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Message from Prof Nageshwar Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor

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इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय के 34वें स्थापना दिवस के अवसर पर मैं क्षेत्रीय केंद्र पटना के क्षेत्रीय निदेशक, सभी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों, अध्ययन केंद्रों में कार्य कर रहे संयोजकों, परामर्शदाताओं और विद्यार्थीओं को हार्दिक बधाई और शुभकामनाएँ देता हूँ।

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Message from Prof Satyakam, Honourable Pro-Vice Chancellor

इग्नू के स्थापना दिवस पर सबको बधाई। यह दिन हमें याद दिलाता है कि जन जन तक पहुंचना हमारा लक्ष्य है। हम सबको मिलकर, एकजुट होकर, इस मार्ग को प्रशस्त करना है। हमारा विकास पथ भारत के विकास पथ से अभिन्न रूप से जुड़ा है। यह हमारी शान है जिसे परवान चढ़ाना हमारा ध्येय भी है नियति भी। इग्नू बढ़ेगा तो देश उन्नति करेगा। शत शत शुभकामनाएं।

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Message from Prof Rajendra Prasad Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor



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Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna is going to publish Focus-A Bimonthly Digital Newsletter on 34th Foundation Day of the University. I congratulate to all staff member of the Regional Centre for this unique initiative to spread the message of our university.

Indira Gandhi National Open University, the largest University of the world, is imparting higher education to all segments of the society both in the country and abroad through open and distance learning system at an affordable cost. IGNOU is a mega university, serving the educational aspirants of over 3 million students with very strong network of 67 Regional Centres. Need not to mention here that our Regional Centres play very vital role to achieve the goals and objectives of the University.

I am sure that the Patna Regional Centre, through this Newsletter, will provide the information about initiatives, achievements and activities of the University to our learners and to the society. I wish you all success for this Newsletter.

On the occasion of 34th Foundation Day, I also wish all IGNOU fraternity a very Happy Foundation Day.

Rajendra P. Das
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Message from Dr M Shanmugam, Director, Regional Services Division



Open and distance education has been an alternative mode of education for the disadvantaged segment who otherwise unable to pursue the regular mode of education due to various constraints. Distance Education has played a pivotal role for such category of people in providing linkage to pursue higher education

Technology is the backbone for the socio economic development of the nation. Education is the base for linking the use of technology by creating knowledge society. In this era of technology, educational access is no more a dream for the aspirants.

Quality of education is in built through technology.

In the current scenario of development in communication technology, there have been synergic development to convergence the regular mode of education and distance education. Most of the conventional Universities are now equipped themselves with technology tools to cater the education beyond regular class rooms. Also the distance educational institutions have strengthen their arms with tools of technology to remove the isolation of learners in their learning process.

Indira Gandhi National Open University, a pioneer in distance education has made phenomenal change in its operational aspects to ease the learners through technology for their comfort in learning process. Access to the academic resources through various modes like eGyankosh, SWAYAM, virtual class room etc., has been successfully done by the University. Learning study material have been made available through mobile applications too.

Regional Centers being the extended academic units of the University takes all efforts in prompt delivery of the university resources and supports to the learners of the region. Regional Centre Patna has been progressing good in terms of enrolment and effectiveness in extending student support services.

Efforts of the regional centre Patna to publish FOCUS, a online bimonthly newsletter is appreciated.

On behalf of Regional Services Division, I wish all success to this new endeavor!

Editorial

Open and Distance education has come up in a big way to bridge the gap between the demand for quality higher education and the opportunities for higher education available in the country. Being the pioneer of open and distance education, IGNOU has been the torch bearer in successfully taking up and executing many of the initiatives of the Ministry of HRD, Government of India. Now when the nation is facing the challenge of enhancing GER in the backward regions of the country to meet global standards, IGNOU has a great responsibility. In this scenario, every Regional Centre has the responsibility of putting in all efforts to reach out to every corner in their respective regions and positively impact the educational empowerment of people.

