further underscoring the CPC's commitment to securing diverse placement opportunities across the Delhi NCR region.

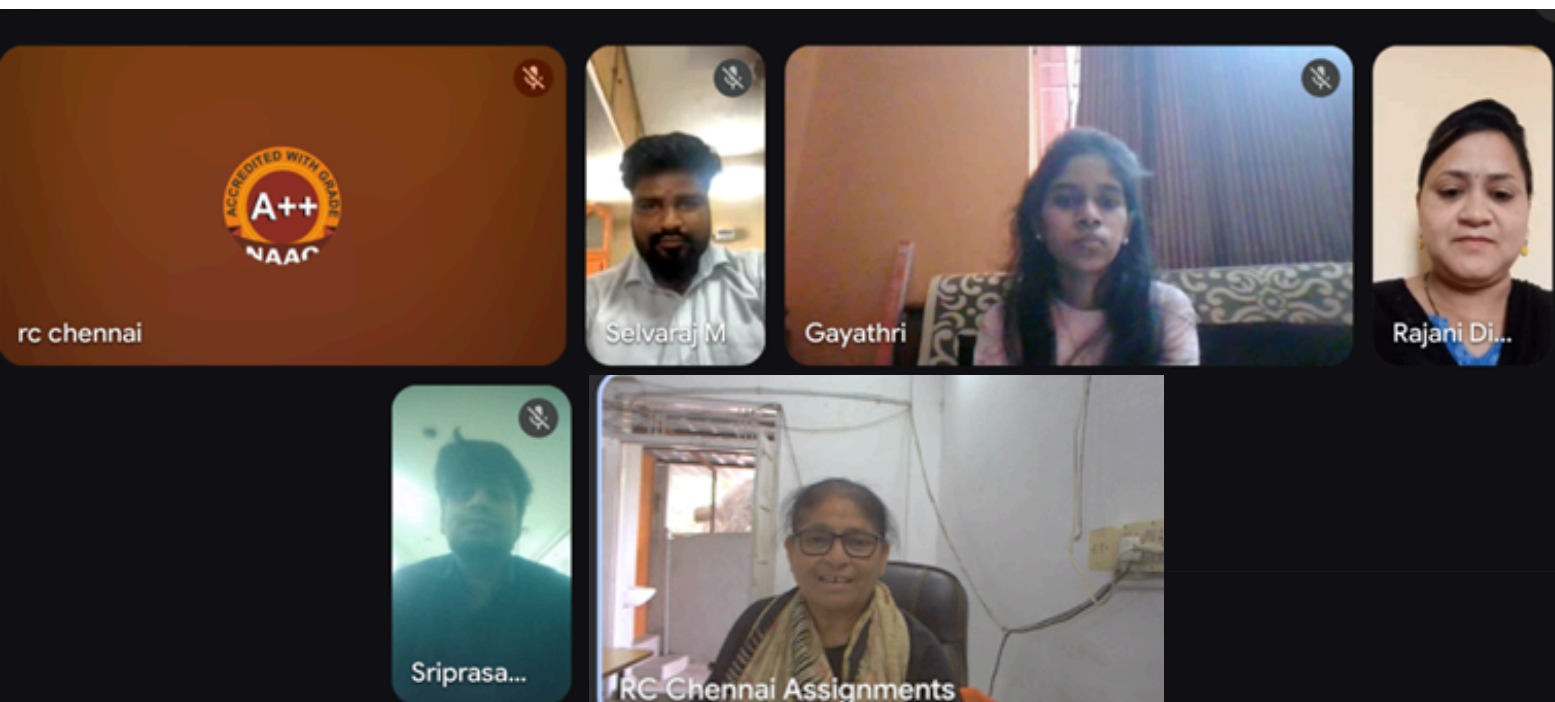


CPC & RC Chennai

RC Chennai's Webinar on 'Skills Required for Attending Campus Placement Drive'

The IGNOU **Regional Centre Chennai** in association with the CPC organized a webinar on '**Skills Required for Attending Campus Placement Drive**' to enhance students' employability and prepare them for campus placement opportunities. Around 140 students from different parts of the Region participated. **Dr. S.K. Zareena**, ARD, welcomed the participants and briefed them on CPC's placement initiatives and employment opportunities with Bajaj Life Insurance Limited and Axis Bank. **Dr. Premila Swamy D**, Regional Director, conducted a session on 'Communication Skills Required for the Job Market', highlighting effective communication, active listening, body language, confidence and interpersonal skills.

