

113 students receive their degrees in the first ever IGNOU convocation here



Port Blair, Feb 16

The 19th Convocation of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was held in the University Campus, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi today. The Vice President of India Shri Mohammed Hamid Ansari was the chief guest of the function which was simultaneously conducted at the Regional Centers of IGNOU all over the country through tele-conferencing. As part of this, a regional convocation for the IGNOU centre Port Blair was also simultaneously conducted at Dr. B R Ambedkar

auditorium here. The Chief Secretary In-charge, Shri Arvind Ray, who is Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Higher Edn.), was the chief guest. Altogether 113 students of IGNOU Port Blair Centre received their degree and diploma certificates on the occasion.

Addressing the function, Shri Ray observed that education in the country has witnessed tremendous transformation since the introduction of the British system of education in the country. Technological revolution has taken

place with the advent of computer, television, laptops, tele-conferencing etc. "Education is a continuing process and we cannot visualize now what would be the standard of education in future. It is the mind that works as a human faculty and if used in the right direction, a person can do better and invent greater things for society, the country and the world as well, he said and advised the recipients of the degrees to make best use of the knowledge they have gathered".

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The chief guest also distributed degree and diploma certificates to the qualified students of the Centre on the occasion. Welcoming the dignitaries and the gathering, the Regional Director IGNOU, Dr. S Saunand presented the academic report of the IGNOU centre at Port Blair. He said, setting up of centre in these far-flung islands of the country was a challenging work but it has been a great success with the cooperation of the people of these islands. At present, the Centre has 9 study centres spread over different places right from Diglipur to Campbell Bay, he said.

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In the wee hours today, CG Dornier was tasked for a sea air coordinated search with both the ships and succeeded in apprehending the intruders. The apprehended boats and poachers were escorted to Port Blair and handed over to A & N Police, a Coast Guard communication said here.