Regional Centre, Patna being located at the headquarters of a state with low GER in Higher Education has played a pivotal role in furthering the mission of the university. Over the years the Regional Centre has provided quality higher education to the people of Bihar at affordable costs, and contributed to the educational empowerment of more than five lakh people.

Under the leadership of Prof Nageshwar Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor and mentorship of Dr M Shanmugam, Director, Regional Services Division, the Regional Centre has been able to make 2018-2019 an eventful and vibrant year. Besides enhancing the total enrolment by a margin of more than 10,000, it has got 15 new Study Centres, 10 new additional programmes and has organized many extension activities under the Unnat Bharat and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The five facility centres inaugurated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor have started functioning actively in providing quality support services to the learners. The Career Guidance and Counselling Cell has organized one camp on Career Guidance and Counselling for learners aspiring to work in the IT Sector. Similar camps have been planned to be organized in future for other sectors. The Placement Cell is going to have the first Placement Drive on the occasion of the Foundation Day to provide employment opportunities to the learners of this region.

This bimonthly newsletter FOCUS is an humble attempt by the Regional Centre to put the initiatives, achievements and activities of the University, Regional Centre and Learner Support Centres in a nutshell for information of the learners and the public. It has plans to focus on the success stories of the learners of this region and publish the innovative ideas and practices in student support services in the forthcoming issues.

We are thankful to the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Honourable PVCs and Director, RSD for having sent their wishes through their messages.

We solicit the suggestions of the readers for improving the structure and texture of the Newsletter in future editions.

Happy reading!

Warm regards

Abhilash Nayak

Activation of New Programmes goes Online

Regional Services Division has devised modalities for the submission of the Academic Counselors Biodata online as a part of New Programme Activation proposal. Regional Directors will follow the prescribed guidelines for the submission of the New Programme activation Proposal at existing Learner Support Centres (LSCs) with immediate effect. This will not only expedite the process of activation of new programmes but will also save a lot of unnecessary paperwork.

Focus on Alumni Meet & Placement Drives

The university under the leadership of Prof Nageshwar Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor has made it mandatory for the Regional Centres to have Regional Placement Cells, organize Alumni Meet and Placement Drives at regular intervals to strengthen the connection and communication between the University and the Alumni and create employment opportunities for the learners.

New Programmes Launched

PG Diploma in Computer Applications

Objective: The programme aims at the skill-development of learners in computers using different technologies. It prepares them to be programmers or web-developers in software companies to design and develop small business application software or technician/technician in institutions or a freelancer to develop software products.

Eligibility: Any Bachelor's Degree of minimum three year duration from a recognized university and mathematics as one of the subjects at +2 level or graduation level. Else the student is required to pursue and pass the BCS-012 course concurrently with PGDCA.

Medium: English

Fees: Rs 21,600/- for full programme to be paid semester-wise @Rs10,800/- per semester. Non-Maths students have to pay Rs 1400/-additional in the first year.

Duration: Minimum one year and maximum 4 years; offered in both January and July Cycles of admissions.

Certificate Course in Yoga

Objective: After completing the programme, the learner shall understand the basic principles and practice of yoga. The learners will be able to attain both physical and mental health through Yoga.

Eligibility: Class XII Pass from any recognized board

Medium: English

Fees: Rs, 10,000/-

Duration: Minimum Six months and maximum 2 years

Idea to Startup Scheme for IGNOU Students

In order to promote, support and nurture the innovator students of IGNOU interested in setting up their startups, the University has initiated a scheme of Idea to Startup for its students. Any student of IGNOU who has developed a prototype or innovative product or system based on new, socially relevant and practicable ideas in the following areas, can submit the detailed startup plan/proposal in the prescribed format available on IGNOU website :

