

**REPORT**

**First Virtual Alumni Meeting of the IGNOU Regional Centre, Chennai and Madurai  
jointly organised & hosted by Regional Centre, Madurai**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021****Time: 4 PM****Details of Participants from IGNOU HQ and Regional Centres:**

S.No.	Name of the Dignitary	Designation
1.	<b>Hon'ble Prof. Nageshwar Rao</b>	Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU
2.	<b>Dr. Srikant Mohapatra</b>	Director, RSD, IGNOU
3.	<b>Dr. V. P. Rupam</b>	Director, CPC, IGNOU
4.	<b>Dr. Hema Pant</b>	Deputy Director, RSD, IGNOU
5.	<b>Dr. M. Shanmugam</b>	Sr. RD, RC Madurai
6.	<b>Dr. K. Panneerselvam</b>	RD, RC Chennai
7.	<b>Dr. G. Anbalagan</b>	ARD, RC Madurai
8.	<b>Dr. S.K. Zerena</b>	ARD, RC Chennai
9.	<b>Dr. D.M. Beemrao</b>	ARD, RC Chennai

**Details of Alumni participants in the meeting (placed as an attachment)****INTRODUCTION**

The first virtual alumni meeting of the IGNOU Regional Centres Chennai and Madurai organised & hosted by the RC Madurai on **14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 4 PM** through Google Meet and live broadcasted through YouTube. Out of the 40 alumni participated, 24 have shared their feedback virtually representing the RCs Chennai and Madurai.

**DELIBERATIONS IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Virtual Alumni meeting began with warm welcome by Dr. M. Shanmugam, Sr. Regional Director, RC Madurai. He has extended welcome to the Hon'ble Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director, RSD, Dr. V. P. Rupam, Director, CPC, Dr. Hemapant, Secretary, IGNOU AAI, Dr. K. Panneerselvam, RD, RC, Chennai, Academics & Staff members of RC Chennai & Madurai, Coordinators of LSCs and all the Alumni present. He has given a rousing address on the role played by IGNOU Regional Centres in the state of Tamil Nadu and the important programmes of IGNOU which helped the alumni to secure good employment/promotion in various

sectors also highlighting the importance of alumni network for constructive feedback and suggestions.

Dr. K. Panneerselvam, RD, RC Chennai has given a brief introduction on the role played by the IGNOU RCs in Tamil Nadu to uplift the unreached sections, alumni network and their profile in the region. He has emphasized to strengthen the alumni network through social campaigns.

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director, RSD, has welcomed the alumni of RC Chennai and Madurai highlighting the importance of alumni platform to interact and know each other in the country for reconnecting with the University. He has set an agenda point for the alumni about the aspirations and expectations of IGNOU for strengthening the student support services. He has further highlighted that IGNOU is unparalleled and the state of Tamil Nadu can double its GER by the year 2035 with the tremendous scope of Open and Distance Learning to every sections and the IGNOU RCs can play a major role in this regard.

Dr. V.P. Rupam, Director, Campus Placement Cell welcomed the Alumni and shared the information on portal developed to update, store and maintain the Alumni database. He has presented the social media page for reconnecting with the alumni of IGNOU and informed that Alumni Society of IGNOU is a registered society to be in touch with the Alumni.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nageshwar Rao gave his rousing welcome to the alumni with his impressive, and expressive stirring welcome address. In his opening remarks he appealed the Alumni to make AAI as 'interacting platform to share ideas and constructive suggestions' and further appealed them for a "long term association to act as brand ambassadors to the IGNOU". As the IGNOU have more than 35 lakh learners with the biggest family network in the country and the alumni meeting helps them to reconnect with their Alma matter to share their concerns for improvement in delivering latest curriculum with quality student support services. The Vice-Chancellor has further highlighted that the technological advancements will play a major role in the expansion of the IGNOU network and the relationship of the alumni with brand image helps the university to serve more to the deprived sections of the society.

## **FEEDBACK OF THE ALUMNI**

All the distinguished Alumni were invited to talk online and gave their feedback on IGNOU programme and the student support services. All the alumni have appreciated the efforts of IGNOU in connecting the alumni and provided the following suggestions:

- ❖ The role of IGNOU in reaching the learners through doorstep education is highly immense.

