



# Report

## Alumni Meeting




**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
(A Central University under the Ministry of Education, Govt of India)

**Regional Centre, Pune**  
in collaboration with  
**Learner Support Centres**  
is organising

**Online Alumni Meet**

**Sunday, 26th September, 2021**  
**Time : 04:00 PM TO 06:00 PM**

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**Prof. Nageshwar Rao**  
Vice-Chancellor  
IGNOU, Maidan Garhi  
New Delhi



**Dr. Srikant Mohapatra**  
Director, RSD  
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**Dr. V. P. Rupam**  
Director  
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**Dr. M. S. PARTHASARATHY**  
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**Dr. D. R. Sharma**  
Sr. Regional Director  
IGNOU, Regional Centre  
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**26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

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## Regional Centre, Pune

### INTRODUCTION

IGNOU Regional Centre, Pune organized the Online Alumni Meeting in association with Regional Services Division (RSD), Campus Placement Cell (CPC) and Study Centres in the region on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

There were 47 Alumni who participated in the meeting and shared their feedback with IGNOU Regional Centre, Pune. Based on the feedback an action plan will be drafted and implemented to make student support services more efficient and effective.

### Agenda

1. To interact with the Alumni;
2. Share current profile and activities of IGNOU Regional Centre, Pune;
3. To take feedback for improving the student support services;
4. To promote and enhancing outreach of IGNOU Programme through Alumni;
5. Strengthen the student support services based on the feedback provided by the Alumni.
6. Creation of a data-base of Alumni in the region for future meetings, interaction and feedback.

### Welcome Address by Regional Director:

**Dr. M.S. Parthasaraty, and Dr. D.R. Sharma, Sr. Regional Directors**, extended warm welcome to all the dignitaries from IGNOU Hqrts. Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Respected Director, Regional Services Division, Dr. Shrikanth Mahapatra, Respected Director, Campus Placement Cell, Dr. Rupam, Dr. Hema Pant, Deputy Director, Regional Services Division, Coordinators & PICs and Alumni.

**Dr. D.R. Sharma, Sr. Regional Director, Regional Centre, Pune** presented a brief progress report of the Regional Centre on admission, the promotional activities undertaken and the enrollment figures of the recent admission session. Over the years, the enrollment figure of the Regional Centre has increased quite significantly and thanked the Study Centre and Alumni for their contribution.

**Dr. Shrikanth Mahapatra, Director, Regional Services Division**, welcomed the Alumni of Regional Centre, Pune. He talked on the weekly Alumni Meet being organized at different Regional Centres and creating a data-base of registered Alumni and interact at regular intervals. Comparing the student's profile of Regional Centre, Pune with Regional Centre, Patna he said that the students of Pune students preferred to seek admission to professional programmes compared to students in Patna who preferred to seek admission to general programmes.

**Dr. V.P. Rupam, Director, Campus Placement Cell** welcomed the Alumni and shared the information on portal developed to update, store and maintain the Alumni data-base. He also informed that Alumni Society of IGNOU is a registered society and a good platform to be contact with the Alumni.

**Dr. Hema Pant, RSD**, said that Regional Centre, Pune being oldest Regional Centre has diverse spectrum of Alumni and their feedback will benefit and strengthen the IGNOU's educational system.

**Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Honourable Vice-Chancellor**, welcomed the Alumni and talked about the reasons for organizing Alumni Meeting and the importance of having the data-base of Alumni. IGNOU staff and Alumni are interwoven and are a family. IGNOU has more than 35 lakhs of family members. He said that Alumni Meet is an interactive platform where we come together and share our concern. Alumni as a students have glorified and are brand ambassadors of IGNOU. Students have placed IGNOU above many educational institutions and the credit of getting A<sup>++</sup> Accreditation from NAAC go to the Alumni. He also spoke about the recognition of IGNOU programme at national and international levels. IGNOU is committed to provide education and support services are learner centric and provide services to the door steps. There are more than 12 lakhs learners who have downloaded IGNOU Student App and use it. Conselling are done to online and 5 Gyan Darshan TV channels. Alumni have eagerly come forward to help IGNOU when needed. The feedback from Alumni will help in improving the student support services in IGNOU and also immensely contribute to national education.

### **Alumni Feedback**

Distinguished Alumni were invited to talk online and give their feedback on IGNOU programme and the student support services. Important issues and the suggestions provided by the Alumni are as listed below:

- IGNOU is supporting for life-long education and giving opportunity to learn at any age.
- Admission, examination and other student support services are transparent and excellent in quality;
- Study materials are good and some Alumni are still referring to them for teaching;
- Flexibility in IGNOU has helped learner to complete the programme in time.
- Study Centres are established in good and reputed Institutions. Eg. BSCN programme activated at PSC: 1661P, Ruby Hall, Pune, which is a NABL and NABH accredited hospital.

### **Suggestions by Alumni**

- Provide merit scholarship from IGNOU for visual impaired students;
- Common contact point for students should be provided;
- Recognition of IGNOU Programmes questioned by other institutions, industries etc.;
- Encouragement for online student support services: Assignment, Practical and Project submission, etc.;
- Syllabus should contain practical components;
- Evaluation system should contain third party evaluation;

The Vice-Chancellor, Director, RSD and Director CPC responded to queries related to recognition of IGNOU Programmes, translation of SLM to regional languages, etc.

During the feedback session, many have expressed to be proud to be an IGNOU Alumni and are eager to provide all necessary support.

**Dr. R.M. Yellatti, Coordinator, IGNOU Study Centre: 16138, Sangli** said that the Study Centre was activated in the year 2014 and has 19 programme activated. Study Centre is promoting programmes in the region and encouraging the transgender community and Self Help Groups (SHGs) to join admission to IGNOU programme. He suggested the need for offering all the IGNOU programmes in Marathi language.

The meeting was finally concluded with the vote of thanks by **Dr. N.R. Rajendra Prasad, Asst. Regional Director, Regional Centre, Pune** followed by National Anthem.



# PHOTO GALLERY OF THE ALUMNI MEET