1. Food, Agriculture and Rural Development
2. Clean Energy and Alternate Fuel
3. Clean Water and Water Management
4. Swachhata Initiatives and Waste Management
5. Health Care, Hygiene, Life Style and Sports
6. Smart Transportation and Traffic Management
7. Smart City and Urban Development
8. Social Issues and Security System
9. Scientific and Technological Developments
10. Education and Open University System
11. Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
12. E-Governance, E-Commerce and Digital Marketing
13. Any other Area like Fashion, Art, Entertainment, Retails and Banking, etc. (Please specify)

The best 10 proposals will be selected on the basis of their novelty, feasibility, practicability, sustain ability, scale of impact, cost-effectiveness and future prospectus, etc. The students whose proposal are selected will be nurtured, guided, trained and facilitated by the University for developing proper business plan, getting

Financial support from external agencies and finally setting up their own start-ups. They will also be provide industrial training at IGNOU Headquarters by the experts.

If any bonafide students of IGNOU have a new and innovative plan to setup a startup, in any of the abovementioned fields, she/he may submit detailed plan/proposal in the prescribed format through the link given on IGNOU Website www.ignou.ac.in under News and Announcement by the November 30, 2019.

Applications can also be submitted through e-mail at sartups@ignou.ac.in or by post at the following address :

Director, National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE)
Zakir Hussain Bhawan (G Block), New Academic Complex
IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi – 110 068

IGNOU Signs an MoU With Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd to offer Work-based Bachelor of Business Administration(Services Management) Programme



IGNOU has signed an MOU with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) to offer **Work-based Bachelor of Business Administration (Services Management) Programme, (BBA @ Workplace)**. This MOU aims to offer an innovative work-based Bachelor of Business Administration (Services Management) programme for young aspiring professionals who want to pursue a bright career in Services Industry Pan India. The MOU was signed by Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar (Admn.), IGNOU, and Mr. Vivek Sawant, Managing Director of MKCL in the presence of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU.

Welcoming the MKCL's Managing Director Mr. Vivek Sawant, and the other team members of the delegation which included Mr. Sharad Marathe, Founder, UTS (India) Pvt Ltd, Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Director, School of Management Studies, IGNOU said that the unique pedagogy adopted by MKCL for the Bachelor programme which predominantly is online based with learning while working focus, got him interested in the joint programme with MKCL. .

Mr. Vivek Sawant, Managing Director of MKCL expressed satisfaction while appreciating the quick roll-out of the programme from IGNOU which he said would give it a scope to take the Work-based Learning model across India. While talking about the uniqueness of the programme for the learners he said that students learn better by doing and it follows the principle of "NaiTalim" as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi which stresses learning while working for better learning outcomes. Mr. Sharad Marathe, Founder, UTS (India) Pvt Ltd while explaining his role stated that he has been here as someone who wants to see smooth roll-out of the programme and is happy playing the role of a catalyst to fast-track such initiatives.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao commended the launch of joint programme with MKCL which he said would help not only in learning for the enrolled students but also earning by way of stipend during the programme. He hoped that the success of the programme would pave the way for this partnership to be extended to other programmes of the university.

The MoU was signed in witness of PVCs of IGNOU and other faculty members of the School of Management Studies

NOTIFICATION FOR FEE EXEMPTION TO SC/ST LEARNERS FOR JANUARY 2020

With reference to the scheme of fee exemption to SC/ST students of IGNOU under SCSP/TSP Grant, the benefit of fee exemption is extended to the students belonging to SC/ST categories seeking fresh admission in January 2020 admission cycle with the following conditions:

- (a) The benefits of scheme is extended only for selected academic programmes (List of programmes uploaded on the website www.rcpatna.ac.in).
- (b) The scheme is not available for modular certificate/diploma programmes which form part of a degree programme.
- (c) SC/ST applicants who are eligible and willing to avail the benefits of fee exemption shall submit their application in online mode along with softcopy of documents required for the claim. SRD will verify the claim certificates in online mode.
- (d) SC/ST Students who were eligible for exemption/reimbursement of fee in earlier admission cycles are also eligible for exemption of fee while re-registering in January 2020 cycle.
- (e) Beneficiaries, who are enrolling simultaneously in a certificate level programme along with an undergraduate programme shall be eligible for fee exemption only in one programme.
- (f) This scheme shall not be available to employed SC/ST applicants.
- (g) Students who are taking the benefit of exemption/reimbursement of fee from any other source / agency shall also not be eligible for fee exemption. An undertaking to the effect that the candidate is not getting any benefit of this nature from any other agencies/sources during the period of study is to be taken along with online application.

Promotional Meetings and Admission Drives

A series of promotional meetings and special admission drives were undertaken by the Regional Centre during the last few months to create awareness about IGNOU Programmes among the public.



Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Health Camp in the Adopted Village Bigrampur

The Regional Centre organized a Free Health Camp in the adopted village Bigrampur on 11.01.2019 by renowned physicians Dr. Hasnain Quaiser, MD (Medicine) and Dr. Abhay Kumar, MD (Homeopathy) to create health awareness among the public. Sh. Avinash Kumar, PIC (05147P) and Sh. Rajaram Pandey, Director, Sugiya Devi Memorial School of Management and Information Technology Patna provided all support in this initiative.



Two Day Workshop on Field Work Practicum in Social Work Programmes

A Two Day Workshop on Field Work Practicum in Social Work Programmes was organized by Regional Centre, Patna from 18.01.2019 to 19.01.2019 in collaboration with School of Social Work, IGNOU, New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Padmashree Ms. Sudha Varghese, Chief Executive Officer, NARI GUNJAN, Patna. More than 20 academic counsellors and 25 learners from Regional Centre, Patna and Regional Centre, Darbhanga participated in this Workshop. In her address to the audience Ms. Sudha Varghese focused on the role of education in empowering the disadvantaged, particularly the women and the dalit. Dr. Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director, gave a presentation on the Open and Distance Learning system during which he highlighted the characteristic features of Open and Distance Learning, learners in the Open & Distance Learning and opportunities available for Open & Distance Learning in developing countries. Dr. Saumya and Dr. Sayantani Guin, Resource Persons from the School of Social Work interacted with academic counsellors and students and provided inputs for the successful implementation of different components of the BSW/MSW/MSWC Programme.



Inauguration of New Building

The new building of the Regional Centre was inaugurated by Shri Nitish Kumar, Honourable Chief Minister, Bihar in the presence of Prof Nageshwar Rao, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr M Shanmugam, Director, Regional Services Division, the staff of the Regional Centre and the Coordinators/PICs of the Study Centres under the Regional Centre. Subsequently Honourable Chief Minister visited the Exhibition, interacted with the Honourable Vice Chancellor, released the Profile of the Regional Centre for 2018-2019 and planted a tree in front of the main entrance. Honourable Vice Chancellor and Director, RSD also planted plants in the campus. On the day of inauguration, five facility centres like the Student Support Service Cell, Alumni Cell, Career Guidance and Counselling Cell, Placement Cell and the Grievance Cell were inaugurated by the Honourable Vice Chancellor to provide better support services to the learners. In the afternoon session Honourable Vice Chancellor interacted with the Coordinators in the Special Coordinators meet organized for the occasion and then interacted with the media representatives in a Press Meet.



Gender Sensitization Programme to Celebrate the International Women's Day

Regional Centre, Patna organized a Gender Sensitization Programme for staff, students and functionaries of the local Study Centres to celebrate the **International Women's Day** on 08th March, 2019. Dr. Shikha Kumari from Amity University, Patna spoke on the role of women in social reconstruction and stressed on a balanced society where men and women respect one another and share their roles and responsibilities. The academic counsellors and students from the local study centres also shared their views about gender sensitization with the audience. More than 100 participants from the Regional Centre and Study Centres participated in the programme and made it success.



