

Educational Awareness Camp at IGNOU Special Study Centre, Central Jail, Bareilly (27177-D) on Friday, 2nd May 2014

A motivational cum educational awareness camp was organized on 2nd May 2014 at Central Jail, Bareilly IGNOU Special Study Centre - 27177 (D) with an object to encourage the Jail inmates to take admission in various programmes of IGNOU in the forthcoming July 2014 session. The IGNOU Special Study Centre - 27177 (D) has registered impressive growth in terms of enrolment in the last 4 years and the number of candidates who have enrolled in various programmes of IGNOU is more than 1500 students.



The camp began with an awareness march in various barracks of the Central Jail along with the band played by inmates of Kishore Bandi Sadan. The band played very synchronized tune as if they were professionals and a message was conveyed across the cells of the Jail that IGNOU has stepped in for bringing paradigm transformation in their lives through education.



The awareness camp began in a big hall which was crowded by about 300 inmates. The programme commenced with the **Saraswati Vandana** sung by Shri Radheshyam Shastri, a jail-inmate which was backed with musical instruments such as Harmonium, Tabla, Manjira, Dholak and all were played by Jail inmates. The lamp was lighted as a symbol of end of darkness and breaking of new dawn through education in the lives of the inmates.

Mr. Bhola Nath Mishra, Coordinator, IGNOU Special Study Centre presented the details of growth of enrolment of the centre in the past few years and also placed the expectations of Jail centre and the learners which may facilitate their learning.



There was recitation of Urdu compositions by Mr. Wajid Ansari who has completed MA from IGNOU. Through his couplets, he conveyed the message of religious unity, tolerance and patience which people should have, and appreciated the efforts which IGNOU is undertaking for delivering free education within the four walls of the Jail. Devotional renderings

and bhajans were presented by Shri Ram Sanahi in a very lucid style which impressed the gathering and the guests.



Dr. Anil Kumar Misra, Deputy Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow interacted with the jail-inmates present in the function on teaching methodologies being adopted in Open & Distance learning. He also discussed in details about the mechanisms for writing assignments and informed them regarding the various styles of answering the questions in examinations, so that the students may not have any difficulties on these issues.

Dr. Charu Mehrotra, Academic Counsellor of English also shared her experience of counselling which she had conducted in the Jail study centre and appreciated the efforts and diligence which the students put in during the counselling sessions.

Shri Anshuman Upadhyaya, Assistant Regional Director cited the example of Eklavya, the first distant learner, who came out very successful in his learning. Mr. Upadhyaya said that the inmates should use their extra time constructively for attaining knowledge and skills which will help in earning their livelihood after their release from the jail. He elaborated the methods for studying the self instructional material and discussed the techniques to interpret the knowledge in between the lines of text.



One song composed and presented by Jail inmate Mr. Radhey Shyam Shashtri "Karunesh" had very casting effects on the mindset for acquiring skills and education upon the jail-inmates present in the function. Few lines of this song are being reproduced below:

bXuwf" k{kk dh vkbZ cgkj] ykbZ [kf" k; k; vi kjAA
 ch0ih0ih0 ea QkeZ MkykA
 ch0, 0 dj] , e0, 0 dj MkykAA
 djds ch0dkk I Egkj] ykbZ [kf" k; k; vi kjAA
 bXuwf" k{kk dh vkbZ cgkj] ykbZ [kf" k; k; vi kjAA

cUnh tuka us fMxh i kbA
 eu dks yxkdj djh i < kbAA
 ijke" kzhkrkvka dk i k; k l; kj] ykbZ [kf" k; k; l; kj
 bXuwf" k{kk dh vkbZ cgkj] ykbZ [kf" k; k; vi kjAA

Dr. Sadhna Agarwal, Counsellor of Sociology also addressed the gathering and motivated the jail inmates present in the function to inspire others to take education

which will change the direction of their thoughts and will bring positive attitudes in their way of living.



Dr. Manorama Singh, Regional Director in her address said that education would bring overall transformation in their lives and would also bring a paradigm change in their thoughts. She said that during their sentence, the inmates could upgrade their skills and knowledge so that after their release, they could have employability as well as capability to begin entrepreneurship and can earn their livelihood with prestige in the society. Dr. Singh said that she would be arranging more academic counsellors from the Regular Study Centre functioning at Bareilly College, Bareilly so that the academic counselling may be conducted at the Jail Study Centre smoothly. She also assured that she would be providing all administrative and academic support to the jail centres, so that the educational interventions of IGNOU could reap the desired results in bringing transformation through education.