Dr. J.S. Dorothy, Senior Regional Director, delivered a session on '**Life Skills Required for Campus Placement**', focusing on confidence, time management, problem-solving, adaptability, decision-making, teamwork and a positive attitude, along with interview and workplace preparedness. **Dr. N. Sudhakaran**, Coordinator, IGNOU LSC-2534, ensured strong participation of learners in the CPC programme, enabling them to benefit from the sessions and the opportunities offered through the initiative.



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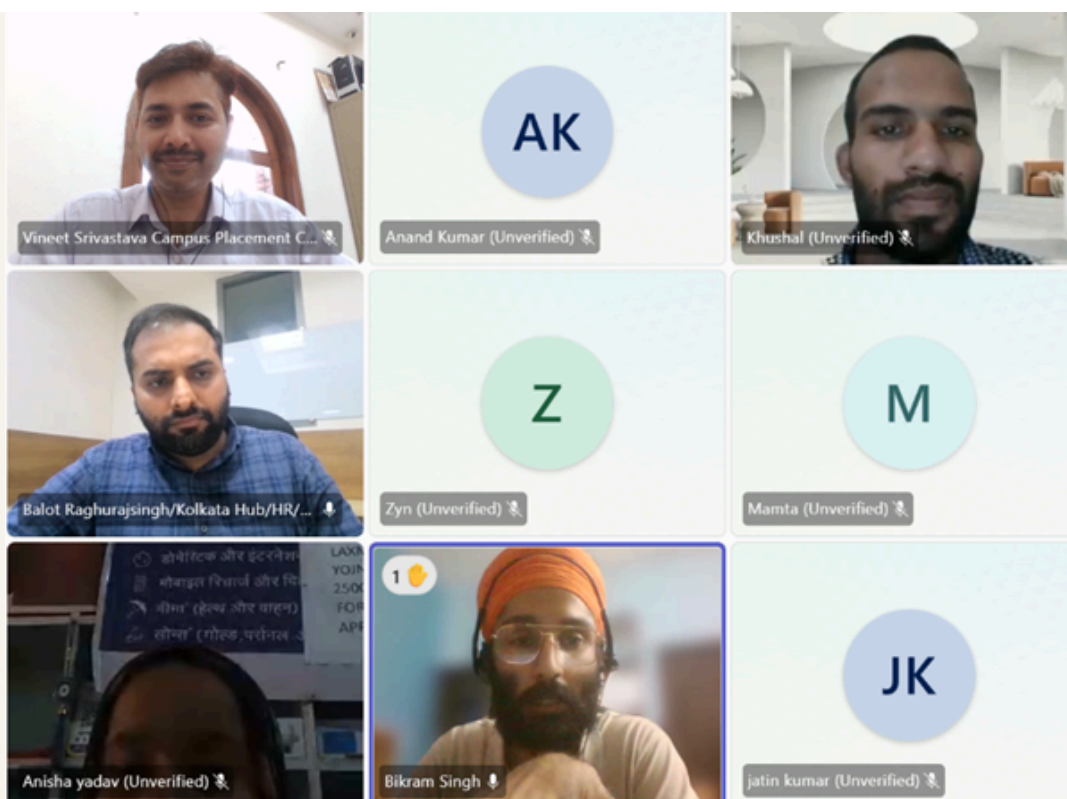
CPC Conducts Webinar on Pre-Placement Talk with Bajaj Life

The **Campus Placement Cell (CPC)**, IGNOU in collaboration with **Bajaj Life**, organized a virtual session on **Pre-Placement Talk** for Learners and Alumni of **RC Kolkata, Bhuwaneshwar and all RCs of NE regions** on 25 September 2026 through Microsoft Teams, focusing on career opportunities in the Insurance and Financial Services sector.

The session featured **Mr. Raghuraj Singh Balot**, Manager – Campus & Leadership Hiring, Bajaj Life, as the industry expert. Session's highlights focus on industry insights, career opportunities, interview preparation and live interaction. Mr. Balot provided students with practical insights into the insurance industry, career pathways, workplace expectations, essential employability skills and interview preparation, helping participants understand how to approach opportunities in the sector and prepare effectively for recruitment processes.

The interactive session witnessed active participation from IGNOU Regional Centres across the country. Students from RC Kolkata, RC Jammu, RC Patna and RC Ranchi actively engaged with the industry expert and raised questions regarding industry trends, career opportunities, job roles, growth prospects and expectations from fresh candidates.

The programme was coordinated by **Dr. Vineet Kr. Srivastava**, AD, CPC who answered queries about the placement drive, and provided learners and alumni with valuable industry exposure and a clearer understanding of career opportunities in the Insurance and Financial Services sector.



