



REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION IGNOU DELHI

**Efforts Towards Inclusive Education (PWD, Jail Inmates, Women, Sc, St Rural, Naxal Affected Areas Other Disadvantaged Segments)
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Metric No.2.1.2: Efforts towards inclusive education (PWD, Jail Inmates, Women, SC, ST Rural, Naxal Affected Areas other disadvantaged segments) undertaken

1. Cochin

Regional Centre Name	Cochin
RC Code	14
Title of the activity	Promotional session for Jail Inmates of Womens Jail, Central Prison, Viyyur
Date	01.02.2023
Mode of activity (Online/offline)	Face-to-face
Resource Person	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD and Shri. Muhammad Ansar, AEDP
Write Up about the activity in 100 Words only	<p>An Admission and Promotional campaign for Women Jail Inmates of Women Central Prison was held through face to face mode at 2.00 pm. Ms. Saji, Welfare Officer. Central Prison introduced the Resource person to the participants in which around 40 Women Jail Inmates participated. Dr. Praseetha U., AD briefly explained the History, Structure of IGNOU, the method of delivery of programmes, the role of Regional centre/Study centre. Dr. Praseetha explained the importance of Higher Education and how it helps in life. She introduced the participants to the brochure of IGNOU RC Cochin and explained briefly the contents of the brochure, highlighted the programmes which may be of interest to them and how they can apply for the IGNOU programmes online. Special emphasis was given CFN, CAL and CFE programmes of IGNOU which could be easily done by all inmates. All the learners were motivated to join for atleast one IGNOU programme during their time in the Jail. The importance of education in the lives of Jail inmates and the student support services available were also explained to the students</p> <p>Shri. Muhammad Ansar, AEDP further motivated all inmates to join for the programmes of IGNOU and reiterated that all needful support would be provided by IGNOU Regional Centre, Cochin. The session was interactive wherein many queries pertaining to IGNOU programmes including Post Graduate/Diploma/ Management programmes of IGNOU and the eligibility criteria for the same was explained by both the Resource persons.</p>



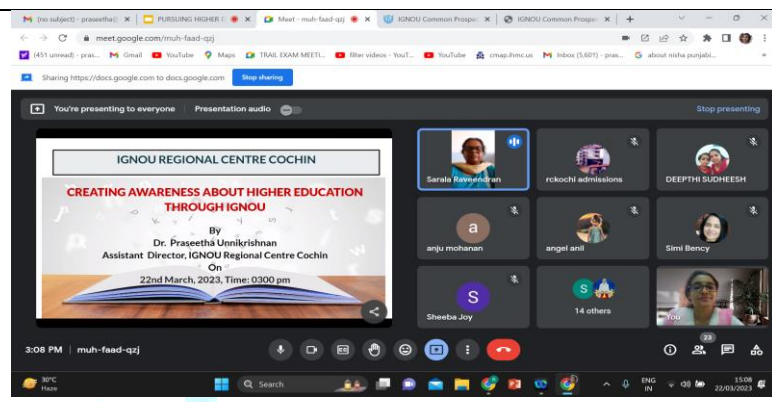
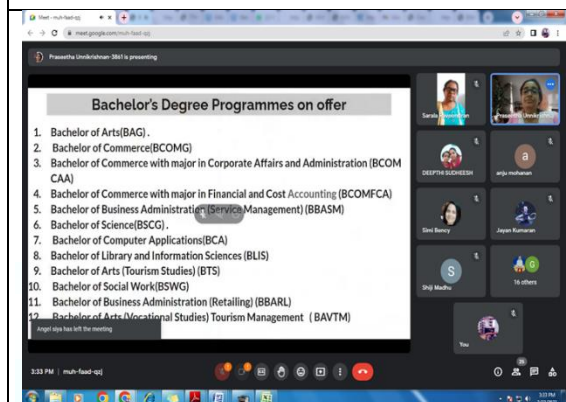
Regional Centre Name	Cochin
RC Code	14
Title of the activity	Promotional session for Jail Inmates of Mens Jail, Central Prison, Viyyur
Date	01.02.2023
Mode of activity (Online/offline)	Face-to-face
Resource Person	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD and Shri. Muhammad Ansar, AEDP
Write Up about the activity in 100 Words only	An Admission and Promotional campaign for Jail Inmates of Men Central Prison was held through face-to-face mode on 01.02.2023 at 11.00 am. Shri. George Chacko, Welfare Officer, Central Prison introduced the Resource person to the participants in which around 25 Men Jail Inmates participated. Dr. Praseetha U., AD briefly explained the History, Structure of IGNOU, the method of delivery of programmes, the role of Regional centre/Study centre. Dr. Praseetha introduced the participants to the brochure of IGNOU RC Cochin and explained briefly the contents of the brochure, highlighted the programmes which may be of interest to them and how they can apply for the IGNOU programmes online. Special emphasis was given CFN, CAL and CFE programmes of IGNOU which could be easily done by all inmates. All the learners were motivated to join for atleast one IGNOU programme during their time in the Jail. The importance of education in the lives of Jail inmates and the student support services available were also explained to the students.

