

RC- Varanasi

IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi Promotes Rural Development and Vocational Programmes at BHU



IGNOU Regional Centre Varanasi organised a promotional meeting at the **Centre for Integrated Rural Development (CIRD), Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**, Varanasi, on 10 September 2026. Regional Director and Head **Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi** and Deputy Registrar **Sh. Banmali Singh** attended the programme, along with CIRD faculty members and students of Management in Rural Development and vocational courses, including stitching and weaving.

Dr. Tripathi highlighted IGNOU programmes relevant to Rural Development, including **CRD, PGDRD, MARD, CNM and CBS**, and encouraged students to pursue two academic programmes simultaneously,

one through face-to-face mode and another through distance mode. He also suggested the Certificate in Fashion Design (CFDE) to students pursuing vocational courses.

Sh. Banmali Singh apprised the students of IGNOU's flexibilities, including **admissions and examinations twice a year**, choice of Regional, Study and Examination Centres, and flexible programme duration, enabling learners to study at their own pace.

Prof. Ranjan Kumar Singh, Dean of Students, BHU, addressed the gathering, while **Prof. Alok Kumar Pandey**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU, coordinated the programme.

