

**Indira Gandhi National Open University
Visakhapatnam Regional Centre**

IGNOU 32nd Foundation Day Celebrated

- **Prof. Dayananda Murthy C.P, Registrar, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam is the Chief Guest**
- **Floral Tributes paid to Mrs. Indira Gandhi in who's name IGNOU was established**
- **Prof. Murthy complimented IGNOU in democratizing educational opportunities**

IGNOU Visakhapatnam Regional Centre Celebrated its 32nd IGNOU Foundation Day at its premises in Ushodya Junction, MVP Colony today on 19th November 2017. Prof. Dayananda Murthy C.P, Registrar, DSNLU, Visakhapatnam is the Chief Guest during the Foundation Day Celebrations. The programme started with lighting of the lamp and paying floral tributes to Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the Former Prime Minister of India, in whose name IGNOU is established in 1985 to democratize and promote education through open distance learning mode. The Birth Centenary year of Late Smt. Indira Gandhi is also celebrated as well.

Prof. Murthy also inaugurated the Photo Exhibition depicting the different activities of Visakhapatnam Regional Centre during the last five years. The Study Material produced by IGNOU for different Academic Programmes is also displayed in the Exhibition. On this occasion, IGNOU Visakhapatnam Regional Centre conducted “City Inter-College Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions” for the Degree Students from different colleges and IGNOU Study Centres in Visakhapatnam.

Prof. Murthy appreciated IGNOU for its contribution in democratizing higher education opportunities in India and making education accessible with low cost to many in the society. Prof. Murthy also complimented the Visakhapatnam Regional Centre in expanding Study Centre Network in Rural Areas in North Andhra. Prof. Murthy delivered a lecture on various Social and Technological aspects that are important in shaping one's life and career. It was an interactive session and all the student participants have enjoyed the session with utmost attention. Regional Director, Dr. S. Raja Rao presided over the function. Dr. Dharmarao Gonipati, Assistant Regional Director (Sr), Mr. A.L.P. Rao, Assistant Registrar and all other Staff Members and the IGNOU Coordinators and Academic Counsellors participated in the programme. On this occasion, Mr. M. Sreenivasarao, a successful student of PGDUPDL in 29th Convocation has been awarded with Gold Medal for his best performance. Prizes and Merit Certificates have been presented to the winners of Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions and Participation Certificates were given to all students.