

Indira Gandhi National Open University

Vice Chancellor's Report

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VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT (2023)

Chief Guest of the 36th Convocation, Hon'ble President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu, and Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, distinguished dignitaries, Guest of Honour at our Regional Centres, Members of the Board of Management, Academic Council and the Planning Board, distinguished guests, Pro Vice-Chancellors, Directors of Schools, Regional Directors, Heads of Divisions/Centres/Unit, faculty members, academics and non-teaching staff posted at the Regional Centres and headquarter of the University, media personnel, our alumni and my dear students.

It is my privilege and honour to welcome you all to the 36th Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) at the headquarters, New Delhi and at 36 regional centers.

“ विद्वत्त्वं च नृपत्वं च न एव तुल्ये कदाचन ।
स्वदेशे पूज्यते राजा विद्वान् सर्वत्र पूज्यते ”

The meaning of this shloka is that a learned person is worshipped everywhere, beyond the realms of the state/nations because of the importance of her/his knowledge and wisdom. Our Chief Guest for the occasion, Hon'ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu who is an epitome of courage and grit symbolizes the true meaning of this shloka. Hon'ble President is the living example of democratic traditions of our rich heritage. Madam President personifies the 2023 theme of “**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**” given by United Nations. Her dedication, leadership and concern for the common people are exemplary. We feel honoured and motivated by the presence of Hon'ble President of India.

We also have with us the Hon'ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan as our Guest of Honour, for gracing this occasion and inspiring the students across the country and abroad with his benign presence. He has been working on a number of issues affecting young people, including farming, rehabilitation and resettlement, skill-based and digital education and has been instrumental in effectively implementing National Education Policy at national level. It is a glorious moment for all of us, Sir, to have you with us. Your stewardship, motivation and support to academic institutions has brought newer heights of glory in the field of higher education.

It is indeed a proud moment for me to present the progress report of IGNOU on the 36th Convocation today which provides a brief overview of the institution's academic and administrative achievements and its noteworthy accomplishments in 2022.

IGNOU has been working hard for the past **38** years to accomplish its mission of equity, inclusivity, quality, accessibility and affordability in higher education which is also the mandate for NEP 2020. IGNOU has achieved outstanding progress in the year 2022, offering high-quality distance and online learning. With **69** Regional Centers (**57** IGNOU Regional Centres and **12** Recognized Regional Centres for the Army, Navy, and Assam Rifles), around **2063** Student Support Centers, **85** recognized LSCs, and **25** Overseas Study Centers in **15** countries, we have a robust infrastructure for supporting our students. Our **11** regional centres operate from their own buildings and **10** are under construction.

India offers a lot of potential benefits to take advantage on its way to becoming a prominent location for higher education to achieve a

GER of **50%** as mandated in NEP-2020. The National Education Policy (NEP-2020) lists five fundamental pillars as essential to the development of a world-class higher education ecosystem. These are **student centricity, research and innovation, faculty, internationalization and digital education**. IGNOU is operating based on these strategic pillars to impart education to all.

IGNOU offers its academic programmes in compliance with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It has established a NEP cell and has developed its Institutional Development Plan. The programmes/courses offered are Multidisciplinary and Holistic in nature and many programmes/courses provide multiple entry and exit. The University also focuses on research and innovation providing the faculty and the students a platform to harness their skills. IGNOU promotes Indian Languages, Arts and Culture through its courses. Our University also offers online and digital education.

STUDENT CENTRICITY

A significant population segment dispersed across the nation has greater access to education. Thanks to the establishment of IGNOU. Our enrollment has increased from **4500** students in 1987 to almost **3.7** million today.

Having shared this information with you let me now mention some of the distinctive features of this University. The jurisdiction of the University encompasses the entire country, and it pays special attention to the rural and remote areas. IGNOU has started the construction of Regional Centers at Trivandrum, Pune, Port Blair, and Rajkot with the aid of loans approved by the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA).

- In 2022, the University launched **38** programmes in ODL mode and 16 in online mode. IGNOU is conferring **2,79,917** Degrees, diplomas and certificates in this convocation. **13,03,609** students are now enrolled at the University, with a considerable number of new and returning students being added during the July 2022 and January 2023 admission cycles. Apart from this the University registered **7,992** jail inmates and **4,149** students belonging to PwD category.
- In the same time frame, the University has enrolled **4333** international students.
- The University has created the SOP for the implementation of ABC at IGNOU and registered on the Academic Bank of Credits of UGC portal in order to implement the credit transfer policy. On the NAD Dashboard, almost **25,19,750** degrees, diplomas, and certificates have been registered.
- The University has also introduced the Course-wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS), which allows students to enroll in as few as one course or as much as sixteen credits worth of courses. In 2022, **499** students are registered under this scheme.

ACCESS, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- The University reaches out to its students including the socially and economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs) through **69** Regional Centres and **2063** plus Student Support Centres out of which some are located in inaccessible remote areas like Leh (Sub-Regional Centre); Andaman and the Nicobar Islands (Regional

Centre); **11** Recognized RCs in Defence premises with **84** LSCs; **9** RCs and **197** LSCs in the North Eastern Region (NER); **340** SLSCs for disadvantaged groups including **163** IGNOU SLSCs in jails across India.

