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# **Greetings from IGNOU Kolkata Regional centre!!**

On behalf of Indira Gandhi national open Univesity (IGNOU) and its regional operations at Kolkata Regional Centre this is Dr Sujata Dutta Hazarika Deputy Director welcoming you all to this youtube outreach to proudly present the phenomenal success story of IGNOU,

This outreach programme is designed to address two different categories of expected audience .

First The newly registered IGNOU learners who needs to be oriented and integrated into the seamless universe of open and distance learning . ODL. We hope to make the transition from conventional education to ODL smooth for you.

Secondly A wider universal audience, potential learners, who are yet to be Introduced to IGNOU and its lifelong learning values, that strive to make education flexible beyond borders of space and time. One cannot overemphasize the galloping surge made by IGNOU in transforming the very structure of contemporary education, whether it is the robust increase in the GER or its capacity and potentials to leverage time as a volatile resource in an individuals life and transform it into tangible empowerment. Whether we talk of flexibility of time, or opportunities to salvage ones lost time in Life IGNOU is the most extraordinary supportive efficient Time machine

Ladies and Gentlemen, IGNOU is worlds largest International university and India s first and largest 'Peoples' Central university. under Ministry of education Government of India. It aims not only to take education into every doorstep and household of this nation, but also to make education inclusive, equitable, and accessible to every citizen irrespective of their language, region, caste, creed, religion, gender, age.

Considering India 's population ,this was a mammoth agenda , IGNOU adopted the Open and distance learning ODL mode to achieve this , and created a vast monitoring network of ecosystem, located both nationwide and international , consisting of Regional centres, Educational institution based learner support centres , approved faculty counsellors from the same institutions, examination centres and connected them through technology enabled and ICT oriented education. With the help of this institutional network IGNOU has successfully imparted education that is limitlessly flexible, technology enabled, equitable , learner centric ,choice based and recognized by all statutory bodies of government of India such as AIU. AICTE, UGC, DEB etc

BEFORE I ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT AND OUTREACH OF IGNOU S CONTRIBUTION TO INDIA s NATION BUILDING BY DEMOCRATIZING EDUCATION,

I would like to first aquaint you with the unique technology enabled processes for learners life cycle management in IGNOU. Being part of SAMARTH project of Ministry of Education, IGNOU has effectively integrated ICT for all its ODL features

From Online Admission, Study Material delivery, Counselling sessions ,Assignments submission , Reregistration , Evaluation , Grievance addressal, maintainance of learners profile, student support services and monitoring activities are all functional through the digital online portal

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Due to the Pandemic ,IGNOU has further extended the last date for submission of online admission form for January 2022 session up to 10th February 2022. Likewise Reregistration form for the same session also extended till 10th February 2022. IGNOU offers wide variety of courses in undergraduate, postgraduate, and certificate

level, in Online as well as Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode. Each year, the university introduces new innovative and need-based short-term programmes along with degree courses for students and professionals. The university has launched several new programmes like MA (Corporate Social Responsibility (MACSR), MA Jyotish (MAJY), MA Urdu (MUD), M.A. Environmental and Occupational Health, MSc Environmental Science (MSCENV), MSc information security, MA entrepreneurship, MA in Urban Studies (MAUS), BA (Hons) Sanskrit BASKH, B.A.(Hons)Urdu BAUDH, PG Diploma in Development Communication (PGDDC), PG Diploma in Corporate Social Responsibility (PGDCSR), Post Graduate Diploma in Migration and Diaspora, Certificate in Sanskrit Sambhshan (SSB), Certificate in Gender, Agriculture, Sustainable Development (CGAS) etc. for the learners. From Jyotish to cultural studies and learning Urdu to Sanskrit sambhashan, the programmes/courses introduced by the university touch the stones of diversity and creativity.

IGNOU - SAMARTH PORTAL DETAILS

ONLINE ADMISSION

IGNOU offers admissions in two sessions (January and July) every year in different programmes. Admission applications are only online. For further details, learners may visit the official website of the university www.ignou.ac.in or may contact Regional Centre Kolkata. Once the university notifies the admission session please visit the https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/ and admission. The prospectus of the University is available online with details of all programme. The website links are highly interactive, and will take the new learner though the 'New registration' link to create the learners admission portal with a unique username and password. Once the admission is confirmed and Study centre is alotted as per learners choice ,the university informs the learner through email and SMS. After receiving the confirmation email, the learner should log into the admission portal using username and password and download ID card which is generated online with digital attestation of Registrar, SRD. The print out of the ID card (preferably colour, postcard size ) is important for future reference.