CPC & RC Varansi

Regional Centre Varanasi participated in **Job Fair** organized by the **Campus Placement Cell (CPC)**, in collaboration with **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, on 25 September 2026 at Handicraft Service Centre, Hastkala Sankul, Varanasi. The fair provided employment opportunities across BFSI, IT/ITES, manufacturing, retail, hospitality, logistics and other sectors, with participation from prominent companies including Dixon Technologies, Cogent E-Services and Bajaj Finance.

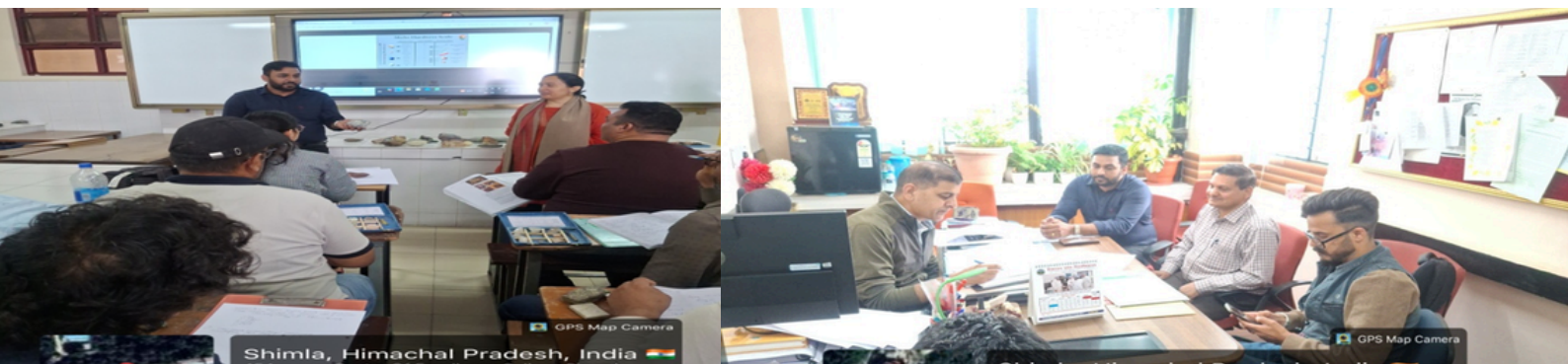
RC Varanasi reached out to nearly 12,000 students and alumni through SMS and registration links. **Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi**, Regional Director, coordinated the event at the regional level, while **Dr. Vineet Kr. Srivastava**, Assistant Director, CPC coordinated the initiative from the headquarters for all necessary outreach and coordination. **Mr. Banmali Singh**, Deputy Registrar, along with other RC officials, facilitated students during the job fair. A dedicated **RC Varanasi facilitation stall** was also set up to support students with registration and participation in recruitment processes.



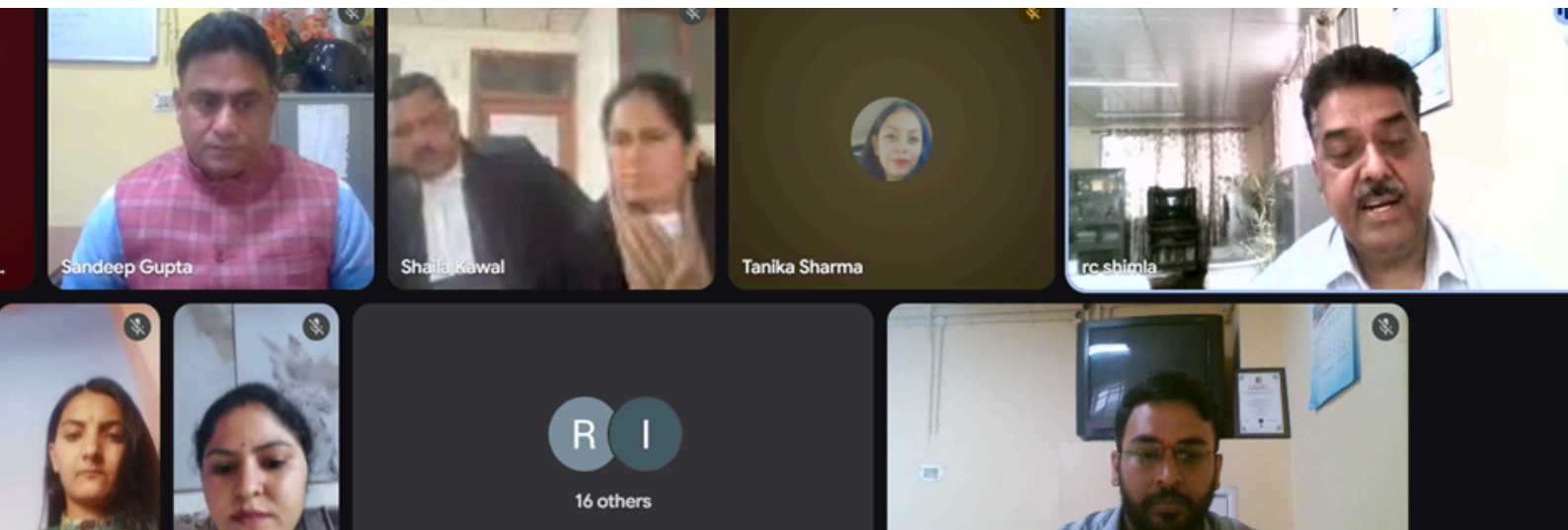
RC Shimla

Online Induction Programme & other activities at RC Shimla

A Practical Session monitoring visit was conducted by **Dr. Swapnil Gupta**, ARD, IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla, on 26 September 2026 at LSC 1101, Govt. Degree College, Sanjauli, where practical sessions of MAPC and Geology learners were in progress. Dr. Gupta interacted with the learners and staff member. He emphasized smooth and timely completion of practical activities as per the university norms. A subsequent visit to **Himachal Pradesh University (HPU)**, Shimla regarding the proposed establishment of the IGNOU Centre was favourable, with HPU officials assuring cooperation, subject to due procedure and approvals.



Further, on 28 September 2026, **Online Induction Programme** for Certificate Courses and MBA/PG Diploma programmes were organised, with active participation of the learners. **Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav**, Senior Regional Director, welcomed the learners and briefed them about the functioning of IGNOU's system. **Dr. Sandeep Gupta**, Regional Director, conducted a virtual tour of IGNOU website and RC Shimla website to familiarise learners with online resources and services. **Dr. Swapnil Gupta**, ARD, conducted the interactive session and Q&A, addressing learners' queries regarding academic and administrative matters. Overall, the learners expressed satisfaction with the induction programme and appreciated the guidance and support provided by IGNOU Regional Centre, Shimla.



RC Delhi 2

Induction Meeting for Freshers at LSC-29069



IGNOU Learner Support Centre (LSC-29069), **Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College**, University of Delhi, organised an Induction Meeting for fresh learners of Certificate Level and Semester-based Programmes of the July 2026 Session on 25 September 2026 at the Master Tara Singh Auditorium. The programme was attended by around **800 learners** enrolled in programmes including **M.Com., BCA, MCA, MBA, CPLT, M.Sc. (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) and M.Sc. (Data Science and Analytics)**.

Dr. Shyni Duggal, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2, was the Guest of Honour, while **Prof. Gurmohinder Singh**, Principal, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, also graced the occasion. The programme provided learners with an orientation to IGNOU's academic system, learner-support services and institutional processes. **Prof. Sukhvir Singh**, Coordinator, LSC-29069, highlighted the values of discipline, commitment and dedication in pursuing higher education and familiarised learners with the role of the Study Centre.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Duggal elaborated on IGNOU's vision of accessible, flexible and inclusive higher education and the role of Learner Support Centres in providing effective academic support. Learners were briefed on the use of Self-Learning Materials and digital resources, counselling sessions, assignment preparation and submission, re-registration, examination forms, and grievance-redressal mechanisms. She also emphasised time management, communication, adaptability, problem-solving and self-management as important skills for academic and professional growth. An interactive session enabled learners to raise academic and administrative queries, which were addressed by Dr. Duggal. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anjana Sagar. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sukhvir Singh and the team of Assistant Coordinators and staff of LSC-29069. The induction programme provided a meaningful orientation to newly enrolled learners, helping them understand IGNOU's academic processes, support facilities and responsibilities as they embarked on their learning journey.

