

REPORT OF REGIONAL FUNCTION OF 32nd CONVOCATION

03 APRIL 2019

REGIONAL CENTRE, KORAPUT (ODISHA)

The Regional Function of the 32nd Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University was organized in the Conference hall of Tribal Museum, Koraput on 03.04.2019.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Odisha State Open University Dr. **Srikant Mohapatra** attended the function as the "Guest of Honour" and Prof. S.K. Palit, Vice Chancellor Of Central University, Odisha as the "Special Guest". The Convocation started immediately after the main function at the Headquarters was concluded. It was formally inaugurated by Dr. Mohapatra by lighting of the lamp. Some of other distinguished dignitaries present were the Director, Council of Analytical and Tribal Studies Dr.P.C.Mohapatra, and Prof. Jagabandhu Samal, COATS, 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. Latika Mishra, Asst. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Koraput 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 students of Sri Aurobinda Purnanga Sikhya Kendra, Koraput.

Then the Regional Director Dr. B.Rajagopal presented the report of the Regional Centre before the audience. In course of his presentation, he highlighted the growth of the Regional centre since its inception. He also presented the initiatives, challenges and achievements of the Regional Centre with special focus on the activities carried out in the last academic year. His presentation of the report was followed by the delivery of the Convocation Address by the Guest of Honour, Dr. Srikant Mohapatra Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur. In his Convocation Address, Dr. Srikant Mohapatra 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 Regional Centre in promoting higher education in the region. He also appreciated the quality of the learners of IGNOU and the validity the degrees and diplomas of IGNOU. He encouraged the learners to use the resources available in the region to prosper the career. Thereafter Dr. Mohapatra gave away the Degrees and Diplomas to the successful candidates. A total number of 1673 learners of various programmes under different schools received their degrees in person and in absentia.

Sh. Madhab Kumar Bisoyi, Asst. Regional Director facilitated the process of award of degrees and diplomas to the learners. Dr. Banshidhar Barik, Asst. Regional Director 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 (Tribal Museum) and all Course materials with Programme Guides were displayed in the exhibition.

The organization of the Convocation was given wide coverage in local news papers on 03.04.2019.