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Respected Shri Venkaiah Naidu Ji, Hon'ble Vice President of India, Chief Guest of the Convocation, Your Excellencies, Guests of Honour at our Regional Centres, Members of the Board of Management, the Academic Council and the Planning Board, Directors of Schools, Heads of Divisions/Centres/Cells, recipients of the degrees, diplomas and certificates of the University at this Convocation, members of the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to this 32nd Convocation of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). We owe a deep sense of gratitude to Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu Ji for gracing this occasion as the Chief Guest and delivering the Convocation address. I also take this opportunity to welcome and thank the Guests of Honour at each of our Regional Centres. Convocation is a joyous occasion in the life of a University and its students. On this 32nd Convocation, we take pride in the achievements of our lakhs of learners who have successfully earned their degrees, diplomas and certificates.

With 56 Regional Centres, 11 Recognised Regional Centres for Indian Army, Navy and Assam Rifles and around 3500 Learner Support Centres that add stability and diversity to it, the University brings forth a diversity of fruitful academic offerings for a cumulative strength of over 3 million learners. Today, M.Phil and Ph.D degrees will be conferred on research students who have successfully completed their programmes. The relevant statistical information has been provided in Tables and Figures at the end of the Report. It is to our credit that we offer an impressive array of programmes and courses spanning awareness and Appreciation programmes to research degrees; informal to formal; vocational to professional; and hands-on, skill-based to knowledge-based programmes and courses. The University admitted more than 11,47,056 lakh students in July 2018 and January 2019 admission cycles. IGNOU has produced self-instructional learning materials of high quality in English and Hindi medium at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The University is aware of its responsibility to play the role of a National Resource Centre for Education and Research. In fact, it has developed and offered the largest repository of online self-learning course materials through e-GyanKosh platform.

Our learners encompass an amazingly diverse group from tribal women and men in remote areas to corporate workers and professionals. We envisage addition of over 300 Massive Open Online Courses or MOOCs to MHRD's SWAYAM platform. The inherent flexibility of open and distance learning systems imbues the University with quick response potential to address the rapidly changing needs of our burgeoning population. Our youth resonate with the dreams and aspirations for a bright future. On the other hand, our older learners already engaged for several years in the workforce, need re-skilling to meet emerging demands and requirements.

The contemporary world is marked by an unprecedented knowledge revolution and dissemination of Information and Communication technologies (ICTs). IGNOU has geared up to harness the benefits of this knowledge revolution and technological dissemination for the learners, to widen their horizons, space and pace of learning.

Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

In tune with the fundamental ideals of the University to reach the unreached and provide flexibility, innovation, inclusiveness, regular upgradation of knowledge and quality assurance, IGNOU is now in the process of introducing several new academic and technological initiatives. Towards these endeavours the faculty members of the university are working dedicatedly to redesign the Bachelor Degree Programme, the flagship programme of the university, as per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) mode. It will provide IGNOU students the scope of mobility both within and outside the university. Furthermore, students will be able to earn and integrate credits for this programme from other recognized national e-resources like SWAYAM, SWAYAM PRABHA and e-Pathshala. I am happy to inform you that all the Schools of studies are taking utmost care in ensuring the high standard of course materials for this new programme by involving nationally and internationally reputed experts in course design and development and by using the latest body of knowledge and information in these course curricula.

Indigenous Knowledge

IGNOU is in the process of offering a Certificate programme in Yoga to

get our educational system rooted in our traditional knowledge base. It will fulfill the long pending aspiration of a large section of learners to be practitioners of Yoga both in their personal and professional lives.

IGNOU has signed an MOU with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, to design and develop a Certificate programme for trained health professionals including registered nurses and Ayurveda graduates in order to appoint them as community health officers/ mid-level health providers at health and wellness centres all over the country. Since January 2018 this programme has been on offer and is regularly monitored by the Ministry and PMO and is also linked to Ayushman Bharat programme of Government of India.

Skill Development and Vocational Training

An MOU has been signed between IGNOU and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to develop and launch a series of skill-based health related programmes to create 14 lakh trained health workers for improving health care delivery across the country. For this purpose, a skill training cell has been created in IGNOU to develop, implement and certify the skill-based health programmes across the nation. These programmes are being implemented through a nation-wide support services frame-work. A supervision and monitoring network at state and district levels is being created in collaboration with MOHFW, IGNOU and other institutions as identified by MoHFW.

IGNOU in collaboration with Ministry of Power, implemented the competency-based skill development training for electrical technicians/equivalent level workforce in the country. A six month 16 credits, need-based and tailor-made innovative skill development programme—'Certificate of Competency in Power Distribution (CCPD) for technicians' has been developed by SOET. More than 1400 learners have been registered and trained under this programme. Many potential organisations / industries such as National Power Training Institute (Durgapur, Nagpur, Kolkata); BSES Delhi; Reliance Energy, Mumbai; Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Bhubaneswar have been involved in sponsoring and providing on the job training to the learners.

