

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

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REGIONAL CENTRE SILIGURI

PROFILE

IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE
17/12 J.C.BOSE ROAD, SUBHASHPALLY
SILIGURI, WEST BENGAL

STAFF PROFILE

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IGNOU Regional Centre Siliguri at a glance

Established by an Act of Parliament, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is a Central University, which caters to the needs of higher education through Open and Distance mode of education. The University is headquartered at New Delhi and its presence can be seen in every state of India in the form of at least one Regional Centre (RC) established in every State. In West Bengal, IGNOU has three Regional Centres, in Kolkata, Siliguri and Raghunathganj.

IGNOU RC, Siliguri was established in 2004 to look after the activities of the University in seven districts (then five districts) of North Bengal viz. Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur. Learner Support Services in IGNOU are provided through Study Centres or Learner Support Centres (LSC), Regional Centre and IGNOU Headquarters at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. IGNOU has 67 RCs throughout India and around 2670 LSCs across the country.

IGNOU RC Siliguri, undertakes many activities like admissions, re-registrations, examinations, counselling the learners, establishment of LSCs, and expanding the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) opportunities in the region. RC actively observes all the important occasions like Republic Day, IGNOU Foundation Day, International Yoga Day, etc. during the year. RC has altogether 15 staff members.

At present IGNOU RC, Siliguri has 21 LSCs viz., fourteen (14) Regular Learner Support Centres, one (01) Programme Study Centre and six (06) Special Study Centres. Learners visit LSCs on Saturdays/Sundays to resolve their academic problems and to attend academic counselling sessions.

Regional Centre Staff Members



Demographic profile of IGNOU RC Siliguri

IGNOU Regional Centre, Siliguri was the second Regional Centre to be established by IGNOU in West Bengal with its jurisdiction over entire North Bengal. Initially, Malda district was also under Regional Centre, Siliguri but later after the establishment of IGNOU Regional Centre in Raghunathganj in Murshidabad district, Malda was bifurcated from Regional Centre Siliguri. From 1st April 2004 to 2008, it was a Sub-Regional Centre. It was converted as Regional Centre in December 2008.

If we look at the demographic figure of North Bengal, we can see that, nearly one third of the state population comes under IGNOU RC Siliguri. But if we compare the percentage of SC/ST population of the districts coming under RC Siliguri with the SC/ST population of the state, we find that it is much higher. In West Bengal, SC/ST population is 29.32% while in the districts of North Bengal, it is 45.88%.

Demographic Picture of IGNOU RC SILGURI

No. of districts in the state	23
Total population in the state	91276115
No. of Rural Population in the state	62183113
No. of Urban Population in the state	29093002
No of SC/ST population in the state	26760223
Percentage of SC/ST population	29.32 %
No. of IGNOU Regional Centres	03
No. of districts under Regional Centre, Siliguri	07
Percentage of districts in the RC (to total districts in the state)	30.44 %
Population covered by RC Siliguri in these districts	13222165
No. of SC/ST population in these districts	6065993
Percentage of SC/ST population in these districts	45.88 %
No. of Regular Study Centre under RC Siliguri	14
No. of Programme Study Centre under RC Siliguri	01
No. of Special Study Centre under RC Siliguri	06

District	Area	Population	Population Density
Darjeeling	807.9sq.mi	1797422	2220sq.mi
Kalimpong	403sq.mi	251642	
Alipurduar	1306sq.mi	1700000	1000sq.mi
Jalpaiguri	1098sq.mi	2172846	1610sq.mi
Coochbehar	1308sq.mi	2822780	2160sq.mi
Dakshin Dinajpur	857sq.mi	1670931	1950sq.mi
Uttar Dinajpur	1210sq.mi	3000849	2480sq.mi

Details of Learner Support Centres (LSC) under Regional Centre Siliguri

IGNOU Regional Centre, Siliguri, offers education through distance mode with the help of its Learner Support Centres (LSCs) spread over all the seven districts of West Bengal. Maximum numbers of LSCs are located in Jalpaiguri district followed by Darjeeling. Details of the LSCs are as follows:

Name of the District	List of LSCs (Code & Address)	Academic Programmes activated
DARJEELING	2856D – Salesian College, Sonada, Darjeeling	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH and BCOMG
	45028 – Salesian College, Don Bosco Road, Siliguri	BAG,BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG, BCOM (A & F), BSWG, BCA, MCOM ,MCOM (F & T), MEG , MP, PGDIBO, PGDWGS, CIT and CTE
	45016D- Ghoom Jorebunglow College, Darjeeling	BAG, ,BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,MEG,MAH,PGDWGS and CTE
	2805 – Adarsh Mahavidyalaya, Behind Vega Circle, Siliguri	BSCG,BSWG,BTS,BCA,MAH,MCOM,MCOM(F&T),MP,MPB,MCA,MEG,MHD,MARD,MPA,MPS,MSO,MEC,MTTM,MSW,PGDIBO,PGDRD,PGDDM,PGDESD,PGDFCS, DTS,DNHE,DECE,DWED,CTS,CNCC,CTPM,CAFÉ,CPLT,CIG,CFN,CRD, CES, CDM,CNM and CIT
	2811 – Darjeeling Govt. College, Darjeeling	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH, BCOMG, BSWG, BTS, MHD, MTTM, MARD,MAH, MPS, MPA, MSO, MEC, MEG, MCOM, MAPY,PGDRD, PGDDM,PGDFCS, PGDIBO, DNHE,DECE,DTS,CTS, CNCC,CFN,CES and CDM
JALPAIGURI	45014P – A.C.Training College, Jalpaiguri	MA (Edu) , PGDET,PGDAE, PGDEMA, CPVE and CVAP
	2859D – Maynaguri College, Maynaguri, Jalpaiguri	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH, BCOMG, MEG,MAH,MPS,CTS and DTS
	2821 – St. James School, Binnaguri, Jalpaiguri	BAG,BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH,BCOMG,BTS,MEC,MEG,MSO, MAH,MPS,MCOM, PGDESD,PGDIBO,DNHE, DTS and CIG
	45015- North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Rajganj,Jalpaiguri	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG , BSCG, MCOM,MSO,MEG, PGDRD ,PGDIBO, CTS and DTS
	45023 – Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Jalpaiguri	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG and MPS
	45030 – Surya Sen Mahavidyalaya, Jalpaiguri	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH and BCOMG
COOCHBEHAR	2812 – ABN Seal College, Coochbehar	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG,BSWG,BTS,BCA,MTTM,MARD,MAH,MEG,MPS,MPA,MSO,MEC,PGJMC, PGDRD,PGDDM,PGDFCS,DNHE,DECE,DTS,CTS,CNCC,CFN,CES,CDM and CIT
ALIPURDUAR	45022 – Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Alipurduar	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG,MEG,MPS,CBS and CFE
	45024- Nani Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya, Jaigaon	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,MAPY and MHD
	45029- Bipara College, Alipurduar	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH and BCOMG
UTTAR DINAJPUR	2819D - Islampur College, Islampur, Uttar Dinajpur	BAG,BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH,BCOMG,BTS,MARD,MAH,MP S,MPA,MSO,MEC,MCOM,PGDRD,PGDDM,PGDIBO,DTS, DNHE, DECE, CTS, CNCC, CFN and CRD
	2850D- Raiganj Mahila Sammilani, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur	BAG,BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH,BCOMG,BSWG,BTS,MEG,MA H,MPS, MCOM,MHD, MSO, PGDESD,PGDFCS,PGDIBO, DECE, DNHE, CFN, CNCC, CCP, CHR, CAFÉ and CIT
DAKSHIN DINAJPUR	2846 - Balurghat College, Balurghat, Dakshin Dinajpur	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,BCOMG,BCA,MEG,MPA,MSO,MEC,MAH,MPS,MCOM,MHD,PGDDM,PGDESD,PG DFCS, PGDIBO and CIT
KALIMPONG	45001 – Cluny Women's College, Kalimpong	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH,BAEGH ,MEG,MAH and PGDFCS
	45012- Mirik College, Kalimpong	BAG, BAECH,BAHIH,BAPSH,BAPAH,BASOH and BAECH
	45019- Kalimpong Government College, Kalimpong	BCOMG,MPS,MEG,MAH,MP,MCOM,MEC,PGDWGS,PGDDM,PGDRD and PGDIBO

Details of Academic Programmes

At present, IGNOU Regional Centre, Siliguri offers 60 programmes of different types; Certificate, Diploma, Post Graduate Diploma, Bachelors and Masters.

In IGNOU, prospective learners can take admission if they fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria. In general admissions are held twice a year for January and July sessions. The main feature of the admission in any of the programmes offered by IGNOU is that there is no restriction on number of seats. Age is not a bar, gap year is not a hurdle and percentage of marks is not a problem as admission is done on the basis of minimum eligibility.

The details of academic programmes are given below:

PROGRAMME CODE,ELIGIBILITY, DURATION & FEES STRUCTURE				
PROGRAMME CODE	NAME OF PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION	PROG. FEES (Rs.)
MAEDU	Master of Arts (Education)	A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with or without a Degree Education from a recognized University	2 years	18000/-
MAH	Master of Arts (History)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MARD	Master of Arts (Rural Development)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	10800/-
MCA	Master of Computer Application	Any graduate from a recognized University. However the students who have not pursued Mathematics as a distinct subject at 10+2 are required to pursue and pass the CS-60 course concurrently	3 years	72000/-
MCOM	Master of Commerce	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	15000/-
MCOM (F&T)	Master of Commerce in Finance & Taxation	Graduate in any discipline, Admitted in the Chartered Accountancy Final Course OR who have already passed Chartered Accountancy	2 years	8400/-
MEC	Master of Arts (Economics)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	16000/-
MEG	Master of Arts (English)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MHD	Master of Arts (Hindi)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MPA	Master of Arts (Public Administration)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MPS	Master of Arts (Political Science)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MAPY	Master of Arts (Philosophy)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MSO	Master of Arts (Sociology)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	12000/-
MSW	Master of Social Work	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	2 years	36000/-

