

Academic activities and special initiatives of RC Jabalpur during the year 2012-13

1. IGNOU Regional Centre, Jabalpur has taken up a new initiative of ***tele-counselling*** for learners of remote areas. On experimental basis, group of B.Ed. learners were taken who took admissions from tribal areas of 13 districts of Madhya Pradesh but were compelled to come to Jabalpur for attending counseling sessions. The concept of tele-counselling was based on providing access to 33 different remotely located 33 Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) through which learners were able to receive lessons for the curriculum of B.Ed. programme in particular on every 01st & 04th Saturday .

This tele-counsellings were organized in two phases viz. first phase from May,2012 to August, 2012 and second phase from August, 2012 to December, 2012.

2. In order to analyze the present scenario and promote enrolment in tribal districts, a ***Coordinator' meeting*** was conducted on 02nd September, 2012 in which all coordinators were asked to present a complete picture of the operational area of their respective study centres, constraints they are facing in the generation of enrolment. A number of way-outs were suggested on case to case basis to the coordinators for attracting a good number of learners to IGNOU programmes.
3. IGNOU Regional Centre, Jabalpur has organized an ***Orientation-cum-training programme*** on 20-21st October, 2012 for the counselors who were un-oriented and Prof. C.R.K. Murthy from STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi was called as main Resource Person. A good number of counselors actively participated in two-days programme and expressed great satisfaction.
4. IGNOU Regional Centre, Jabalpur has started ***SMS/Missed Call sewa*** in October, 2012 which was one of the unique initiatives of IGNOU and was appreciated a lot by the higher authorities later on. In this service, we provided a dedicated number to learners for sending SMS / Missed Call. Our office personnel call to that number and provide the required information upto the satisfaction level of the learner.
5. ***IGNOU City Centre*** was opened in February, 2013 in the heart of the city in Jabalpur for easy approach to the learners who visit Regional office for different administrative works. Railway station and bus stand are at the distance of 1 km. and 2 km. respectively from IGNOU City Centre.
6. Regional Centre, Jabalpur has put ***IGNOU stall*** with the help of study centres and in almost all the Lead Colleges where state universities admissions were going on in the month of June-July 2012, part-time functionaries of IGNOU study centres were engaged for putting IGNOU stall for 15 days to provide information about IGNOU programmes to the visitors of the college.
7. Regional Centre, Jabalpur put ***IGNOU stall in the career fair*** organized by leading newspaper Dainik Bhaskar during 5th -7th May, 2012. A large group of students visited IGNOU stall seeking career guidance.
8. Regional Centre organized ***On Spot Admission Camp*** for admissions to IGNOU programmes – January 2013 session at three locations in the city (Jabalpur) for three days at each location during the month of December 2012.

9. Vigilance Awareness Week was observed during 29th Oct – 03rd Nov, 2012 in Regional Centre, Jabalpur in which open sessions were conducted to invite suggestions of staff and students regarding how to remain vigilant all the time.

10. A press conference was organized on 09th December 2012 to disseminate information among media and general public about IGNOU' future plans, new programmes launched and initiatives taken in recent months to enhance Learners' Support Network in the region.