- In this convocation a total of **14,121** students from the North East Region will be awarded the Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates. Out of this **7909** are in Masters programmes; **3608** in Bachelors, **1731** in Diplomas and **873** in Certificate.
- IGNOU, has made educational opportunities available to a sizable portion of the student population living in rural and remote areas of the country, as well as to women, SC/ST, slum dwellers, transgender, prison inmates, physically challenged, and other such disadvantaged sections. According to data on enrollment, **48.5%** of those enrolled are women, **49.9%** live in rural areas, and **1.4%** are students living in tribal areas of the country.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

- Our courses are flexible, cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary, and affordable, created to promote national unity. The adaptability of our programmes allows options for students to decide the time and pace to pursue their studies, thus making it student centric. Under our system, students can pursue their education while living either in India or abroad.
- Through **21** Schools of Studies, IGNOU offers **306** academic programmes at the master's, bachelor's, diploma, and certificate levels through open and distance learning (ODL) and online modes. These academic programmes are provided with the

support of **294** teachers, **200** academics, **351** technical, and **810** administrative staff members. At student assistance centres all around India, there are more than **52,000** academic counsellors providing academic support. **38** new academic programmes were introduced by the University in the year 2022 and **23** in January 2023 respectively (*Annexure 1*).

- **Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education:** In accordance with the recent UGC Guidelines, the University is developing a draft document for the implementation of 4 - year undergraduate and 1-year postgraduate programmes. With the addition of Ability Enhancement Courses in Environment Science and Languages (Hindi or English), skill enhancement courses drawn from courses across the Schools of Studies other than the discipline-specific Core and Elective Courses, the Bachelor's degree programmes (Bachelor in Arts, Science, and Commerce) have adopted a multidisciplinary approach. The student has the option to choose the courses they want to take due to the flexibility of the curriculum across disciplines. Students enrolled in programmes with disciplines like in sciences, computer sciences, psychology, library science, social work, sustainable development, counselling and family therapy, food and nutrition, anthropology, education, health sciences, nursing, information security, etc. are required to actively engage with the practical side of their learning and, as a by product, to improve their employability.
- **Multiple Entry and Exit:** The UGC Guidelines for Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes Offered at HEIs have been accepted by the University. Currently, **35** programmes have the option to pre-exit and **14** programmes have the option of lateral entry.

- **Vocational and Skill-based Education:** IGNOU has been selected as a knowledge partner institution by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (GOI) for the Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) initiative.
- Under the joint initiative of MSDE and IGNOU more than one thousand ITIs, PMKKs, NSTIs and JSS have been notified as MSDE-IGNOU Extension Centres for the purpose of skill training, examination and registration. It will also give opportunities to students of ITIs having 10+2 qualifications to join bachelor's degree programme of IGNOU thus enabling vertical mobility for ITI students with 10+2 diplomas into IGNOU degree programmes.
- The University has collaborated with DTNBWED, NSDC and NCVET to offer various skill based programmes. IGNOU has also obtained a dual recognition status as the awarding body (AB) and an assessment agency (AA) from NCVET, the skill regulator.
- **Skill Based Undergraduate Degree Programme for “Agniveers”:** The University will offer a special skill-based bachelor's degree programme under the “Agnipath” Scheme beneficiaries called Agniveers. This programme will have courses for the enhancement of the skills and related knowledge to serve the defence forces (Army, Navy and Air Force).
- **Promotion of Indian Art and Culture:** IGNOU has launched a number of academic programmes, including MA in Jyotish, Folklore and Cultural Studies, Vedic Studies, Sanskrit, Hindi, and

Urdu, as well as Drawing and Painting, to foster Indian tradition and culture. Tribal Studies, Yoga, Theatre Arts, Hindustani Music, Karnatak Music and Bharatanatyam are just a few of the programmes being offered as Diplomas/Certificates which provide a full and in-depth overview of Indian Art and Culture.

- The University has also launched Stand-Alone courses in Kashmiri, Nepali, and Meitei Lon (Manipuri) in order to promote Indian languages, arts, and traditions.
- The following Indian languages are offered to UG students: Bengali, Assamese, Bhojpuri, Kashmiri, Nepali, Urdu, Malayalam, Gujarati, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, and Meitei Lon (Manipuri).
- **Translated Courses** in Bangla-Hindi, Malayalam-Hindi and Sindhi-Hindi-Sindhi are also available.
- **Foreign Languages:** The University also offers programmes in French, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian, German, Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin to provide a global outlook to our students.
- **Material Distribution:** During the year 2022, MPDD printed **89,86,100** Blocks of study material and **3,66,407** sets of Digital study material.
- The University has been observing ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ initiative of Government of India. A UG course on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is also on offer for IGNOU students. Around **300** Students have registered in this course.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Our University is also having an innovative system of imparting education.

- IGNOU encourages research through arranging financial support to fund major / minor projects to be undertaken by the faculty. The discipline based research is conducted in Schools of Studies. In the year 2022, **10** active externally funded research projects are being operated by different Schools of Studies.
- Ph.D programmes are offered in various disciplines through our **21** Schools of Studies. In this convocation, the University is conferring Ph.D degree in different disciplines to **108** research scholars.
- The National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) presents a weekly one-hour Facebook Live session on innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup for IGNOU students and faculty. Students at IGNOU have access to a variety of amenities, including the Institution Innovation Council, Student Empowerment for Entrepreneurial Development (SEED), IdeaBank@IGNOU, and the Ideas to Startup Program.
- IGNOU won first place in the category of CFIs (Non-Technical) of the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA).

FACULTY

- This year we have inducted around **70** faculty in different disciplines. As of now, we have a faculty strength of **294** which is spread across various disciplines in the **21** Schools of Studies.

Professional Development: The UGC entrusted the responsibility of implementing the National Training Programme on the Implementation of NEP-2020 (NEP-PDP) for University and college teachers to IGNOU under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, Government of India. The target of the programme is to train 15 lakh teachers on implementation of NEP- 2020. The programme was rolled out in the entire country on 15th August 2022, and till now 10 Batches of teachers have joined the programme. Till date, **71,711** teachers from all over the country have registered. **42,211** teachers have been admitted (including 11th batch), and **19,772** teachers (till 10th batch) (**46.84%**) have been certified (Table 1).

- Regular PDPs are conducted by STRIDE for our faculty and other open universities of the country.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

The University also imparts education to international students through its 25 overseas centres spread across the globe.

- In the reporting period IGNOU signed three MoAs with the following Overseas Institutions for their recognition as Overseas Study Centre of the University:
 - ❖ Wisdom Educational Consultant, Abu Dhabi, UAE
 - ❖ UniGrad Education Centre W.L.L., Bahrain
 - ❖ CLASCMA International Education & Research Centre of PMC Academy PTE Ltd. Singapore

- The University is offering three-month basic awareness course through online mode in Hindi in collaboration with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) for international students in **9** countries.
- An agreement with TCIL was signed for offering **43** online programmes in **19** African Countries under the e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati (e-VBAB) Network Project of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The University enrolled **2617** students in July 2022 admission cycle under this initiative.
- The University also signed MoAs with **14** existing Overseas Study Centres under Overseas Facilitator Scheme for promoting online programmes of the University.
- The Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), Govt. of Guyana is a collaborative project between IGNOU and GOAL to offer Online Programmes to students of Guyana to pursue online tertiary level programmes. Total number of student enrolled in this project is around **1250** in the year 2022.
- Currently there are **25** overseas study centres spread over **15** different nations. **147** different programmes are available through these overseas study centres. As of now **86,069** (cumulative) international students are enrolled in different programmes of the University.

DIGITAL EDUCATION

IGNOU, consistently leads the way in using cutting-edge technology.

- With its eGyanKosh portal (a national digital repository), the University has digitised all its Self Learning Materials (SLMs). The material is available to students on the portal. New and improved course materials are frequently added to the contents on eGyanKosh. The daily hits on the portal shows how well-liked the eGyanKosh Portal is among the learner community throughout the world. The website has now received more than **23.2 million page** views from more than **12.9 million** users.
- The University also has an IGNOU e-Content App in the Google Play Store through which the learners can access the SLM anywhere, anytime. Around **20 lakh** users have installed the App till date. The total number of users who have accessed the content is **1,46,38,269**.
- Both eGyanKosh and e-content App are very popular among the student and teaching community not only in IGNOU but across the world. A provision of a 15% fee refund is in place for learners opting for the digital study material instead of the printed one. Around 20% fresh and 33% re-registered students opted for the digital material.
- IGNOU is now offering **43** online programmes on its own Learning Management System (LMS). These programmes are at various levels like Bachelor's (**5**), Master's (**11**), PG Diplomas (**9**), PG Certificates (**2**), Diplomas (**4**) and Certificate programmes (**13**). A dedicated Learning Management System (LMS) portal has been designed for these online learners for accessing the four quadrant approach for e- learning contents.

- The University developed **526** new audio programmes and **263** new video programmes in the reported period with cumulative numbers of audio and videos programmes becoming **4711** and **6007** respectively. In addition, **51** video promos and **178** audio promos were produced during the period that has resulted in increased number of admissions at the University.
- The Gyan Darshan education TV Channel telecasted **9002** hours of educational programmes and **1154** live teleconferencing sessions (Table 2).
- The GyanVani (GV), FM educational radio is housed in the University. GV broadcasts programmes for 12 hours a day with GV (Delhi) FM radio. The University broadcasted **5512** hrs on Gyanvani and **840** IRC live sessions from January 2022 to February 2023 (Table 3).
- IGNOU, being the National Coordinator of SWAYAM, is currently offering **193** courses in different disciplines like Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Agriculture, Engineering, etc. through the SWAYAM (MOOCs) platform. Out of this **185** courses have been developed by our University. In last one year around **56 new courses** (**22** in January 2022 and **34** in July 2022 session) were added on the SWAYAM Portal.
- IGNOU SWAYAM Courses are very popular as can be seen with the enrolment data. Till January 2023 more than **13.5 lakh** students have enrolled for the SWAYAM Courses. During January 2022 cycle there were more than **2 lakh** registrations (total **2,17,187**) and in the July 2022 session more than **2.5 lakh** registration (total **2,50,592**) respectively.

- Many of the IGNOU SWAYAM courses have been adopted by the higher education institutions like IIM Bangalore, University of Hyderabad, Pondicherry University, Tezpur University, and many other public and private universities in the country for credit transfer. **126** courses have been adopted by other institutions.
- IGNOU as one of the National Coordinators of SWAYAM PRABHA, is running four Channels: Channel 17- Social Sciences and Humanities, Channel 18- Basic and Applied Sciences, Channel 19- Professional and Vocational Education, Channel 20- State Open Universities (SOUs) and Teacher Education.
- A novel initiative has been started by the University from January 6, 2022 for conducting live classes of popular BA courses (History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, Public Administration and Environmental Science) in **13** regional languages which are Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu & Urdu. including Hindi and English with the help of **14** Regional Centres in the country. The facility is also available on website (www.splive.ignouonline.ac.in) for clearing doubts of the students. Every day 13 hours of live classes are being conducted across the 4 SWAYAM PRABHA channels. In a short span **3,264** hours of live sessions have been conducted with an average of around 200 hours in each language (Table 4). All these sessions are recorded and archived on IGNOU's YouTube channel.
- **Counseling through SWAYAM PRABHA live sessions:** The University is offering the counseling of its professional courses through SWAYAM PRABHA live channel no. 19. Till date around **235** SWAYAM PRABHA live sessions have been telecasted for Management courses.

- A web-based facility Web-Enabled Academic Support (WEAS) Portal has been created by the University with the aim to provide an interactive one-stop programme portal for the IGNOU learners in getting academic support on the programme they are enrolled in. At present WEAS interface has been created in **45** courses / **35** programmes and efforts are on to convert all the programmes on offer in the University on the WEAS format.
- **Podcast:** IGNOU is the first Open University in the country to launch a Podcast series based on the motto: “freedom to learn”. Till date **23** audio lectures by eminent scholars, industrialists and policy makers on various themes have been posted. Four virtual talks have been conducted. As on date there are total **1.75 lakh** user visits and **2.17 lakh** page views.
- **Audiobooks:** The University has taken an initiative to offer its courses through audiobooks apart from the SLMs starting with Management courses. They are uploaded in our eGyanKosh portal alongside SLMs. The students can listen to them by simply using audio player of their mobile devices. This will be beneficial for them to learn while they are occupied with other activities of life. This is going to be helpful for the specially abled students as well.
- **Blockchain based digital degree:** With the assistance of IIT Kanpur, the University awarded digital degrees and certificates based on Blockchain for the first time alongside traditional certificates and degrees to students who enrolled for the 35th Convocation. The digital degrees were digitally signed, unchangeable, globally verifiable, and accessible through the students’ own wallets.

- More than **60K** graduating students, who registered for the 35th Convocation, were awarded digital degrees and certificates in a single click.
- The IGNOU website has a link for students to register for digital certificates, or they may download the Indisi Wallet App from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store in order to obtain their degrees and certificates.
- In the 36th convocation **2,79,917** students will be awarded Block-chain based digital degree.
- **Online Question Paper Delivery System (OQPDS)** was started by the University from the July 2019 Term End Examination. OQPDS platform provides facility for automation of Question Paper Bank, printing, and delivery of Question Papers (QP) at the IGNOU exam centers. It includes modules on uploading of password protected encrypted question paper, scheduling, and automated delivery system through systematic secured processes. For June 2022 and December 2022 Term End Examinations the platform was used for online delivery of **1541** (which includes theory and practical) question papers in around **884** exam centres across the country. The Online question paper delivery system has been able to cut down the cost of question paper printing and delivery considerably and the possibility of question paper leakage.
- The University successfully conducted proctored online examinations for students enrolled in online programmes in the January 2022 session and in December 2022 in centres across the country as well as for the students of Guyana.

- **Migration of University Management System on the SAMARTH Portal:** Technology Enabled Administrative Support includes complete back-office automation, University Management System and Student Lifecycle. All these services are now being hosted on the SAMARTH portal of Ministry of Education.
- **QR Code Based Course Material:** The SLM's of B. Ed., MCA, and BCA programmes and other course materials have been transformed into QR codes for simple access to students on their smartphones.
- **Central Nodal Agency for the NMEICT:** IGNOU is establishing a Project Management Unit (PMU) for NMEICT, which will oversee all of the major programmes, including SWAYAM, SWAYAM PRABHA, NDLI, Virtual Laboratories, eShodh Sindhu, and others.

Collaborations: Our University has earned recognition and credibility not only in India but across the globe too. A large number of Government organizations and International funding agencies have come forward to join hands with our University to benefit the society at large. In 2022 the University has entered into different MoUs which focus on promoting Indian languages, Art and culture and enhancing skill based education as envisaged in NEP 2020. The following are some of the MoUs which focus on these aspects.

- MoU with Central Sanskrit University (CSU) to open IGNOU LSCs in different campuses and offer IGNOU programmes in Jyotish, Sanskrit and Vedic studies.

- MoU with National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL).
- MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to link vocational education and training with higher education.
- MoU with Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED) for skilling, reskilling and upskilling of the organized and unorganized workforce.
- MoU with NSDC and NCVET to offer various skill based programmes.
- MoU with MSDE to strengthen the skill ecosystem at state and district level.
- MoU with defence forces to offer skill based undergraduate degree course for “Agniveer”.
- MoU with AICTE to translate MBA Courses in **12** regional languages.

Innovation: National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) of IGNOU has been carrying out various activities to foster and encourage innovation amongst the students as well as the IGNOU faculty and academics.

- On the basis of the National Innovation and Startup Policy of the MoE, NCIDE has designed and developed Institutions Innovation and Startup Policy (IISP) for IGNOU. Accordingly, the awareness programmes have been organized for the faculty to make them aware of the provisions given in the Innovation and

Startup Policy for the University. The IISP aims at streamlining and strengthening the innovation and entrepreneurship activities in the University.