RC Patna

Assignment Evaluation Monitoring at LSC-0529

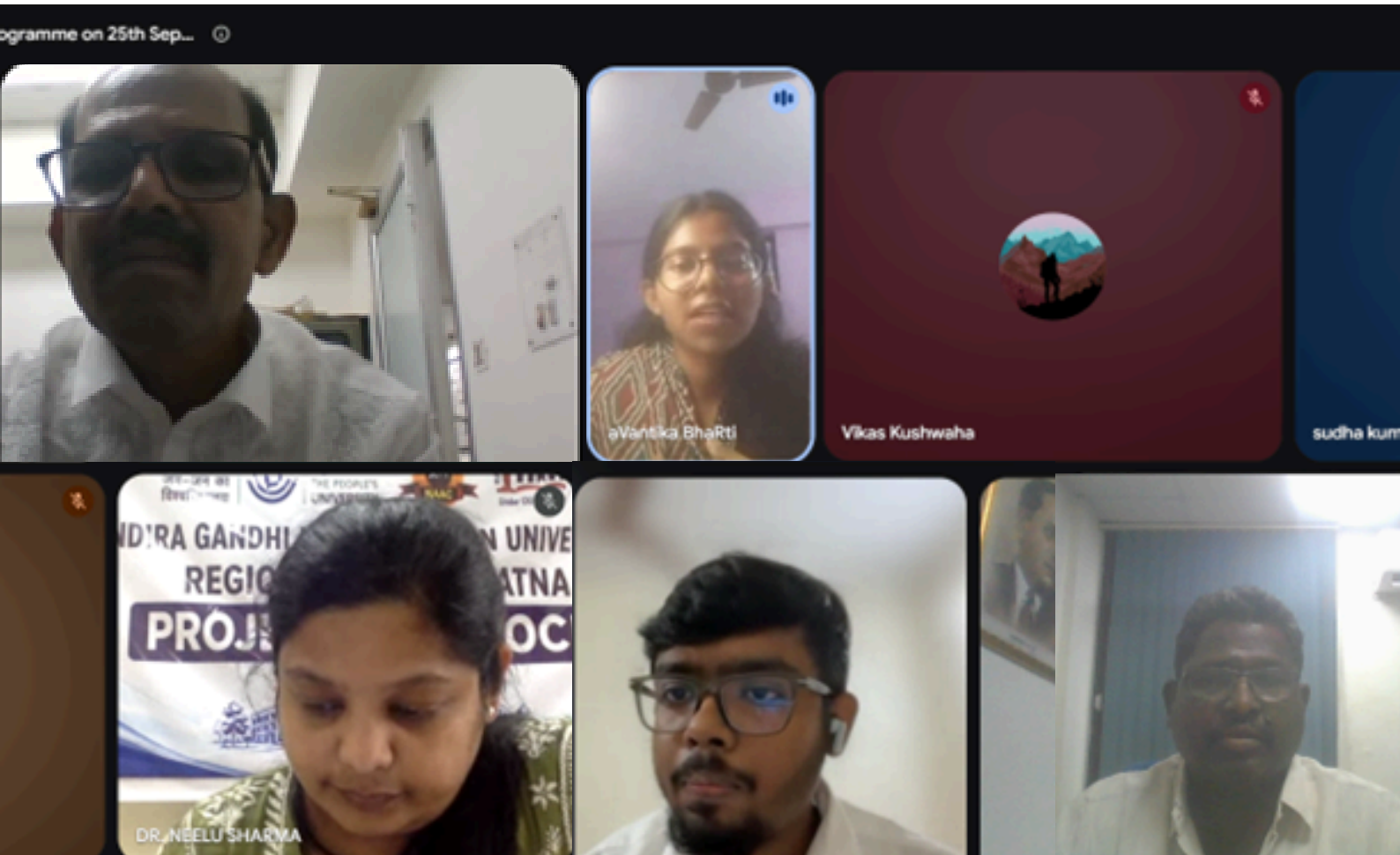


Dr. E. Krishna Rao, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna, visited LSC-0529, A.N. College, to review the ongoing evaluation of assignments for the June 2026 **Term-End Examination (TEE)**. The LSC is handling more than 50,000 assignment responses.

During the visit, Dr. Rao reviewed the evaluation process and also evaluated assignments. He interacted with the LSC Coordinator and advised expediting the evaluation to ensure its completion by 15 October 2026. The Coordinator, Academic Counsellors and part-time staff responded positively and assured timely completion of the evaluation.

RC Patna

RC Patna Conducts Online Viva-Voce for MAAN Learners



IGNOU Regional Centre Patna conducted an **Online Viva-Voce Examination** for learners of the **M.A. Anthropology (MAAN) programme** for course MANP-001 on 25 September 2026. The online mode enabled learners to fulfil an essential academic requirement conveniently.

The Viva-Voce was conducted by **Prof. P. Venkatramana**, Discipline of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences (SOSS), IGNOU, New Delhi, who served as the examiner. At the outset, **Dr. E. Krishna Rao**, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, interacted with the learners and encouraged them to participate confidently. The session was coordinated and moderated by **Dr. Neelu Sharma**, ARD, IGNOU Regional Centre Patna, who facilitated the interaction between the examiner and learners.