Once the admission is confirmed and ID card is generated the learner should always visit his admission page to keep track of his admission status and unique data.

#### STUDY MATERIAL

The material is dispatched by MPDD, IGNOU New Delhi at the learners postal address or at Regional Centre Kolkata after confirmation of admission. The delivery may take 1 month to 2 months.

The soft copy of material can be downloaded from the public domain at <a href="mailto:egyankosh.ac.in">egyankosh.ac.in</a> or IGNOU E Content App at play store. Learners can track Study Material Status at <a href="http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/mpdd/material">http://ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/mpdd/material</a>

## **Counselling session**

The Regional Centre organizes fixed number of counselling sessions (on Saturday/ Sunday) at the study centre. The schedule is uploaded at least 15 days prior from the date of commencement

at <a href="http://rckolkatta.ignou.ac.in/">http://rckolkatta.ignou.ac.in/</a>. The learner should keep on checking the website for updates on schedules. The theory counselling sessions are not compulsory to attend however the practical counselling sessions are mandatory to attend for all learners (if any).

For Online counseling sessions: You may like the RC Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IGNOUKolkataOfficial">https://www.facebook.com/IGNOUKolkataOfficial</a> for latest updates and RC Kolkata website: <a href="http://rckolkatta.ignou.ac.in/">http://rckolkatta.ignou.ac.in/</a>

•Recorded videos are uploaded

at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/IGNOUKolkataOfficial">https://www.facebook.com/IGNOUKolkataOfficial</a>

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### **Assignments**

Assignments are very important part of IGNOU evaluation process The assignments have to be submitted at the study centre.

Last date to submit assignments For June Term End Examination is 31st March and for December Term End Examination 30th September. Assignments should be hand written only. Typed assignments will not be evaluated. You have to submit separate file for all courses. Along with your assignment you have to attach the cover page which should have your Name, Enrollment Number, Course Code, Programme and Study centre.

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#### **RE-REGISTRATION**

Please do your re-registration for 2nd / 3rd year Semester as applicable. It doesn't matter whether you have passed the examination or not willing to go to subsequent year/ semester. There is a carry over system in IGNOU irrespective of the result in the examination. Therefore as per laid down procedure of the University you have to get yourself registered in the subsequent year / semester as the case may for the academic session to remain in the university roll.

•The Re-registration process is online and is to be applied at <a href="https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/">https://onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/</a>

- •Keep on checking your registration details, the re-registration reflects in your registration details within 20 to 30 days.
- •For any query: You may send email to <a href="mailto:csrc@ignou.ac.in">csrc@ignou.ac.in</a> marking a copy to <a href="mailto:rckolkata@ignou.ac.in">rckolkata@ignou.ac.in</a>.

#### **EXAMINATION**

The exams are conducted twice by the University in the month of June and December. For Yearly based programme, learners who took admission in January/July session shall appear for TEE in December cycle and June cycle respectively. For Semester based programme students who took admission in January/July session shall appear for exams in June exam cycle and December session respectively.

After submitting assignments at the study centre, fill the examination form at <a href="exam.ignou.ac.in">exam.ignou.ac.in</a> (with exam fees of Rs. 150/- per subject). For June Term End Exam, form is to be submitted in the month of March and for December it is to be submitted in the month of September. Once fee is paid, it will not be refunded or even carried forward.

One can appear for exams anywhere in India as per choice made in the online form submission . You may appear the exams as per your preparations as per validity of the programme.

You may check your exam form submission status at <a href="http://exam.ignou.ac.in/Search.asp">http://exam.ignou.ac.in/Search.asp</a>. If there is no status you are advised to mail at <a href="termendexam.ignou.ac.in">termendexam.ignou.ac.in</a>

I request all of you to visit the description box below for details of information, contacts, links, website and other social media access to make your journey smooth and fruitful. This is an University that seeks to make learners independent, flexible and technology enabled. The Self learning materials give full autonomy and precision, the IGNOU E content APP and digitized study material give unconditional access and freedom to learners. Smart phones make it possible to hold your University in the palm of your Hand. I congratulate all learners for having chosen IGNOU, because you are

in the right place to harness your potentials, upgrade your capacity and move to an empowered future of achievement.

#### **SLIDE**

Having informed the practical step by step process of learners life cycle management in ODL , I would also like to take the privilege of introducing IGNOU and its phenomenal contribution to India's nation building by democratising education .

