

## **1. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan- 02/10/2014**

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was launched at RC Jorhat on 02/10/2014. On the occasion of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan a cleanliness campaign was organized at RC Jorhat on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2018. All the officials and staff members of RC Jorhat joined the cleanliness drive at the campus. The officials and staff members were involved in the cleanliness activities

## **2. Report on the Consultative meet on New Education Policy – Promoting Open and Distance Learning and Online Courses- 22/09/2015**

The Consultative meet to discuss the New Education Policy – Promoting Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Courses took place in the seminar hall of Jorhat Science Centre and Planetarium on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015. It was attended by many educationists (directly or indirectly related with the education system), Coordinators, Asst. Coordinators, Counsellors of IGNOU, Academicians from various educational institutions, students and well wishers. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Mridupawan Goswami, former Principal, Govt PGT College, Jorhat. After completion of formalities and felicitations the Regional Director i/c, Dr. Anil Ch Borah gave a brief introduction and highlighted the theme to be discussed at the meet. This was followed by self introduction of the participants. The Chairperson then opened the discussions with his own views on the importance of promoting Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Courses in the era of globalization. He then requested all present in the meeting to deliberate, put forward, advise, give comments, suggestions etc. for further enhancement of this system and analyze its future outcome.

The enthusiastic participants discussed the issues related with the Open and Distance Learning system at great length and put forward their views from various perspectives keeping the needs of the changing world in general and the North East in particular. Everyone agreed that this was the only viable alternative in the present time as immediate change is the need of the hour. Time of collective thinking has arisen and this alone can bring about positive changes in the education system as well as the Nation. The discussion was mainly on ODL. Here are some of the important points put forward in the deliberation:

1. ODL institutions particularly IGNOU can collaborate with the Agricultural University and other similar Institutions to reach to small tea planters and other farmers with skill development programs to revamp the agriculture which is the main basis of economy in North East India .
2. Professional courses should be started by ODL institutions, particularly short term medical courses to cater to the needs of the marginalized and downtrodden section. Medium of instruction however should be vernacular. This is in view of the less number of medical practitioners in this region (NE).
3. Open Universities (OU's) should work in close coordination with National Institute of Open School (NIOS) in providing skill based programmes.
4. Keeping the challenging needs of the time the SLM's provided by OU's should be revised and updated from time to time and reach the learners in the beginning of the program
5. Due importance must be given for enhancement of qualitative improvement in all aspects particularly in appointment of Counsellors.
6. Discriminatory attitude should not be shown to any students completing their education under this system at the time of their appointment from Institutional point of view.
7. Course fees for any programs under this system should be uniform all over the country for all the OU's.
8. Existing gap between policy formation and policy implementation should be removed.
9. Lacuna in governance needs to be filled up to pave the way for further progress of the ODL mode.
10. Motivators or Counsellors needs to be appointed for creating awareness amongst people, particularly the deprived sections.
11. Before introducing any courses under this system it should be examined from the functionality point of view.
12. All programs should be professionally managed.
13. Some diploma/certificate programs should be offered as modular programs particularly in library science for benefit of lower grade employees working in libraries.

14. OU's can work in collaboration with technical institutions to provide apprenticeship facilities, wherever necessary for learners.
15. There should be total understanding of OU's and conventional system to make choice based credit system and credit transfer more popular.
16. Target groups should be provided with all kinds of knowledge based skill to help them in reaching their future goal.
17. Survey work should be done under this system (or by Govt) to find out the needs of students of particular regions and introduce programs accordingly to serve their purpose.
18. Scholarships to be provided to the needy students.
19. There should be specific guidelines for introducing programs of relevance in particular regions – keeping the needs of the people in mind. In the North East there are many marginalized communities particularly the tea community who has been lagging behind in all areas from time immemorial. Some special programs may be offered for them after carrying out a survey to assess their requirement (keeping their educational status in mind). Some courses will go a long way in helping the neglected youths of this community. The Government can appeal or request the Management to provide infrastructural facilities to enable OU's to start such programs in remote garden areas.
20. OU's should also provide skill development programs like those provided by ITI's for lower income group people. They can tie up with technical institutions to introduce technology based programs like electricians, plumbing, welding etc. Programs having self employability potential like carpentry, statue/mask making, wood, bamboo, cane related work, handloom and weaving etc.
21. Occupational courses should be offered to post metric and higher secondary students in commerce stream.
22. OU's should start programs which can help juveniles with utility value from both academic and realistic perspective providing counseling to delinquents, particularly those hailing from tea garden community in NE.

23. Life skill/Soft skill education program may be formulated particularly for youths from NE so that they the hindrance of social assimilation is reduced.
24. Introduction of new programs (viz on foreign languages – Chinese, Japanese and those of the South East Asian Countries) considering the employability in view of Look East policy will help the youth from North East.

In conclusion the Chairman said that all visible and invisible barriers should be removed from the present ODL system to make way for any new changes in this fast changing world. Only if the govt succeeds in bridging all existing gaps, fruitful and effective implementation of the new policy will take place. It is hoped that the suggestions and views expressed will be taken seriously and the needful done to take out nation forward in the field of education.

### **3. Seminar on On- Job Training- 29/07/2016**

A seminar was organized by IGNOU Regional Center, Jorhat in collaboration with KBG Software, Guwahati on 29th July, 2016. It was an interactive seminar for IT Graduate/Post Graduate & Students in final semester on On-Job Training. The main objective of this programme was to provide IT fresher's a real industry level skill with experience in the platform of latest Software/Web technologies through an IT Corporate premier of North East India for brilliant start of their career in IT Industry. Though all the learners from BCA/MCA were invited 10 students were present at the seminar. The experts from the company briefed about the need of different software companies, various benefits of On Job Training and encourage the learners to go for such training for benefit of their career.

