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## Editorial

**C**ORONA has been with us for the last eight months and will continue to stay for at least one more year. People who are pessimistic about its impact see a bleak future for the next generation but people who are optimistic see new upcoming opportunities in all sectors. Education sector has witnessed the greatest transformation since the beginning of civilization. In spite of the challenges, universities in both the developing and developed countries have undertaken significant initiatives to integrate online education with the conventional modes of education or to migrate to complete online mode of education. As face to face education is yet to take off in our country after the pandemic, dependence of teachers and learners on open and distance education has increased manifold.



IGNOU has emerged as a leader in conducting the final year examinations and declaring the results in record time. For the first time in the history of the university, results were published within a fortnight from the completion of Term End Examinations. This has been possible only due to the constant support and guidance received from our Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof Nageshwar Rao, his dedicated team of Pro Vice Chancellors, Registrar, Student Evaluation Division and his dedicated team, Director, Regional Services Division with his strong network of Regional Centres and the Learner Support Centres and Examination Centres. Other universities across the country have followed suit. The university has migrated to alternative modes of evaluation for the practical examinations and viva voce examinations to facilitate the early declaration of results. Besides this, different schools of the university have organized series of webinars on different themes to keep the academic fraternity constructively engaged and maintain a vibrant academic environment in the university.

Keeping pace with the decisions and directions of the university authorities, Regional Centre, Patna has undertaken many learner-friendly measures during the pandemic period and has achieved many milestones. The dedicated team of the Regional centre has been successful in getting nearly one lakh assignments evaluated and getting the assignment awards updated in the Grade Cards. Term End Examinations were successfully conducted in 16 examination centres under the jurisdiction of the Regional Centre. It is pertinent to put on record the percentage of participation of the learners in the Term End Examinations. The average percentage of attendance of learners in the Term End Examinations has been .... which is more than the normal rate of participation. In order to ensure the safety, security and career of the learners, practical examinations of CIT, BCA, MCA, MAPC, and viva voce of all programmes were conducted online within 15 days from the date of completion of the theory examinations. Practical examinations for CPLT, BSC and PGDCA were conducted through written tests by following the SOP laid down by the University in consonance with the directions from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

As the university is going to celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day today (19<sup>th</sup> November 2020) and the Newsletter is going to complete successful one year of its launch, this issue of **FOCUS** is being dedicated to the Foundation Day showcasing the achievements of the Regional Centre over the years. Hope the contents presented in the Newsletter will appeal you and encourage your friends to read it.

The editorial team solicits constructive suggestions from all stakeholders to improve the Newsletter in future editions.

Happy reading!

Abhilash Nayak





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## Initiatives, Activities and Achievements of the University

### Web-Conference on Teachers Day

The Web-conference started with welcome and opening note by Dr Ramesh Yadav, President, IGNOUTA (T) and Dr Subodh Kesharwani, Secretary, IGNOUTA (T) along with a brief introduction of the conceptual issues for discussion.



In the Inaugural Address Vice Chancellor Prof. Nageshwar Rao wished all participants Happy Teachers Day and enlightened the participants who joined from all over the country and abroad with detailed insights on IGNOU pedagogy and a selfless attitude shown by the University Teachers. He expressed his deep admiration for dedicated and innovative faculties who were able to ensure and maintain the continuity and quality of education even in covid19 pandemic lockdown. Prof. Rao underlined that IGNOU has actively engaged with all its students in delivering lectures in online mode by its various platforms of Gyandhara, Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani and Facebook live sessions. While praising the provisions as promulgated in NEP 2020, he argued that most of the structural ideas have been borrowed from IGNOU in terms of inter and trans-disciplinary model, flexibility, easy entry and exit. Also highlighted how IGNOU has shown path to other educational institutions at the time of COVID to teach through virtual modes. IGNOU's principles of flexibility, virtual teaching etc.

are included in the New Education Policy.

Then, Prof. Debal K. Singha Roy from School of Social Sciences had a session on Roles and Responsibility of teachers. Prof. Uma Kanjilal from School of Social Sciences took a session on the topic "Online education post COVID". She discussed online classes challenges faced during pandemic such as adoption, connectivity and equipment. Prof. Parmod Kumar from School of Humanities delivered a talk on ODL education and Social Inclusion. He wished Happy Teachers Day to all the Teachers and students on the important day and emphasized the significance of social inclusion very nicely. He brought out that just like The Idea of Idea is rooted in Democracy, Unity in Diversity, Antodaya (care for the last man), ODL and IGNOU is governed by the same values and philosophy. Dr Sudhansh Sharma from School of Computer and information Sciences took the session on the topic Digital integration in Modern Education. He discussed about the relevance and importance of technology in delivering quality education.



Towards the end, Prof. Satyakam PVC IGNOU delivered the valedictory address and complimented the role of IGNOUTA (T) in organising the Webinar on an important theme. He discussed the "Contribution of ODL" with praise for Teachers and Students.





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## National Webinar on Implications of National Educational Policy 2020

Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu Director, SOE welcomed the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour for accepting the invitation for the webinar. He also thanked Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU for the support and guidance while formulating the agenda for the webinar. He outlined and gave a brief of the two-day webinar to the participants setting the tone for the session.



Prof. R. P. Das, Pro-VC IGNOU in his address said that the Value system needs to be inculcated among the students



which is also the key point of the NEP 2020 and laid stress on the implementation part of the policy.

Prof. K B Das, Pro-VC IGNOU said that NEP 2020 prepares India for the next level and lays stress on harnessing the demographic dividend by putting students at the center. He also covered in his speech the fine points of the NEP which gives learners flexibility in terms of pursuing inter-disciplinary subjects for overall growth.

## National Webinar on Implications of National Educational Policy 2020

Panel Discussion 2: Teacher Education

Panel Discussion 3: Open Distance Learning and Online Education

Valedictory Session







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Prof. Satyakam, Pro-VC IGNOU welcomed the fact that NEP lays stress on education being imparted in student's own language. He said that innovation and research should also be done in our own languages for fundamental knowledge creation.



Chief Guest Shri Raghunandan, a Social Worker in his address talked about the NEP 2020 formulation which he said was done collectively taking recommendations and suggestions, with more than 2 lakh inputs including panchayat level making it one of the most comprehensive policies taking everyone's aspirations into account. He also observed that the ODL system of education would play a big role in achieving 50% GER by 2035 as envisaged in the NEP 2020. Prof. N.V. Varghese, VC, NIEPA who was the Guest of Honour highlighted the gap among States in terms of GER percentage in his address. He said we need to look at school education as higher education depends on school education in terms of students looking for higher education opportunities. He also pointed at the inequalities in terms of social and



economic which have an impact on the GER of a country. While talking about the consolidation of institutions in urban areas he said that the Distance Discount also impacts the cost of education for those living far from the educational institutions. He made observations with regard to the Quality of education and the accreditation frameworks in higher education in India which he said needs to change accordingly. Welcoming the 6% of GDP allocation on education and almost 1.5% for higher education he said that earlier education policies also allocated similar GDP to education but we have not been able to spend the allocated funds after so many years. He advocated for redefinition of the role of the state which needs change with less funds but



more regulations as Private investment increases in both school as well as higher education.

Prof. H.K. Senapati, Director, NCERT in his address talked about the role NCERT would play in curriculum framework for 5+3+3+4 Pedagogical Structure and Teacher Education in particular. He stressed on the need to develop competencies and not content mastery which was the focus earlier. He also touched upon the assessment framework and learning outcome aspects of the NEP. Prof Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU in his presidential address complimented School of Education for the timely webinar for deliberation on NEP 2020. He informed the participants about IGNOU's initiatives with regard to the integrated ODL and Online Education which is an important dimension of the NEP, 2020. He added that a Committee has been formed at IGNOU for implementing the NEP 2020 effectively. He also thanked the Chief Guests and Guest of Honours for their valuable thoughts on the theme which he said would help us have a better understanding of the policy while implementing.





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## Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jayanti

School of Extension and Development Studies, IGNOU organized a virtual meeting through Google Meet on the occasion of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jayanti. Prof. J.P. Singhal, Former Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan University was

needed and development needs to reach at the bottom of the pyramid as advocated by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. Prof. R.P. Das, PVC IGNOU reminded that Upadhyaya ji prescribed the Gandhian principles such as sarvodaya (progress of all), swadeshi (domestic), and Gram Swaraj (village self rule) which find relevance even today.

Prof. Satyakam, PVC IGNOU said that Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya was a great proponent of Indian Culture and worked for its development to give more importance to cultural-national values. Prof. J.P. Singhal in his key-note address on the topic said that Upadhyaya ji considered that it was of utmost importance for India to develop an indigenous economic model with the human being at center stage. This approach made this concept different from



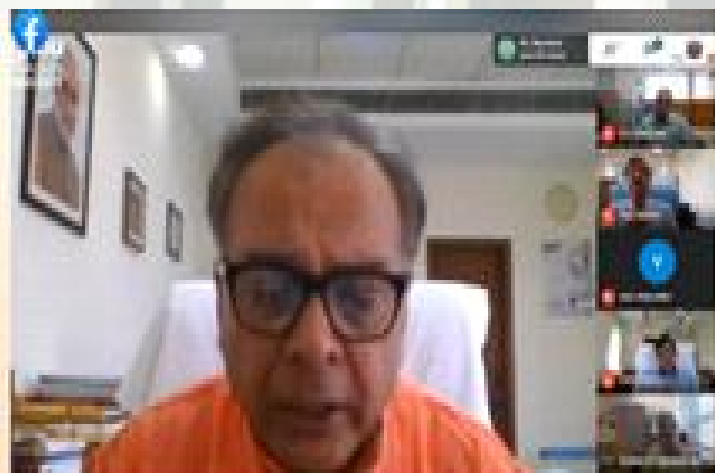
the Chief-Guest and delivered the talk on "The integral humanism and its relevance in the present context". Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU chaired the proceedings of the meeting. The meeting was attended by IGNOU's Pro-VCs, Directors of Schools apart from other faculty members. The proceedings were broadcast live on IGNOU's Facebook Page for wider reach.

