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**A Brief Report on 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Regional Centre, Kolkata  
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Kolkata : The 35<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre IGNOU, Maidan Gari, New Delhi with simultaneously at 32 Regional Centres in digital mode across the country. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister, Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India as Chief Guest delivered the Convocation address at University Campus, IGNOU New Delhi. The Convocation ceremony was brought live through webcast and was also made available across the country on Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani and Gyandhara.

The Regional Centre Kolkata organized its Convocation Ceremony at RNC Auditorium Vidyut Bhavan, DJ Block, Sector- II, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091. Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, former Director, *Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur*, was the Guest of Honour and delivered the convocation address. Dr. Shiva Kumar G.N., Senior Regional Director, in his address highlights the importance of Open and Distance Learning systems in the perspective of National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020. He observed that IGNOU has been functioning not only as a University, but also promoting, guiding and supporting the Open University Systems in the country. He explained how IGNOU is playing a leading role to reach out to the under-served regions, where conventional universities have lesser scope. He also highlighted the important role of Regional Centre Kolkata providing access to higher education to the prospective learners in the state of West Bengal. He mentioned that IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata has successfully started Channel Based Counselling through Regional Language Bengali from January 2022 for courses in Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) for Under-Graduate programmes on SWAYAM PRABHA & Gyan Darshan Channels to provide a comfort zone to the learners. He elaborated that the Regional Centre is collaborating with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for skill development to the trainees in the National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs), Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS). It is aimed towards making higher education accessible and thus better livelihood opportunities available to these students and ensuring an upward mobility for them. In the 35<sup>th</sup> convocation, IGNOU has awarded Degree, Diplomas and Certificates to a total of **2,91,588** learners at all India level and at Kolkata region alone **10630**.

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