### **4. Workshop on Digital Economy- eKranti Volunteers-25-01-2017**

Under VISAKA (Vittiya Saksharta Abhiyan or Financial Literacy Mission) launched by MHRD for building digital economy in the society a workshop was organized by IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat in collaboration with Union bank of India, Jorhat Branch on **25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017** at the premise of the Regional Centre. Fifteen learners enrolled in different programmes under RC Jorhat along with Asstt Coordinator of C.K.B Commerce College were present at the workshop. Four officials from Union Bank namely- Mr. Niladri Choudhury (Manager), Mr. N.G Roy (Deputy Manager), Bhaskar Taid(Asstt. Manager) and

Mr. Pradipta Mahanta (LOC Head) were present at the workshop. The session was started with introduction of Digital Economy and Cashless Transaction by the Manager of the union Bank followed by a power point presentation by the Asstt. Manager. They elaborate the advantages of various methods of cashless transaction like advantages of installation of POS, mobile banking, internet banking etc.

## **5. Workshop on Leadership Development-06-05-2017**

RC Jorhat had organized a workshop on Leadership Developments for youths on 6th May, 2017 at Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium in collaboration with Guidance Education Society, Jorhat. A total of 137 youths participated in the workshop. A detail lecture on different programmes of IGNOU, admission procedure, different flexibilities, examination system etc was delivered by the undersigned in the programme. Leaflet with study centre's name, programme in offer and online admission procedure was distributed among all the participants.

6. **National Conference on VISION-2025: CONNECTING NORTH EAST THROUGH OPEN & DISTANCE LEARNING** is the first conference organized by Jorhat Regional Centre which aimed to discuss the present scenario of Higher Education in the region and to find out the educational needs of prospective learners so that required intervention by Open and Distance Learning (ODL) could be anticipated on the basis of ground level data. Response to the conference from researchers, teachers, and academicians from different institutions from all over the country was overwhelming. The Two Day National Conference was held by IGNOU Regional Centre Jorhat on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 in collaboration with CSIR- North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST) and Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU) on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 with the aim and objective of providing a platform to all the stakeholders of ODL and conventional institutions of Higher Education (HE) to share their experiences and expertise so that a vision for near future can emerge for NER

## **7. Swachha Bharat Mission- Swachhta Hi Sewa-2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2018**

On the occasion of the conclusion of the Swachhta Pakhwara- Swachhta Hi Sewa a cleanliness campaign was organized at RC Jorhat on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2018. All the officials and staff members of RC Jorhat joined the cleanliness drive at the campus. The officials and staff members were involved in the cleanliness activities highlighting the importance of hygiene and cleanliness. During the cleanliness drive the surrounding of the office, walls, floor,

ceiling, bathroom and kitchen were cleaned by all the staff members. On the occasion, the Swachhta pledge was also administered by the officials and staff members.

#### **8. Collaboration with NAMASTE STATE for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and promotion of IGNOU programmes**

A meeting with the coordinators of NAMASTE STATE(Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) led by Dr. Anil Kumar Saikia, Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jorhat was held on 05/03/2019 at RC Jorhat to discuss spreading of Higher Education along with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan awareness among rural population in Jorhat. All the members present agreed to organize awareness meetings for IGNOU programmes and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in different places.

#### **9. Promotional meetings in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) at Mahila Bhawan, Borbheti, Jorhat on 8/3/2019**

I am happy to inform you that two promotional meetings in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) was held at Mahila Bhawan, Borbheti, Jorhat on 8/3/2019 on the occasion of International Women's Day. A team of RC Jorhat comprising of Mr. Jamini Saikia and Ms. Pubali Sarma attended the meeting. Dr. Anil Kumar Saikia, Brand Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Jorhat and Sh. Mintu Handique, OC, Pulibar Jorhat Police Station were also present at the meeting. About 150 women from various women's self help groups participated in the meeting. Our team elaborated about the educational system of IGNOU, various IGNOU programmes on offer, benefits given to the SC/ST candidates, scholarship benefits given to the candidates, discussed about the BPP programmes etc and got an overwhelming response from the people present there. Leaflets were also being distributed to the prospective peoples in the meeting.

#### **10.Promotional meeting of IGNOU at Sangbad Bhawan, Jorhat in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) and National Tobacco Control Programme, State Tobacco Control Cell, Assam, Directorate of Health Service on 09/03/2019**

A promotional meeting of IGNOU was held on 09/03/2019 in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) and National Tobacco Control Programme, State Tobacco Control Cell, Assam, Directorate of Health Service. A team of RC Jorhat comprising of Sh. Pankaj Saikia and Sh. Dipu Borgohain attended the meeting. About 40 peoples participated at the meeting. Our staff members elaborated about the educational system of IGNOU, various IGNOU programmes on offer, benefits given to the SC/ST candidates, scholarship benefits given to the candidates, discussed about the BPP programmes etc and got an overwhelming response in the meeting. Leaflets were also being distributed to the prospective peoples in the meeting.

#### **11.Promotional meetings in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) on 14/03/2019**

A promotional meeting in collaboration with NAMASTE STATE (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan) was held at Baruabari Krishti Kala Kendra, Potia Gaon, Jorhat on 14/3/2019. A team of RC Jorhat comprising of Mr. Jamini Saikia and Mr. Hasan Ullah attended the meeting. About 90-100 women from women's self help groups participated in the meeting. The team elaborated about the educational system of IGNOU, various IGNOU programmes on offer, benefits given to the SC/ST candidates, scholarship benefits given to the candidates, discussed about the BPP programmes etc. Leaflets were also being distributed to the prospective peoples in the meeting.