Prof. K.B. Das, Pro-VC IGNOU in his address said that mere political freedom would not do, economic freedom is also



Socialism and Capitalism, he added. He said that Pt. Deen Dayal believed in an individual's undisputed subservience to nation as a corporate entity and that every unit in social setup is inter-woven and is dependent on each other though works as separate units. Deendayal ji shunned the western philosophy of individualism and wanted India to adopt a system that is rooted in its culture and ethos, said Prof. Singhal.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao in his concluding address complimented the School. He also thanked Prof. J.P. Singhal, the main speaker on the occasion for his very insightful lecture on Integral Humanism as advocated by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya ji. Prof. Rao said his teachings are still relevant as the world is in a transition state. He also urged the schools to integrate "Integral Humanism" in our education and research.







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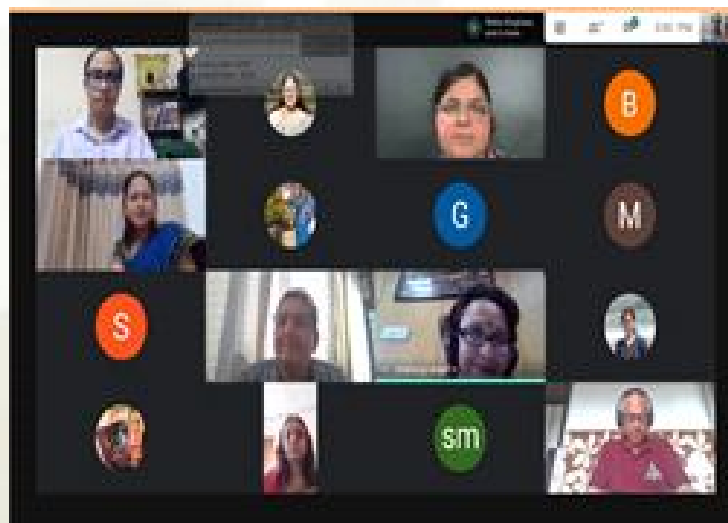
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## Certificate in Solid Waste Management

School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies has launched a Certificate Programme in Solid Waste Management from July 2020 cycle. The programme is offered in Hindi as "अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में प्रमाणपत्र". In this regard, the School conducted a panel discussion and deliberation on issues of waste management in contemporary scenario on 25th September 2020 at 3 PM through Google meet. Dr Shubhangi Vaidya, Director, School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies, welcomed Hon. Vice Chancellor sir, Hon. Pro-Vice Chancellor sir, eminent experts, Directors of Schools of studies, faculty, academics and learners. Eminent experts from the field of solid waste management participated in the panel discussion. Prof. Shachi Shah moderated the panel discussion. Dr Deeksha Dave placed on record the importance of the programme on solid waste management and the need to sensitise the learners in this field. Prof. B. Rupini introduced the panel of experts to the participants.

The panelist were Prof. Shyamala Krishna Mani, Consultant and Advisor, Swachh Bharat Mission Mr. Hitesh Vaidya,



Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Mr. Ulhas Parlikar, Global Consultant (Waste Management, Circular Economy, Policy Advocacy & Co-Processing), Mumbai and Dr Suneel Pandey, Senior Fellow and Director, Environment & Waste Management Division from TERI, New Delhi.







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## New Education Policy: Tourism and Hospitality Education Webinar

Welcoming the Chief Guest, Prof. Manoj Dixit, Ex – Vice Chancellor, R. M. L. Avadh University, Faizabad, Prof. R.P. Das, PVC and other participants, Prof. Jitendra Srivastava, Director SOHTSM said that the webinar would help to pave the path forward for Tourism and Hospitality education incorporating the changes as suggested in the New Education Policy 2020.

Prof. Manoj Dixit, Member Steering Committee on Implementation of NEP 2020 in Uttar Pradesh and former – Vice Chancellor, R. M. L. Avadh University, Faizabad; in his key-note address said that New Education Policy brings a paradigm shift in the education system. He said that the NEP strives for Global Standard of education in India as was in the Nalanda and Takshila times when students from across the world used to come to these Universities.



Prof. R. P. Das, Pro – VC, IGNOU in his speech laid stress on the main focus and Vision of the NEP which is to acquaint us with our country first. He also advocated for integrating tourism and hospitality courses with courses offered right from the School level till higher education.

In his presidential address, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU thanked the key-note speaker for an insightful lecture on the topic. He also complimented the school for organizing the webinar and said that the school was the first to offer online programmes in the past and now School was the first to hold a webinar on NEP 2020, specifically for the school related disciplines of Tourism and Hospitality.







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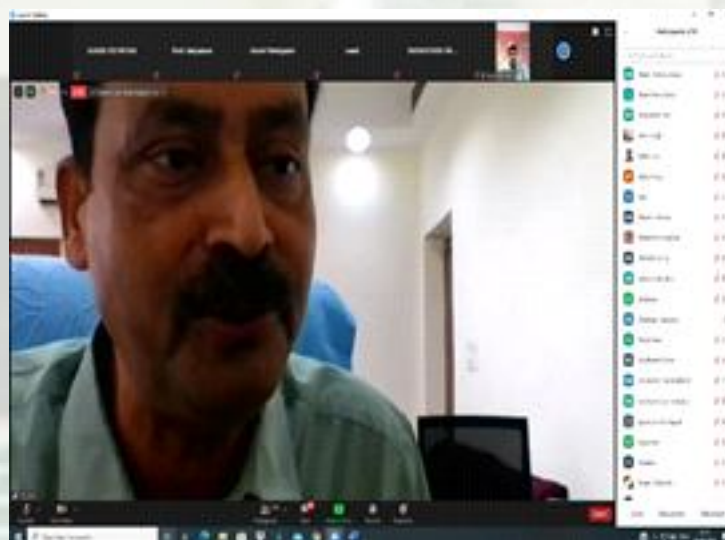
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## Inspirational Leadership and Motivation

School of Management Studies, IGNOU organized a talk by the world-renowned motivational speaker Shri Shiv Khera on Inspirational Leadership and Motivation on 28.09.2020. Prof Nageswar Rao, Honourable Vice

Chancellor, Prof. R. P. Das, Prof Satyakam and Prof K B Das, Honourable Pro Vice Chancellors, IGNOU spoke on the occasion.







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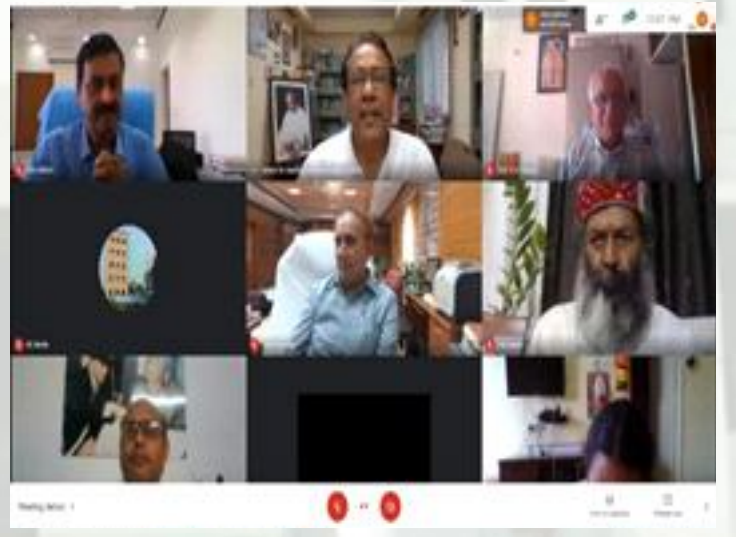


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## Webinar on Gandhian Perspectives

Webinar on Gandhian Perspectives on 30.09.2020 with Prof. Arun Diwaker Nath Bajpai, Nationalist Thinker, Poet, Former Vice Chancellor & Economist as the Chief Speaker.







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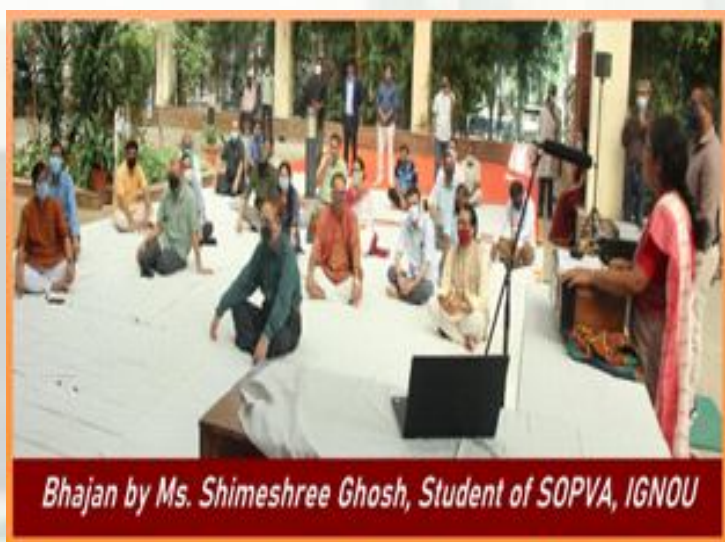
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## Celebration of 150 Years of the Mahatma

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, the University celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> years of the Mahatma by organising various activities. Prof Nageswar Rao, Honourable VC, ..... offered floral tributes to Bapu on his statue and Honourable Vice Chancellor addressed the audience on the relevance

of the Mahatma in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ms Shimeshree Ghosh, a student of School of Performing and Visual Arts, IGNOU sang a Bhajan on this occasion. An Online Poetry competition was also organised on the theme "Our Bapu, Our country, our Ideal".





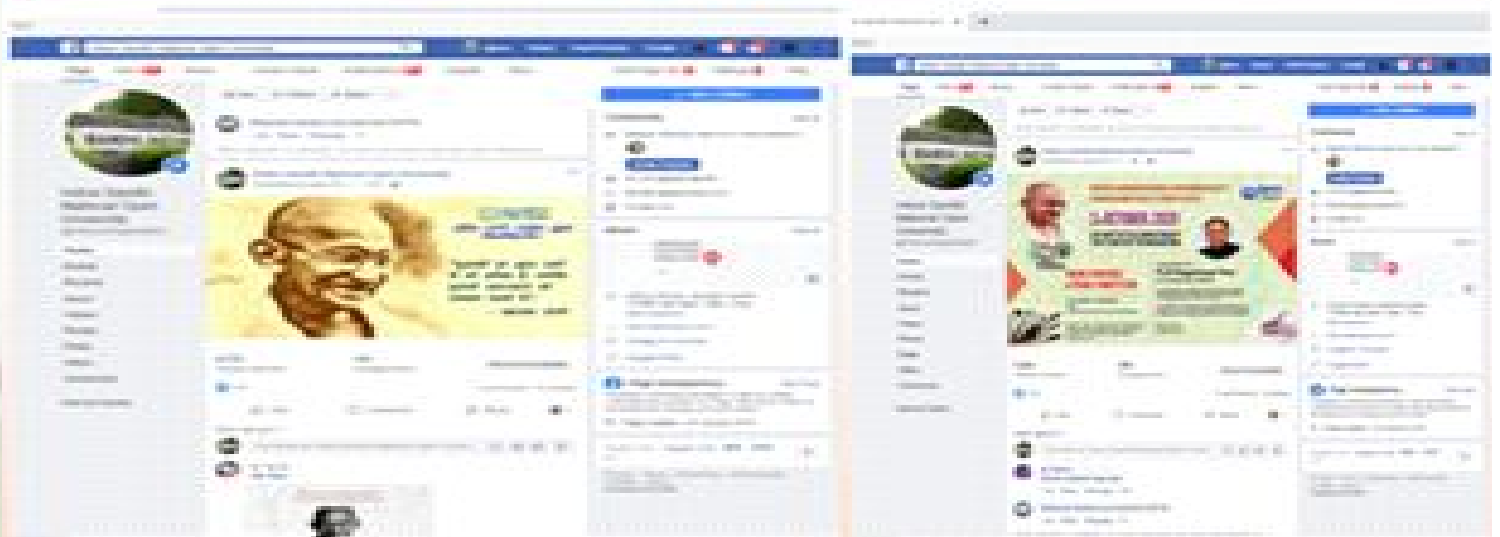
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### Online Poetry Competition for IGNOU Staff members and registered Students of IGNOU on "Our Bapu, Our Country, Our Ideal"



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### National Webinar on “Reboot and Rebuild: Implications for Mental Health post COVID 19”

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Discipline of Psychology, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) organized the National Webinar on “Reboot and Rebuild: Implications for Mental Health post COVID 19”. The webinar was conducted online through Zoom and was live streamed on Youtube and IGNOU Facebook. More than 250 participants have registered for the webinar.



Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Director SOSS welcoming the Vice-Chancellor, the distinguished speakers, and the participants of the webinar said that we tend to ignore mental health rather we should take it as any other health related issue and be open about it.



Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC in his address complimented the school for organizing the webinar on a very relevant issue and said that mental health becomes even more pertinent in these times. He added that these deliberations on the topic would benefit our learners across the country. He also appreciated the continued counseling support to the learners through electronic and digital media by the Discipline of Psychology. He urged the School to come up and identify a few points for mental well-being that can help all and can be disseminated to a larger audience.



Prof. Urmi Nanda Biswas, Faculty of Psychology, MS University of Baroda, Gujarat in her presentation on “Psycho-social Dynamics: Implications for Investing in Mental Health” covered various aspects related to investing in mental health



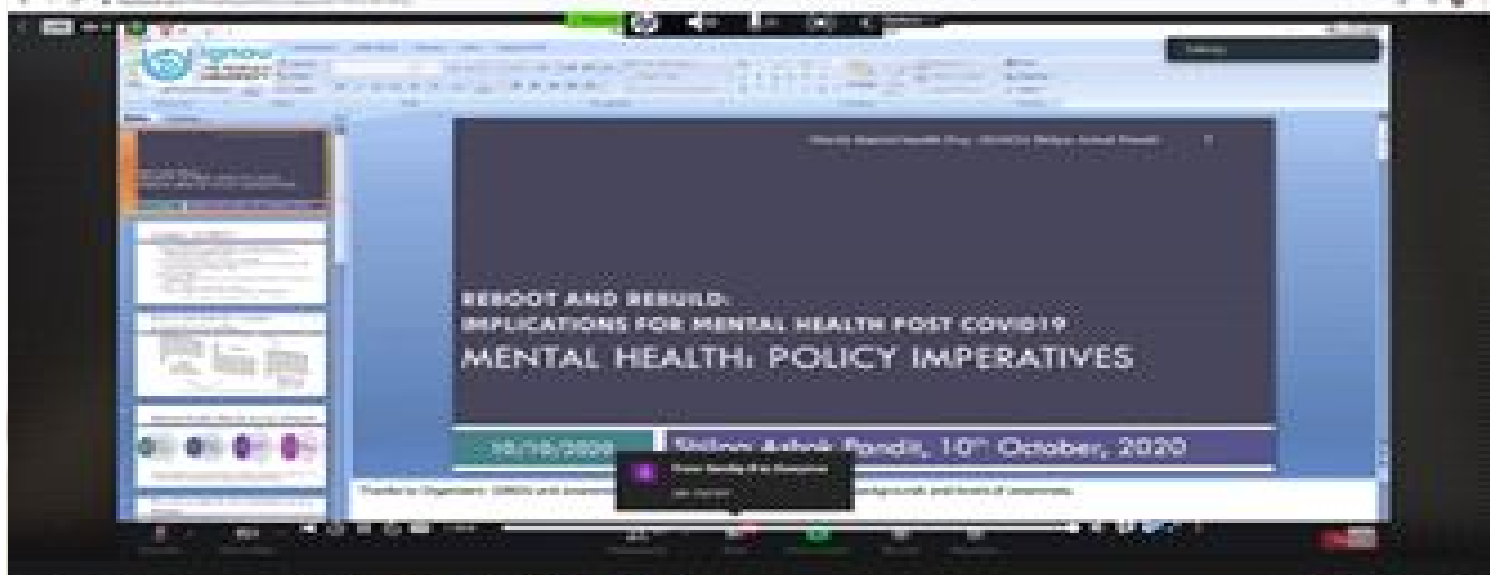
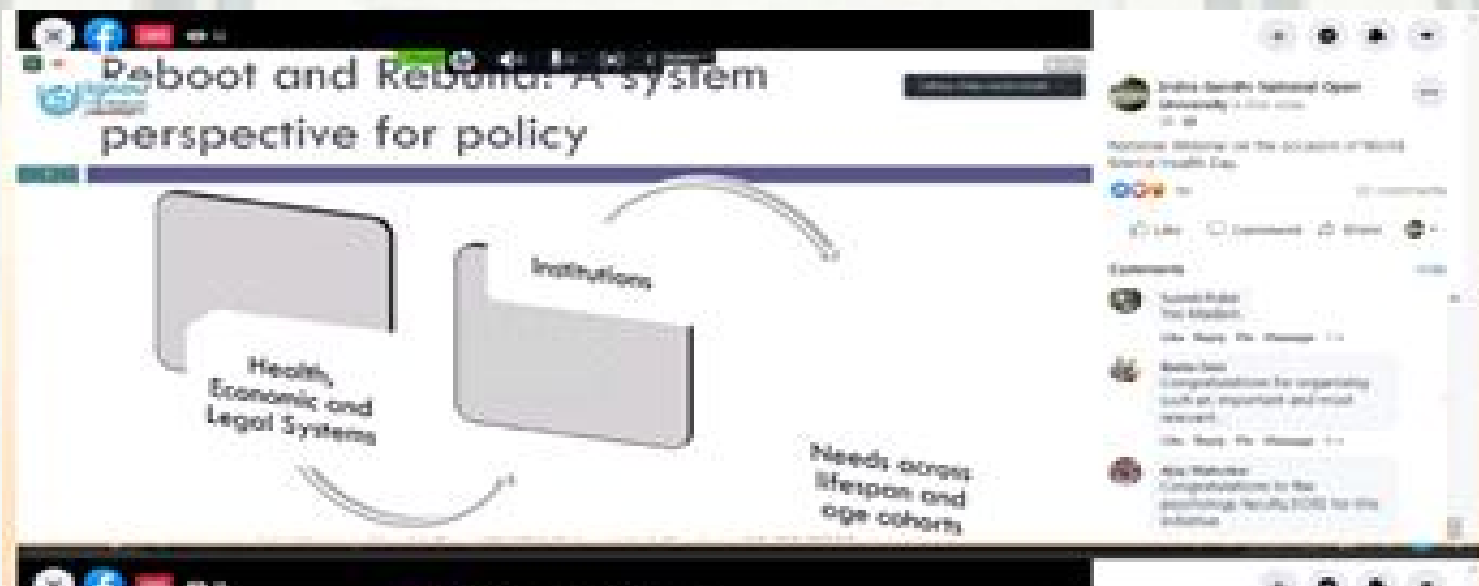
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by managing our stress and balancing the hormones that affect our mental health.

Dr. Shilpa Pandit, Faculty of Psychology, Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth, Kerala talked about mental health at Personal, Family and Community level in her presentation "Mental Health: Policy Imperatives". Urging a systematic reboot and rebuild at the policy levels, viz., Health, Economic, & Legal, she asked the institutions be it family/

school/ college/hospital/NGOs/Recreational places etc., to be cognizant of the changing needs of a person across his/her life-span.

A poetry competition was also organized online through zoom open only for IGNOU students and staff. The topic for the poetry competition was "Awaaz: The Voice of Mental Health". Around 50 participants have registered for the event and 27 participants took part in the competition.







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## Faculty Development Programme (FDP) of STRIDE

The FDP programme was inaugurated by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir, on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. In the inaugural address the respected

efforts of IGNOU faculty in taking the initiative of enriching participants with regard to the use of ICT tools for educational purposes. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU congratulated STRIDE for organizing second FDP programme on ICT-enabled Research during COVID Pandemic.

The two Pro-Vice Chancellor Sir's, Prof. Satyakam and Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das chaired two panel discussion sessions, respectively.

Google Meet link was formulated for conducting this online FDP programme. Google Meet link was shared with the participants, and resource persons. All the Resource persons were from IGNOU except one of the experts was from Ambedkar University, Delhi. This was the second programme conducted by STRIDE with its own technical support as well as academic support IGNOU university itself with such a large group of participants. eSupport team among the STRIDE faculty was formulated to make the programme a success. Research scholars of STRIDE, participants from both IGNOU and outside IGNOU agreed to rapporteurs for different sessions of the FDP programme.



Vice Chancellor Sir, Praised the efforts made by STRIDE in organizing two FDP programmes on highly relevant topic. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU applauded the







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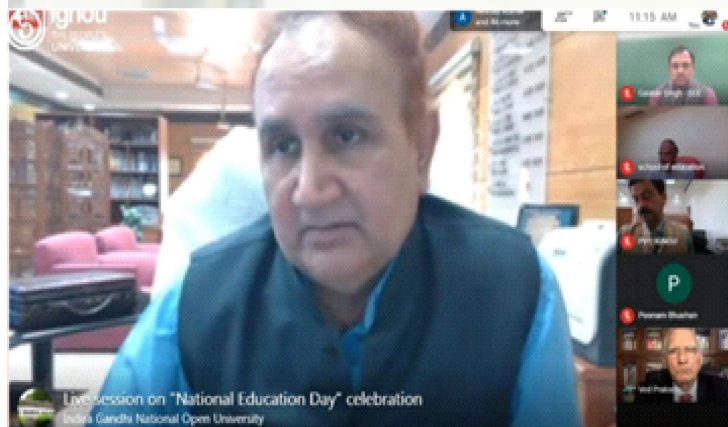


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## National Education Day

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India, School of Education, IGNOU organized National Education Day. The event was chaired by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor where in Prof. Ved Prakash, former chairman of UGC delivered a lecture on



“Significance of National Education Day in the light of the National Education Policy, 2020”. Prof. Rao, Hon’ble VC said ‘successful implementation of NEP 2020 is the key for elevation of educational standards in the country. He also urged on harnessing open and distance learning in parallel to mainstream delivery of education as it would transform the country’s educational aspiration. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das and Prof. Satyakam, the Pro-vice-chancellors of the University addressed on NEP 2020 and its implementation in higher education in India, particularly in open and distance



institutions and pointed out various issues that are to be reflected upon and deliberated.

Chief Guest, Prof. Ved Prakash, Former Chairperson, UGC through his address critically analysed the NEP 2020 and noted that the policy has made a couple of notable structural changes. He cautioned that the implantation is the key and the recommendations made in the policy document would need to be followed-up. Prof. Ved Prakash welcomed that



the NEP talks about all institutions of higher learning being ready with an institutional development plan by 2030 so that they can be multidisciplinary institutions by 2040. He recommended interdisciplinarity in higher education institutions instead.



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He also talked about NEP recommendations with regard to setting up on research-intensive universities, teaching-intensive universities and degree-granting colleges. On doubling the gross enrolment ration in higher education, he observed that massification of higher education will not entirely depend upon strengthening of higher education but it will have to be synergized with school education. He also referred to the need of the National Higher Education Qualification Framework in the NEP 2020.

Wishing everyone on the National Education Day, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU in his presidential address said that it is very opportune of the School of Education to have deliberation on NEP 2020. He said the goal of reaching 50% GER cannot be achieved through the conventional mode of higher education and Open and Distance Education would have to be geared up to realize the set goal while providing

employment relevant and quality education. He also outlined IGNOU's initiatives with regard to the integrated ODL and Online Education which is an important dimension of the NEP, 2020.

Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU in his speech on the day talked about the Indian values and cultural aspects which are an integral part of the new policy which he said was much needed and would help in instilling those in the learners. Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-VC, IGNOU in his address laid importance on the implementation part and said it would need coordinated effort between the centre and the states of realize its true potential.

Prof. Amitav Mishra, Coordinator of National Education Day Celebration proposed a vote of thanks.





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## Notification for Term-End Examination December 2020

32INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY  
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI 110068  
Student Evaluation Division (SED)

No.: IG/ SED/ TEE/2020/ 1668  
Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### NOTIFICATION

**Regarding: Term-end Examination, December 2020**

In continuation of the earlier Notifications issued by SED, IGNOU dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020, the Term-end Examinations, December 2020 shall now be held in the first week of February 2021. Accordingly, the following are informed to all concerned.

1. The last date for online submission of examination form has now been extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
2. The last date for submission of assignments (online / offline mode) has also been extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
3. Also, the last date for submission of projects/ internships/ field work journals, etc. through online/offline mode has been extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
4. The students who could not appear in the Term-end Examination, June 2020 (held in September 2020) and the students, who are registering for the Term-end Examination, December 2020 (to be held in February 2021) and their validity of registration is expiring in December 2020, for this purpose, their validity of registration has been extended upto June 2021 as a onetime measure.
5. The students who applied to appear in the Term-end Examination, June 2020 (held in September 2020) but could not appear in any or all the courses will automatically be permitted to appear in the Term-end Examination, December 2020 (to be held in February 2021). However, the students who could not apply to appear in the Term-end Examination, June 2020 will have to apply online for the Term-end Examination, December 2020 along with the prescribed fees of Rs.150/- per course.
6. The students who registered for the Term-end Examination, June 2020 (held in September 2020), their examination fee shall be adjusted against the examination fee payable for the Term End Examination December, 2020.

  
(Dr. V. B. Negi)  
Registrar, SED

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## IGNOU gets Five Stars Rating for Innovations

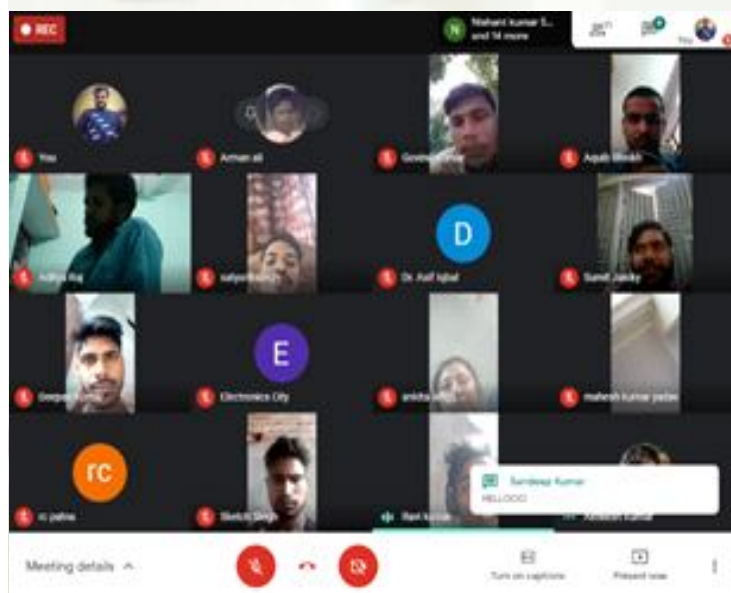
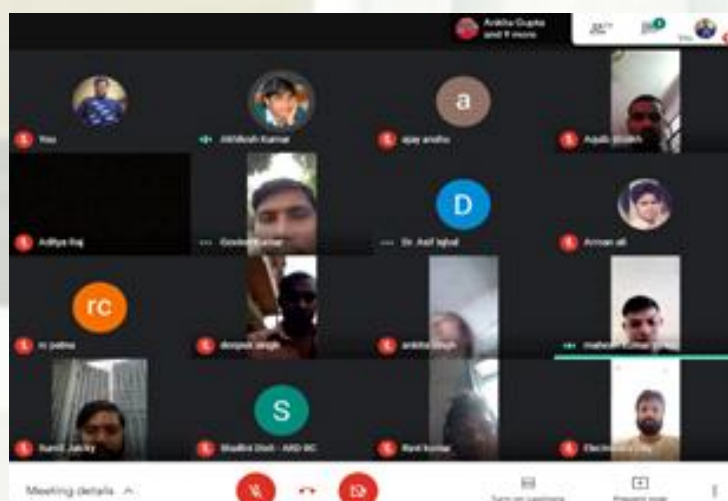


## Initiatives, Activities and Achievements of the Regional Centre and Learner Support Centres

### Pre-Admission Counselling

The Regional Centre has been organizing weekly pre-admission counseling sessions for students who have registered for online admission and re-registration for July 2020 on every Monday and Tuesday respectively. With continuous follow up with the learners the Regional Centre has been able to get 9923 learners

who have paid their fees for Fresh Admissions for July 2020 and 17916 learners who have re-registered themselves for July 2020. Though in fresh admissions we have achieved only 42.7 % of last year's admissions,, in RR we have achieved 142.8 % of re-registrations done last year.







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## Meeting of Coordinators/PICs/Centre Superintendents of TEE June 2020

The Regional Centre has been organizing fortnightly meetings with the Coordinators and PICs of the region to encourage them to organize online counseling sessions, find out evaluators for online assessment of the assignments and organize virtual meetings for the promotion of IGNOU programmes. The last meeting was held day before yesterday (03.09.2020) to discuss the following:

- Organization of Virtual Meetings for Promotion of IGNOU Programmes:** The status of admission in both Fresh and Re-Registration was shared with them. As the number of learners who have made payment for Fresh July 2020 is very less, they were requested to follow up with the learners who have registered but have not paid and organize webinars and virtual meetings for the promotion of IGNOU programmes among various target groups.

- Evaluation of Assignments and Submission of Award Sheets:** Though more than fifty percent of the assignments have already been evaluated, the Coordinators were requested to expedite the evaluation process so that awards are entered in the portal in time. They have also been requested to send the awards available with them to the RC through special messenger so that the data entry is completed before the end of this month.
- Organization of Webinars on Career Opportunities through Open and Distance Education:** Since many of our LSCs are located in traditional colleges, the Coordinators were requested to plan meetings with their alumni to help them plan their careers through IGNOU.





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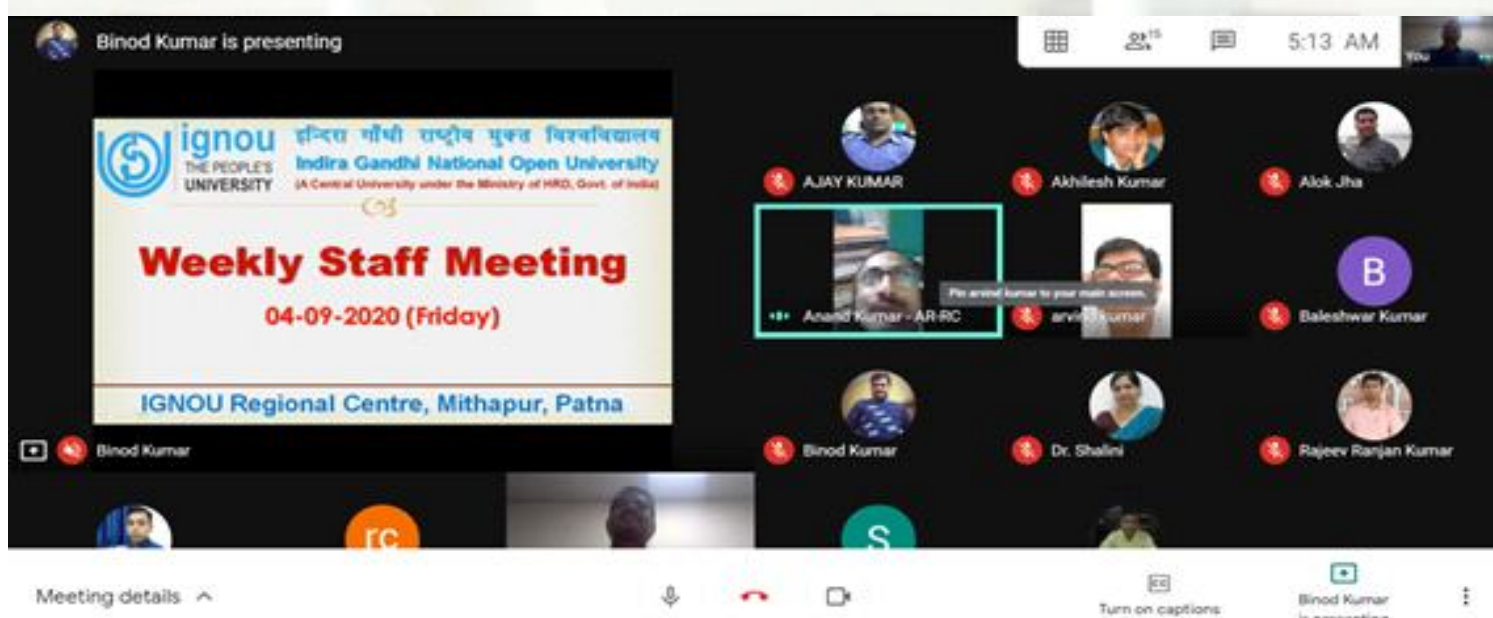
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### Weekly Staff Meetings

The Weekly Meeting of the Staff of RC Patna was organized on 04.09.2020 to review the status of online support being provided to the learners, plan strategies for the conduct of the forthcoming Term End Examinations, coordinate with the expert and

experienced evaluators and expedite online evaluation of assignments, organize virtual meetings for promotion of IGNOU programmes among the target groups of learners and reach last year's figures.







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## Orientation of Centre Superintendents

The centre Superintendents of all the 16 Examinations Centres of Term End Examinations, June 2020 was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to brief them about the guidelines of Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and conduct the examinations by

following the SOP recommended by Government of India. Examinations have started smoothly in all the examination centres. The Centre Superintendents were handed over the Question packets, OMR sheets and Stationery packets received from the Student Evaluation Division.







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## Celebration of Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas was celebrated in the Conference Hall of the Regional Centre on 14-09-2020. Dr Dhruv Kumar, HOD, Department of education, Nalanda College, Nalanda graced the occasion as the

Chief Speaker and delivered a talk on the **Role of Hindi in the National Education Policy 2020**. All the members of staff of RC and REC participated in the celebration.







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## Virtual Monitoring of the Term End Examinations, June 2020

Five links have been created for the virtual monitoring of the examinations through Google Meet. The links have been shared with the Centre Superintendents. They are requested to log in with the link of the respective officers when the officers

want to monitor the examinations. Emphasis is laid upon the maintenance of social distance and wearing of masks. Whenever there are lapses, the Centre Superintendents are advised to take care of it.



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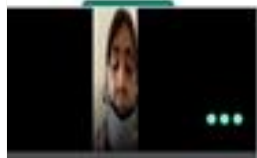


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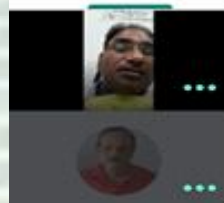
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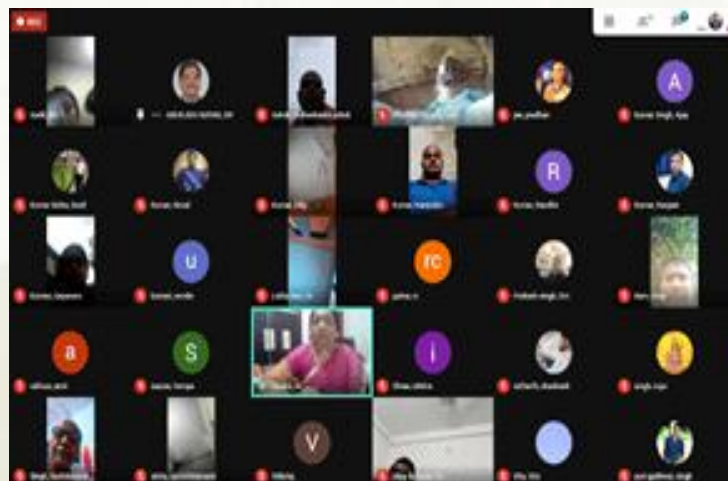
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## Virtual Meetings

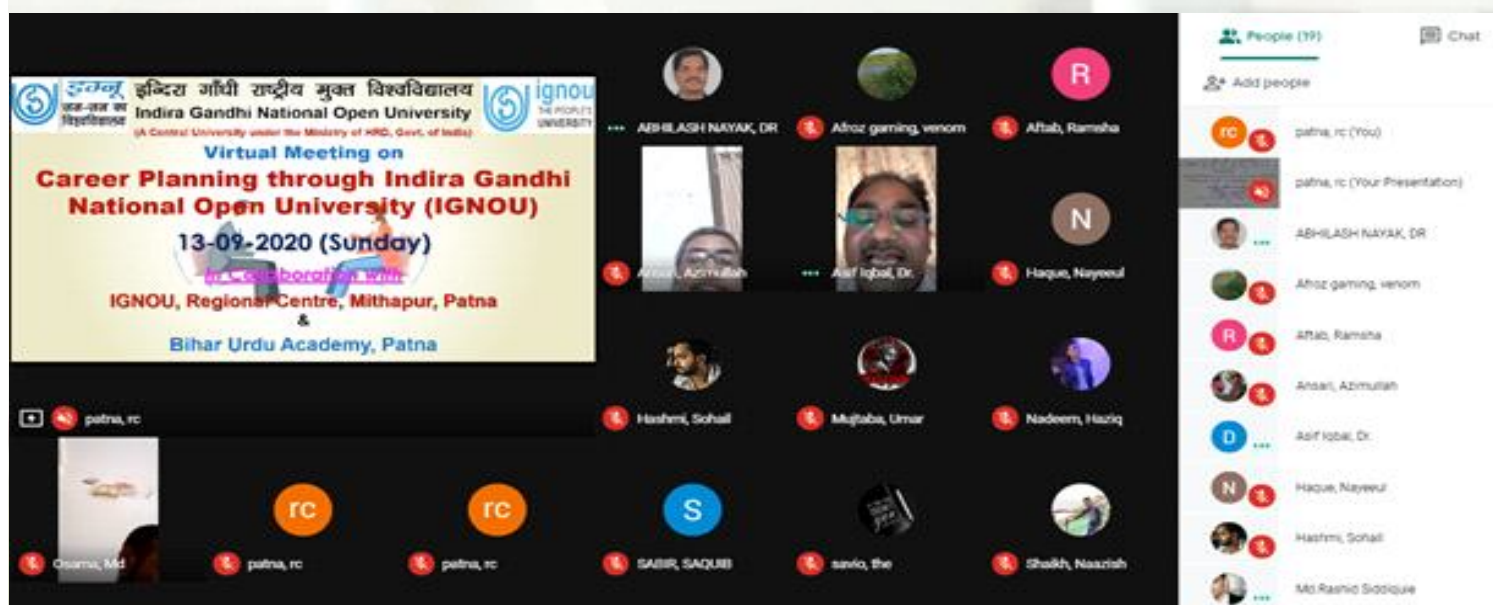




## Career Planning through IGNOU for the Educational Empowerment of the Minorities

The Regional Centre in collaboration with the Bihar Urdu Academy organised an on online promotional meeting / admission drive for the learners of Bihar Urdu Academy 13-09-2020. Janab Azimullah Ansari, Secretary, Bihar Urdu Academy encouraged the learners to take advantage of the

programs of IGNOU. Dr Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director and DrAsif Iqbal, ARD interacted with the learners and counselled them on the various opportunities available in IGNOU which they can use to plan and upgrade their careers.





## Role of Online and Open Distance Education in the New Education Policy, 2020

The Regional Centre in collaboration with the Bharti Digital World, Khemnichak, Patna, organized a webinar on 25-09-2020 on the "Role of Online and Open Distance Education in the New Education Policy, 2020". Dr Abhilash Nayak, RD and

Dr Shalini, ARD made presentations on the theme. Dr Shalini, ARD facilitated the question-answer session and post-presentation discussion. More than seventy five participants were present in the webinar.

**Webinar Details:**  
**Topic:** Role of Online & Open Distance Education in the New Education Policy, 2020  
**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 (Friday)  
**Organized by:** IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, PATNA & BHARTI DIGITAL WORLD, KHEMNICHAK MAIN ROAD, PATNA-27  
**Participants should mute their audio and video without fail throughout the session.**

**Key Initiatives for Digital Interventions:**

- Pilot studies for online education: Associated agencies, such as the NPTES, CIEET, MOE, NCERT, IIT, etc., will be asked to conduct a series of pilot studies, in parallel, to explore the benefits of digital education and to test the viability of various models of digital education. The results of these studies will be used to develop a framework for digital education.
- Digital infrastructure: There is a need to invest in research, development, and deployment of digital infrastructure. This includes the development of digital content, digital platforms, and digital tools. The government should also invest in digital infrastructure for rural areas.

**Participants (from top screenshot):** ABHILASH NAYAK, RD; Agarwal, Suhani; Arya, Contact; Asif Inqal, IIR; BHARTI OFFICIAL, ABHISHEK; Devi, Sarita; Digital World, Bharti; DIGITAL ZONE, BHARTI; DPRN, Corona; ECU, BDU.





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## Role of Online and Open Distance Education in the New Education Policy, 2020

The Regional Centre in collaboration with the IGNOU Study Centre (0594) in NEEDS, Bihar Sharif, Nalanda, organized a webinar on 26-09-2020 on the "Role of Online and Open Distance Education in the New Education Policy, 2020". Dr Abhilash Nayak,

RD and Dr Shalini, ARD made presentations on the theme. Dr Shalini, ARD and Dr Asif Iqbal, ARD facilitated the question-answer session and post-presentation discussion. More than one hundred participants were present in the webinar.







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### Involvement of the RD in the Development of MOOC on Academic Counselling for ODL learners

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020, Dr Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director, attended the launching of the MOOC on Academic Counselling for ODL learners (<https://www.mooc4dev.org/AC4ODL>), a collaborative initiative of

Odisha State Open University and CEMCA, New Delhi. He is one of the instructors for the MOOC and has contributed three modules for it. The MOOC is on offer now with more than 1600 participants across the world.







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## Fit India Movement

The Freedom Run under Fit India Movement was organised by the Regional Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. All the members of staff of both the

Regional centre and Regional Evaluation Centre undertook the run in the premises of the Regional Centre and covered 10000 steps.







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## Vigilance Awareness Week

The Regional Centre observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. On the first day of the week, all the members of

staff of both the Regional centre and Regional Evaluation Centre took the pledge.







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## Nomination of Dr Abhilash Nayak, Regional Director to the Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) of IGNOU

The Vice Chancellor, IGNOU has nominated you as member of the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC 3.0)** of IGNOU for one year w.e.f. November 01, 2020. This innovation council has been set up at IGNOU under the direction of "MOE's Innovation Cell" (MIC) established by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Government of India



### Indira Gandhi National Open University National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education IGNOU Institution's Innovation Council

F. No.: IG/NCIDE/IIC 3.0/2020/1269  
Dated : November 02, 2020

#### NOTIFICATION

As per the direction of the MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC), IGNOU has set-up the **Institution's Innovation Council 3.0 (IIC 3.0)** at IGNOU to systematically foster the culture of innovation through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion eco-system in the University. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is pleased to constitute the IGNOU Institution's Innovation Council 3.0 as per the MIC guidelines for IIC 3.0 as follows:

Faculty Representation		
Senior Faculty Member	President	Dr. Oum Prakash Sharma, NCIDE
Faculty Member	Convener	Dr. Moumita Das, NCIDE
Faculty Member	Innovation Activity Coordinator	Dr. Sujata Santosh, NCIDE
Faculty Member	Start-up Activity Coordinator	Dr. Jyotsna Dikshit, NCIDE
Faculty Member	Internship Coordinator	Dr. Anupriya Pandey, SOMS
Faculty Member	IPR Activity Coordinator	Prof. Shubha M. Gokhale, SOS
Faculty Member	Social Media Coordinator	Dr. Sunil Kumar Das, EMPC
Faculty Member	ARIIA Coordinator	Prof. Shachi Shah, SOITS
Faculty Member	NIRF Coordinator	Dr. S. K. Pulist, SRD
Faculty Member	Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr. M. Shanmugham, RSD</li> <li>2. Prof. Nehal A. Farooquee, SOEDS</li> <li>3. Dr. Bharat Bhushan, SSC</li> <li>4. Dr. U. C. Pandey, RD, Bhopal</li> <li>5. Dr. S. Radha, RD, Bangalore</li> <li>6. Dr. Abhilash Nayak, RD Patna</li> <li>7. Dr. Subodh Kesharwani, SOMS</li> <li>8. Dr. M. P. Mishra, SOCIS</li> <li>9. Dr. P. Vijaya Kumar, SOA</li> <li>10. Dr. Tahir Siddiqui, SOPVA</li> </ol>
Expert Representation		
Expert	IP Expert/Patent Expert	<b>Dr. Kishan Singh Kardam</b> Senior Joint Controller of Patents and Designs Patent Office Delhi and International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA), Boudhik Sampada Bhawan Plot No. 32, Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi
Expert	Start-up/Alumni Expert	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mr. Harshal Sanghvi</b>, Startup Expert                          Founder EssenceTech, D/602 Shreeji Towers                          Opp. Himalaya Mall, Drive In Road, Ahmedabad</li> <li>2. <b>Mr. Anil Kumar Yadav</b>, Alumni Expert                          General Manager, Reserve Bank of India                          Chandigarh</li> </ol>
Expert	Expert from Nearby Industry/Industry Association/Ecosystem Enablers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. S. B. Dangayach</b>, Founder Trustee                          Innovative Thought Forum and Former                          Managing Director, Syntex Industries Ltd.</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Sujata Chaklanovis</b>, Scientist-G and                          Head, Department of Scientific and Industrial                          Research, Ministry of Science and Technology                          Delhi</li> </ol>





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Expert	FI/Bank/Investor/Angel Investor/ Venture Capitalist	<b>Mr. Ajay Kumar Kapur</b> Former Deputy Managing Director, SIDBI
Expert	Incubation Centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Satvinder Singh</b>, Managing Director NITCON Ltd., 603, 6th Floor, Kailash Building K. G. Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi</li> <li><b>Mr. Mahendra Gupta</b>, Head Technology Business Incubator ABES Engineering College, Ghaziabad, UP</li> </ol>
<b>Student Representation</b>		
Student	Innovation Coordinator	Mr. Kailash Kumar, PGCIATIVI
Student	Start-up Coordinator	Mr. Vyavahare Pankaj Nivrittinath, MAPC
Student	Internship Coordinator	Mr. Subham Seal, DNHE
Student	IPR Coordinator	Mr. Nandu Surendran S., BSC
Student	Social Media Coordinator	Mr. Chandan Kumar, MAPC
Student	General Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Akhil S., BCA</li> <li>Mr. Bhargav Raviya, BCA</li> <li>Ms. Neena Sharma, MP</li> <li>Mr. Aakarshan Agrawal, BA</li> <li>Mr. Iqra Akhlaq, CIHL</li> <li>Ms. Kamlesh, BSW</li> <li>Ms. Pragathe M., MP</li> <li>Mr. Nibin K. Roy, MPS</li> <li>Er. Jagtar Singh Mallie, PGDOM</li> <li>Ms. Pragya Pallavi, MPS</li> <li>Mr. Chirag Rehlan, MEC</li> <li>Mr. Om Bhai Patel, BCA</li> <li>Mr. Pradeep Kumar Singh, CNM</li> <li>Ms. Sheetal Thapa, PHDVA</li> <li>Ms. Ankita Acharya, CHR</li> </ol>

The term of the Council shall be for a period of one year w.e.f. November 1, 2020.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

*(Signature)*  
02/11/2020

**(Oum Prakash Sharma)**  
(Director, NCIDE and President, IIC 3.0)

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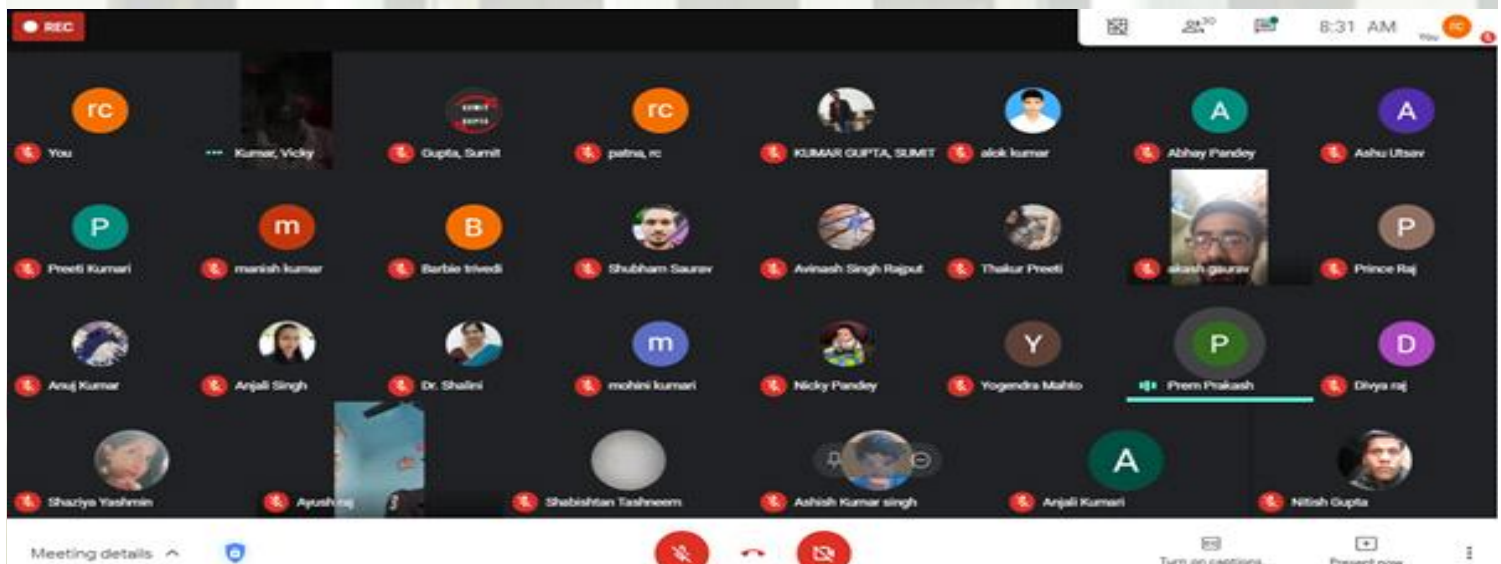
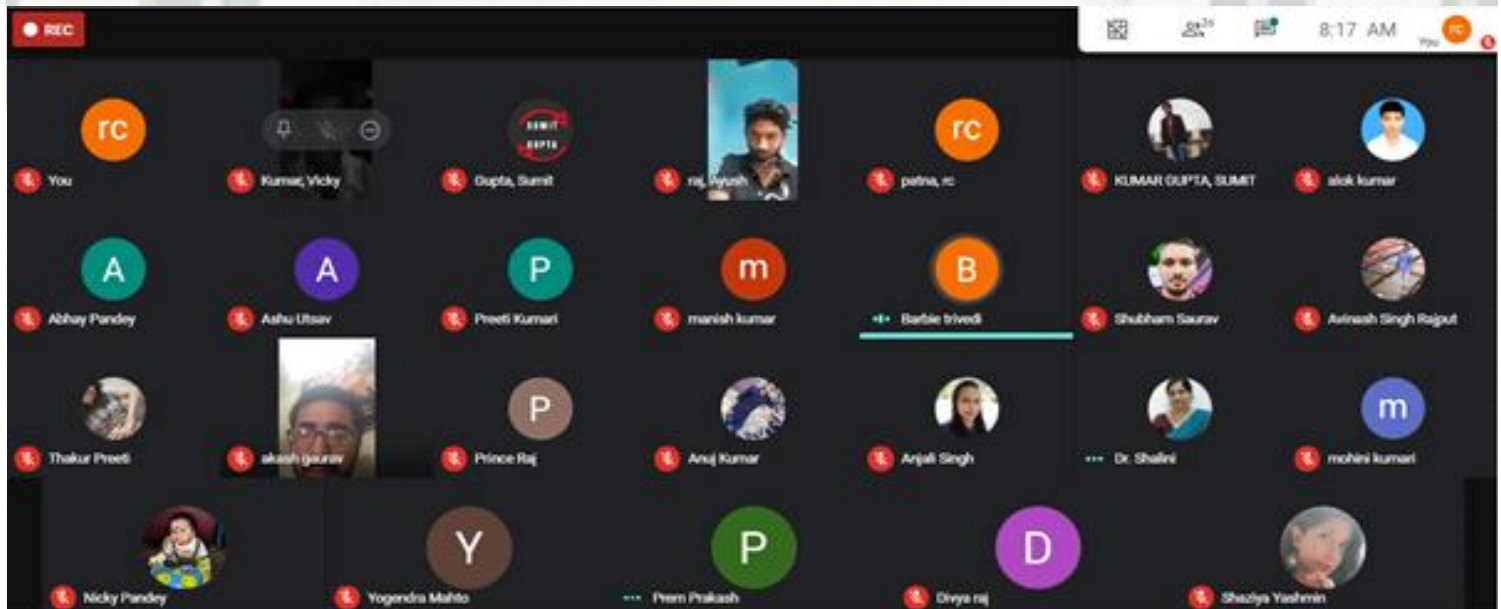
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### Conduct of Online Practical Examinations of BCA, MCA and MAPC

The Regional Centre conducted practical examinations of BCA through Google Meet on the last three Sundays. Till date 27 sessions in all have been conducted through Google Meet for the students of CIT, BCA, MCA and MAPC. Viva-voce for MAPC was

conducted today (16-10-2020). The viva-voce for BCA and MCA have been scheduled tomorrow and the practicals for BLIS-227 have been scheduled from 17-20 October 2020.







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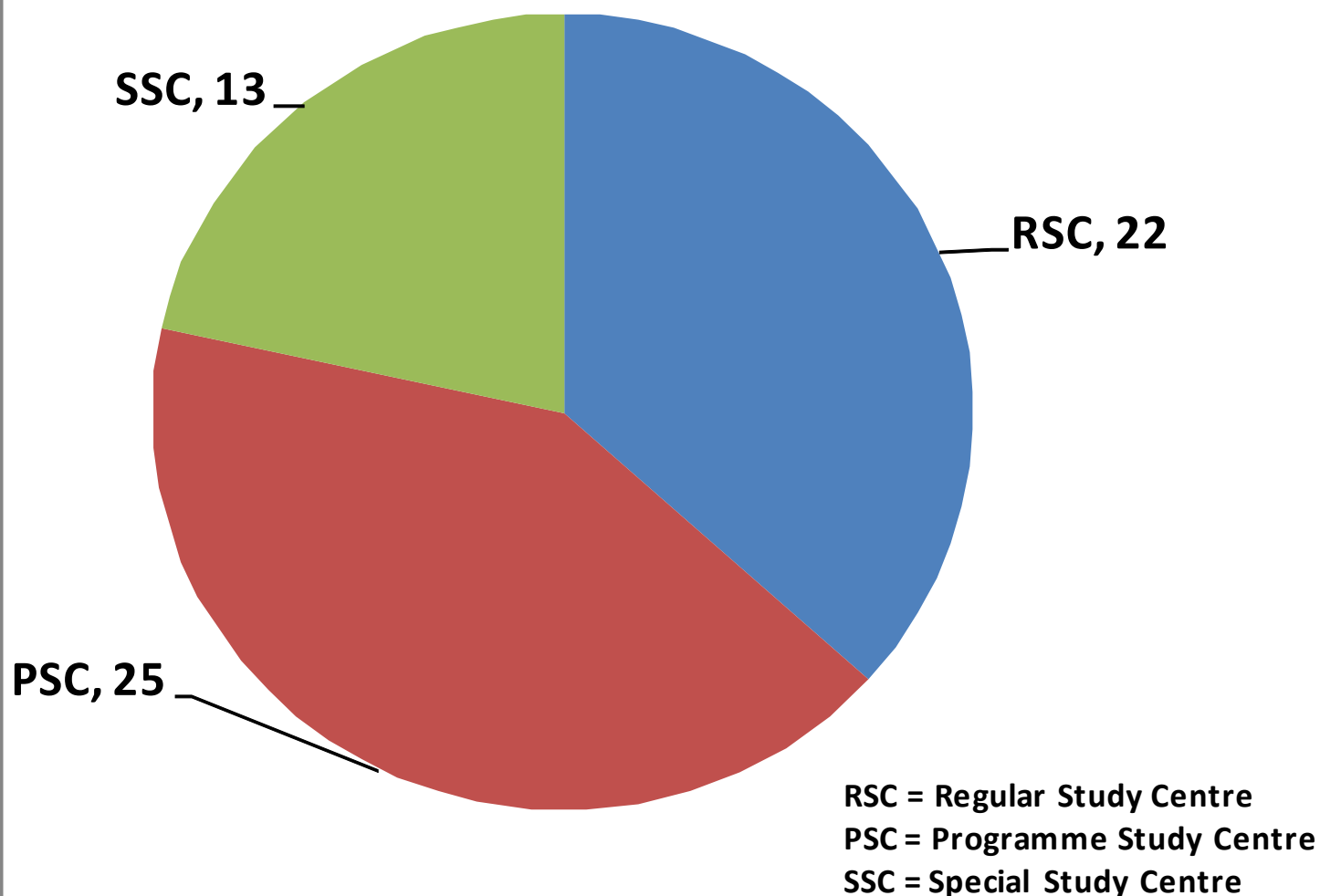


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## Progress of Regional Centre over the years

