

Amar Jyoti IGNOU Special Study Centre-0734D Induction Meeting Report of the Session July 2020 held on 23 & 24 Jan 2021

Special Speakers:

Dr. Meena Singh, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Rajghat

Dr. Ataur Rehman, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Rajghat

Resource Persons:

Coordinator, Asst. Coordinator, Program In-charges, & empanelled Academic Counselors

The Programme:

Amar Jyoti Special Study Centre 0734D of Indira Gandhi National Open University is one of the oldest and largest IGNOU study centre with over 4700 enrolled learners in various programs/Courses. Established in the year 1981 in eastern part of Delhi, Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust has been serving the society and humanity with the objective of mainstreaming persons with disabilities with a holistic approach of providing inclusive education, medical care, skill development, capacity building and co-curricular activities in one campus.

Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust IGNOU Special Study Centre 0734D organised and conducted an online Induction meeting for the learners enrolled in various Graduate, Post-graduate, Diploma & Certificate programs in the session July 2020.

In the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic situation to avoid crowding and maintain social distancing to contain the spread of Covid infection, the Induction meeting was held online via Google Meet platform. The introductory session and the program/courses-wise sessions with more than 100 enrolled learners were streamed lived via the Facebook page of Amar Jyoti IGNOU SSC. (Link: <https://fb.me/0734D>)

The Induction meeting was held to share and communicate with the learners about the mission, vision, values, and academic practices of Indira Gandhi National Open University. The meeting was intended to orient the new learners from diverse background about the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode, the credit points of various programs, the counselling sessions, the significance of assignment submissions, and the term-end examinations (TEE) of the University.

The learners were familiarized with the journey of Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust with specific mention of the IGNOU Special Study Centre. The contribution of Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust in the field of education, health, social service, and towards humanity at large was highlighted. The role of Amar Jyoti IGNOU SSC 0734D since its inception in imparting education to the unreached, the marginalized, and the people with special needs was emphasized.

The values and practices of Inclusive Education and Learning that both IGNOU and Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust stand for were shared with the learners. The Centre apprised the new learners with pride that it has one of the best barrier-free infrastructure and an environment that is conducive for differently-abled learners.

The special guest from the Regional Centre, Rajghat, Assistant Regional Director Dr. Meena Singh elaborated upon various aspects of distance learning, and the importance of assignment submissions on time. She also emphasized the necessity of regularly attending the counselling sessions. She clarified several issues and doubts which were raised by the learners during the session.

Assistant Regional Director Dr. Ataur Rehman from IGNOU Regional Centre, Rajghat deliberated at length on the relevant concerns of the learners related to assignment, counselling sessions, project, internship, and examination.

Amar Jyoti IGNOU SSC has a number of highly qualified, well-experienced, and dedicated empanelled academic counselors who conduct regular counselling sessions. During these pandemic times the online counselling sessions were conducted by the counsellors. The office staff members (Mrs. Geetha Krishnan, Ms Rajkumari, Mr. Ashish Trehan, and Mr. Deepak kumar) and the counselors of the centre have always been available to the learners through various online modes such as email, WhatsApp, SMS, Google Meet, Zoom etc. to provide them with the relevant information and to facilitate the active learning process.

The resource persons also conducted the program/course wise Induction meeting (presented in the Table below) to orient the newly enrolled learners about the course contents, the study materials, the counselling sessions, the assignments, the examinations, and the re-evaluation. The doubts, queries, and the concerns of the learners were clarified by resource persons during these sessions.

S.NO	PROGRAMME	CONDUCTED BY RESOURCE PERSON/ PROGRAM INCHARGE/ACADEMIC COUNSELOR(S)
	Introductory Session Address by Special Guest Speakers Asst. Regional Director - Dr. Meena Singh Asst. Regional Director -Dr. Ataur Rahman	Dr. Ravi Shankar Ravi
1	MAJMC- MA in Journalism and Mass Communication	Dr.Tarun Chauhan
2	PGJMC – Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication	
3	MPS – Masters of Arts in Political Science	Dr.Yasmeen Akhtar
4	MLIS- Master of Library Science	Dr. Shankar Singh
5	MAPC – Masters of Arts in Psychology	Dr. Anjum Mahdi

6	DNHE – Diploma in Nutrition and Health Education	Dr. Preeti Mehta, Ms. Shilpa Mittal
7	DECE – Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education	Ms. Madhvi Rajput
9	BCOMG- Bachelor of Commerce	Dr.Tarun Chauhan
10	BLISc – Bachelor of Library and Information Science	Mr. Vijay Kumar Gautam
11	BAG- Bachelor of Arts	Dr. Poonam, Dr. Amar Nath, Ms. Manju Panday, Dr. Asha Vats, Ms. Uma Bhatia
12	BAPCH- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Psychology	Dr. Rakhee Varma
	Valedictory Session	Mrs. Geetha Krishnan

More than 1500 learners participated in this online Induction Meeting through the Google meet platform and the centre's Facebook page. The meeting ended with concluding remarks on activities of the two-day program and vote of thanks in the valedictory session.

Dr. Ravi Shankar Ravi
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