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Regional Centre Name	Cochin
RC Code	14
Title of the activity	Promotional Meeting with the staff of Adarsh Charitable Trust, Ernakulum, Cochin
Date	22.03.2023
Mode of activity (Online/offline)	Online through Google meet platform
Resource Person	Dr. Praseetha Unnikrishnan, AD
Write Up about the activity in 100 Words only	<p>Promotional Meeting was conducted virtually for around 30 Staff of Adarsh Charitable Trust on 22.03.2023 through Google meet platform. The staff were mostly Special Educators working with Persons with Disability and were more interested in knowing about the programmes which would enhance their knowledge and capabilities. Dr. Praseetha was introduced to the participants by Ms. Sarala Raveendran, Adarsh Charitable Trust member.</p> <p>Dr. Praseetha U., AD briefly explained the History, Structure of IGNOU, the method of delivery of programmes, the role of Regional centre/Study centre. Dr. Praseetha introduced the participants to the brochure of IGNOU RC Cochin and explained briefly the contents of the brochure,</p>

highlighted the programmes which may be of interest to them and how they can apply for the IGNOU programmes online. Special emphasis was given CFN, DECE and CFE programmes of IGNOU which could be easily done by all Special Educators. All the learners were motivated to join for atleast one IGNOU programme and the importance of education in the lives of Jail inmates and the student support services available were also explained to the participants. The session came to an end with vote of thanks from a participant.



2. Hyderabad

Inclusive education (PWD, Jail Inmates, Women, SC, ST Rural, Naxal Affected Areas :

Regional Centre has conducted a special drive for promotion of IGNOU programmes among the disadvantaged sections such as Physically Disabled and socially and economically disadvantaged groups. With the initiative of RC-Hyderabad

Deaf and Dumb Learners

Regional Centre, Hyderabad reached an understanding with Deaf and Dumb to sponsor their eligible students to enrol for UG/PG programmes of IGNOU. In this regard Dr.PM Sowjanya,ARD addressed a meeting with this learners of the institute, the institute has sponsored 30 students for July 2022 session for UG programmes and for current session i.e. July 2023 session it is 60.



NGOs at Peoples Education Trust one prominent NGO at Siddipet working for the above cause, called “Sankalp” on our behest organized awareness meeting among the students of Vikas vocational training centre on employable programmes of IGNOU.

The primary objective of this awareness programme is that a fairly large number of students studying or getting trained in vocational courses do not have awareness of IGNOU programmes and their employability.

This created a sense of awareness among the students of the massive programmes available with IGNOU and the kind of learner support services that will be provided to them. An interesting target group we found in this promotional and awareness programme. These are those students who are undergoing vocational training at Vikas Centre for learning at Siddipet.

The training ranges from electrical fitters, lab technicians, machine tools, etc. It was intended that IGNOU programmes would be very use and more opportunities to enter work force with add on employable programmes of IGNOU.

This was in collaboration with a prominent NGO of the region called “Sankalp” at Siddipet.

