

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
REGIONAL CENTRE :: HYDERABAD**

**Report on the First Alumni Meet of IGNOU Regional Centres,
Hyderabad, Vijayawada & Visakhapatnam jointly organized and hosted by RC, Hyderabad
through virtual mode on 10th October, 2021 at 4.00 p.m.**

Date & Time of the Alumni Meet : 10th October, 2021 at 4.00 p.m.

Details of Participants from Hqrs. and Regional Centres :

Sl.No.	Name of the Dignitary	Designation
1.	Prof. V. Nageswara Rao	Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU
2.	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra	Director, RSD
3.	Dr. V.P. Rupam	Director (i/c), CPC
4.	Dr. Hema Pant	Dy. Director, RSD
5.	Sh. Praveen Kumar Jain	Vice-President, AAI
6.	Dr. K. Ramesh	RD (i/c), RC, Hyderabad
7.	Dr. P.M. Sowjanya,	ARD, RC, Hyderabad
8.	Dr. Raju Bolla	ARD, RC, Hyderabad
9.	Dr. S. Raja Rao	Sr. RD, RC, Visakhapatnam
10.	Dr. G. Dharma Rao	ARD, RC, Visakhapatnam
11.	Dr. K. Sumalatha	ARD, RC, Vijayawada
12.	Dr. B. Prasad Babu	ARD, RC, Vijayawada

Details of Alumni Participants (Placed in Annexure)

Highlights of Deliberations:

The first Alumni meet of Regional Centres of Hyderabad, Vijayawada & Visakhapatnam was organized in virtual mode on 10th October, 2021 at 4.00 p.m. Out of the 31 Alumni shortlisted, 27 have participated representing three Regional Centres of Telugu States i.e., Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The virtual meeting is jointly organized by three Regional Centres and RC, Hyderabad as host. The virtual meeting began at 4.00 p.m. with the welcome address by Dr.K.Ramesh, Deputy Director and Regional Director (I/c), RC Hyderabad. He has extended warm welcome to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Directors of RSD & CPC and Senior RD, RC, Visakhapatnam and RD (I/c) RC, Vijayawada supporting staff present from three Regional Centres and all the Alumni Present. University KULGEET was played followed by introduction of objectives of Alumni meet by Senior Regional Director Dr.S.Raja Rao, RC, Visakhapatnam. Dr.Raja Rao highlighted the objectives of Alumni Association of IGNOU is to extend the outreach of IGNOU across the country and overseas, motivate prospective and enrolled learners and promote IGNOU.

Dr.Srikant Mohapatra, Director, RSD gave rousing welcome address detailed the chronological emergency and expansion of Regional Centres network in Telugu States. He set an agenda point for Alumni about IGNOU's aspirations and expectations from them. Dr.V.P.Rupam, Director (I/c), Campus Placement Cell spoke on ideas and ideals of IGNOU Alumni Platform appealed the Alumni for sharing their experiences. A detailed demo was given to Alumni for registering on IGNOU Alumni Portal. He opined that the number of Alumni is nothing less than a population of a small country. Thus the Alumni can contribute for the growth and explanation of IGNOU.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof.Nageshwar Rao gave his impressive, inspiring, expressive stirring welcome address. In his opening remarks he appealed the Alumni to make AAI as 'interacting platform to share ideas' and further appealed them for a "long term association to act as brand ambassadors". Further, he detailed the introduction of multi-dimensional programmes of IGNOU like never before. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor made an appeal to Alumni to develop belongingness for IGNOU and be part of 'glorifying image'.

All Alumni joined in the virtual meeting were invited to interact in alphabetical order with a maximum of three minutes duration to each presenter. In the given timeframe 27 Alumni of distinguished personalities occupying coveted positions across all spheres of society have participated with excitement and they are nostalgic in their expressions. All the 27 Alumni extolled the contribution of IGNOU and its excellent student support services and benevolent services of the academics and supporting staff of the Regional Centres. They are highly appreciative of IGNOU's self-learning material, Programme Design and Delivery Mechanism. A few of the Alumni volunteered to extend academic support such as counseling, course writing, evaluation. They all accepted to be brand ambassadors of IGNOU for promoting the IGNOU Programmes.

Many of them made an attempt to give their suggestions for further improvement of the performance of IGNOU. A few of such suggestions are given below :

Sl.No.	Alumni Suggestion	Response of IGNOU
1.	Expansion of PGDGM Programme to all possible RCs.	Taken positively
2.	Introduction of M.Sc. (Nursing)	Approval needed from INC.
3.	SLMs are to be in the PDF Formats.	Taken positively
4.	To activate all IGNOU programmes at all Regional Centres	Already taken up
5.	Translation of diploma programmes in Regional Languages	It will be examined on the need basis
6.	Offering PG Programmes in foreign languages	Taken positively
7.	Introduction of DAFE/CAFÉ Programmes in Regional Languages	Taken positively
8.	Introduction of PG Programme M.A. Policy	This programme will be activated from July, 2022 session onwards.

Alumni Association of IGNOU (AAI) Shri Praveen Kumar Jain, Vice-President addressed the Alumni and appealed to take up promotion of IGNOU on large scale through social media and from all possible ways and means.

In concluding remarks Dr.V.P.Rupam expressed happiness over the deliberations and promises made by the Alumni in the virtual meeting. He expressed the readiness of the University to support and optimize the Alumni in expansion of IGNOU network. Dr.Hema Pant, Dy. Director, RSD spoke on the deliberations of the Alumni and gave structural advise to align with vision of IGNOU. Dr.K.Sumalatha, RD (I/c), RC Vijayawada proposed vote of thanks. The programme concluded with National Anthem.

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