MTTM (CAT-1)	Master of Tourism and Travel Management (Category – 1)	BTS,BA(Tourism) B.Sc Hospitality and Hotel Administration, Bachelor in Hotel Management approved by AICTE & those students who have done their graduation in any field along with Diploma in Tourism foundation courses during their period of study.	2 years	12000/-
MTTM (CAT-2)	Master of Tourism and Travel Management (Category – 2)	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University However all students of Category 2 will have to pass four additional Tourism foundation courses during their period of study	2 years	15000/-
MPB	MBA Banking and Finance	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University, Candidate must have passed the CAIIB examinations of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance, Mumbai and awarded the requisite qualification. The candidate must have been working with the banking or financial services sector for a period of at least two years	2 1/2years	42000/-
BAG	Bachelor of Arts	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	8100/-
BAECH (ECONOMICS) BAHIH (HISTORY) BAPSH (POL.SCIENCE) BAPAH (PUB. ADMN.) BASOH (SOCIOLOGY) BAEGH (ENGLISH)	BACHLOR'S (HONOURS) DEGREE PROGRAMMES	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	9600/-
BCA	Bachelor of Computer Application	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	40200/-
BCOMG	Bachelor of Commerce	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	8100/-
BCOM A& F	Bachelor of Commerce with major in Accountancy & Finance	10+2 or its equivalent, Passed Proficiency test foundation from ICAI and Registration in Professional Competence Course or already padded Professional Competence Course.	3 years	8100/-
BSCG	Bachelor of Science	10+2 with Science subject or its equivalent qualification	3 years	13500/-
BSWG	Bachelor of Social Work	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	16200/-
BTS	Bachelor of Arts (Tourism Studies)	10+2 or its equivalent	3 years	10200/-
PGDDM	Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	6300/-
PGDAE	Post Graduate Diploma in Adult Education	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	7200/-
PGDET	Post Graduate Diploma in Educational Technology	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	6600/-
PGDIBO	Post Graduate Diploma in International Business Operation	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	8200/-
PGDRD	Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	2400/-
PGDWGS	Post Graduate Diploma in Women and Gender Studies	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	6500/-
PGJMC	Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University with 2 years experience in a media/communication organization	1 year	12500/-
PGDESD	Post Graduate Diploma In Environment and Sustainable	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	7000/-

	Development			
PGDEMA	Post Graduate Diploma In Educational Management & Administration	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	7000/-
PGDFCS	Post Graduate Diploma in Folklore and Culture Studies	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	1 year	2400/-
DECE	Diploma in Early Childhood care & Education	10+2 or its equivalent	1 year	3000/-
DNHE	Diploma in Nutrition & Health Education	10+2 or its equivalent	1 year	3000/-
DTS	Diploma in Tourism Studies	10+2 or its equivalent	1 year	4500/-
DWED	Diploma in Women's Empowerment & Development	10+2 or its equivalent	1 year	3600/-
PGCEDS	Post-Graduate Certificate in Extension & Development Studies	Bachelor's Degree or a higher degree from a recognized University	06 months	2200/-
CAFÉ	Certificate in HIV and Family Edu.	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	1000/-
CCP	Certificate in Consumer Protection	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	1800/-
CDM	Certificate in Disaster Management	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	2600/-
CBS	Certificate in Business Skills	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	3200/-
CES	Certificate in Environmental Studies	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	2400/-
CFN	Certificate in Food & Nutrition	No formal qualification, Minimum age 18 years	6 months	1400/-
CHR	Certificate in Human Rights	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	2600/-
CIG	Certificate in Guidance	Teachers of recognized institution or pass in Matriculation SSC	6 months	2000/-
CIT	Certificate in Information Technology	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	6000/-
CNCC	Certificate in Nutrition and Child Care	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	2000/-
CNM	Certificate in NGO Management	10+2 or its equivalent with at least three years of work experience in NGO sector	6 months	1800/-
CPLT	Certificate Programme in Laboratory Techniques	10+2 with Science subject or its equivalent qualification	6 months	4200/-
CRD	Certificate in Rural Development	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	1800/-
CTE	Certificate in Teaching English	Graduate or three years of B.El.ED or 2 years PTT,ETT or 10+2 with 2 years of teaching experience	6 months	2400/-
CTPM	Certificate in Teaching of Primary School Mathematics	Adult with 10 pass	6 months	1800/-
CTS	Certificate in Tourism Studies	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	2000/-
CFE	Certificate in Functional English	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	4000/-
CPVE	Certificate in Value Education	10+2 or its equivalent	6 months	1800/-
CVAP	Certificate in Visual Arts Painting	Adult with 10 pass	1 year	3600/-
CPPDPT	Certificate Prog. for Professional Development of Primary Teachers	Primary Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya	6 months	