Dr P.M.sowjanya Assistant Regional Director Regional Center Hyderabad was resource person along with the Chairperson of the NGO.

A banner of IGNOU was displayed prominently in the Meeting hall of Mandal Praishadh

Development Office meeting hall, where all the participants were gathered.

IGNOU pamphlets were distributed to all the participants and very graphically explained the programmes and its employability and the learner support services that will be provided to learners based on the porgrammes that they offer.

Photo clippings are attached alongside this report as proof of the work.



3. Jorhat

Meeting with Asom Chah Karmachari Sangh on 26th March, 2023

Dr. Anil Ch. Borah, Sr. Regional Director of RC Jorhat was invited to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration of Asom Chah Karmachari Sangh on 26th March, 2023(Sunday). The Regional Director delivered a lecture on different programmes of IGNOU and explained the flexibility of the system, admission procedure and different aspects of NEP 2020. The meeting was attended by more than 400 people from different tea gardens of Jorhat. Hon'ble Member of Parliament Sh. Kamakhya Prasad Tasa, President and General Secretary of All Assam Chah Karmachari Sangh were also present in the meeting.



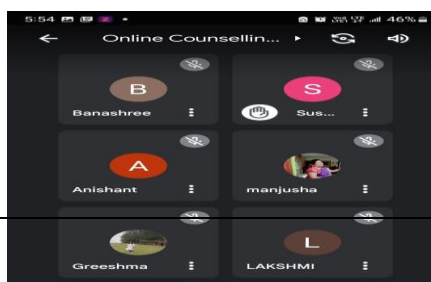
Meeting on the occasion of International Mother's Day on 15th May, 2023

IGNOU RC Jorhat associated and participated in a programme on the occasion of International Mother's Day on 15th May, 2023 organised by ASOM LEKHIKA SAMAJ in Jorhat. The meeting was attended by Women from Jorhat and nearby districts besides dignitaries from different places. Hon'ble MLA (Mariani) Mr. Rupjyoti Kurmi and President of Assam Pradesh Congress Committee Mr. Bhupen Borah also attended the meeting. Dr. Anil Chandra Borah, Senior RD, RC Jorhat released souvenir SWARGADOPI and gave a lecture on need of Education for Women in the occasion. He also explained the opportunities offered by IGNOU particularly in Higher Education. Ms. Pubali Sarma, IGNOU RC Jorhat explained different academic programmes offered by IGNOU and also detailed out the process of admission.



Cyber Crime Department

To promote the certificate in Cyber law we will be meeting the Assistant Commissioner of Police and discuss on the importance of having this programme among their staff for creating awareness on specific laws and technical issues related to Cyber crimes and ways and means of preventing them. Target group will be all the staff working in the Cyber crime and related crimes.



4. NOIDA

The following efforts have been made towards promotion of inclusive education by IGNOU

Regional Centre, NOIDA:

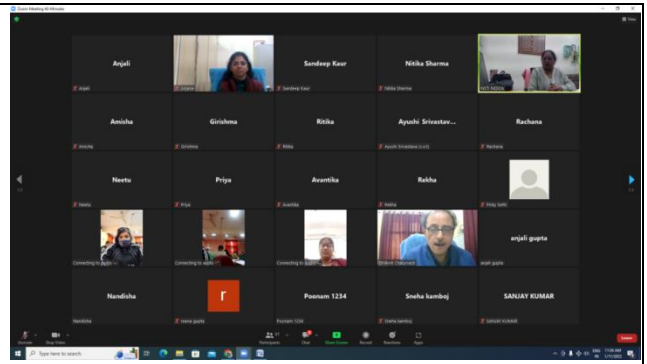
- An Online Educational awareness programme was organized for the students enrolled at National Skill Training Institute, Women (NSTI-W), Sector - 1, NOIDA on 11th January, 2023 and they were apprised about the modalities of admission in IGNOU programmes and also about the facilities and flexibilities provided by IGNOU. They were also informed about the UGC Notification regarding scheme of pursuing two UG/PG programmes simultaneously.
- In collaboration with the School of Gender and Development Studies (SOGDS), IGNOU, a webinar for IGNOU Regional Centres on Newly Launched Programmes of SOGDS was organized by IGNOU Regional Centre, NOIDA on 25th January, 2023. The Director, SOGDS, Prof. Himadri Roy addressed the participants and provided information about various newly launched programmes of the School. It was followed by the presentations by the School Faculty members on BA (Gender Studies) (BAGS), Certificate in Gender in Law (CGSL), Certificate in Gender and Science (CGSCI), Certificate in Gender, Agriculture and Sustainable Development (CGAS) and Diploma In Women Empowerment and Development (DWED) programmes, respectively. They apprised the participants about the background of the programmes, objectives, programme structure, target population, eligibility criteria, etc. and requested the Regional Centres to extend cooperation in popularization of the programmes offered by SOGDS and smooth delivery of learner support services to the learners including academic counseling support.
- Online pre-admission counseling was organized by IGNOU RC NOIDA on 31st October, 2022 in order to familiarize the prospective students with comprehensive information and acquaint them with the diverse range of programs offered by IGNOU. In-depth discussions illuminated the unique features of IGNOU, potential career trajectories associated with the programmes

aiding students in making informed decisions aligned with their aspirations. The session delved into the intricacies of the admission process, providing a step-by-step guide on how to apply for admission. The interactive nature of the sessions allowed for a personalized approach, addressing specific queries and concerns raised by prospective students.

- The notifications related to Fee support to IGNOU students belonging to SC/ST categories seeking admission/re-registration in July 2022, January 2023 and July 2023 sessions were uploaded at RC NOIDA website under following URLs and the same were circulated amongst the Learner Support Centres for wider dissemination of the information amongst the stakeholders and also disseminated through the social media:
 - <http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/upload/news/Notification%20No%2046.pdf>
 - [http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/Notification%20No%2050%20SCSP_TSP%20January%202023\(1\).pdf](http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/Notification%20No%2050%20SCSP_TSP%20January%202023(1).pdf)
 - [http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/Notification%20no%2053%20Fee%20Support%20SC%20ST%20students%20July%202023\(1\).pdf](http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/Notification%20no%2053%20Fee%20Support%20SC%20ST%20students%20July%202023(1).pdf)
- In order to address the issues raised by the Persons with Disabilities (PWD), nodal officer has been assigned at RC NOIDA. The applications received at RC from such students for permission of scribe for writing examination are handled in an effective manner. The guidelines w.r.t. conducting written examination for persons with disabilities have been made available to the learners through RC website at following URLs:
 - http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/Office%20Memorandum%20dt%2013_09_2022.jpg
 - [http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/1%20\(1\).pdf](http://rcnoida.ignou.ac.in/ignou-RC-Noida/userfiles/file/1%20(1).pdf)
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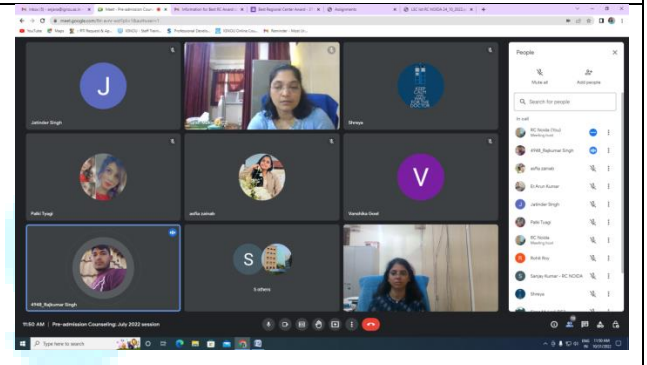
Sr. Regional Director, Dr. Amit Chaturvedi, IGNOU addressing the participants during Educational awareness programme for NSTI Learners