Inclusivity

In view of its commitment to the ideal of inclusiveness, IGNOU has undertaken a host of initiatives for the marginalised sections, backward and remote areas and for other with areas special needs.

Fee Exemption: IGNOU has been providing the opportunity of fee exemption to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in all academic programmes.

Programme for Jails Inmates: In order to enhance the outreach of education among jail inmates, IGNOU is providing free education in various programmes at 163 Study Centres in Jails under 45 Regional Centres of IGNOU spread across the country.

Awareness Programmes for Weavers of Rural Youths: Through its initiatives for inclusion and empowerment, IGNOU has extended its outreach to several other marginalized segments such as the weaver community, rural youth and others. Awareness camps and enrolment drives for the weaver community have been undertaken and the RCs have actively participated in the Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs organized by the Ministry of Textiles in different villages. RC Madurai has undertaken on the spot academic counselling sessions for 35 learners in the Handloom Weavers Society, Thanneerpalli Village, Karur District, using the MeLT Van.

Access to higher education has been enhanced by reaching out to the rural youth through NSS campaigns in some RCs. RC Lucknow organized 7 Days Special NSS Camp in an adopted village – Bindova, Mohanlalganj, Lucknow in March, 2018.

Promoting Educational Wellbeing of Transgender Community: IGNOU has undertaken a unique initiative by addressing the educational needs of the transgender community, thereby bringing them in to the mainstream. Several RCs, such as RC Raipur, Delhi-1, Bijapur, Bhopal, Cochin, Trivandrum and others have organized awareness campaigns for the transgenders.

Special Study Centers for Disadvantaged People: The Regional Services Division (RSD) has been making focused efforts to extend the outreach of

the University to places and people hitherto unreached and to bring about qualitative improvement in Students Support Services. During the last one year, 424 Learner Support Centres (LSC) have been established, out of which 29 are Special LSCs catering to the educational needs of the disadvantaged population.

Skill Development Programme in Backward and Remote Areas:

IGNOU has made sustained efforts for reaching out to the marginalized segments through its target area approach by taking special initiatives in the underdeveloped, difficult, remote and minority dominated states such as, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Rajasthan. In this direction IGNOU RC Jaipur took a new initiative with Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of Rajasthan, for enrolment of students in Certificate programmes of IGNOU as part of Skill Development Initiative of Govt. of Rajasthan and Government of India (GOI). The scheme envisaged skill development of the UG and PG degree students of Government Colleges of Rajasthan with short term programmes of IGNOU through RCs Jaipur and Jodhpur. IGNOU opened 55 LSCs and enrolled 18,944 learners in the 26 programmes under this project.

Training Untrained Teachers in J&K: IGNOU undertook the initiative of training of untrained teachers in Jammu & Kashmir. IGNOU and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Govt. of J&K entered into an MoC for training of around 19,909 untrained teachers of J&K State by offering them B.Ed. programme under the Regional Centre Jammu. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has entrusted the University with the task of training all the untrained teachers of the entire State by enrolling them in the IGNOU B.Ed. programme as per the laid down procedures and eligibility criteria, for which 119 LSCs have been opened under RCs Jammu and Srinagar.

Special Initiatives for North East Region: IGNOU has made sustained efforts to cater to the needs of the North East Region (NER) of the country and has made significant contribution towards the educational development of this region through its network of nine Regional Centres and 525 LSCs across 8 states in the NER. IGNOU's Regional Centres in the NER cater to the needs of nearly 70,113 students in all the 9 RCs. The North East Council for IGNOU Regional Centres (NECIRC) has been established to enhance access and outreach and further strengthen university operations in the NER. NECIRC

has been mandated to evolve strategies for the educational development of the North-East Region. Two meetings of NECIRC have been convened in RC Shillong and RC Guwahati and some strategies were suggested for the overall development of the North East Region. A National Conference at RC Jorhat and an International Conference in collaboration with IIT Guwahati, have been held. Five day training programme in Skill development for unemployed women and youth was organized by RC Aizawl in August 2018 which trained 50 participants in the area of food/fruit processing.

Placement Drives

IGNOU is regularly organizing placement drives/**rojgar melas** across the country in collaboration with the Campus Placement Cell at the headquarters. Placement drives are also held at the Regional Centres and at some Study Centres or places convenient to sponsoring companies, under the overall supervision of Campus Placement Drive, initiated by the University. A large number of students have been benefitted from these drives in getting employment offers in various sectors.

Swachh Bharat and Unnat Bharat

IGNOU has undertaken a number of activities under the **Swachha Bharat Abhiyan** since 2014. These include activities like Swachhta Pledge, awareness programmes, workshops/lectures on swachhta, swachhta rallies, cleaning of office premises, poster competition, slogan writing competition, sanitation drives, and plantation drives organized across the country through the coordination of the well-knit network of Headquarters, Regional and Study Centres of IGNOU.

University students have also participated proactively in the Swachh Bharat Summer Internship in 2018 jointly launched by the MHRD in association with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

I am happy to inform you that IGNOU has been awarded fifth rank in Swachh Campus Ranking 2018 of Higher Educational Institutions under University (Non-Residential) category by the MHRD, Government of India.

In pursuance of the directives of MHRD and to attain the objective of **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan** (UBA) IGNOU has joined this mission and adopted 92 villages through its 56 Regional Centers across India. In these adopted villages IGNOU organizes, with the help of Regional Centres, Study Centres, learners, volunteers, NGOs, civil and district administrations, various programmes for enhancement of livelihood options of villagers, awareness campaigns about health-related issues, free health checkup, cleanliness drive and programmes on digital literacy, agricultural development and entrepreneurship, and on related concerns of the villagers.

International Presence

IGNOU has made its presence felt on the international scenario. With increasing demand for its academic programmes abroad, the number of IGNOU's recognized Study Centres in foreign countries increased from 11 to 26 in the last few months. We hope that more and more international students would get the opportunity to pursue higher education from IGNOU in the years to come.

The Ninth Coordinators meet of Overseas Study Centres of IGNOU was held from January 15-17, 2018 to apprise overseas coordinators about the new academic programmes and to facilitate sharing of best practices in ODL operations on an interactive platform. 16 Coordinators from 12 countries participated in the meeting. Interactions were also held with ambassadors, dignitaries and officials from various Embassies, and officials of UGC.

Online Programmes

The university is now acquiring an online orientation. A Centre for Online Education has been established. This centre has identified 85 online programmes including 46 UG/PG Certificate, 22 Diploma/PG Diploma, 2 UG, 6 PG and 4 Awareness/Refresher/Appreciation programmes to be launched online. Five SWAYAM courses are to be launched shortly. An Integrated Learner Management System is being put in place. Measures for capacity building of faculty, conversion of regular to Online mode and identification of e-Counsellors and evaluators are being initiated accordingly.



The university has already put an effective system in place for the online registration of students and for the online delivery of programmes. Students are given the choice to opt for online receipt of course materials. I am happy to inform you that around 15% of the student community of IGNOU has exercised this option. Students are also given 15% fee exemption for exercising such option.

The functioning of the Student Service Centre (SSC), that provides required information, guidance and counselling to redress grievances of the learners has been made ICT enabled. The SSC answers queries and redresses grievances that are received either in person or via fax, regular post, e-mails/SMS, WhatsApp, telephone calls and online portals. Recently the student grievances have been linked to iGRAM portal of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, to redress their grievances more transparently and efficiently. Students are advised to submit their query/grievance on iGRAM at <http://igram.ignou.ac.in/> for quick response and redressal. The SSC, through iGRAM, forwards queries and grievances to Sub-nodal officers, categorizes the grievances, follows up with the division/unit/cell/regional centre concerned and monitors information and notification alerts on iGRAM on regular basis.

Regional Services Division (RSD) has recently launched an online portal for empanelment of academic counsellors. A teacher who is found eligible can apply on the portal and submit his/her details. The process of approval is through Director of the School and its faculty members. Empanelment letters are issued online. This process has ensured transparency and better time management in empanelment of Academic Counsellors in all the academic programmes of IGNOU.

The RSD has taken steps for orientation of Academic counsellors through teleconferencing. Following this method orientation programmes for a large number of academic counsellors involved in B.Ed. project in Jammu and skill development project in Rajasthan have been successfully completed.

Strengthening of Digital Platform and Services through ICTs

The University is now strengthening its Digital Platform and Services for business processing through Information & Communication Technologies

(ICTs). Some of the significant Online Services hosted are - University entrance tests, admissions (Fresh & Re-registration), Pre & Post examinations, Student e-Profile, Mobile App for Student Support, University recruitment and ODLSOFT (an ERP System for HR & Finance). Web-Interface has been created to enable access to students, data in real-time by the stakeholders of the University (SRD, SED, MPDD, RSD, RCs, Schools and Others). All Digital services to students and employees are being provided through dedicated internet connectivity.

The University is putting in continuous effort to strengthen the existing Students' Database, which is created in ORACLE and is tightly integrated with all learner application support services. It facilitates the stakeholders of the University to access information on demand, through predefined web-interface with proper authentication.

Academic Contributions

IGNOU jointly with UGC, AICTE, ICSSR, IGNC, JNU and SGT University organized a National Conference on 'Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgence', at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and was attended by Vice-Chancellors and Directors from more than 350 universities in the country. The conference deliberated on the challenges facing the Indian education system and has worked out a plan to bring about a paradigm shift for achieving academic excellence in the country. In this conference Shri Narendra Modi advocated that 'Our Universities and Colleges should be leveraged to find solutions to the challenges facing us'; and we should "interlink institutions to innovate and incubate". IGNOU is marching ahead in this direction.

Assessment and Accreditation of the Open Distance Learning (ODL) institutions has been made mandatory by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). IGNOU has played a pivotal role in shaping the document for assessment and accreditation by NAAC in view of its long-standing experience and contribution in the ODL system. A team from IGNOU has worked dedicatedly along with NAAC officials to fine-tune the draft Manuals for ODL institutions in accordance with the existing NAAC Manuals which



have been thereafter uploaded by NAAC on its website for seeking feedback from stakeholders.

The Centre for Freedom Struggle and Diaspora Studies of IGNOU has compiled rare archival and newspaper records related to Indian National Army and Netaji Subash Chandra Bose and participated in the exhibition on October 21, 2018 for the celebration of the 75th year of Azad Hind Sarkar at India Gate, New Delhi. Professor Kapil Kumar, faculty of History was also nominated by Ministry of Culture, Government of India as the Chief Historian to establish four museums in Delhi, i.e., India's First Struggle of Independence 1857, INA and Subhas Chandra Bose, Azadi Ki Diwane and Jallianwala Bagh at Red Fort, and one museum in Kolkata, i.e., Icons of Nationalism at National Library, Kolkata.

Audio/Video Programmes

Electronic and Media Production Centre (EMPC) has produced 168 video programmes and 382 audio programmes during the period under report which also include Integrated Learning Packages for certificate programmes in various foreign languages.

Gyan Darshan (GD) a 24 hour channel since July 2018, has started 2 hours of live transmission every day in interactive teleconferencing mode in which teachers/ resource persons teach and interact with students. Induction programmes for new students and convocations for graduating students are conducted live through teleconferencing every year. 328 live teleconferencing sessions were conducted during the year 2018.

Some of the major achievements of GD during the year 2018 was the live telecast of Prime Minister's address in the Conference on 'Academic Leadership on Education for Resurgences' from Vigyan Bhavan. Due to the continuous follow up by EMPC, the Gyan Darshan is today available in TATA SKY, AIRTEL, SUN DIRECT and DEN, In DIGITAL, HATHWAY networks. EMPC is also making efforts to get GD channel carried by the remaining private DTH/Cable Operators. Gyan Darshan TV Channel is also webcast through IGNOU website, which benefits viewers outside India.

Gyan Vani FM Radio

Gyan Vani (GV) FM Radio was conceived in 2001 as a network of educational FM Radio Channels operating from various cities in the country. With an aim to enhance and supplement the teaching-learning process, each GV station has a range of about 60 kms and covers an entire city/town including the adjoining rural areas. During 2018 Gyan Vani stations have been reactivated in Aurangabad, Jaipur, Pune, Madurai, Cochin, Chandigarh, Raipur and Jalandhar which brings the total number of GV Stations to 12.

Interactive Radio Counselling (IRC) facility is provided by GV Stations to enable students to interact with the faculty, academic counsellors and student support staff. The live phone-in programmes are popular components of the network. The programs broadcast through each station include both pre-recorded and live content. The live programs are mainly interactive radio counselling sessions conducted by the various Schools of the University and the Regional Centers.

These IRC services are also made available on IGNOU website with text interactivity on Gyandhara in CHAT mode. The Gyandhara streaming is available for internet users anywhere in the world. Important events broadcast by GV Delhi are relayed by all GV stations using the Gyandhara & DTH feeds. 655 IRC sessions were conducted for various courses of IGNOU by Gyan Vani, Delhi in the year 2018.

Campus Aesthetics

The Horticulture Cell develops and maintains landscaping and greenery of the IGNOU campus spread over an area of 150 acres of sprawling, undulating and difficult rocky terrain. The Cell has developed different types of saplings using different propagation techniques, maintained lawns and gardens, planted about 1200 ornamental plants and developed herbaceous (seasonal flowering) and shrubbery borders at various sites of the campus. The Cell has grown chemical free seasonal vegetables as an intercrop under the trees. Green activities such as recycling of agro-waste into compost using vermi-composting and NADEP units and installation of solar water pumping system have been successfully undertaken. A medicinal garden with over 75 species of medicinal

plants is also being maintained. The Cell has created 2000 temporary trenches in the campus for harvesting of rain water. The Cell is maintaining and enriching the natural forest by dispersing seeds and planting saplings all over the Campus and residential areas.

Innovation in Distance Education

On the recommendations of the Ministry of Human Resource Development Innovation Cell (MIC), the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) was constituted at NCIDE on October 15, 2018. The Innovation Club @ IGNOU has been established for generating awareness about creativity, innovations and Intellectual Property Rights, among the faculty members, staff and IGNOU students both at the IGNOU headquarters and the Regional Centres spread across India.

New Initiatives

IGNOU is encouraging students to be innovators. Accordingly IGNOU has organized 21 days residential programme for the students under the Vigyan Jyoti Project. IGNOU has launched the Student Innovation Award in 2018. IGNOU has also tied up with Government agencies for capacity building of librarians and initiated programmes to generate awareness among voters.

IGNOU has launched several new programmes in the last one year. Some of these are :

- M.A. in Master of Arts (Development Studies)
- Diploma in Event Management
- Certificate Programme in Korean Language and Culture
- Certificate in Spanish Language & Culture
- New Skill Based Health Programmes in Association with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & School of Health Sciences (SOHS)
- Certificate in General Duty Assistance (CGDA)
- Certificate in Geriatric Care Assistance (CGCA)

- Certificate in Phlebotomy Assistance (CPHA)
- Certificate in Home Health Assistance (CHHA)
- Certificate in Life and Thought of B.R. Ambedkar

Academic Events

The 23rd Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture was organized on 2 July 2018. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India delivered the lecture on "Vision of Education for New India". An exhibition was also organized at IGNOU Campus on the life and work of Professor Ram Reddy, the first Vice Chancellor of IGNOU on this occasion.

The University celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day on November 19, 2018. Prof. Ram G. Takwale, the former Vice Chancellor of IGNOU delivered a talk on "Nayee Taleem @ Digital India" on that day.

The University celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2018 in a benefitting manner. A series of lectures on themes like 'Yoga for curing diseases', 'Pranayam and Meditation on healthy living', 'Karam Yoga' and 'Importance of Yoga and Meditation in Daily life' was organised. Several Yoga Demonstrations for specific target groups, were also conducted.

School of Social Sciences organized a National Seminar on Development and Social Justice, on 15-16 February. It also organized a talk on "Identity, Society and Transformative Social Categories : Dynamics of Construction, Configuration and Contestation" on 30th January, 2018. The Second Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on Social Change and Development was held on April 12, 2018, and a talk on "Emotional Intelligence" on 16th April, 2018. A lecture on the topic, Negating Unwanted Knowledge was organized by Discipline of Library and Information Science on 21st August, 2018.

Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies, School of Social Sciences in collaboration with an umbrella organisation of think tanks, Prajna Pravah, New Delhi organised a Two-Day National Conference on "Nationalistic Discourse on Inclusion in India" on 04-05 August, 2018.

The birth anniversary of the Hindi writer Premchand was organized by the School of Humanities, on 31st July, 2018. Hon'ble Dr. (Smt.) Mridula Sinha, Governor of Goa, the Chief Guest of the programme spoke on "Aaj ke Paripekshya Mein Stri Vimarsh".

The School of Health Sciences organized a Free Ayurveda Health Camp in collaboration with Santhigiri Ayurveda and Siddha Hospital, Pushp Vihar, Delhi on April 17th 2018.

The School of Agriculture organized 4 training programmes of 1 day duration each under Food Safety Training and Certification (FOSTAC) training initiatives of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The School has signed an MoU with Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) on 17th January 2018 to initiate new educational/training programmes in the area of agriculture allied sectors.

The School of Gender and Development Studies celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March, 2018 and organized a debate by SOGDS Research Scholars on different perspectives on the "Me-Too Campaign" that has been dominating the news across the world. The School organized a workshop for five days duration from 12th to 16th March, 2018 with Dr. Linda Lane from University of Gothenburg as expert. Research Scholars of SOGDS and other Schools of IGNOU participated in this workshop.

The School of Journalism and New Media Studies conducted a national level research workshop on "Exploring the Interplay between Media & Information Literacy and Sustainable Development Goals" during 4-12 September 2018.

Reassuring IGNOU's Commitment

Over the decades, IGNOU has emerged as the leader of the ODL system in India by providing higher educational opportunities of exceptional quality to a large segment of the population in general, and in particular to the hitherto neglected sections of learners living in rural and remote areas of the country, women, learners belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, slum dwellers, transgenders, jail inmates, physically challenged and other such disadvantaged categories. Besides being socially sensitive, IGNOU

has remained academically innovative and quality conscious. At the present juncture, IGNOU stands at the doorstep of massive technological transformation and faster dissemination of knowledge and quality service for learners. As the largest education provider in the country, IGNOU, being socially grounded, technologically relevant and philosophically open and flexible strives to espouse the cause of the learners. In view of its acquired potential, strengths and experience, IGNOU stands to provide a variety of educational opportunities and options to empower the young aspirational learners to build a new India.

The brief overview of activities accomplished by the University in the recent past and the glimpses of activities to be achieved in the near future given in the Profile 2018-19 reflect the University's commitment to the cause of nation building. As India is poised to leapfrog towards the knowledge economy, education and skill development have further acquired centre stage. Life-long learning has become the buzz word in the knowledge driven world; and IGNOU has emerged to be a haven of hope in providing opportunities for such learning for all segments of learners. On this occasion of the 32nd Convocation, let me congratulate all the candidates receiving degrees and diplomas today. Your achievement is remarkable as you have been able to break the barriers of all difficulties and limitations in achieving your success. These are indeed testimonies of your hard work, inner strength, commitment, dedication, reflexivity and perseverance. I also extend my best wishes to all those receiving distinctions and medals.