Growth of IGNOU Regional Centre, Siliguri

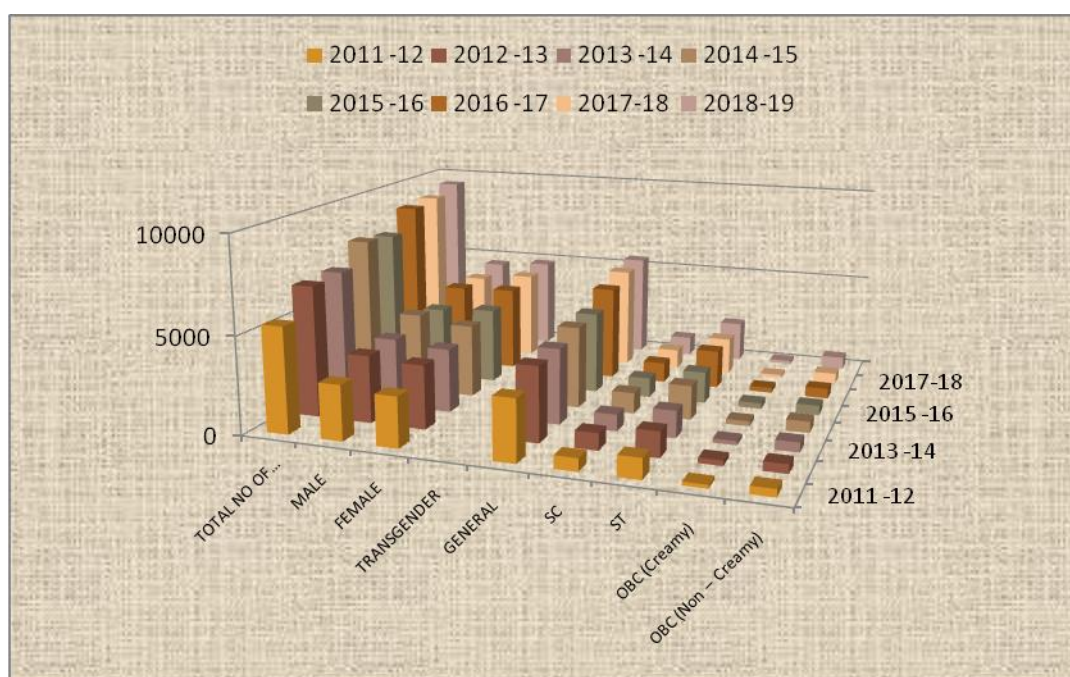
Ever since its inception RC Siliguri has registered steady growth in admission. This can be seen in the following table where student enrollment has increased from 5455 in the year 2011-12 to 9416 in 2018-19.

All together nearly seventy thousand students have taken admission in different programmes in RC Siliguri. The maximum admissions have been for Bachelors level programmes.

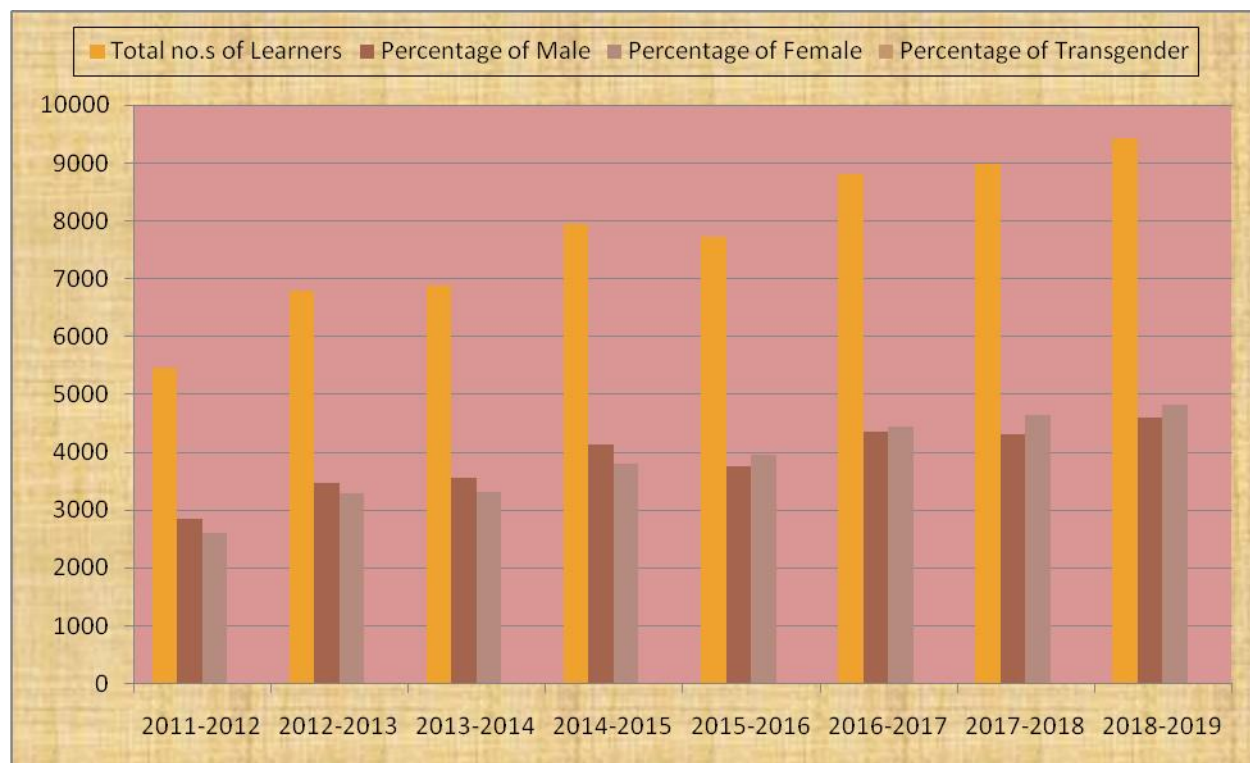
When we look at the percentage of enrolment as from gender point of view we see that since last two years numbers of female candidates have taken lead over male candidates.

Total number of learners admitted from 2011 -2019

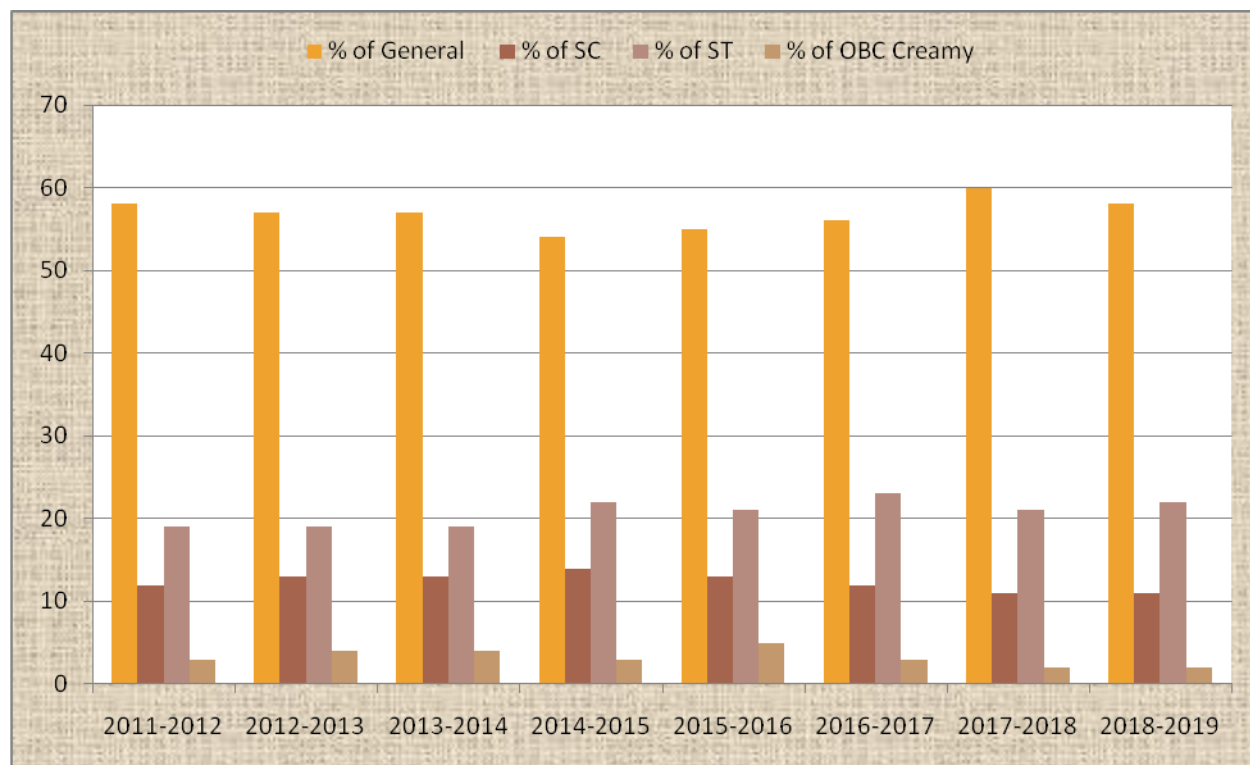
DESCRIPTIONS	2011 -12	2012 -13	2013 -14	2014 -15	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017-18	2018 -19
TOTAL LEARNERS	5455	6781	6877	7950	7719	8816	8978	9416
% OF MALE	2854-52%	3482-51%	3561-52%	4147-52%	3757-49%	4361-49%	4318-48.09%	4593-48.78%
% OF FEMALE	2601-48%	3299-49%	3316-48%	3803-48%	3962-51%	4455-51%	4654-51.84%	4821-51.20%
% OF TRANSGENDER							6-0.07%	2-0.02%
% OF GEN	3167-58%	3863-57%	3920-57%	4257-54%	4269-55%	4970-56%	5345-60%	5483-58%
% OF SC	661-12%	872-13%	859-13%	1083-14%	1020-13%	1053-12%	1017-11%	1010-11%
% OF ST	1051-19%	1314-19%	1390-20%	1776-22%	1649-21%	2004-23%	1930-21%	2108-22%
% OF OBC CREAMY	186-4%	268-4%	206-3%	256-3%	298-5%	266-3%	148-2%	164-2%
%OF OBC NON CREAMY	390-7%	464-7%	502-7%	578-7%	483-6%	523-6%	538-6%	651-7%



