

Workshop for E-Kranti Volunteers

This RC has conducted a workshop for E-Kranti Volunteers nominated by the study centres of this region on 25th January, 2017 in the Conference Hall of COATS, Koraput. Around 90 members attended the meeting, including the officials from UBI and Indian Bank. All the attended volunteers were briefed about the VISAKA and were explained about the work to be done in the field. They were all given Feedback forms and also Material translated in to Odia.



RD ADDRESSING THE TRAINING OF E-KRANTI VOLUNTEERS

REPORT OF REGIONAL FUNCTION OF 30TH CONVOCATION

13 APRIL 2017

REGIONAL CENTRE, KORAPUT (ODISHA)

The Regional Function of the 30th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University was organized in the Town Hall, near Collectorate, Koraput on 13.04.2017.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University **Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das** attended the function as the "Guest of Honour" and Prof. Arun Panda, Controller of Examination as the "Special Guest". The Convocation started immediately after the main function at the Headquarters was concluded. It was formally inaugurated by Prof. Das by lighting of the lamp. Some of other distinguished dignitaries present were the Director, Council of Analytical and Tribal Studies Dr.P.C.Mohapatra, Prof. Jagabandhu Samal, COATS, Koraput, & Principal Govt. College, Koraput. In addition to the above the principals of the nearby colleges and local coordinators of IGNOU study centres were also present. First of all Dr. Pradeep Behera, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre, Aeronautics College, Sunabeda welcomed the Guest of Honour and the Regional Director onto the dais with the presentation of bouquets. The function started by the opening song presented by the small children of Sunabeda.



Then the Regional Director (I/C) Dr Latika Mishra presented the report of the Regional Centre before the audience. In course of her presentation, she highlighted the growth of the Regional centre since its inception. She also presented the initiatives, challenges and achievements of the Regional Centre with special focus on the activities carried out in the last academic year. Her presentation of the report was followed by the delivery of the Convocation Address by the Guest of Honour, Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Berhampur. In his Convocation Address, Prof. Das focussed on the significance of the Convocation, the relevance of the degrees and diplomas in the life of the learners. He highlighted the role of IGNOU in promoting higher education in all corners of the country. He also appreciated the quality of the learners of IGNOU and advised the learners to follow the path of honesty for a good learner and to face the competitive world. He also stressed the role of the Regional Centre in providing higher education in the backward region of the state.



Thereafter Prof. Das gave away the Degrees and Diplomas to the successful candidates. A total number of 1682 learners of various programmes under different schools received their degrees in person and in absentia (98 in person and 1583 in absentia).

Sh. Madhaba Kumar Bisoyi, ARD proposed Vote of Thanks to the Guest of Honour and to all the delegates to the District Administration, to the Regional Centre Staff and the functionaries of the Learners Support Centres for making the Convocation a success.

On the eve of the Convocation an **Exhibition** was also organised by the Regional Centre in the premises of the Venue (Town Hall). Different Charts, pamphlets and posters had been specially prepared for display in the exhibition. In addition to the above all Course materials with Programme Guides were also displayed in the exhibition. Some audio Video programmes of IGNOU were played in a large screen TV for the learners and visitors.

The organization of the Convocation was given wide coverage in local news papers on 14.04.2017.

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, KORAPUT

A BRIEF REPORT

ON

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CONDUCTED AT RC, KORAPUT ON 21-06-2017

International Yoga Day observed at RC, Koraput on 21-06-2017 in the RC Campus. Sh Ganesh Rath and Sh. Rajib Kumar, Yoga Teachers from Art of Living, Koraput were the Resource Persons for this programme. All the staff members, including daily wage personnel (21) were participated in the programme.

Dr. Latika Kumari Mishra Regional Director (I/C) welcomed all the participants and Guests to the programme. The Regional Director spoke about the objectives of this programme and the relevance of the day. Later Dr Sh Ganesh Rath Yoga Teacher spoke about the importance of Yoga in daily life and its impact on health. He narrated various salient features of Yoga for the well being of human and nature and how different Asanas and Kriyas of Yoga are helpful for the sound body and mind.

Later all the staff members performed Pranayaam- Breathing and stretching exercises followed by meditation for about one hour.

After the speech, Milk and Banana were distributed to all the officials and Guests. The programme was ended by vote of thanks by Sri Madhab Kumar Bisoyi, Assistant Regional Director. Some of the photographs of International Yoga Day is attached herewith for your information and records.