On behalf of the University, let me express our gratitude once again to our Chief Guest Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji, the Hon'ble Vice President of India for accepting our invitation to grace this occasion. I also thank the Guests at our Regional Centres. I am also thankful to members of the Authorities of the University, Heads of Divisions, Centres and Other Units and the teaching and administrative staff of the University.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao
Vice-Chancellor



TABLES & FIGURES



Table 1 : Academic Programme Level wise Students Eligible for Award of Degrees/ Diplomas/Certificates in the 32nd Convocation

Level of Academic programme	Numbers of Awardees
Ph.D.	45
M.Phil.	03
Master	83,147
Bachelor	70,022
Diploma	36,432
Certificate	10,563
Total	2,00,212

**Table 2 : Regional Centre-wise Students Eligible for Award of Degrees/
 Diplomas/Certificates in the 32nd Convocation**
Location of Regional Centre

Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	Ph.D./M.Phil	Total
Hyderabad (01)	389	727	173	371	-	1660
Port Blair (02)	326	542	24	81	-	973
Itanagar (03)	1436	503	35	649	-	2623
Guwahati (04)	828	600	69	484	-	1981
Patna (05)	5028	3669	131	793	-	9621
Chandigarh (06)	550	851	290	330	-	2021
Delhi-1 (07)	6152	8883	592	3452	45/3	19098
Panaji (08)	642	583	30	248	-	1503
Ahmedabad (09)	779	522	250	845	-	2396
Karnal (10)	1151	1471	196	505	-	3323
Shimla (11)	883	3227	61	485	-	4656
Jammu (12)	4825	3853	153	384	-	9215
Bangalore (13)	1034	868	384	1017	-	3303
Cochin (14)	1435	1287	127	983	-	3832
Bhopal (15)	368	598	301	554	-	1821
Pune (16)	699	491	142	358	-	1690
Imphal (17)	1066	445	106	183	-	1800
Shillong (18)	566	406	19	167	-	1158
Aizwal (19)	289	465	4	98	-	856
Kohima (20)	506	178	14	108	-	806
Bhubaneswar (21)	2508	2980	229	862	-	6579

Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	Ph.D./M.Phil	Total
Khanna (22)	739	954	245	430	-	2368
Jaipur (23)	411	633	372	502	-	1918
Gangtok (24)	421	655	6	129	-	1211
Chennai (25)	277	550	612	379	-	1818
Agartala (26)	793	219	34	213	-	1259
Lucknow (27)	1433	860	725	1022	-	4040
Kolkata (28)	2670	3775	208	1460	-	8113
Delhi-2 (29)	11059	5402	417	4869	-	21747
Srinagar (30)	8979	725	202	1279	-	11185
Dehradun (31)	496	550	185	417	-	1648
Ranchi (32)	4715	2221	949	3023	-	10908
Vijayawada (33)	163	927	133	195	-	1418
International* (34)	236	486	7	291	-	1020
Raipur (35)	278	207	246	452	-	1183
Nagpur (36)	397	434	122	259	-	1212
Jorhat (37)	638	390	46	156	-	1230
Delhi-3 (38)	5321	2717	370	2816	-	11224
Noida (39)	1194	1160	189	935	-	3478
Trivandrum (40)	684	564	317	583	-	2148
Jabalpur (41)	223	223	180	270	-	896
Rajkot (42)	398	367	46	361	-	1172
Madurai (43)	121	248	280	132	-	781
Koraput (44)	693	875	14	116	-	1698

Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	Ph.D./M.Phil	Total
Siliguri (45)	1295	1687	14	321	-	3317
Darbhanga (46)	1578	1665	61	202	-	3506
Aligarh (47)	376	440	131	355	-	1302
Varanasi (48)	1225	831	285	558	-	2899
Mumbai (49)	664	978	156	454	-	2252
Raghunathganj (50)	286	362	2	14	-	664
Bhagalpur (82)	910	921	11	99	-	1941
Vatakara (83)	490	275	37	339	-	1141
Visakhapatnam (84)	181	382	84	126	-	773
Bijapur (85)	109	201	308	229	-	847
Saharsa (86)	1052	1264	6	72	-	2394
Deoghar (87)	942	2225	55	268	-	3490
Jodhpur (88)	240	499	178	149	-	1066
Total	83147	70022	10563	36432	45/3	200212

*International is not Regional Centre of IGNOU, it reflects overseas awardees.

Table 3 : List of Students being Awarded Gold Medals in the 32nd Convocation

Sl. No.	Programme Code	Enrviolment No.	Name of Gold Medalist	Location of Regional Centre
1	MAEDU	167722110	Alvia Sarwat	Patna
2	MAGPS	166551379	G Geethika	Trivandrum
3	MAH	165460520	Sanjay Dutt	Shimla
4	MAPC	169790237	Naresh Kumar	Shimla
5	MAPY	163053510	Sajith Kumar K T	Cochin
6	MARD	168787433	Neha Sharma	Delhi-2
7	MBA	169102208	Neha Rauniyar	International*
8	MCA	151481613	Shikha Gupta	Delhi-2
9	MCOM	160703032	Ritesh Gupta	Delhi-3
10	MEC	166471074	Aayushi Mongia	Delhi-3
11	MEG	166063850	Kajal Jha	Delhi-2
12	MHA	167932176	Koneru Sharada Devi	Delhi-1
13	MHD	166648881	Suganthi M	Madurai
14	MLS	172803670	Renu Kumari	Noida
15	MPA	160681277	Sandhya Kumari	Delhi-3
16	MPS	166557617	Subin Raju	Trivandrum
17	MSO	161945477	Dhanuja M Kurup	Trivandrum
18	MSW	165336641	Shubham Verma	Delhi-1
19	MSWC	160392829	Anju Anna John	Cochin
20	MTM	163073710	Kirti Sood	Khanna
21	MTTM	166935043	Soorya M	Vatakara
22	BA	152060230	Devika Rani S	Trivandrum

Sl. No.	Programme Code	Enrol. No.	Name of Gold Medalist	Location of Regional Centre
23	BCA	159601672	Sana Eram	Ranchi
24	BCOM	152065340	Neethu Nowfal	Trivandrum
25	BED	160548872	Priyanka Grover	Delhi-1
26	BED	160549201	Shikha	Delhi-3
27	BHM	159025195	Kajal T Raisinghani	Delhi-1
28	BLIS	170625891	Falak Zia	Bangalore
29	BSC	157079682	Ayushi Arora	Delhi-2
30	BSCN	154005895	Kiran Kumari	Bangalore
31	BSW	159918751	Deepak Kumar Pandu	Delhi-2
32	BTS	157792593	Chandranath Banerjee	Delhi-3
33	DCCN	170561140	Karthikeyan R	Noida
34	DCE	172088824	Lata Mallikarjuna	Hyderabad
35	DDT	178542199	Bagireddygar Malathi	Hyderabad
36	DECE	173586766	Tripti Prasad	Ranchi
37	DECE	173586798	Shilpa Mittal	Ranchi
38	DELED	160902998	Khushaboo Kumari	Itanagar
39	DIM	171100413	Akanksha Mishra	Lucknow
40	DNA	173086292	Minu Kumari	Ranchi
41	DNHE	170068264	Shilpa Ashish Bhoskar	Pune
42	DTG	172792087	Parridhi Sanjay Bansal	Noida
43	DTS	176336809	Abhishek Tiwari	Dehradun
44	DWED	176576756	Akansha Gupta	Noida
45	PGDAC	173782562	Rituparna Sahoo	Kolkata

Sl. No.	Programme Code	Enrol. No.	Name of Gold Medalist	Location of Regional Centre
46	PGDAPP	175362106	Manjeet Marwaha	Delhi-1
47	PGDAST	175791202	Tina Dhariwal	Jaipur
48	PGDBP	175320639	Dhananjay Kumar	Delhi-1
49	PGDCA	177107950	Thasni Shahul	Cochin
50	PGDDE	175725647	Ajbani Latika Ajitkumar	Pune
51	PGDDM	172148604	Brij Kishore Sharma	Chandigarh
52	PGDESD	177623596	Shah Zalak Bhavinbhai	Ahmedabad
53	PGDET	175353003	Bhawna Rana	Delhi-1
54	PGDGM	171365282	Gaithiry Raji Kumar K	Bangalore
55	PGDHHM	171366055	Lima Mathews	Bangalore
56	PGDHO	178061027	Paras Goswami	Bhopal
57	PGDHRM	172709264	Md Ajaz Ahmed	Kolkata
58	PGDHRM	172871089	Mangaonkar Mahesh Uday	Pune
59	PGDIBO	170141090	Avleen Kaur	Delhi-3
60	PGDIM	166095594	Richa Varshney	Delhi-2
61	PGDIPR	170098693	Shrey Kasera	Lucknow
62	PGDIS	170749871	Arvind Kumar	Delhi-2
63	PGDPPED	175356689	V K Suja	Delhi-1
64	PGDRD	170415607	Nazma Yaqoob	Srinagar
65	PGDSLIM	175782686	Sanjay Tiwari	Jaipur
69	PGDUPDL	176241630	A Vishnuvardhan Reddy	Delhi-2
70	PGJMC	175745237	Pragnya Parimita Acharya	Bhubaneswar
71	PGJMC	177397429	Shubham Gajanan Kawalkar	Nagpur

Awards other than Gold Metals for Meritorious Students

Table 4 : Other Awards

Sl.No.	Name of the Award	Student's Name, Programme and Enrollment Number
01.	Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Gold Medal for the highest marks in the Master's Degree Programme in the Social Sciences	Naresh Kumar Master of Arts in Psychology Enrollment No. 169790237
02.	CEMCA Cash Award of Rs. 25000/- for the best IGNOU female student in any degree programme pertaining to Information and Communication Technology	Shikha Gupta Master of Computer Applications Enrollment No. 151481613
03.	Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award Gold Medal and Cash Award of Rs. 10,000/- for the meritorious student	Deepak Kumar Pandu Bachelor of Social Work Enrollment No. 159918751
04.	Mother Teresa Memorial Award Gold Medal and Cash Award of Rs. 10,000/- for the meritorious student	Shubham Verma Master of Social Work Enrollment No. 165336641
05.	Prof. R.K. Grover Cash Award of Rs. 5000/- for scoring highest marks in M.Com, Degree by differently-abled student.	Neha Sharma M.Com. Enrollment No. 163252978
06.	Prof. R.K. Grover Cash Award of Rs. 3000/- for scoring highest marks in B.Com, Degree by differently-abled student.	Mukesh Upadhyayaa B.Com. Enrollment No. 1100639512

Figure 1 : Enrollment of Students over the Last Decade

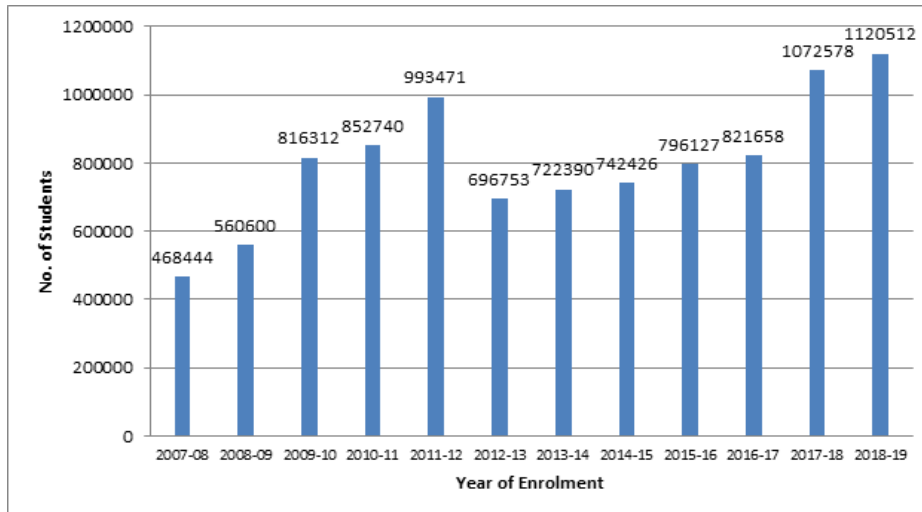


Figure 2 : Students Awarded Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates over the Last Decade

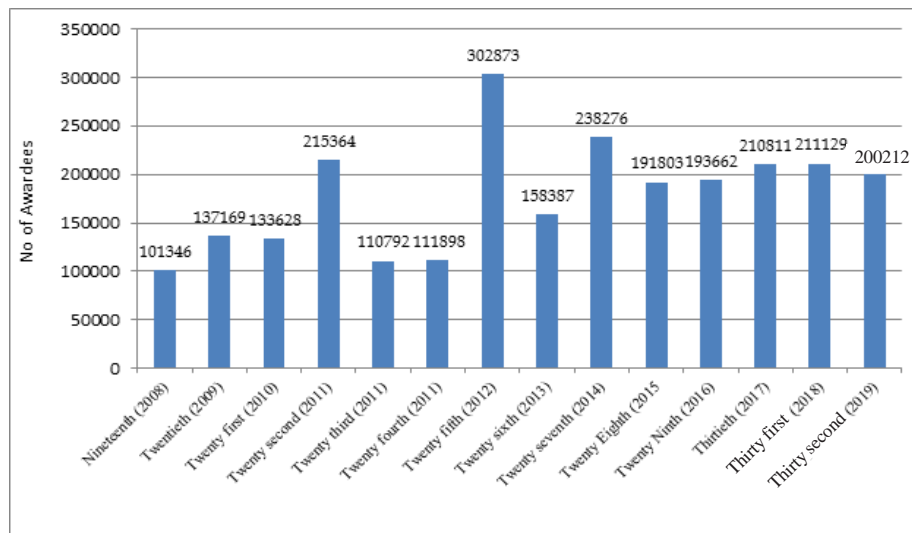


Figure 3 : Students Eligible for Award of Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates in the 32nd Convocation

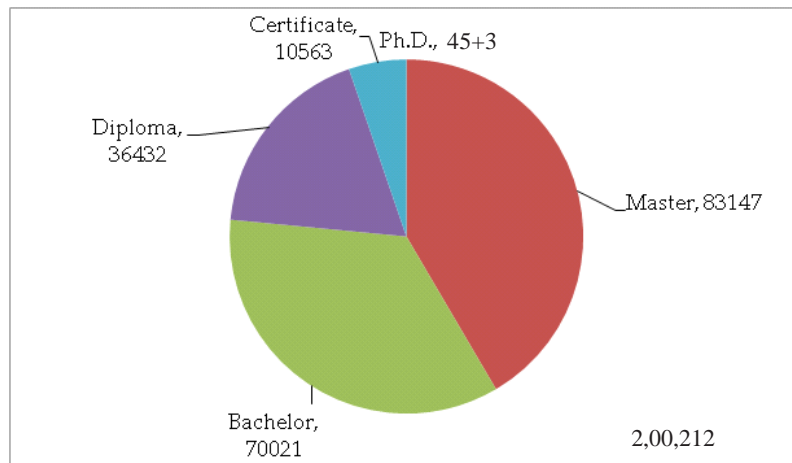


Figure 4: Regional Centre-wise and Overseas Award of Gold Medals in the 32nd Convocation

