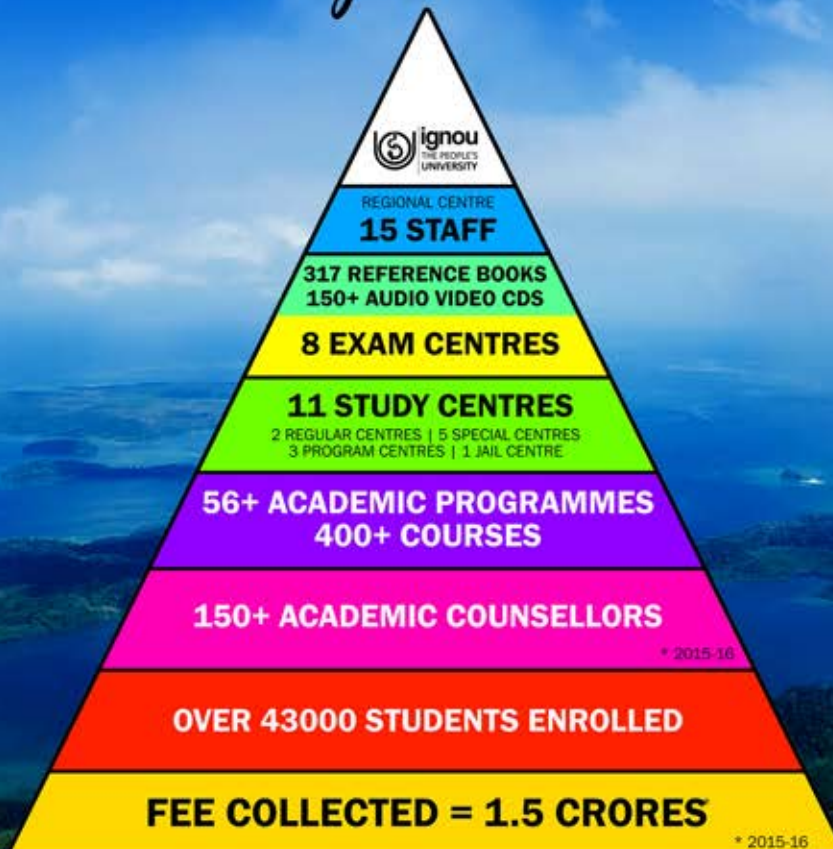


IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE PORT BLAIR

Andaman & Nicobar Islands



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THE UNIVERSITY

The Indira Gandhi National Open University was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 to achieve the following objectives:

- * democratising higher education by taking education to the doorsteps of the students,
- * providing access to high quality education to all those who seek it, irrespective of age, region, or formal qualifications,
- * offering need-based academic programmes by giving professional and vocational orientation to the courses
- * promoting and developing distance education in India,
- * setting and maintaining standards in distance education in the country — as an apex body for the purpose.

Some of the special features of the Open and Distance Education System currently practised by IGNOU are:

- * Relaxed entry requirements
- * Provision of equal opportunity of admission to people from all over the country,
- * Provision of learning at one's own pace, place and time,
- * Cost-effective and cost-efficient educational operations,
- * Multi-media approach in the preparation of course packages,
- * Self-instructional Printed and Audio/Video course materials,
- * Network of student support services throughout the country,
- * Face-to-face Counselling and Tele-counselling,
- * Continuous evaluation through assignments,
- * Provision of terminal examination two times a year,
- * Telecast of Video Programmes on the National Network of Doordarshan (DD)
- * Interactive Satellite Aided Communication Network (Teleconferencing),
- * Interactive Radio Counselling.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

IGNOU has established a number of study centres throughout the country. Study Centres provide counselling facilities at periodic intervals, act as information centres, and as examination centres. It serves the educational aspirations of over 3 million students in India and other countries through 21 Schools of Studies and a network of 56 regional centres, around 3000 learner support centres and 29 overseas partner institutions. The University offers about 228 certificate, diploma, degree and doctoral programmes, with a strength of nearly 810 faculty members and 574 academic staff at the headquarters and regional centres and about 33,212 academic counsellors from conventional institutions of higher learning, professional organizations, and industry among others.



DELIVERY SYSTEMS

The methodology of instruction in this University is different from that of the conventional Universities. The Open University System is more learner-oriented and the learner is an active participant in the teaching-learning process. Most of the instruction is imparted through distance, rather than face-to-face communication. The University follows a multi-media approach for instruction. It comprises :

a) **Print Material** : The printed material of the programme is supplied to the students in batches of blocks for every course. A block which comes in the form of a booklet generally comprises 3 to 5 units.

b) **Audio-Visual Material Aids** : The learning package contains audio and video programmes which have been produced by the University for better clarification and enhancement of understanding of the course material given to the student. A video programme is normally of 25-30 minutes' duration. The audio programmes are run and video programmes are screened at the study centres during the hours of the counselling session. The video programmes of Management Studies are telecast on DD (National) on Monday at 6.00 am. Some of the selected stations of All India Radio also broadcast the audio programmes. Students can confirm the broadcast schedule for the programmes from their study centres. The information is also provided on the University website.

c) **Counselling Sessions** : Normally, counselling sessions are held as per a schedule drawn before hand by the Study Centre Coordinator. They are held on weekends, i.e., Saturday and Sunday. There are 6 counselling sessions of 2½ hour duration for each course in face to face mode. Additionally the University conducts live phone-in-programmes through various stations of All India Radio. Schedule of these phone-in-programmes would be available at study centres. Live teleconferencing sessions are also conducted via satellite through interactive TV channel.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The University offers programmes leading to **Certificate, Diploma or Degree**, covering conventional as well as innovative programmes. Most of these programmes have been developed after an initial survey of the demand for such studies. They are launched with a view to fulfil the student's needs for:

- * CERTIFICATION
- * IMPROVEMENT OF SKILLS
- * ACQUISITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
- * CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT WORK PLACE
- * SELF-ENRICHMENT
- * DIVERSIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE ETC.

IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre, Port Blair was inaugurated on 26th March 2006 at the instance of Andaman and Nicobar administration request to establish an exclusive Regional Centre to cater the needs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands populations.



Aims & Objectives of RC Port Blair

Regional Centre, Port Blair aims at promoting and co-coordinating IGNOU's operation in 20 districts of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The major functions of this centre are as follows:

- Promoting and developing Open Learning System in general and IGNOU's activities in particular.
- Offering IGNOU programmes through network of learner support centres located at various part of the islands.
- Providing an efficient and effective student support network in Andamans.
- Providing higher education and training to large segments of population, particularly the disadvantaged segments of this region.
- Offering education and training through various flexible means to learners.
- Encourage, coordinate and assist institutions and organizations to improve quality of education through blended approach.
- Reaching out to places and people where there is still inaccessibility to higher education

Regional Director at IGNOU RC Port Blair

SL. NO.	NAME	FROM	TO
1.	Shri. S. Saunand	27-03-2006	11-02-2011
2.	Dr. S. Srinivas	12-02-2011	05-07-2012
3.	Dr. Kasturi S. Pesala	06-07-2012	07-07-2014
4.	Dr. S. Vijayaragavan	07-07-2014	06-08-2017
5.	Dr. S. Ganesan	07-08-2017	Till date



Induction meeting for Fresh Learners



Meeting with CSC owners of Andaman

Academic activities of IGNOU RC Port Blair

The following academic activities are planned, designed and implemented in Regional Centre, Port Blair to meet the expectations of the learners and public in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- Admission & Re-Registration of students (Offline & Online)
- Orientation of Academic Counselors.
- Continuous monitoring of Learner Support Centres.
- Smooth conduct of Term End Examinations
- Establishment of New Learner Support Centres.
- Activation of new programmes.
- Conduct Research, Impact and Feedback studies.
- Liaising with State Open Universities, State Universities, Colleges and other Educational Institutions and NGOs.



30th Convocation held at RC port Blair

Activities at RC-Port Blair

- RC-Port Blair has registered 8% increase in fresh admission during the January 2018 session.
- Compound Wall construction at allotted land (0.2 Hectrs).
- The Regional Director has published 16-Articles for publicity of IGNOU academic programmes in the local news papers of A & N Islands and also over 100 Press Releases have appeared through mass media.
- Publicity programmes were delivered through the Doordarshan Kendra and All India Radio - Port Blair in regional languages like Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi.
- Four learners have taken admission in January 2018 session at Jail Study Centre-0211D after a gap of five years.
- Regular initiatives were taken by RC

for organizing video classes for the benefit of learners at the RC on every Saturday and also a register is maintained at RC & SCs for 'On-Demand' face-to-face classes.

- Introduced student facilitation centre with ramp facility, at ground floor of RC, for the disabled/ senior citizens.
- Twice meeting conducted meeting with Common Service Centres of A & N Islands at RC to improve RR and admission.
- Bulk SMS facility has also been introduced to facilitate SSS.
- Bio-metric attendance and CCTV installed for improving office administration.
- Initiated the process of establishment of Regular Study Centre at Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Port Blair.

ADMISSION STATUS (2006 onwards)

RC PORT BLAIR

SESSION	FRESH	RR
JAN 2006	1341	NA
JAN 2007	231	NA
JULY 2007	1135	1262
JAN 2008	258	NA
JULY 2008	982	1240
JAN 2009	424	76
JULY 2009	1137	1049
JAN 2010	333	192
JULY 2010	1009	1034
JAN 2011	617	282
JULY 2011	1447	906
JAN 2012	510	523
JULY 2012	1600	1124
JAN 2013	734	630
JULY 2013	1572	1528
JAN 2014	903	735
JULY 2014	1512	1680
JAN 2015	738	852
JULY 2015	1680	1537
JAN 2016	732	895
JULY 2016	1474	1404
JAN 2017	663	817
JULY 2017	1340	1273
JAN 2018	715	658



REFERENCES
National Parks
Wildlife Sanctuaries
Capital
Port Blair



Study Centre Code	Study Centre Location	Establishment Date
0201	PORT BLAIR JNRM	JANUARY 1988
0202(D)	RANGAT GSSS Sabari	14-03-2006
0203(D)	HUTBAY GSSS Hutbay	14-03-2006
0204(D)	CAR NICOBAR Office of the Education Officer	14-03-2006
0205(D)	NANCOWRIE Office of the Assistant Education Officer	14-03-2006
0206(D)	CAMPBELL BAY Coast Guard Public School	14-03-2006
0207(D)	DBRAIT Port Blair	22-07-2006
0208	MAYABUNDER MGGC	JANUARY 2006
0209(P)	CIARI Port Blair	21-01-2008
0210(P)	DBRAIT Port Blair	15-05-2008
0211(D)	DISTRICT JAIL Port Blair	02-11-2010



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