National Integration Camp

The Regional Centre organized a National Integration Youth Camp in collaboration with National Youth Project, Bihar in the last week of March 2019 to spread the message of Mahatma Gandhi among the youth on the occasion of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Ba and Bapu. More than 100 volunteers from 10 states of India participated in this camp and planted 150 trees inside the premises.



Camp on Career Guidance and Counselling

A One Day Camp on Career Guidance and Counseling was organized by IGNOU Regional Centre, Patna on 01.04.2019 under the Career Guidance and Counseling Cell. Shri Y. Neelakantham, Director, India Tourism, Patna inaugurated the camp. In the first session Shri Sanjay Jhunjunwala, Director, Kaapro Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd. discussed how the learners should prepare for jobs in the IT sector. In the second session, Dr. Shikha Kumari, Assistant Professor, Amity University trained the learners in resume writing. In the third session, Dr. Abhilash Nayak Regional Director highlighted the importance of communication skills in the IT sector and discussed the various aspects of communication skills. Prof Shams Raza PIC of IGNOU Study Centre in St. Xavier's Centre for computer education provided inputs to the learners on the job opportunities available in the IT sector. The camp was coordinated by Dr. Shailini Dixit, ARD and Nodal Officer of the cell with active cooperation from Dr. Shalini, ARD, Dr. Meeta, ARD and Mr. Anand Kumar, AR and all members of staff. The learners highly appreciated this initiative of the Regional Centre.



32nd Convocation, 3rd April 2019

Regional Centre, Patna organized the 32nd Convocation at Bhartiya Nritya Kala Mandir, Patna. In all, 9621 students were eligible for the Degrees, diplomas and certificates. Of them, 509 students attended the Convocation in person. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna, Justice Mrs. Mridula Mishra was the Guest of Honour. She delivered the Convocation address and gave away the certificates to the students. In her Convocation Address Justice Mishra stressed on the empowering role of open and distance education and appreciated the efforts of IGNOU in providing quality education to the masses. She also highlighted the Regional Director, Dr. Abhilash Nayak presented the Annual Progress Report of Regional Centre, Patna. In the report, he highlighted the initiatives of the Regional centre for reaching out to the marginalized sections of people like the weaver's communities, SC/ST communities women, minorities, jail inmates and rural population and the steps undertaken by the Regional centre to strengthen student support services. Ms. Alvia Sarwat of Regional Centre, Patna received Gold Medal in MA (Edu) Programme.



Establishment of Regional Evaluation Centre in the premises of the Regional Centre



House Hold Survey in the Adopted Village Goregawan, Danapur, Patna

The Regional Centre conducted a Household survey of the villagers of the adopted village Goregawan on 09.06.2019. Sh. Rajaram Pandey, Director, Sugiya Devi Memorial School of Management and Information Technology Patna provided all support in this initiative. The team of academic counsellors and students of BSW and MSW from his Study Centre(5168D) carried out the door to door survey. Dr Abhilash Nayak, RD oriented the academic counsellors and the students about the objective of carrying out such a survey and advised them to be friendly with people during the collection of data.