A few jail-inmates, who were not having any formal educational qualification and had completed their BPP programme in December 2013 were distributed their mark sheets during this function, so that they could take admissions in Graduation level Programmes from July 2014 session. Jail inmates who had completed other Masters and Bachelors level Programmes were distributed their Grade Cards and Provisional Certificates during this function. Study material were also distributed to the newly-

admitted learners. Some IGNOU students who have also undergone and completed vocational training imparted by Labour Ministry in refrigeration and AC repairing, plumbing and electrical repairs were distributed certificates by the Regional Director.

A motion of thanks was proposed by one of the prisoners in the following words and the learners were seen quite motivated at the end of the session.

mtkys viuh ; knkds gekjs l kfk jgus nk
u tkusfdl xyh eaftlnxh dh 'ke gk tk; d

The whole event was compered by Dr. Rahul Awasthi, Academic Counsellor of Hindi. This event has been covered by media.



IGNOU hosts awareness camp for motivating jail inmates

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The Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre, Lucknow, organised an educational awareness-cum-motivational camp at the IGNOU Special Study Centre, Central Jail, Bareilly, to spread awareness for seeking free higher education from IGNOU and to motivate the jail inmates who had already taken admission in various programmes for completing their studies.

The IGNOU Special Study Centre functioning at the Central Jail, Bareilly, has registered an impressive growth in terms of enrolment in various Masters and Bachelors-level programmes in the last few years and about 200 jail inmates attended these programmes. The IGNOU officials from Lucknow interacted with the jail inmates.

Dr Anil Kumar Misra, Deputy Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Lucknow, interacted with the jail inmates present on the occasion on the teaching methodologies being adopted in open and distance learning.

He also discussed in detail the mechanisms for writing assignments and informed them regarding the various styles of answering the questions in examinations so that the students may not face any difficulty.



Anshuman Upadhyaya, Assistant Regional Director, cited the example of Eklavya, the first distant learner, who was very successful in his learning. Upadhyaya said that the inmates should use their extra time constructively for attaining knowledge and skills which would help them in earning their livelihood after their release from jail.

He told them how to study the self-instructional material and also discussed the techniques of reading between the lines.

Dr Manorama Singh, Regional Director, IGNOU, in her address said that education would bring overall transformation in their life and would also bring a paradigm change in their thoughts.

She said that during their sentence the inmates could upgrade their skills and knowledge so that after their release they could have employability

as well as capability to begin their own entrepreneurship, could earn their livelihood and live in the society with their head high.

Dr Singh said that she would arrange more academic counsellors from the Regular Study Centre functioning at Bareilly College, Bareilly, so that the academic counselling may be conducted at the Jail Study Centre smoothly.

She also assured the inmates that she would be providing all administrative and academic support to the jail centres so that the educational interventions of IGNOU could reap the desired results in bringing transformation through education.

A few jail inmates, who did not have any formal educational qualification but who had completed their BPP programme in December 2013 were given their marksheets during this function so that

they could take further admissions in the graduation-level programme from the July 2014 academic session.

The study materials were also distributed to the learners in this programme. Some IGNOU students had also completed the vocational training imparted by the Labour Ministry in refrigeration and AC repairing and plumbing and electrical repairs were also given certificates during this programme.

Academic counsellors of English, Sociology, Commerce and Hindi subjects were present at this function and assured their full dedication in guiding the jail inmates in their academic pursuits.

Officials motivated the jail inmates to attain free quality education through IGNOU which was providing it at their doorsteps.

The jail inmates recited their compositions, which included poems and Urdu couplets, which were quite inspirational for the others.

Devotional renderings and bhajans were also presented by Ram Sanahi and a song, 'IGNOU Shiksha ki Aayee Bahaar, Layee Khushiyan Apaar' composed and sung by one of the inmates, had a very lasting impact on the mindsets of the jail inmates present in the function who were acquiring skills and education there.

One jail-inmate, Mr. Jameel, presented few painting made by him to the Regional Director. The scanned copy is as under:

