

Report of the Alumni Meet organized by IGNOU Regional Centres Khanna (host) and Karnal

- **Date and Time of the meeting:**

Sunday, 19th December 2021 at 4 p.m.

- **Details of participants from HQs and RCs:**

1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble VC, IGNOU
2. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director RSD
3. Dr. V.P. Rupam, Director CPC
4. Dr. Punam K Singh, RD, RC, Karnal
5. Dr. Santosh Kumari, RD, RC, Khanna
6. Dr. Pramesh Chandra, ARD, RC, Khanna
7. Dr. Dharam Pal, ARD, RC, Karnal
8. Dr. Amit Kumar Jain, ARD, RC, Karnal

- **Details of Alumni Participants (attached as Annexure)**

- **Highlights of the deliberations:**

Dr. Santosh Kumari, RD, RC, Khanna started the Alumni meet with her welcome address. Informing about RC Khanna, she said that there are 27 active LSCs under its jurisdiction out of which 13 are in District Hospitals. In the last 2 years, RC Khanna has enrolled more than 74000 learners out of which 44000 learners are enrolled in DECE Programme alone. During the COVID Pandemic conditions, the Regional Centre continued to provide active learner support services through Online counseling sessions and online assignment submission. Moreover, ICT and social media platforms were utilized extensively during this period. The RC has regularly organized awareness programmes and grievance redressal camps in close coordination with its LSC network. The RC has also actively participated in Govt. of India schemes viz. Swachhta Hi Sewa, Swatchhata Pakhwada, Swachh Bharat Mission, Adoption of Village, etc. The RC is giving its best to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) from 26% to 50%.

Dr. Punam K. Singh, Sr. RD, RC, Karnal said that Alumni are ambassadors and assets for the University. She said that creation of supportive Alumni Network is crucial for the success of an educational institution. Young Alumni can get benefitted from their senior counterparts in professional life. She invited the Alumni to participate actively

through their RC. She said that RC Karnal has 35 active LSCs at present out of which 13 are in Jails. Efforts made to enrol Police Personnel, Home Guards, Anganwadi workers etc. have resulted in exponential growth in enrolment in recent years.

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director RSD said that organizing Alumni Meet is a unique initiative of the University to get connected with the pass-out learners. In the last five months, the University has organized Alumni Meet of about 40 RCs. The basic idea is to know what our Alumni are doing in the society and to get their feedback about IGNOU for improving the Programme delivery and learner support services. He highlighted about the learner centric, modular, open and flexible approach of IGNOU and told that this University has the largest examination system in the world. He emphasized on the fact that at present, the figure of 36 lac Alumni has exceeded that of 34 lac presently enrolled learners thus making it the largest family of almost 7 million learners. This is a staggering figure which any University can be proud of. He appreciated the commendable job done by both the RCs in the last 2 years and also suggested that quality student support services should be ensured. He appealed to the Alumni to create awareness about IGNOU in the society particularly among disadvantaged/marginalized sections and strive to provide their services as counsellors, mentors, supervisors, guides, examiners and facilitators.

Dr. V.P. Rupam, Director CPC told that Alumni Association of IGNOU (AAI) is a registered organization under the Societies Registration Act of 1860. He informed the Alumni about the Facebook page created by the AAI. He also gave a presentation on how to get registered through the dedicated portal developed exclusively for the Alumni by IGNOU.

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Hon'ble VC of IGNOU in his presidential address started by complimenting the efforts made by the Director RSD and Director CPC in organizing Alumni Meet on every Sunday in the last 4 months. He informed that IGNOU is accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC. He also appreciated the efforts of regulatory bodies in considering equivalence of IGNOU Programmes. Talking about the support services provided by IGNOU during the Corona pandemic, he told that the University left no stone unturned in reaching out to its learners even through Gyan Darshan and Swayam Prabha Channels along with online Programmes. He also informed that almost 16 lac learners have started using IGNOU Mobile e-content app for downloading and studying soft copy of the Self Instructional Study Material. He emphasized on the aspect of reaching out to as many as Alumni as possible so as to strengthen the support network of this University.

The interaction of Alumni started with presentation from Ms. Suman Manjari, a retired IPS officer. She praised IGNOU for providing educational opportunities to all age groups as she was 55 years old when she joined MAPC during her service. She appreciated the equal treatment given to all the learners at the study centre irrespective of their social status.

Sh. Ram Kumar working as Assistant Professor in a College was a great success story as he started with BPP from IGNOU and also went on to complete Graduation and then Post Graduation from this University. He also cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the University.

Sh. Vivek Joshi, a 100% differently-abled learner completed MSW and MBA from IGNOU. He is a National Awardee from the President of India. He suggested about disability sensitization and requested for development of the facility for assignment submission in audio/video modes for differently-abled learners. He also suggested for the development of SLMs in Braille.

Dr. Amandeep Singh working for Ministry of Labour and Employment gave suggestions about a solid mechanism for online submission of assignments. He also pointed out the issue of delay in the delivery of SLMs to the learners. Dr. Rupam replied to him by saying that a Centralized Assignment Submission Portal would be made available to the learners very shortly.

Dr. Shalini, Assistant Professor appreciated the good content of SLMs of IGNOU in gaining knowledge. Mrs. Neelam, a housewife also praised the efforts of IGNOU in providing education to her after marriage.

Sh. Balwinder Singh claimed to have completed 20 Programmes from IGNOU out of the 33 degrees obtained by him. He said that IGNOU imparts quality education in different fields of knowledge. Col. Rajesh Kapoor suggested about conducting online examination. Director, RSD replied by saying that 80% of IGNOU's learners do not have access to ICT tools. Hence, such facility can be developed later for only a few takers. Dr. Rupam seconded his views.

Sh. Sanjeev Tandon along with many other Alumni accepted the fact that they got their present position because of getting a degree from IGNOU. He suggested activation of PG Programmes at LSC in Ferozepur district so that people of this area don't have to go to far away places for getting their PG degrees.

Mrs. Poonam Dubey, a teacher in a School at Jalandhar wished to complete Ph.D. from IGNOU after getting BA and MEG degrees from IGNOU. Ms. Manisha Jha,

Rajbhasha Instructor posted in Bihar said that it was quite natural to get deeply attached with this University once anybody completes degree from here.

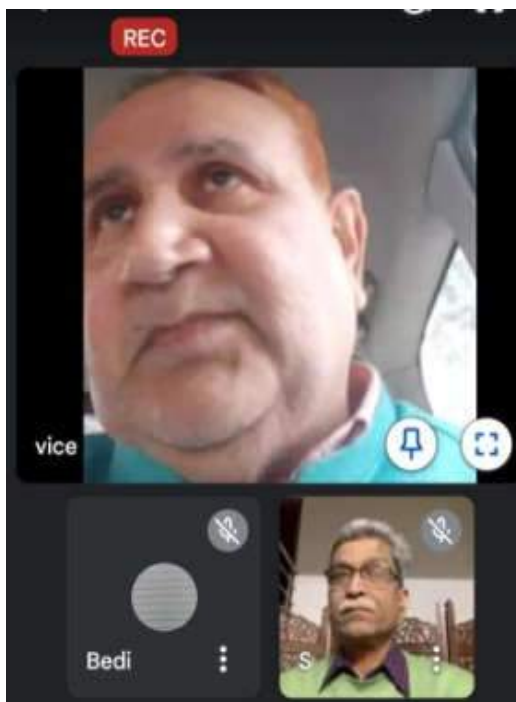
Dr. Vijay Kaushik, Assistant Scientist at an Agriculture University suggested about development of Programmes related to his discipline to which he was informed that IGNOU already provides education through different Programmes of School of Agriculture.

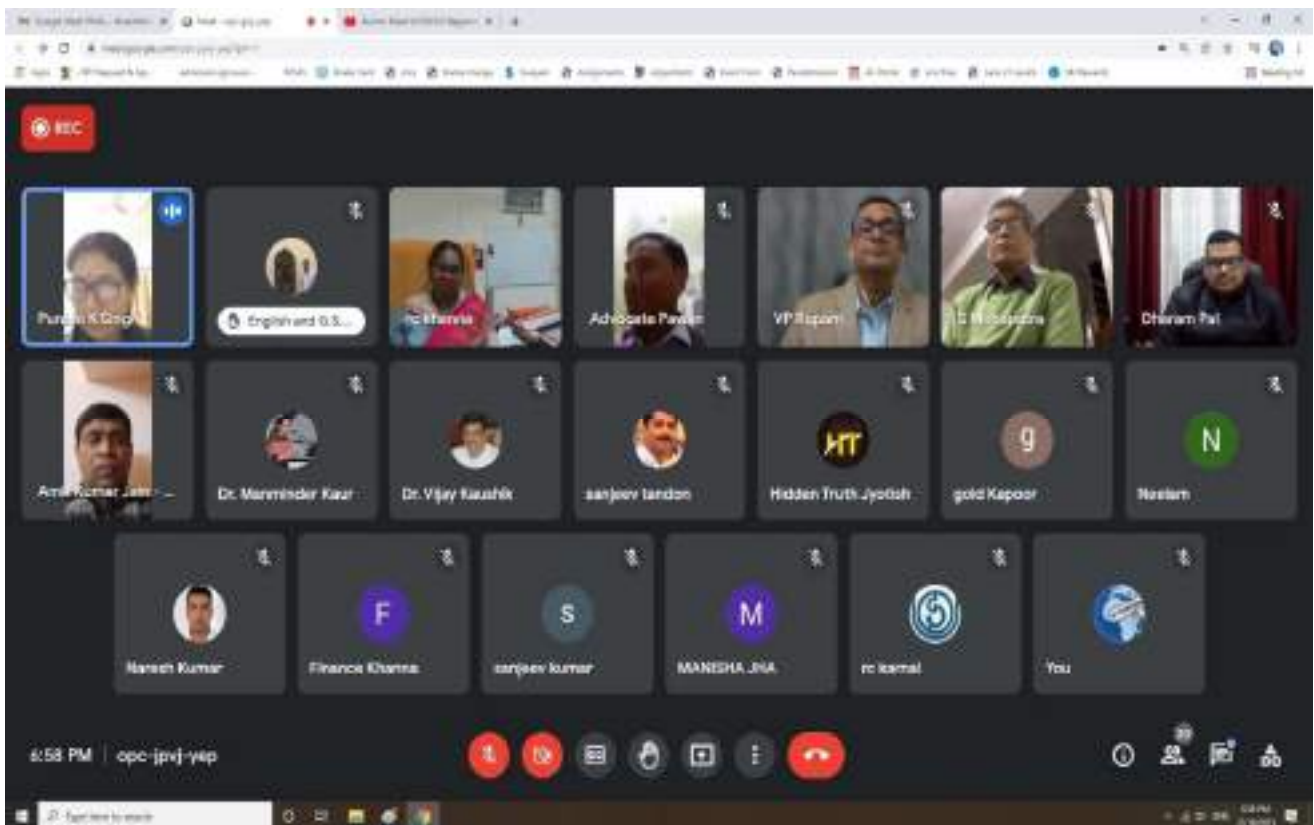
Ms. Teena Sikka, a teacher appreciated the presence of IGNOU even outside the country.

Director, RSD in his concluding remarks said that this meet was the longest meeting held till date. He praised the efforts of both the Regional Centres in selecting such Alumni for presentation who truly represented the diversity of learners from IPS office to Housewife. Director, CPC urged all Alumni to get registered online with the AAI at the earliest.

RD, Karnal presented the vote of thanks.

- **Photographs:**





Coverage in Print Media

इग्नू क्षेत्रीय केंद्र खण्णा ने करवाया पूर्व विद्यार्थियों का सम्मेलन

खण्णा, 21 दिसम्बर (कमल): इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय क्षेत्रीय केंद्र खण्णा की निदेशक डॉ. संतोष कुमारी ने बताया कि इग्नू के नई दिल्ली स्थित मुख्यालय के दिशा निर्देशों के अनुसार गूगल मीट के जरिए ऑनलाइन माध्यम से क्षेत्रीय केंद्र खण्णा एवं



ऑनलाइन आयोजित सम्मेलन का दृश्य।

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Annexure

NAME	PROGRAMME	RC NAME
Dr. Manminder Kaur	MAPC	Khanna
Dr. Arshdeep Singh Bedi	BTS/MTM/MAEDU	Khanna
Col. Rajesh Kapoor	PGDEMA	Khanna
Dr. Amandeep Singh	BSW MSW MAEDU	Khanna
Sh. Balwinder Singh	CRD CHR CDM CFE CSWCJS PGCAP PGCEDS PGDRD PGDUPDL DPLAD MARD MAPC CIHL CTRBS	Khanna
Sh. Divesh Khullar	PGDDE BEDSE MPS MATS DECE	Khanna
Sh. Vivek Joshi	MSW MBA	Khanna
Mrs. Poonam Dubey	BA MEG	Khanna
Mrs. Neelam Singh	BED Pursuing MHD	Khanna
Mrs. Kanwaljeet Kaur	PGJMC	Khanna
Ms. Teena Sikka	BED	Khanna
Sh. Sanjeev Tandon	MCOM	Khanna
Sh. Ranjit Singh Bhullar	DNHE	Khanna
MR. RAM KUMAR	BA/BLIS/MAH	Karnal
MR. PAWAN KUMAR	MCA	Karnal
DR. RAM CHAND	MBA	Karnal
MS.MANISHA JHA	MHD	Karnal
MR. JOGINDER ROHILA	PGDDE	Karnal
SHALINI NARANG	PGDSLM	Karnal
DR. VIJAY KAUSHIK	PGDEDS	Karnal
MS. KANCHAN RANI	PGDRD	Karnal
MS. SUMAN MANJRI	MAPC	Karnal
MR. SIDHARTH MEHAN	DNHE	Karnal
MR. KARAM SINGH	PGDRD	Karnal