Celebration of International Day of Yoga

The Regional Centre celebrated the International Day of Yoga in the Conference Hall today from 8 am to 10 am. Shri Sunil Kumar Manjul, Yoga Instructor, Mihtila Arts and Culture Association was the guest on this occasion. More than thirty people from the Regional Centre, Regional Evaluation Centre and local Study Centres participated in this celebration and made it a success. At the outset, Mr Anand Kumar, AR introduced Shri Sunil Kumar Manjul to the participants. In his introduction, Shri Manjulexplained the importance of yoga in leading a happy and healthy life. Then he demonstrated different *mudras, dhyanas and asanas* before the staff of RC and REC. Simultaneously he guided the staff in the performance and practice of *Astanga Yoga, pranayama and asanas*. While demonstrating the asanas and mudras, he advised the staff regarding the precautions to be taken for performing the asanas and mudras. He focused on the asanas which are useful for people working on computers, handling heavy materials and working for long hours. At the end of the session, there was an open discussion on the relevance of yoga in modern hectic life. During this session, he highlighted the asanas which are useful for working class people. He also answered the queries of the staff in regard to the problems faced by them while performing/practicing different asanas of Yoga. The staff of both the RC and REC were greatly benefited by this programme. At the end of the Programme, the Regional Director presented a memento to Shri Sunil Manjul as a token of love, respect and appreciation.



Coordinators/PICs' Meet-2019

A One Day Coordinators Meet was organized in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre on 04.08.2019. Thirty Coordinators/PICs and Assistants dealing with the Accounts from Learner Support Centres located in various parts of Bihar participated in this programme. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director in the presence of all the academics and the administrative staff of the Regional Centre. Many important academic and administrative issues related to the management of the Learner Support Centres and extension of student support services like changing role of ODL in 21st century, academic counselling, assignment evaluation, Term End Examinations, financial management of the LSCs were discussed in the meet.



Workshop on Road Safety in Collaboration with Bihar State Disaster Management Authority

The Regional Centre in Collaboration with Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Patna and Sankalp Jyoti Safety Alliance, Patna organized a one day workshop on Road Safety on 06.08.2019 to sensitize the learners about the need for following the traffic rules and driving safe. Ms Seema Tripathy, IAS, Transport Commissioner inaugurated the workshop and Shri Gupteswar Pandey, DGP, Bihar graced the workshop as the Chief Guest and addressed the learners.



Plantation Drive in the Regional Centre premises under One Student, One Tree Programme of Ministry of HRD, Government of India

Regional Centre, Patna organised (EkChhatra, EkBrikshya) One Student, One Tree Abhiyan of Ministry of HRD, Government of India today (23.08.2019) in the Regional Centre premises. All the staff of Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre, nearly 100 students, Coordinators/PICs of the local Study Centres (0516P, 05168D and 05147P) participated in this event, planted more than 250 flower plants, fruit bearing and non-fruit bearing plants and made it a grand success. All the Study Centres under the region have been provided posters provided by headquarters and have been requested to undertake such initiatives and encourage students to participate in large numbers to make the mission a success.



Fit India Movement

All the members of staff of both the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre under the leadership of the Regional Director congregated at the main entrance of the Regional Centre building, walked round the campus for half an hour on 29.08.2019 under the Fit India Movement and took the pledge to keep themselves healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their day to day life.



Swachhta Pakhwada Cleanliness Drive in the Regional Centre premises

On 1-15 Sep 2019, all the members of staff of both the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre under the leadership of the Regional Director cleaned the southern part of the Regional Centre campus which was full of wild bushes, weeds and thorny plants. The staff and students of the Programme Study Centre(05147P) participated in this drive. All the volunteers in the drive were given certificates of participation to encourage them to participate in such drives in future.



Rally for Creating Awareness among the Villagers of the Adopted Village Bigrampur

Regional Centre, Patna in collaboration with the Programme Study Centre(0516P) in St Xavier's Centre for Computer Education, Patna and Programme Study Centre(05147P) in Magadh Educational Development Institute, Patna organized a plastic-free awareness campaign on 15.09.2019. The Staff from the RC and REC, staff and students from the collaborating Study Centres participated in this event. At first the team took out a rally from the Regional centre to the adopted village Bigrampur through the crowded Mithapur Bus Stand. The participants carried placards in their hands with messages for the public and gave slogans to make people aware of the need to keep the premises neat, clean and free from plastic. While rallying through the adopted village, the staff and students counselled the villagers to reduce the use of plastic and avoid the dangerous consequences.