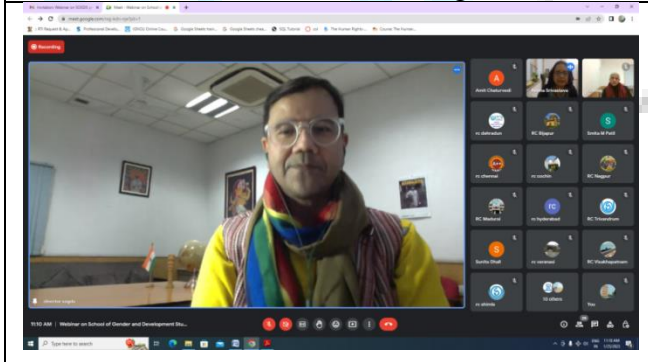
Participants of the webinar including Faculty of NSTI



Additional Director, Dr. Siran Mukerji addressing the participants during Online pre-admission counseling



Student interacting with the academics of RC Noida during Online pre-admission counseling



Director, SOGDS, IGNOU addressing the participants



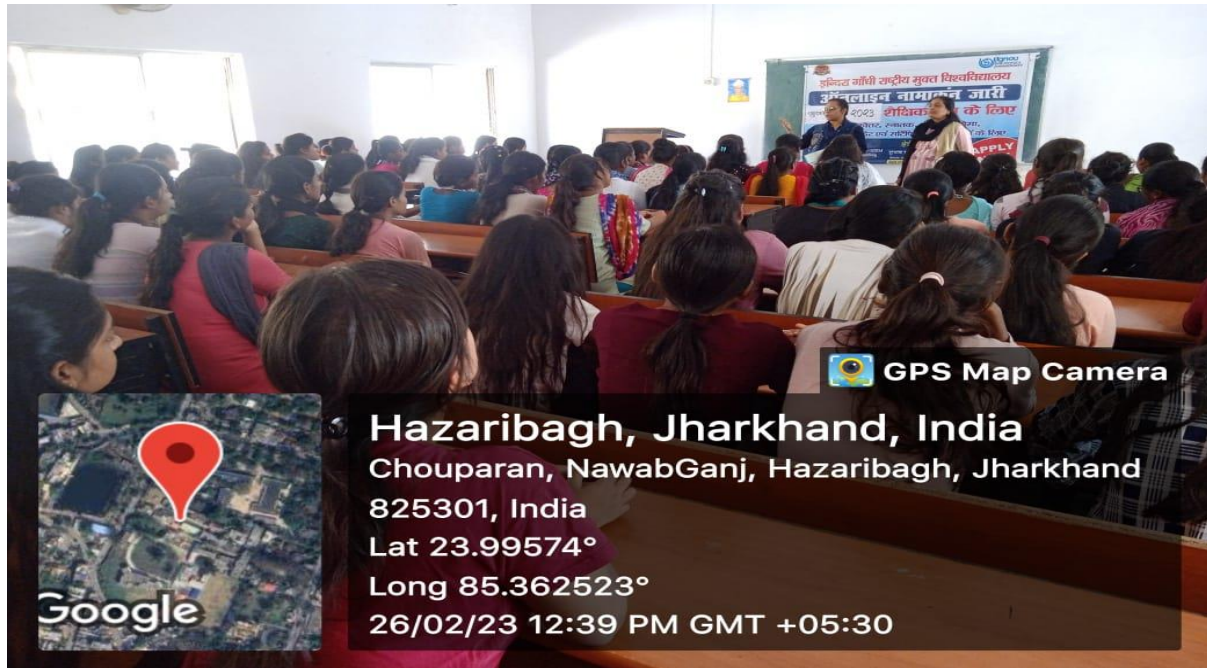
Participants of the webinar including Faculty of SOGDS and RCs

5. Ranchi

Efforts towards inclusive Education

IGNOU RC takes initiatives in disseminating information about the educational opportunities available in ODL and Online modes in general and opportunities available in IGNOU in particular among the