Gender-wise Distribution of Learners from 2011-2019

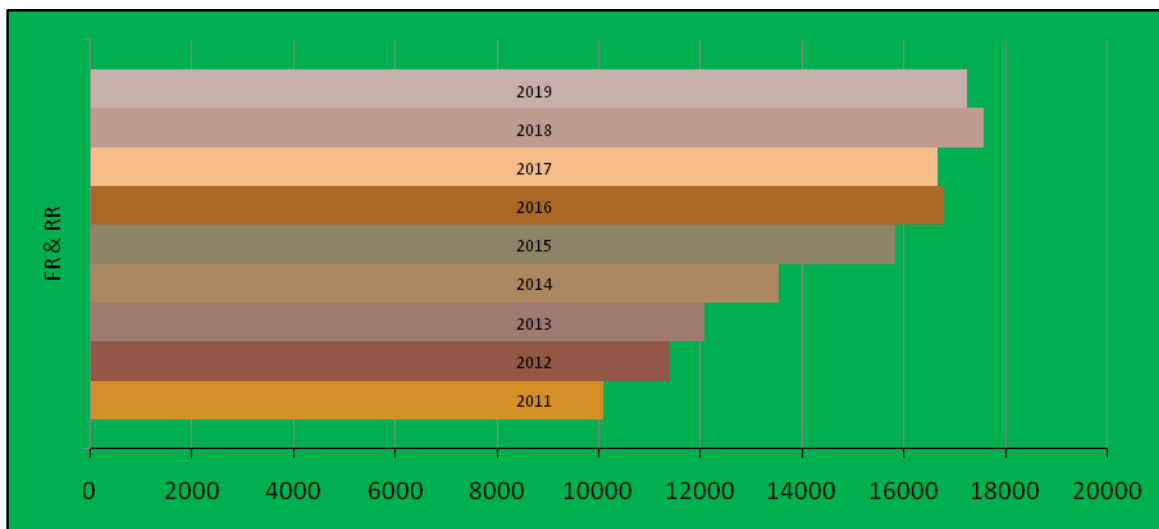


Category-wise Distribution of Learners from 2011-19



Growth in Admission

FRESH & RE-REGISTRATION (RR)			TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
SESSION	FRESH	RR		
JANUARY, 2011	2224	1001	3225	10078
JULY, 2011	3734	3119	6853	
JANUARY, 2012	1721	1417	3138	11385
JULY, 2012	4611	3636	8247	
JANUARY, 2013	2170	1267	3437	12077
JULY, 2013	4281	4359	8640	
JANUARY, 2014	2596	1542	4138	13523
JULY, 2014	4977	4408	9385	
JANUARY, 2015	2973	2020	4993	15815
JULY, 2015	5587	5235	10822	
JANUARY, 2016	2132	2636	4768	16768
JULY, 2016	6328	5672	12000	
JANUARY, 2017	2488	2124	4612	16653
JULY, 2017	6349	5692	12041	
JANUARY, 2018	2629	2231	4860	17550
JULY, 2018	7034	5656	12690	
JANUARY, 2019	2382	2526	4908	17242
JULY, 2019	6436	5898	12334	
TOTAL	70652	60439	131091	131091



33rd Convocation Programme Organized by IGNOU, Regional Centre, Siliguri

The 33rd Convocation function of the Regional Centre, Siliguri was held on 17th February, 2020 at the auditorium of Hardware Merchants Association Centre, Siliguri. Arrangements were made to give live feed of the main Convocation programme held at the IGNOU Campus, New Delhi.

At the Regional Centre, Siliguri **3010** learners were eligible to receive their Degrees and Diplomas and Certificates. Of these, 347 awardees opted to attend the 33rd Convocation programme.

Dr Dilip Kumar Sarkar, Registrar, University of North Bengal was our ***Guest of Honour***. The programme began with the lighting of lamp by the Guest of Honour. Delivering the welcome address and presenting the report of the Regional Centre, Dr Salam Dilan Singh, Regional Director mentioned that since 2009, the Regional Centre has been organizing convocation at Siliguri. He stressed that the Regional Centre, Siliguri is giving all efforts to provide the very best student support services to learners attached to the 21 LSCs under seven districts of North Bengal. During July 2019 admission cycle, the Regional Centre admitted 12,337 (Fresh-6439, RR-5898) students and during January 2019 Cycle, 4908 (Fresh-2382 and RR-2526) students.

Dr Dilip Kumar Sarkar delivering his Convocation address reminded the audience the significance of IGNOU in the field of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in the country. He remembered how from its humble beginnings, IGNOU has grown to become a mega university contributing to the areas of higher education, community education, extension activities and continual professional development. He highlighted that the Gross Enrolment Ratio in Indian higher education has grown from 9.55 percent in 2000 to 25.8 percent in 2017. Dr Sarkar further mentioned that IGNOU is world leader in distance education and in March 2013, it was listed 27th in the web metric ranking of Indian Universities, based on the criterion of its presence on the internet.