Celebration of Hindi Pakhwada

Regional Centre, Patna organised a talk on the Role of Hindi in National Integration by Prof Shiv Narayan, Head, Department of Hindi, Arvind Mahila College, Patna in the Conference Hall of Regional Centre as a part of Hindi Pakhwada. All the staff of Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre, nearly 20 students of the local study centres participated in this event. A quiz on Hindi language was also organised on this occasion and the winners were awarded prizes by the Chief Guest. All the Study Centres under the region were requested to undertake such initiatives and encourage students to participate in large numbers to make the initiative a success.



Vigilance Awareness Week



all the members of staff of both the Regional Centre and Regional Evaluation Centre congregated in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre. At first the officers addressed the audience about the need for maintaining honest and corruption free life. Then the Regional Director administered the oath to the staff. Finally all the members of staff took the pledge to maintain honesty and integrity in their personal and professional lives.

Establishment of a Village Library in the Adopted Village Gurgawan

Regional Centre, Patna started a Village Library in the adopted village Gurgawan on 22.10.2019 with the cooperation of the Program Study Centre in Xavier's Centre for Computer Education (0516P), Patna and the Mandir Management Committee of the village. Dr Abhilash Nayak, RD, Md Shams Raza, PIC of the Study Centre, academic counselors and Mr Chandra bhanu, Manager of the Mandir Management Committee encouraged the villagers to make maximum use of the library.



Conduct of Entrance Examination for Post Basic BSc(Nursing) in the Regional Centre

The Regional Centre conducted the Entrance Examination for Post Basic BSc (Nursing) in the Regional Centre building for the first time on 09.11.2019 to make use of the infrastructure facilities available and to properly supervise the conduct of the entrance examination. The RC has also been recommended to be the Examination Centre for the forthcoming Term End Examination in December 2019.



Establishment of Study Centers for BPCCHN and Jail Inmates

Eight new Study Centers have been established for BPCCHN in the District Headquarters Hospitals in Kaimur, Patna, Buxar, Rohtas, Sheikhpura, Saran and Jamui. Likewise 7 Jail Centres have been established in the district Jails in Nalanda, Ara, Hajipur, Jamui, Aurangabad, Gaya and Buxar for the Jail inmates.

Activation of New Programmes under RC Patna

Many new programmes have been added to the bouquet of programmes offered under the Regional Centre. Programmes like CJL, BLIS and PGDAW have been activated in AN College, Patna, PGDAC, PGDSS, PGDESD have been activated in TPS College, Patna, PGDSLM, PGDET, PGDHE have been activated in St Xavier's College of Education, Digha Ghat, Patna and DEVMT has been activated in Magadh Educational Development Institute, Mahendru, Patna .

Record Growth in Enrolment

There has been record enrollment in the Regional Centre in July 2019 admission cycle. The Regional Centre has registered a record growth of 58.6% in enrollment over last year's enrolment. This is the highest of its kind since the inception of the Regional Centre. This has been appreciated by the university authorities.

Focus on Alumni Meet and Placement Drives

In consonance with the decision of the university to focus on Alumni and Placement Drives, the Regional Centre has collected the Data of Alumni and will organize an Alumni Meet soon. A Placement Drive has been planned to be organized on the Foundation Day where 5 firms have consented to participate and recruit at least one hundred students for different positions in their respective companies/agencies/organizations.

Learner Support Centres Promotional Meetings and Admission Drives



One Student, One Tree Plantation Programme

Under the Ek Chhatra, Ek Briksya (One Student, One Tree) Abhiyan of Ministry of HRD, Government of India today (23.08.2019) many of the Study Centres like Gaya College, Gaya(0511), SP Jain College, Sasaram(0556), K.K.M. College, Jamui(0577), Budha Educational & Economic Development Institute, Hajipur, Vaishali (0586P), Maa Kamla Chandrikajee Management Institute, Jehanabad(0594), Y.N. College, Dighwara, Saran(5173), Shaheed Sanjay Singh Mahila College, Bhabhua, Kaimur(5174) and SAS Ekalavya Degree College, Jamui(5177) organized plantation drives in their own premises and public places. The staff of the Learner Support Centres and students participated in these events, planted hundreds of plants and made it a grand success.



Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan

Regional Centre, Patna in collaboration with the Programme Study Centre(05147P) in Madadh Educational Development Institute, Patna organized a cleanliness drive on the banks of the Ganges, at Gandhighat, one of the important places of tourism in the morning on 14.09.2019. Dr Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director, Mr Anand Kumar, AR, Dr Hasnain Kaiser, famous Nephrologist and Mr Abinash Kumar, PIC of the Study Centre led a team of 10 members of staff and 30 students of CIT and BCA. At first the team took out a rally from the Study Centre to the Gandhi Ghat (behind NIT, Patna) on the banks of the Ganga river, carried placards in their hands with messages for the public and gave slogans to make people aware of the need to keep their environment neat, clean and free from plastic. Then they cleaned the place around Gandhighat, counselled the tourists and visitors in the premises, distributed jute bags to all and advised them to use them in place of plastic bags. The public appreciated this initiative of the Regional Centre and the Programme Study Centre.

Regional Centre, Patna in collaboration with the Programme Study Centre(0516P) in St Xaviers Centre for Computer Education, Patna organized a cleanliness drive in the premises of Golghar, one of the heritage sites and important places of tourism with focus on Green Heritage, Clean heritage and Protected heritage on 13.09.2019. Dr Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director and Mr Shams Raza, PIC of the Study Centre led a team of 10 members of staff and 60 students of BCA and MCA. At first the team cleaned the premises of Golghar, counselled the people strolling in the premises and gave slogans to give the message to the people about the need to keep their environment clean. Then the team took out a rally from Golghar to the Study Centre, carried placards in their hands with messages for the public and gave slogans to make people aware of the need to keep the premises neat, clean and from plastic.



Important dates for various Student Support Services Academic Calendar

Activity	January Cycle	July Cycle
Admission		
Fresh Admission Click here to Apply Online	November to December Last date for Fresh Admission: 31 st Dec, 2019	May to June
Re-Registration Click here to Apply Online	Last date for Re-Registration: 30 th November 2019	
Exams		
TEE Exam Form Only Online with examination fee of Rs.150/- per course Click here to Fill Online	For December TEE Dates are declared three months in advance.	For June TEE Dates are declared three months in advance.
Practical Dates	In the month of January	In the month of July
Project Submission	Last Date: 30 th November	Last Date: 31 st May
Assignment Submission	As per the dates mentioned on assignments question papers	
Date sheet for Term End Examinations	Made available on the University website for the respective examinations or Click Here	
Issuance of Hall Ticket to the students	Online on IGNOU Website ignou.ac.in tentative last week of November 2019	
Results		
Results Declaration	As per rules of the University, the results are declared within 45 days from the completion of Term End Examinations and are made available on the University website	
Revaluation form Submission of TEE Results	Within 30 days from the date of declaration of result on the University website with requisite fee	
Other Important Activities		
Statement of marks and provisional certificate	Sent to the Students within 15 days from the date of completion of the respective programme (Theory, Practical, Project and Assignments)	
Conduct of Convocation	In the month of March / April	

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1.		Ajit Kumar Amit Program : MCA	Director Agilitics, Singapur Authorized Training Partner Google
2.		Ripu Ranjan Sinha Program : MCA	Founder & Director General Asia Africa Development Council
3.		Lokpriya Jaiswal Program : MCA	Probationary Officer(SBI)
4.		Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh Program : MCA	System Analyst(Central University of South Bihar, Computer Centre / IT)
5.		Dr. Gagan Program PGDDM	Deputy Secretary General Administration Department Govt. of Bihar