- As per the directions of the MoE's Innovation Cell, NCIDE is encouraging and guiding the IGNOU faculty, students and alumni to develop new and innovative ideas, prototypes and business plans. **141** students and faculty have registered on YUKTI portal. Out of which **23** ideas, **14** prototypes and **6** business plans have been submitted on the YUKTI portal during 2022.
- NCIDE has designed and developed an innovative scheme, IGNOU Udyami (इग्नूउद्यमी). It is an initiative of the University towards Atmanirbhar Bharat mission of the Government of India. Till December 2022, more than 1700 students of IGNOU have shown their interest towards innovation and entrepreneurship by registering on the portal. After the implementation of NEP-2020 various awareness and motivational sessions on Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurships were organized for the IGNOU Udyami Students.

Alumni Connect: The University has an Alumni strength of **38.9 lakh** students, which is perhaps the world's largest alumni base of any single institution.

- The Alumni of IGNOU represent every segment of the Indian social spectrum. The University's success in reaching out to all segments of the society is reflected in the profile of the Alumni.
- The University has been making concerted efforts to revive the connect with the Alumni and integrate them with the institutional mechanism.

- The Alumni Association of IGNOU (AAI) is a registered society and all the Alumni are members of the Association.
- In order to give a common platform to the Alumni where they can share and exchange their ideas, and in the process, build a global community of IGNOU Alumni, an exclusive Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/ignou.alumni>) has been created.
- The page has received enthusiastic response from the Alumni. A large number of them have shared their experience with IGNOU in the form of short videos which have been uploaded on the page. These videos have become a source of inspiration for the currently enrolled learners.
- The University has also put in place an Alumni Portal (<https://ignoualumni.samarth.edu.in>) developed on the Samarth Platform.
- More than **50,000** alumni have registered on the portal till now. With the help of this portal, the University now has an updated, real-time database of the registered alumni.

Access through Social Media: Social Media channels of the University, i.e. Facebook (@OfficialPageIGNOU) with **85,284** followers, **111K** on Twitter (@OfficialIGNOU) and **26.9K** on Instagram (@officialpageignou) respectively are also maintained and populated with relevant content (related to events, live coverage of events, student's related information, Live Lecture Sessions by IGNOU Faculty, etc.) for dissemination to larger audience. The Twitter Handle of the University @OfficialIGNOU is on top in terms of followers vis-à-vis the other Central Universities (Table 5).

We consider it a blessing that our peers from conventional system serve as our course writers, editors, counsellors, and study centre coordinators. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their unwavering assistance and support. I feel it is my responsibility to express my gratitude to each of our partners and collaborators for having faith in us and giving us the responsibility to carry out for a variety of projects to address the needs of diverse target demographics.

Madam President, I wish to say that during the last 38 years, we have strived hard for what we have achieved. We have tried to justify the confidence posed on us. We hope we have lived up to those expectations and promise to bring more laurels to the University. Madam President, ODL appears to be the only approach which can meet the challenges of the education system. My heartfelt gratitude to you, Madam President, for gracing the occasion.

To conclude, I wish to state that our students deserve particular recognition for expressing belief in the University. I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone who is receiving a degree, diploma, or certificate after the hard work they have done. I hope you all succeed in all of your future endeavours and wish that you all become the ambassadors of IGNOU. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous life.

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Annexure - 1

List of Academic Programmes (January 2022-January 2023)

Academic Programmes launched in January 2022

- M.A in Environmental and Occupational Health (MAEOH)
- M.A in Sustainability Science (MASS)
- M.A in Urban Studies (MAUS)
- M.A in Corporate Social Responsibility (MACSR)
- M.Sc in Renewable Energy and Environment (MSCRWEE)
- B.A (Hons) in Sanskrit (BASKH)
- B.A (Hons) in Urdu (BAUDH)
- PG Diploma in Agribusiness (PGDAB)
- PG Diploma in Diaspora and Migration (PGDMIDI)
- PG Diploma in Sindhi-Hindi-Sindhi Translation (PGDSHST)
- Anuvad Evam Rupantaran Mein Snatkottar Pramanpatra (PGCAR)
- Certificate in Condition Monitoring (CCOMO)

Online academic programmes launched in January 2022

- Master of Business Administration (MBAOL)
- Master of Computer Application (MCAOL)
- M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication (MAJMCOL)
- M.A. in Rural Development (MARDOL)
- M.A. in English (MEGOL)
- Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCAOL)
- B.A. (Social Work) (BSWGOL)
- Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (PGDRDOL)
- PG Diploma in Environmental and Occupational Health (PGDEOHOL)
- Diploma in Nutrition and Health Education (DNHEOL)
- Diploma in Urdu Language (DULOL)
- Certificate in Food and Nutrition (CFNOL)
- Certificate in Rural Development (CRDOL)
- Certificate in Urdu Language (CULOL)
- Certificate in Spanish Language and Culture (CSLCOL)
- Certificate in French Language (CFLOL)