- ❖ IGNOU programmes are empowering every lifelong learner in the society
- ❖ All the process like admission, examination and support services are transparent
- ❖ Study materials are very useful and still useful them after completing the programme
- ❖ Study centres established in the good and reputed institutions and the services are excellent
- ❖ Flexibility in the duration of study and learner centric approach helped them to complete the programme smoothly
- ❖ Degrees of IGNOU are well recognised for the employment and promotion benefits in various sectors
- ❖ Assignment submission and examination process of IGNOU are very phenomenal
- ❖ e-Gyankosh web-repository is very helpful for preparing competitive examinations

### **SUGGESTIONS OF ALUMNI**

- ❖ University shall extend the study materials from PDF to video lessons online for the benefit of learners
- ❖ Conducting practical courses in the online mode for computer related programmes
- ❖ Alumni to facilitate the aspiring learners in the rural areas
- ❖ Introduction of the industry relevant skills in the programmes for increasing the employability
- ❖ Periodical alumni meeting at the level of LSCs

The Director, RSD, Director, CPC and Regional Directors have responded to the queries of the alumni and in the concluding remarks the Director, RSD has expressed happiness and appreciated the wonderful narration of each alumnus in the meeting and their feedback. The Director, CPC has assured that the journey of alumni network would continue through social media and alumni portal of IGNOU.

Dr. G. Anbalagan, ARD, IGNOU RC Madurai has proposed vote of thanks and the programme concluded with the National Anthem.

**Dr. M. SHANMUGAM**  
Sr. Regional Director  
IGNOU RC Madurai

Encl:

1. **ANNEXURE - List of Alumni Participants (Attached)**
2. **PHOTOS OF THE Virtual Alumni Meeting**

# PHOTO GALLERY OF THE VIRTUAL ALUMNI MEET



**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
(A Central University under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

**REGIONAL CENTRES**  
**MADURAI & CHENNAI**

**Organising**  
**ONLINE ALUMNI MEET**  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 4:00 PM  
Join with Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/pbr-rpez-kpy>

**Prof. NAGESHWAR RAO**  
Vice-Chancellor  
IGNOU, New Delhi

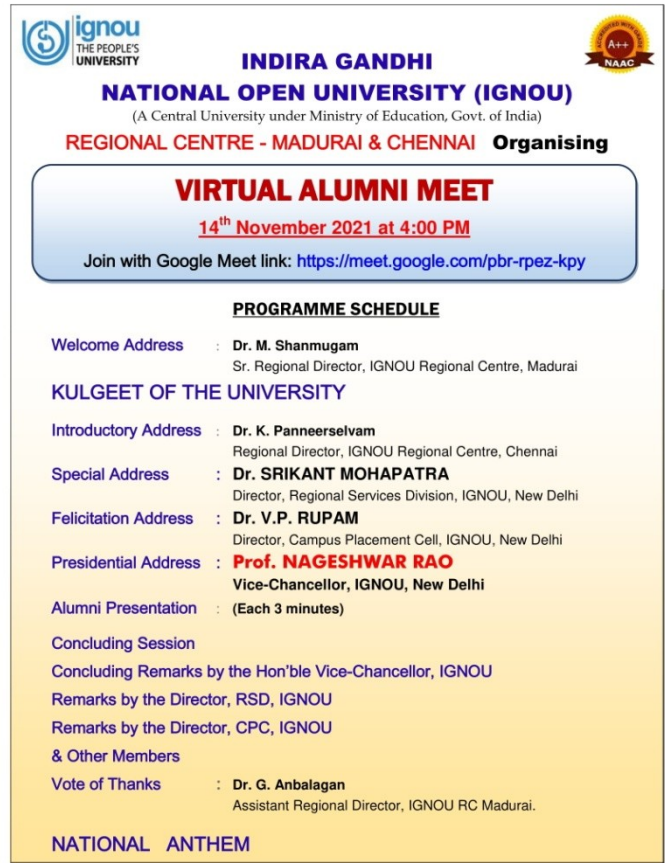
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IGNOU, New Delhi

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Director, CPC  
IGNOU, New Delhi

**Dr. M. Shanmugam**  
Sr. Regional Director  
IGNOU RC, Madurai

**Dr. K. Panneerselvam**  
Regional Director  
IGNOU RC, Chennai

**Welcome to All**



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**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

Welcome Address : **Dr. M. Shanmugam**  
Sr. Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Madurai

**KULGEET OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Introductory Address : **Dr. K. Panneerselvam**  
Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Chennai

Special Address : **Dr. SRIKANT MOHAPATRA**  
Director, Regional Services Division, IGNOU, New Delhi

Felicitation Address : **Dr. V.P. RUPAM**  
Director, Campus Placement Cell, IGNOU, New Delhi

Presidential Address : **Prof. NAGESHWAR RAO**  
Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi

Alumni Presentation : (Each 3 minutes)

Concluding Session  
Concluding Remarks by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU  
Remarks by the Director, RSD, IGNOU  
Remarks by the Director, CPC, IGNOU  
& Other Members

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. G. Anbalagan**  
Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU RC Madurai.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