The programme concluded with Dr Pravin Pralayankar, Assistant Regional Director proposing the vote of thanks. This was followed by the singing of National Anthem. The Convocation programme has been covered widely by both print and electronic media. ETV, CCN News and local cable television network and Newspapers printed from Siliguri in Bengali, Nepali and Hindi also gave wide coverage.

A few photographs taken during 33rd Convocation



Programmes Organized during the previous year with brief description

Co-ordinators' / Programme in-charges' Meeting

Meeting of Co-ordinators and Programmes in charge was held on 9th August 2019, at the Conference Hall of Siliguri Regional Centre. The main objective of the meeting was to initiate the new Co-ordinator and Programme in-charges about the Learner Support Services and different aspects of Open Distance Learning (ODL) system for the smooth running of Learner Support Centres.

Dr. Salam Dilan Singh, Regional Director, conducted sessions on different activities undertaken at LSCs Study Centres and how to facilitate distance learning among student enrolled.

The role of academic counsellor in imparting knowledge and guiding learners has been discussed during the session. The problems in arranging counseling sessions also discussed during the meeting.



Regional Director addressing Coordinators and Programme in charges

Swachh Bharat Mission

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre, Siliguri took up various activities under Swachh Bharat Mission like tree plantation programme namely “One student One Tree”, waste management programmes namely “Plastic Free Zone”, “Plastic Free Village”, etc.

Objectives of the programmes were to make aware the common people through the learners about the usefulness of plantation to make a pollution free world, usage of appropriate waste bins in wet and dry waste management and re-cycling, etc. Distribution of waste bins in the school in rural areas was also undertaken during this phase. The RC handed over three large colour coded Waste Bins to the Belgachi Hindi School, under the broad theme Basic Amenities of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

Glimpses of Swachhta Pakhwada Programme



Programme Held in between 1-15 September 2019, at Belgachi Hindi School

Tree Plantation Drive at IGNOU Regional Centre Siliguri

One Student One Tree campaign has been taken up in North Bengal vigorously by the Regional Centre, Siliguri with due participation from all its Learner Support Centres (LSC). The LSCs have made flyers and disseminated the information which made the campaign a success.

At the Regional Centre, Siliguri a special programme with the theme One Student One Tree was held on 24 August 2019. The programme was launched with the Regional Director distributing saplings of fruit bearing trees, mango (*Mangifera Indica*) and litchi (*Litchi Chinensis*) to Ms. Amrita Singh and Ms Reeya Tamang, learners of BA programme. Staff members and students attended the function. The Regional Director spoke of the importance of greening the surroundings by planting more trees and protecting them which will make us lead a healthy life.

Glimpses of “One Student One Tree” Programme



Programme held on 24th August 2019 at Regional Centre -Siliguri



Programme held on 28th August 2019, at the campus of ABN Seal College Study Centre (Code 2812)



Programmes held in between 1-15 September 2019, at IGNOU Study Centre St. James School, Binnaguri (Code 2821)

Glimpses of Plastic Free Zone Programme



Programme held in between 11th September to 2nd October 2019, at Siliguri Regional Centre

Glimpses of Plastic Free Village Programme



Programme held in between 11th September to 2nd October 2019, at Upper Bagdogra Panchayat

Hindi Pakhwada Samaroh

On **13th September, 2019**, the first day of Hindi Pakhwada observation, the Regional Centre held a meeting with all the staff members and took an oath to promote Hindi at the work place. Dr Pravin Pralayankar, ARD took initiation and on a daily basis and wrote five words in Hindi on the white board (placed at the Reception area) for the benefit of the staff members and learners which continued till 27 September 2019. The objective has been to add more than two dozen additional Hindi vocabulary among the staff members by the end of Hindi Pakhwada.

On **17th September 2019**, a special programme was organized at the Regional Centre which was addressed by the Regional Director. He spoke on the importance of Hindi and emphasized the need to promote it. He suggested, as a beginning, all the staff members may try talking in Hindi with the learners whenever possible. He suggested that staff members may write in Hindi their applications of leave, small official notes etc. He added that though his mother tongue is not Hindi, he is now able to talk and write in Hindi. He attributed it to his personal interest in learning Hindi. Siliguri being part of B Category city, most of the official works, correspondence should be done as per the Official Language Act 1963.

Hindi speech competition and poem recital competitions were also held. An oral quiz was conducted by the Assistant Regional Director related to Hindi literature which was both informative and entertaining. He quoted the lines of the famous poet Iqbal, "Hindi Hain Hum, Vatan Hai Hindustan Humara...."



Glimpses of Hindi Pakhwada Samaroh held at the Regional Centre

Induction meeting

Induction meetings for July 2019 session were held during October and November months of 2019 at the Learner Support Centres. Induction meeting is a kind of introductory session in which the learner is invited to visit the LSC. The objective is to familiarize them with the ODL system, explain the basic features and flexibilities of the system and to inform them how to pursue the programme of study. They are also informed about the schedules of counselling sessions, assignment submission, term-end examinations and re-registration, wherever required. Most importantly, the induction meeting is organized to inform about the type of support learners may get from the LSC. The purpose is also to make the learners familiar with whom to contact for what in the university during the course of their study.