Dr. Latika Mishra
Regional Director (I/C)

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY,

REGIONAL CENTER, KORAPUT

Date: 14/09/2017

Regional Centre, Koraput organized Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2017. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Smt. Pushpa Tiwari, Lecturer in Hindi Aeronautics College, Sunabeda by lighting the lamp. She was accompanied by Dr. B.Rajagopal, Regional Director and Dr. Bansidhar Barik, Asst. Regional Director. Sh Shankar Prasad Duria, Lecturer of Post Graduate Department of Political Science in Vikram Deb Autonomous College, Jeypore also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Dr. B. Rajagopal, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput presided over the meeting.

At the outset Dr. Barik Welcomed all the participants to the programme. In the Inaugural Address Dr. B. Rajagopal, Regional Director highlighted the role of Hindi language in a central university like IGNOU in taking education to the disadvantaged people in this backward region. The Chief Guest while addressing the participants, she



highlighted the significance of Hindi language in our country, and particularly in the institutions of Central Government. As this language doesn't belong to any particular religion or caste and should be learnt by all. She inspired through her

talk to the participants to learn Hindi and subsequently use it in official work for the benefit of the stakeholders. During her lecture she also focused on the history of Hindi and deliberated upon its usage in different parts of the country.

During the meeting the Participants have been asked to give their feedback on the use and implementation of Hindi language in our day to day official purposes. Almost all the participants reflected on the topic and expressed their opinion regarding the relevance of the Hindi language in the official work. Some of the participants also highlighted the usefulness of this language in addressing the problems and issues of different categories of learners, particularly the learners from central institutions like COBRA Battalion, CRPF camp, BSF camp. At the end of the programme Mr C.A. Narasimham Rao, Section Officer proposed vote of thanks.

The inaugural session was given wide coverage by the Print Media.



Report on Coordinators'/PICs' Meeting, 2017 IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput, Odisha

The eighth Coordinators/PIC's Meet of Regional Centre, Koraput was organized in the Conference Hall of Skill Development Centre, Koraput on 14th October, 2017 from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm. Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, PICs and APICs of Study Centres of 09 districts of Odisha attended the Meeting.

The Meeting was inaugurated by the Regional Director and Senior Coordinators of the Study Centres and Academics of the Regional Centre by lighting the lamp. They were accompanied by Dr. Latika Mishra, ARD, Dr. Bansidhar Barik, ARD and Mr Madhab Kumar Bisoyi, ARD.

In the Inaugural session, the Regional Director gave his welcome address and highlighted the achievements of IGNOU as a whole and the major focus of IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput. presented a brief report regarding the different activities of the Regional Centre, Koraput. In his address he also narrated about the recognition and usefulness of various IGNOU programmes.



The Welcome Address of the Regional Director was followed by the Address of the Dr. Ranjan Pradhan, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre,

V.D. College, Jeypore. In his inaugural address he expressed the major challenges in respect of the higher education of tribal youth in this region. He also highlighted the significance of some of the programmes of IGNOU to address the challenges in Koraput region. In the inaugural session Dr. P.K. Behera, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre, (44023) Aeronautics College, Sunabeda also spoke about the reach of IGNOU programmes in villages and Grampanchayats of this region. He also discussed the scope for the skill development of the tribal youth through various programmes of IGNOU. In this session Dr Sujata Das also discussed about some of the specific programmes of IGNOU which empower the tribal learners in various areas.

After the inaugural session the first business session started. The main session started with the presentations of the Coordinators / PICs with regard to the functioning of the study centres. They have been asked to present the status of study centre on various aspects like admission, counselling, assignments, SIM distribution and Term End Examination. Some of the major discussions are as follows:



1. Most of the coordinators/ PICs have made the request to send the study materials immediately as the admission of July 2017 session has already finished in order to avoid the inconvenience situation at the LSC level.
2. As per the presentations of Coordinators/ Programme in Charges LSCs conducted two to three promotional meetings in villages and Gram Panchayats for July 2017 session in respect of their study centres to promote the IGNOU programmes among the public.
3. Some of the study centres raised the issues of online admission, as most of the learners don't have bank account and personal mail ID, and not able to do the online admission on their own. They go to different internet point (stalls) to process their admission as a result not able to follow up after registration for admission even not able to remove the discrepancies and comply the requirements for their admission.
4. Few Study Centres asked support from the Regional Centre in establishing linkages with different govt. departments, youth clubs and non-government organizations at the field level to create awareness among the public of different sectors.
5. Some of the study centres raised the topic for fee exemption for SC and ST learners for January 2018 for fresh admission. As the fee exemption system enables the SC/ST learners of this region to continue their higher education. They have also expressed their concern regarding the fee exemption system for the Re-Registration through offline system for SC /ST learners only. As Fee exemption will allow them to continue their programme.