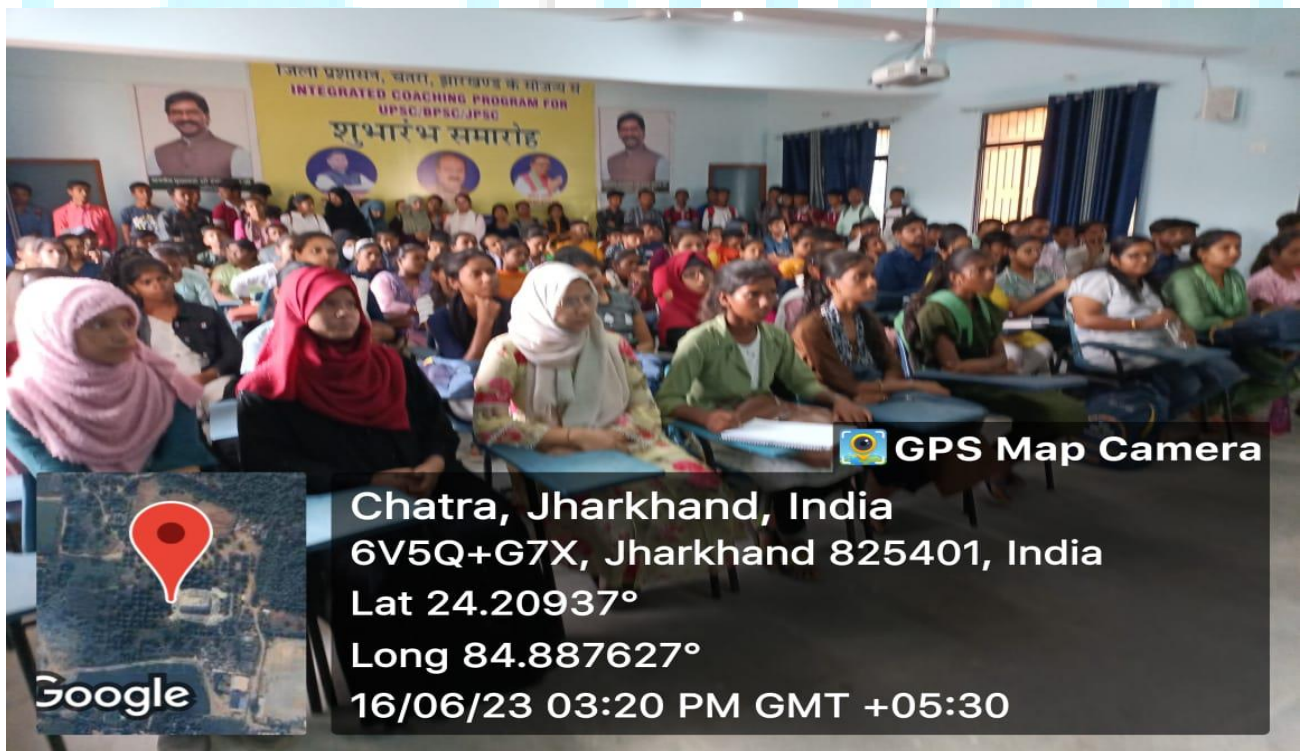
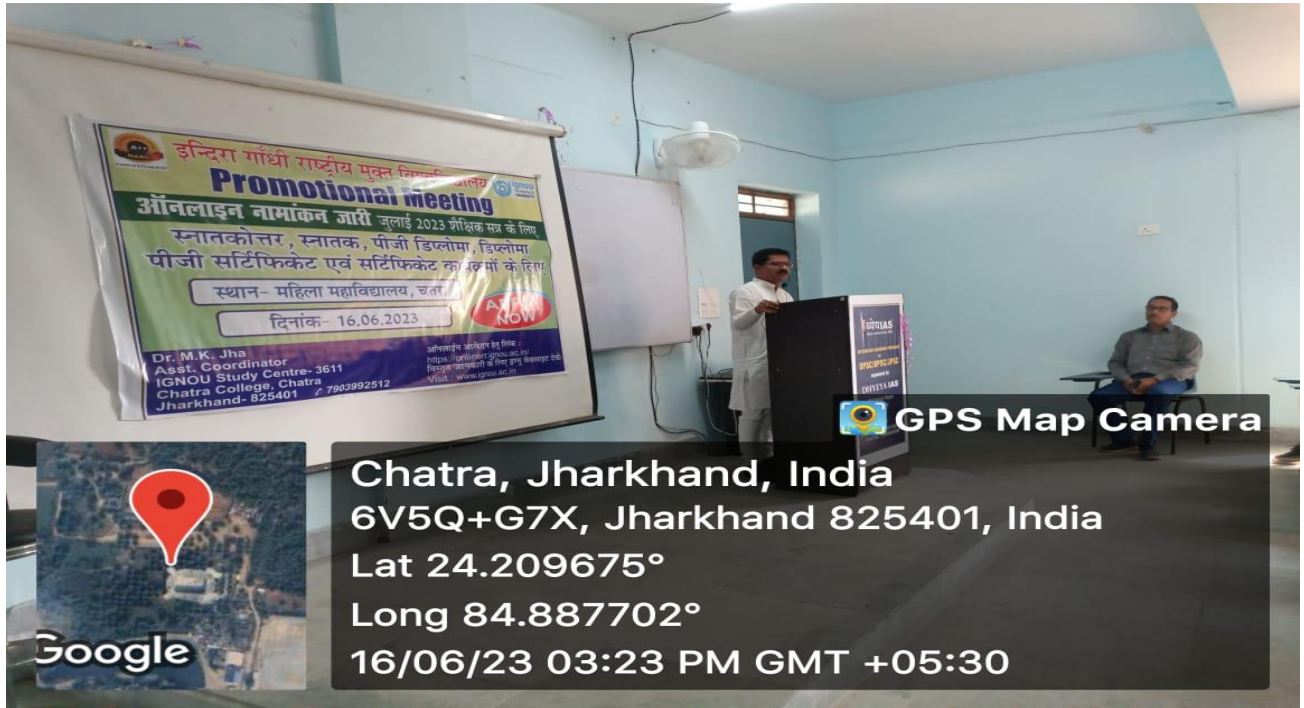
disadvantaged sections of the population by holding awareness meetings through different learner support centres in different locations of the Region for the SC, ST, women, jail inmates etc. Awareness Meetings also conducted for the paramilitary forces to include them in higher education fold. A few Photographs of such events are shared below.