Academic programmes launched in July 2022

- M.Sc. in Food Safety and Quality Management (MSCFSQM)
- MBA - Operations Management (MBAOM)
- MBA - Marketing Management (MBAMM)
- MBA - Human Resource Management (MBAHM)
- MBA - Financial Management (MBAFM)
- M.A in Vedic Studies (MAVS)
- M.A in Vyavsayik Lekhan (MAHV)
- M.A in Arabic (MAARB)
- B.A (VS) Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (BAVMSME)
- B.A. (Facility and Services Management) (BAFSM)
- PG Diploma in Writings from the Margins (PGDWM)
- PG Diploma in Writings from India (PGDWI)
- PG Diploma in Vastu Shastra (PGDVS)
- PG Diploma in the Novel (PGDNOV)
- PG Diploma in New Literature in English (PGDNLEG)
- PG Diploma in Industrial Safety (PGDINDS)
- PG Diploma in Electronic Media (PGDEME)

- PG Diploma in British Literature (PGDBLT)
- PG Diploma in American Literature (PGDAML)
- Certificate in Vedic Ganit (CVG)
- Certificate in Smartcity Development and Management (CSC DM)
- Certificate in Skill Acquisition & Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (CSANKALP)
- Certificate in Gender in Law (CGSL)
- Certificate in Gender Science (CGSCI)
- Certificate in Apparel Merchandising (CAPMER)
- Certificate in Professional Development of Teachers (CPDT)

Online academic programmes launched in July 2022

- M.A in Distance Education (MADEOL)
- PG Diploma in Digital Media (PGDIDMOL)
- PG Diploma in Distance Education (PGDDEOL)
- PG Diploma in Development Communication (PGDDCOL)
- Diploma in Creative Writing in English (DCEOL)
- सरल संस्कृत बोध में प्रमाणपत्र कार्यक्रम (SSBOL)

Academic programmes launched in January 2023

- M.A in Russian (MMARUS)
- M.A in Environmental Studies (MAEVS)
- M.A in Journalism and Electronic Media (MAJEM)
- M.A in Journalism and Digital Media (MAJDM)
- M. A in French (MAFL)
- M.A. in Migration & Diaspora (MAMIDI)
- B.A (Gender Studies) (BAGS)
- B.A in Applied Urdu (BAAUD)
- B.A in Applied Sanskrit (BAASK)
- B.A. in Applied Hindi (BAAHD)
- Post Graduate Diploma in early Childhood & Foundational stage Education (PGDECFE)
- PG Diploma in Geo Informatics (PGDGI)
- PG Diploma in Environmental Management and Law (PGD EML)
- PG Diploma in Financial Management (PGDIFM)
- PG Diploma in Marketing Management (PGDIMM)

- PG Diploma in Human Resource Management (PGDIHRM)
- PG Diploma in Operations Management (PGDIOM)
- PG Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (PGJMCOL)
- PG Diploma in Advertising and Integrated Communication (PGDAIC)
- Certificate in पद भारतीय कालगणना (CBKG)

Online academic programmes launched in January 2023

- M.A in Sustainability Science (MASSOL)
- M.A in Development Journalism (MADJ)
- M.A in Journalism and Mass Communication – Tamil (MAJMCTOL)

Table 1: Batch-wise details of NEP-PDP Programme for University and College teachers approved by UGC

Batch	Date	Total No. of Teachers Admitted	Total No. of Teachers Passed
Batch 1	09-17 September, 2022	6452	2008
Batch 2	21-29 September, 2022	9294	3086
Batch 3	07-15 October, 2022	8900	2925
Batch 4	17-25 October, 2022	10378	2784
Batch 5	Oct 27-Nov 05, 2022	7088	3253
Batch 6	07-16 November, 2022	3998	1306
Batch 7	18-26 November, 2022	4644	1492
Batch 8	05-13 December, 2022	5878	1373
Batch 9	21-31 December, 2022	4095	1545
Batch 10	20-29 January, 2023	4295	1309

**Table 2 : Total Number of Live Teleconference sessions
(January 2022-February 2023)**

Sl. No.	Month	Total Hours of Transmission	Total number of Live Teleconference Sessions Held
1.	January 2022	643	101 Sessions
2.	February 2022	607	65 Sessions
3.	March 2022	672	72 Sessions
4.	April 2022	637	83 Sessions
5.	May 2022	664	80 Sessions
6.	June 2022	632	88 Sessions
7.	July 2022	654	90 Sessions
8.	August 2022	644	80 Sessions
9.	September 2022	632	88 Sessions
10.	October 2022	668	76 Sessions
11.	November 2022	632	88 Sessions
12.	December 2022	660	84 Sessions
13.	January 2023	665	79 Sessions
14.	February 2023	592	80 Sessions

Table 3 : Total Number of IRC (January 2022-February 2023)

Sr. No.	Period	Total Hour of Broadcast	IRC Conducted
1	January, 2022	403	60
2	February, 2022	364	59
3	March, 2022	403	71
4	April, 2022	390	45
5	May, 2022	403	64
6	June, 2022	390	62
7	July, 2022	403	69
8	August, 2022	403	64
9	September, 2022	390	64
10	October, 2022	403	55
11	November, 2022	390	57
12	December, 2022	403	57
13	January, 2023	403	66
14	February, 2023	364	47
Total		5512	840

Table 4: SWAYAM PRABHA Live Sessions in Regional Languages

Regional Languages	Channel 17	Channel 18	Channel 19	Channel 20	Total Time (Hrs.) Language Wise
Hindi	230	-	5	2	237
Hindi / English	377	-	-	-	377
Tamil	220	1	3	-	224
Punjabi	214	-	4	1	219
Gujarati	217	1	4	-	222
Urdu	3	1	211	2	217
Malayalam	3	1	218	1	223
Odia	3	2	229	2	236
English	4	223	4	-	231
Telugu	4	217	5	2	228
Assamese	5	225	3	1	234
Marathi	4	2	3	215	224
Kannada	2	1	2	162	167
Bengali	4	2	4	215	225
Channel wise Total Timing (Hrs.)	1290	676	695	603	3264

Table 5: Access Through Social Media

	Meta (Facebook) Followers	Twitter Followers
HQ	1,96,718	1,254,93
Regional Centres	251860	40688
Total	4,48,578	1,66,181

Table 6: Regional Centre wise list of Social Media Access

Sr. No.	Name of the Regional Center	Regional Center Code	Meta (Facebook) followers/ likes of the Regional Centre	Twitter followers of the Regional Centre	Instagram followers of the Regional Centre	Youtube subscribers of the Regional Centre	Grand Total
1	Agartala	26	1300	41	56	59	1456
2	Ahmedabad	9	397	229	0	129	755
3	Aizwal	19	1329	94	0	818	2241
4	Aligarh	47	86	60	0	281	427
5	Angul	89	1620	134	156	0	1910
6	Bangalore	13	1111	570	0	631	2312
7	Bhagalpur	82	1220	297	63	111	1691
8	Bhopal	15	1000	637	314	762	2713
9	Bhubaneswar	21	1988	1064	0	695	3747
10	Bijapur	85	262	327	291	190	1070
11	Chandigarh	6	19234	558	472	958	21222
12	Chennai	25	4900	1072	0	59	6031
13	Cochin	14	18524	576	93	7321	26514
14	Darbhangha		256	274	0	21	551

15	Dehradun	31	844	863	280	935	2922
16	Delhi-1	7	26830	1505	324	2936	31595
17	Delhi-2	29	7200	4656	58	199	12113
18	Delhi-3	38	9474	1084	1274	2100	13932
19	Deogarh		1794	143	152		2089
20	Gangtok	24	3700	165	77	252	4194
21	Guwahati	4	7004	847	138	1310	9299
22	Hyderabad		2268	805	0	9	3082
23	Imphal	17	821	263	0	89	1173
24	Itanagar	3	430	171	57	30	688
25	Jabalpur	41	280	423	0	772	1475
26	Jaipur	23	3600	890	287	1300	6077
27	Jammu	12	2600	550	0	470	3620
28	Jodhpur	88	1400	58	49	1670	3177
29	Jorhat	37	4375	657	0	1379	6411
30	Karnal	10	4900	1176	0	943	7019
31	Khanna	22	5377	943	0	1499	7819
32	Kohima	20	536	9	0	146	691
33	Kolkata	28	6354	906	76	3130	10466
34	Koraput	44	537	184	0	56	777
35	Lucknow	27	5300	2666	105	1251	9322
36	Madurai	43	2646	192	0	201	3039
37	Mumbai	49	9895	2886	0	4830	17611
38	Nagpur	36	1244	987	72	2350	4653
39	NOIDA	39	2598	1932	0	4080	8610
40	Panaji	8	1458	68	0	241	1767
41	Patna	5	3400	2749	384	2180	8713

42	Port Blair	2	1000	40	244	10	1294
43	Pune	16	2300	567	9	3027	5903
44	Raghunathganj	50	65	53	0	5	123
45	Raipur	35	193	159	0	11	363
46	Rajkot	42	361	643	112	245	1361
47	Ranchi	32	1700	1205	67	2870	5842
48	Saharsa	86	6800	221	0	181	7202
49	Shillong		2093	284	0	123	2500
50	Shimla	11	4582	279	0	1560	6421
51	Siliguri	45	791	71	153	36	1051
52	Srinagar	30	44594	839	801	347	46581
53	Trivendrum	40	3600	910	471	7130	12111
54	Varanasi	48	5888	711	0	3370	9969
55	Vatakara	83	6000	129	0	12500	18629
56	Vijayawada	33	1138	361	0	591	2090
57	Vishakhapatnam	84	663	505	157	506	1831
			251860	40688	6792	78905	378245

Table 7: Regional Centre- wise students eligible for award of Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates in the 36th Convocation

Regional Centre Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	M. phil	Ph.d	Number of Students
Hyderabad (01)	753	578	422	346	-	-	2099
Port Blair (02)	354	299	45	83	-	-	781
Itanagar (03)	988	772	65	197	-	-	2022
Guwahati (04)	1726	580	201	617	-	-	3124
Patna (05)	6212	5022	855	1105	-	-	13194
Chandigarh (06)	1241	1507	205	1229	-	-	4182
Delhi-1 (07)	7488	12438	886	3572	-	-	24384
Panaji (08)	442	413	28	148	-	-	1031
Ahmedabad (09)	653	581	101	505	-	-	1840
Karnal (10)	4132	9450	131	2694	-	-	16407
Shimla (11)	2078	5343	136	1777	-	-	9334
Jammu (12)	4538	5232	271	469	-	-	10510
Bangalore (13)	1447	824	128	866	-	-	3265
Cochin (14)	2991	1884	178	1991	-	-	7044
Bhopal (15)	624	517	1212	380	-	-	2733
Pune (16)	825	795	142	371	-	-	2133
Imphal (17)	813	274	10	53	-	-	1150
Shillong (18)	625	399	172	126	-	-	1322
Aizwal (19)	408	534	81	59	-	-	1082
Kohima (20)	633	129	115	125	-	-	1002
Bhubaneswar (21)	3615	4111	105	1637	-	-	9468
Khanna (22)	627	1155	300	6062	-	-	8144