Recently NAAC National Assessment and Accredition council of UGC which evaluates performance of all 1000 Indian Universities had rated IGNOU A++ . This is a phenomenal achievement considering that only 8 to 10 universities could secure this rank.

Unlike other universities that impact limited jurisdictional areas, IGNOU covers unlimited districts nationwide, through 57 Regional Centre, 3 million student learners

#### **IGNOU**

In recent years, with the strengthening of ICT enabled education, IGNOU has been the forerunner in implementing Online education, through its webbased course content, massive open and online courses, online admission process, evaluation, grievance addressal .So much so that when the Covid Pandemic shook the edifice of conventional education for the rest of the Nation , IGNOU found itself well oriented and experienced in spearheading the online education system. Infact not only has ODL and online degrees achieved quality equivalence but it is becoming evident that online education is not an alternative but complementary for effective outcome of Education policy implementation in India

As per the 2021 convocation The University awarded 2,37,844 degrees, diplomas and certificates of different programmes. 29 Medals were awarded to the meritorious students at the ceremony virtually. 55 PhD and 13 MPhil Degree certificates.

8 lakh enrolment, 226 ODL programmes, 2047 Learner support centres, through its network of 56 Regional Centers and 21 schools provide non-stop academic support to learners through Digital technology. Apart from the online sessions held by the Regional Centers during the pandemic more than 300 sessions were conducted by IGNOU faculty through the Facebook platform of the university.

IGNOU also manages 'YouTube' and Swayam Prabha Channels for Higher Education in addition to 'Gyan Darshan, channel of the University for the 56 Regional Centers and the learners across the country.

IGNOU has been very proactive in implementing the key-highlight of the New Education Policy for example

integrating vocational education,

highlighting Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) provides learners with the flexibility to choose his bouquet of courses and also letting him/her to complete it even after a gap

reaching the goal of 50% GER (Gross Enrolment Ratio) by 2035,

#### KOLKATA REGIONAL CENTRE

Let me now walk you though the Regional jurisdiction and operations under the IGNOU Kolkata Regional Centre.

Regional Centre Kolkata covers 13 districts of West Bengal namely Purba Burdwan, Paschim Burdwan, Purulia, Bankura, Jhargram, Paschim Medinipur, Purba Medinipur, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, Hooghly Howrah, Kolkata and South 24 Parganas. Regional Centre Kolkata is located in the fourth floor of Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. Patronized by the State Government, IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata enjoys a rent-free office space of about 7000 sq ft area. The Regional Centre is approximately 20 kilometres away from the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, 25 kilometres from the main Howrah Railway Station and 15 Kms from Sealdah Railway station. The Central Park Metro Station is only about 400m from the Regional Centre. The Regional centre is well connected by public transport. Bikash Bhawan being the educational hub of Government of West Bengal helps RC to maintain effective liaison with officials and policy makers on matters of education in the state. • An exciting educational hub, Bikash Bhawan receives more than 200 visitors on a normal working day and much higher during admission period.

RC Kolkata has a fully equipped Computer Lab with internet facilities where in the theory and practical counselling's for CIC, BCA, MCA, MLIS and PGDLAN programmes are held. It has a functional well stocked Library with study materials with CDs of all the academic programmes, Programme Guides and reference books. It has Direct Receiving System (DRS) and equipment to receive satellite signals for interactive teleconference one way video & two way audio and Two way video conferencing through EDUSAT. All the major academic programmes of IGNOU are activated in the Regional Centre which it offers in collaboration with premier institutions located in West Bengal.

The regional centre has a total enrolment of 50000, and has distributed 37128 certificates so far. With Total LSC s numbering 25, Activated programmes 113, Academic counsellors 2683 has distributed over study material 1.16,480 study material s.

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Besides its active monitoring of ODL activities in the 13 Districts of West Bengal and delivering round the clock student support Regional Centre Kolkata is proactive in implementation of all major

Government of India initiatives such as Swacch bharat Abhigyan, Village adoption, celebration of all National days. It has a very energizing Academic environment and very often organizes discussions and seminars/ Webinars on academic and socially relevant themes.

Details of the Academic Events, Seminars and Webinars are available in the website and also in the Description box below.

Thank you very much for your time . IGNOU Regional Centre Kolkata wishes all its learners a very happy learning experience Jai Hind

Please visit our website regularly for all related information regarding the events, activities, and other important notification