### LSC Network





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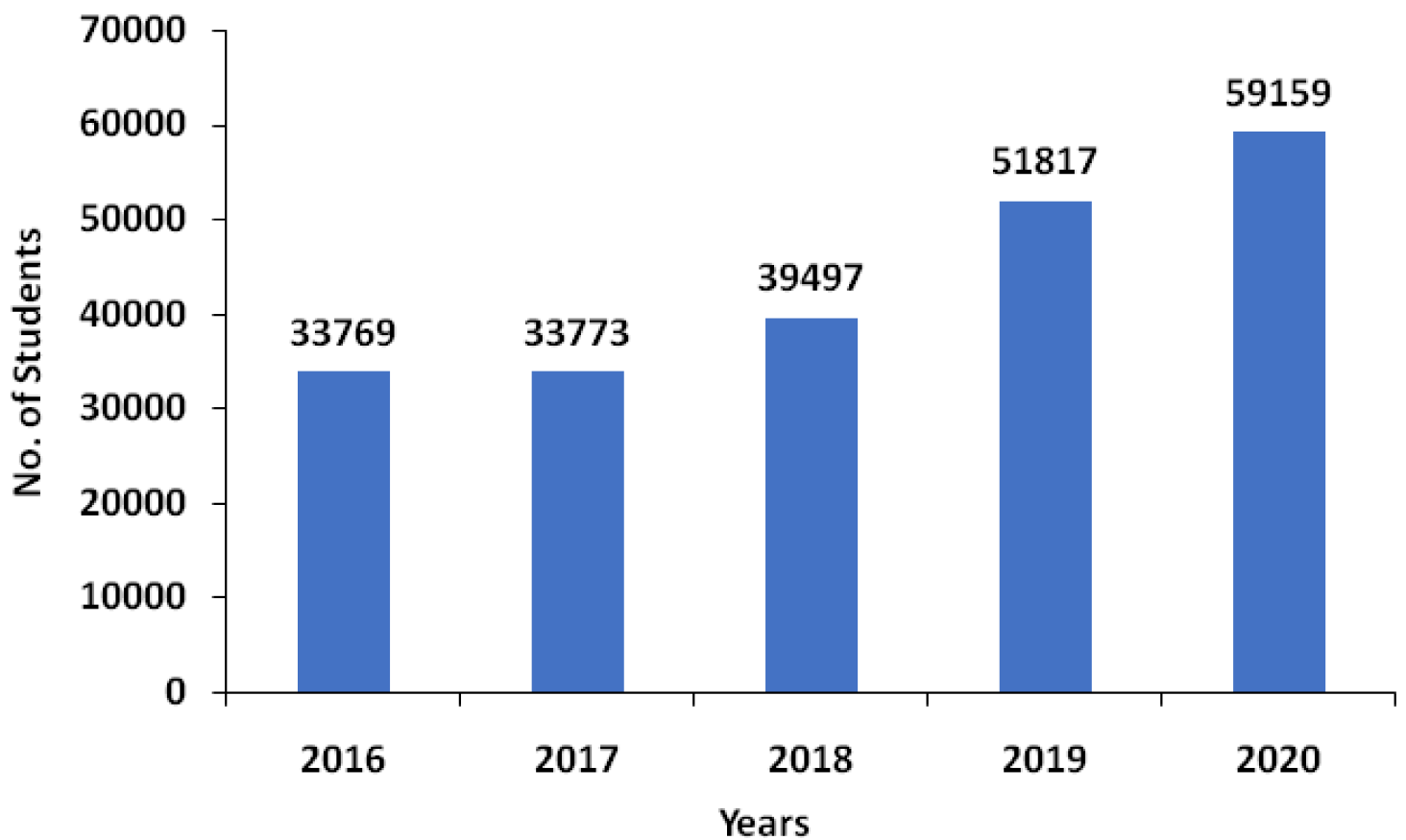
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## Status of Fresh Admission & Re-registration last five years







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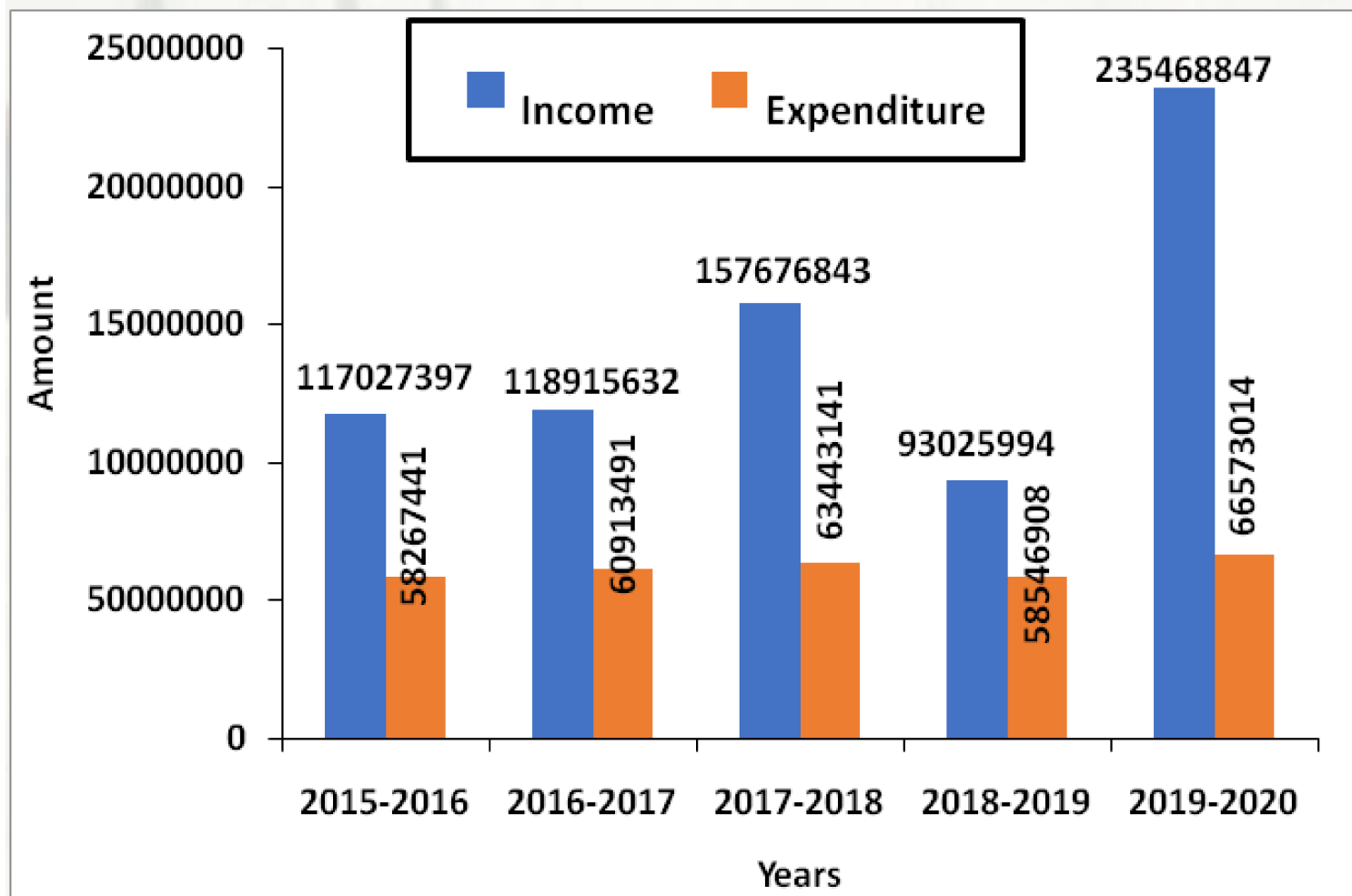
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## Income & Expenditure Account last Five Years





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## Our Alumni, Our Pride

I am **Harendra Kumar** a serving sailor of Indian Navy and Joined the Indira Gandhi National Open University in June 2008 with Enrollment number 082706529 Programme BCA. Due to specific requirement of programme, I have attended the counselling sessions at my amended Study Centre NEEDS (0594D), *(An effective and unique*



*feature of University, Where student can change their Study centre at any point of time as per pupil's needs.)* And learn a lot of topics related to course which leads to successful completion of my course. It also motivated me to join further Integrated course (MCA) and leads to qualify me NET – 2017 conducted by NTA. Presently perusing MBA (HR) from the university and looking forward for research Courses which I can't complete during my existing engagement with armed forces.

As a Part of Armed Forces, we are having very specific requirements to fulfil the needs of our country. The IGNOU course materials, Programme structure and services suits me a lot. As it is a central university having PAN India centre as well as some international centres. I have appeared in Examinations at various location of the India i.e. Karwar (Karnataka), Madgaon (Goa), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Jamnagar (Gujarat) and Patna (Bihar). Whereas my study centre exist in the Regional Centre Patna.

At Last I want to sum-up with my experience and opinion that Unlike Other universities IGNOU curriculum is excellent and having a transparent and time bound mechanism in result publishing. The University post establishment improving it's features day by day unlike other government educational institutes. The university also promoting the **Indian Constitution's Soul "PREAMBLE"** ("EQUALITY" of status and of opportunity and to promote among them all") and Education for all Campaign by providing free education to SC/STs Students.

My name is **Srijan Kumar**. After 10+2, Joined the Indira Gandhi National Open University in July 2014 with Enrollment number 145240990 (BCA), Regional Centre Patna & Study Center 0594 D (NEEDS), Bihar Sharif.



I completed my BCA & MCA from IGNOU. It has been two years as a Software Developers and currently working in a SaaS-based company. IGNOU syllabus and curriculum agenda helps me a lot to start my carrier in the IT Industry. Subjects like Data Structure, DBMS, SAD and elective papers like AI, Parallel Computing are like pillars of the Industry. Apart from this the management and examination arrangement is quite appreciable too.

In this new Era of Online Education, things are challenging but the reachability is beyond expectation and our new Education Policy brings glory in the field of Skill Development. I wish every small step of the IGNOU Management committee brings changes with time. Thanks a lot ! and All the best for the effort in the field of Distance Education.