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'Outreach of IGNOU has increased tremendously'

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Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) celebrated 32nd foundation day across the country recently.

The function at Nagpur Regional Centre had the theme 'IGNOU for every section of the Society. IGNOU students from different sections of the society were invited as guest speakers to share their expectations and experiences in IGNOU.

Regional director of Nagpur Regional Centre Dr P Sivaswaroop said that IGNOU was established to provide educational opportunity to the deserving people from all sections of the Society.

He said recently IGNOU has extended its outreach to various sections like prisoners, tribals, trans-genders, commercial sex workers, weavers and interior rural villages.

He stated that foundation day is for reviewing the

progress of the institution and this year students will review the university.

Pranali Shrawan Dodke a young girl student of 20 years said that she recently completed her Certificate in Home Based Health Care (CHBHC) programme from St Joseph Hospital Study Centre at Yerela Village. She paid fees of ₹ 2000 for 6 months course and now earning ₹ 2500 per month. She said she has desire to serve the people and this course will fulfill that desire.

Sakshi Sharma, a non formal student came across IGNOU at a community meal organised by Jamshedji Kapoor.

She joined Bachelor Preparatory Program (BPP) of IGNOU which does not require any formal qualification.

She desired to have education and prosper in future. Yaman Shrivastava a 20 year boy passed the 10th and discontinued studies due to financial problem. He also joined BPP pro-



General manager of BSNL Namrata Tiwari addressing the gathering during foundation day programme of IGNOU while regional director Dr P Sivaswaroop and others look on.

gramme and want to have a bright future.

Apart from these young students, IGNOU invited three senior professionals who were IGNOU students.

Director of KITS Geotech Pvt. Ltd, Nagpur Ramamurali Konduri said he was simple Arts student and started his career as an ordinary computer

operator at Mumbai with salary of ₹ 2350. He was advised by a well wisher to do IGNOU MCA which gives admission to MCA to non Maths students also.

He did his MCA at Mumbai by travelling in local trains for 2 hours to attend IGNOU classes. Today he provides employment to many and is a rec-

ognized professional in Geo Informatics.

He said life will teach lessons and one should be ready to learn frp, them and move forward and upward.

One should have basics of their subject clear in their mind then they can be successful in their field.

He said in IGNOU people

can continue studies even if they change job and move from any other places in India or abroad.

General manager BSNL Nagpur Namratta Tiwari, said she completed MBA in Human Resource Management from IGNOU and she is now managing around 1100 employees.

The MBA course has given deep understanding of Human Resources and related aspects.

She said that during her studies she faced various family and on job issues but still she completed the MBA. She advised the youngsters that everyone will find a success path but one has to be equipped and get ready to go to that path.

Director of Renaissance Group of Institutions, Chandrapur Dr G Faruk Surya said he was an engineer in Maharashtra State Electricity Board and completed IGNOU MBA in Human Resources Management.

He appreciated the quality of IGNOU study materi-

al. With this inspiration he said he completed 2 more MBAs from YCMOU and RTMNU and also completed 2 PhDs.

All the students appreciated the motivating and supportive environment at all IGNOU centres under Nagpur Region.

Assistant co-ordinator of IGNOU Study Centre, Hislop College Dr Subhajit Halder, conducted the program. ARD Dr Vikas Singhal proposed a vote of thanks. Besides students and regional centre officials Dr Shyam Koreti and Dr Belkhode, IGNOU Study Centre, Gurananak Bhavan, RTM Nagpur University, Dr. Rishi Agrawal from Hislop College, Dr Naqui Jahan Siddiqui, PIC, Institute of Science, Dr Shakti Sharma, PIC from Sadabai Raisoni Women's College, Satish Tata from Care Hospital, Dr Nurul Hasan, ARD from Nagpur Regional Centre were also present.