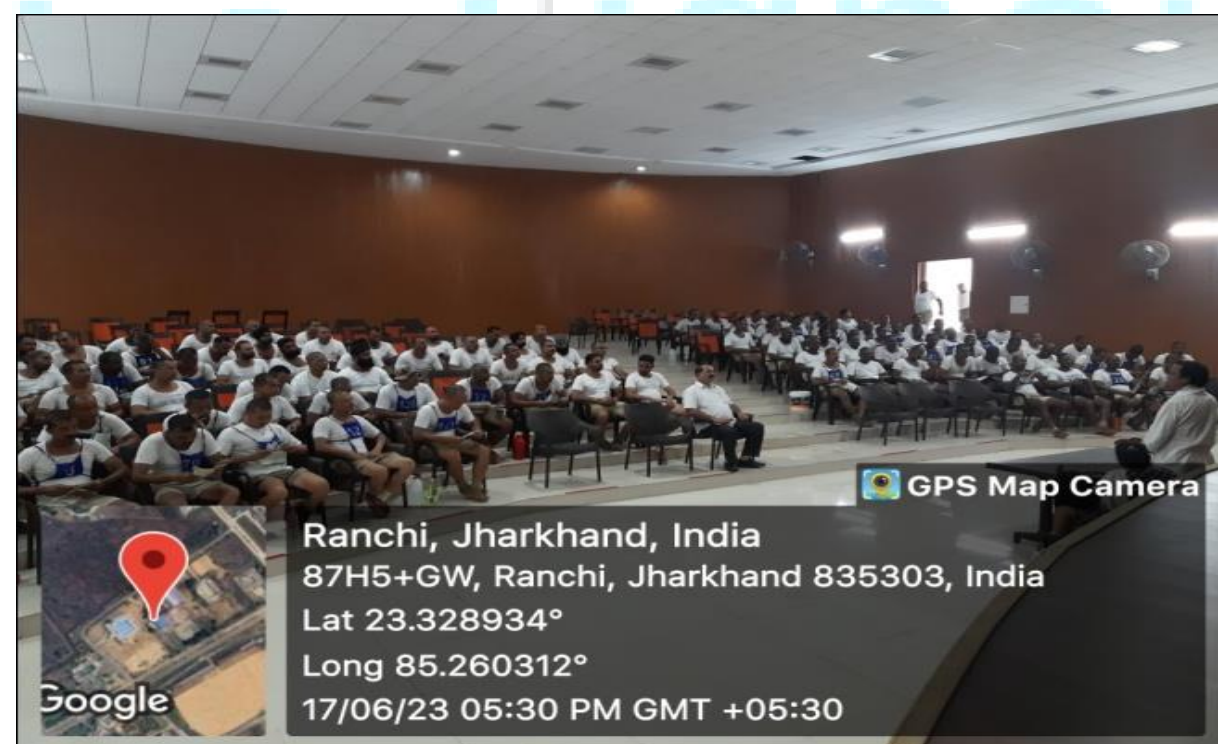
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Promotional Meeting conducted for the girl students at Chatra by IGNOU LSC 3611 [Chatra College, Chatra on 16.6.2023



Conducted a promotional meeting for the CISF personnel at Ranchi on 17.6.2023



Promotional Meeting Fagu Mahato Inter College, Dhanbad. (10.01.2023) for the girl students



Promotional Meeting Kasturba gandhi Inter Dhanbad Chaibasa. (17.01.2023). It was conducted by IGNOU LSC 0525 [Mahila College, Chaibasa]



Promotional Meeting CISF, Ranchi (13.01.2023)



Promotional Meeting on 16.07.22 at 11.00am at SSLNT Mahila College, Dhanbad



Promotional Meeting on 26.07.22 at 10.30am at **St Joseph Community Centre, Gumla**



Promotional Meeting at St Joseph College, Torpa-Khunti on 17.02.2023@11.00am



6. Shimla

In collaboration with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)/IGNOU Learner Support Centre (Programme) 1123P, IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla organized awareness/motivational lecture for the trainees/students of Computer Science Programmes & Short-term professional programmes of NIELIT at Shimla on 15/09/2022. The trainees were made aware about IGNOU programmes and also motivated to pursue higher education through IGNOU programmes. Around 40 trainees had shown interest in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes. Staff members of the institution got benefitted of the programme and shown interest in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes.



IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla organized awareness/motivational lecture for the trainees of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) Shimla on 03/11/2022. The trainees were apprised about open & distance learning system in general and IGNOU programmes in particular. Trainees have attended the programme with interest and full enthusiasm. Around 15-18 trainees had shown interest in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes and twelve no. of trainees took admission eventually. Staff members of the institution got benefitted of the programme and shown interest in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes.



IGNOU Regional Centre, Shimla organized awareness programme at Modern Central Jail, Kanda (Shimla)/IGNOU Learner Support Centre (Jail) 1183D for the Jail inmates on 11/11/2022. More than 50 inmates including 4 IGNOU learners attended the programme. The inmates were made aware about Open & Distance Learning (ODL) system and network /programmes of IGNOU including various support services being provided to the learners. Most of the inmates shown their interest to pursue higher education through IGNOU programmes. Various queries/doubts of the inmates were addressed during the programme. Jail authorities were requested to initiate the process of admission of inmates and inform the IGNOU Regional Centre for taking further necessary action in this regard.



IGNOU Regional Centre Shimla organized an Awareness-cum-Pre-Admission programme for the trainees/students of National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)/IGNOU Learner Support Centre (Programme) 1123P, Shimla on 27/06/2023. The trainees were made aware about IGNOU programmes and also motivated to pursue higher education through IGNOU programmes simultaneously. Most of the trainees shown their interest in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes. Staff members were also interested in pursuing higher education through IGNOU Programmes.