Regional Centre Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	M. phil	Ph.d	Number of Students
Jaipur (23)	737	1431	654	1443	-	-	4265
Gangtok (24)	554	481	6	178	-	-	1219
Chennai (25)	333	478	324	276	-	-	1411
Agartala (26)	1068	140	177	155	-	-	1540
Lucknow (27)	1735	987	180	753	-	-	3655
Kolkata (28)	3601	5256	292	1683	-	-	10832
Delhi-2 (29)	15591	9356	431	5726	-	-	31104
Srinagar (30)	6011	1626	508	679	-	-	8824
Dehradun (31)	953	1416	80	347	-	-	2796
Ranchi (32)	5738	4442	163	1979	-	-	12322
Vijayawada (33)	433	814	79	197	-	-	1523
International (34)	165	432	61	92	-	-	750
Raipur (35)	364	235	62	787	-	-	1448
Nagpur (36)	508	362	110	239	-	-	1219
Jorhat (37)	1094	299	46	221	-	-	1660
Delhi-3 (38)	8498	4948	598	3876	-	-	17920
Noida (39)	1980	2013	249	1155	-	-	5397
Trivandrum (40)	1907	1022	226	1096	-	-	4251
Jabalpur (41)	252	308	393	159	-	-	1112
Rajkot (42)	199	215	21	119	-	-	554
Madurai (43)	135	178	229	154	-	-	696
Koraput (44)	825	1286	12	546	-	-	2669
Siliguri (45)	1477	1528	21	278	-	-	3304
Darbhanga (46)	1470	1682	334	420	-	-	3906

Regional Centre Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	M. phil	Ph.d	Number of Students
Aligarh (47)	264	255	38	85	-	-	642
Varanasi (48)	1814	901	137	522	-	-	3374
Mumbai (49)	1184	1016	88	382	-	-	2670
Raghunathganj (50)	190	347	5	8	-	-	550
Bhagalpur (82)	1415	1421	210	199	-	-	3245
Vatakara (83)	1967	1666	49	1091	-	-	4773
Visakhapatnam (84)	193	373	82	138	-	-	786
Bijapur (85)	305	297	86	201	-	-	889
Saharsa (86)	1643	2596	142	247	-	-	4628
Deoghar (87)	2234	3068	37	372	-	-	5711
Jodhpur (88)	409	831	527	142	-	-	1909
Headquarter	-	-	-	-	4	108	112
Grand Total	1,10,459	1,06,543	12,446	50,357	4	108	2,79,917

**Table: 8 School-wise students eligible for award of Degrees/
Diplomas/Certificates in the 36th Convocation**

School	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	M.Phil	Ph.d	Total
SOA	-	-	170	325	-	-	495
SOCE	3074	-	2652	14957	-	5	20688
SOCIS	1592	1824	136	1125	-	1	4678
SOE	1494	3106	274	877	-	5	5756
SOEDS	105	-	77	1062	-	-	1244
SOET	-	-	75	0	-	-	75
SOFL	-	-	387	9	-	-	396
SOGDS	77	-	3	223	-	2	305
SOH	23446	7931	246	136	-	7	31766
SOHS	0	91	4750	237	-	2	5080
SOITS	352	-	115	101	-	5	573
SOJNMS	29	-	3	437	2	5	476
SOL	-	-	223	246	-	4	473
SOMS	20264	9977	135	27276	-	8	57660
SOPVA	0	-	189	25	-	6	220
SOS	7	4813	166	489	-	8	5483
SOSS	56815	69347	2422	731	2	32	129349
SOSW	2391	1030	143	130	-	8	3702
SOTHSM	777	8424	106	123	-	4	9434
SOTST	36	-	8	1689	-	4	1737
SOVET	-	-	166	159	-	2	327
GRAND TOTAL	1,10,459	1,06,543	12,446	50,357	4	108	2,79,917

Table 9: North-East Regional Centre-wise students eligible for award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates in the 36th Convocation

Regional Centre Name and Code	Master	Bachelor	Certificate	Diploma	Number of Students
Itanagar (03)	988	772	65	197	2022
Guwahati (04)	1726	580	201	617	3124
Imphal (17)	813	274	10	53	1150
Shillong (18)	625	399	172	126	1322
Aizwal (19)	408	534	81	59	1082
Kohima (20)	633	129	115	125	1002
Gangtok (24)	554	481	6	178	1219
Agartala (26)	1068	140	177	155	1540
Jorhat (37)	1094	299	46	221	1660
Grand Total	7909	3608	873	1731	14121

Table 10: Enrolment of SC/ST Students for the last 5 Years

Year	SC	ST	Total
2021-22	106779	55148	161927
2020-21	117860	55502	173362
2019-20	150611	100276	250887
2018-19	96839	62130	158969
2017-18	85011	55688	140699

Table 11: Total Number of Enrolment for the last 5 years

Year	Total Number of Enrolment
2017-18	1072578
2018-19	1148956
2019-20	1209620
2020-21	1288416
2021-22	1289519

Table 12: Enrolment of International Learners for the last 5 years

Year	Total Number of Enrolment
2017-18	3022
2018-19	2554
2019-20	2425
2020-21	3467
2021-22	4333

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