6. The Coordinators of the Regular study centres requested the Regional Director to enhance the telephone bill from 500 to 650, as there is no scheme in the BSNL below Rs. 600/-. It is also important to have internet facilities at study centres to facilitate online admission and examination process.
7. The Coordinator of IGNOU Study Centre, Rajendra College, Bolangir wanted to publish a booklet on the success stories of the study centre on the occasion of completion of three decades, i.e. 1987-2017.
8. Some of the Coordinators of Special Study Centres requested to provide secretarial assistance to the LSCs in order to provide proper support services to huge learners.

After the lunch break the next session was taken up by Dr. Latika Mishra, ARD on the issues of online and offline admission and Re-Registration. She also discussed about the revised fee for different programmes as well as the revised fee for change of programme/ electives etc. In her presentation she also discussed about the various issues with regard to the activation of programmes as well as in the allotment of learners to LSCs.

The next session was taken up by Sh. Madhab Kumar Bisoyi, ARD on various issues related with Term End Examination and assignment evaluation. The next session on the Final Remarks and Finance and Administration was taken up by the Regional Director Dr. B.Rajagopal. In this session he discussed elaborately about the major issues face by the LSCs pertaining to different aspects the functional aspects, including admission, proper conduct of academic counselling, timely and genuine evaluation of assignments, fairly conduct of Term End Examinations and the mechanisms to address various issues with regard to student support services at LSC and RC level.

The next session was taken up by Dr.Bansidhar Barik on fee re-imburement/ exemption, and Academic Counselling. In this session he discussed about the major issues with regard to the conduct of academic counselling.

At the end of the Coordinators Meeting, participation certificates been issued to the participants by the Regional Director. The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by Sh. Madhab Kumar Bisoyi, ARD.

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
Regional Centre, Koraput

Celebration of IGNOU 32nd Foundation Day on 19th November 2017-11-19

Date : 19.11.2017

IGNOU Celebrates its foundation day on 19th November every year this year the University is celebrating its 32nd Foundation Day on 19th November 2017. This day is not only celebrated at the University Head Quarter but also in all Regional Centres established across the country. In view of this, IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput also celebrated the 32nd Foundation Day of IGNOU on 19th November 2017 in its office premises. On this auspicious occasion the local coordinators and learners from local Study Centres were invited to participate in the event. Dr P.K. Swain, Asst. Professor, Senior Scale of Department of Odia Language and Literature was invited as Guest of Honour to deliver a lecture on the role of Open and Distance Education in the Tribal dominated Koraput region. Around 50 Nos. Of participants were present on the occasion to commemorate the event.





The meeting was started at 11.00 AM in the conference hall of IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput by offering flowers and lighting of the lamp. The meeting was presided over by Madhaba Kumar Bisoyi, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput. Madhaba Kumar Bisoyi welcomed the Guest of Honour as well as the participants. In this welcome speech he described the evolution of distance education in the country after post independent period and highlighted the achievements obtained by IGNOU through its 32 years long journey. The local coordinators present in the event expressed their experiences in the field of Open and Distance Education and focused on the achievements at this Regional Centre in spreading higher education in the Tribal dominated region like Koraput. The Guest of Honour of the event, Dr P.K. Swain delivered a lecture on the role of Open and Distance Education in the Tribal dominated area of Koraput on this occasion. In his lecture, he highlighted the issues and challenges pertaining to higher education in KBK Regions of Odisha and other Tribal areas in the state. He appreciated the activities of IGNOU to spread higher education in the remote localities like KBK, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar etc. Through its outreach programmes he also emphasized open to expedite the outreach programmes and promotional activities to reach the educational aspirants in the far from areas of the state. He opined that only the system of Open and Distance Education can be able to meet the educational needs of all individuals in all the time. After the conclusion of his lecture the meeting was concluded with the formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr Jhansi Singh one of our Coordinators.