Glimpses of Induction Meeting at various Study Centres



Induction Meeting held at Study Centre - Alipurduar Mahila Maha Vidyalaya (Code 45022)



Induction meeting held at Study Centre – St. James School, Binnaguri (Code 2821)



Induction meeting held at Study Centre – ABN Seal College, Cooch Behar (Code 2812)



Induction meeting held at Study Centre – Darjeeling Govt. College (Code 2811)



Induction meeting held at Special Study Centre -Islampur College (Code 2819D)

Orientation programme for Academic Counsellors at newly established Study Centre-45030(Surya Sen College)

The University empanels teachers from other universities and colleges to provide face-to-face academic support to the learners at the respective LSCs. These empanelled teachers known as academic counsellors are identified, oriented and trained into the culture of ODL by the Regional Centre.

New LSC was established at Surya Sen College on 16th August, 2019 for conducting Bachelor of Arts (BAG) and Bachelor of Commerce (BCOMG) programmes of IGNOU. Orientation Programme for Academic Counsellors was held at the college on 12 November, 2019. The main objective of the programme was to induct them with ODL system and familiarize the newly empanelled academic counsellors about various components of Open Distance Learning (ODL) system of IGNOU like assignment evaluation, counseling session, online application of academic counsellor, examination process, etc. A few photographs taken during the Programme are given below.



IGNOU FOUNDATION DAY

34th Foundation Day of IGNOU was celebrated at Regional Centre, Siliguri on 19th November, 2019. The celebrations began with lightening of lamp and floral tribute in front of the photo of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi by the Regional Director and staff members of RC Siliguri. An exclusive exhibition of study materials, audio visual materials and other publications of IGNOU were arranged at the library hall. The Regional Director delivered the foundation day speech. He reminded that IGNOU has grown into a very large university and now it is a house hold name in the country. This in turn has contributed to the growth of higher education in the country. The Assistant Regional Director explained the need of IGNOU to further expand for societal development. A few photographs taken on this occasion are given below.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR EXAM SUPERINTENDENTS OF TEE-DECEMBER 2019

Orientation Programme for Exam Superintendents of TEE- December 2019 was held at the Regional Centre on 23rd November, 2019. Discussions on conducting examination smoothly, at various Exam Centres under Siliguri Regional Centre were held during the Programme.



The Regional Director conducting a session during the orientation programme

NEW INITIATIVES OF REGIONAL CENTRE SILIGURI

1. SMS facility has been extensively used to communicate with the students for every important activity like admission, examinations, material distribution, intimation of last dates, etc.
2. Problems of the learners are resolved in the shortest possible time. Except on holidays, we provide learner support services at the Regional Centre and reach out to them to resolve their grievances over telephone and through e-mails
3. Holding several awareness meetings at remote places and villages to make people aware of IGNOU programmes activated at the Regional Centre and encouraging them to take admissions in suitable academic programmes.
4. Remote Access to E-Resources (RATE) like e-journals, e-books, e-databases facility provided to the Master degree students for their study/research work/ project etc. through the Regional Centre library
5. Arrangements made at two places at the Regional Centre to view the telecast of different educational programmes of Gyan Darshan channel.

SUCCESS STORIES

My story

by Ammlan Ghosh



It was 1998. I was a B.Com graduate, and developing different application software with moderate computer skills since a year. I came to realize that it is necessary to have computer knowledge along with the programming skill to compete in software development field. Thus, I decided to pursue MCA. I tried several Universities to pursue MCA, but my candidature was rejected. In those days Science Graduation was necessary for pursuing MCA in West Bengal. When I was very much disappointed, one of my seniors told me about IGNOU. With a ray of hope I immediately rushed to IGNOU study center at Siliguri. A

white paper was given to me to write my name and I was told that course will only start if there were at least 15 students. I found that I was the 5th candidate. After waiting for a month, the number of willing candidate for MCA was still less than 10. The coordinator of the IGNOU study centre advised me to pursue BCA and then MCA as it was an integrated course and can be completed by 5 years. I decided not to wait for the next session and I enrolled myself in BCA course in 1999. I completed BCA in 2001 and continued my study for MCA. As it was difficult to earn my bread and butter by only developing software, I decided to join as a Technical Assistant at the Department of Computer Application in a newly opened engineering college, Siliguri Institute of Technology (SIT) in 2001. Joining SIT was quite a wise decision. I got scope to assist students in various Labs of MCA, which helped me to learn all the lab oriented papers. I learned networking, structured cabling, LAN setup, configuration of different Linux Servers, Oracle Server and many more. The library of the institution was large and helped me a lot. I completed MCA in 2003. I continued my job at SIT and few years later I got study leave to pursue M.Tech in Information Technology from the West Bengal University of Technology (WBUT, Kolkata) and subsequently, completed my PhD in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Calcutta.

When I look back, it was almost 22 years; all paths of my higher education were closed; IGNOU came to my life as blessings. Whatever I am today, this is only because of IGNOU. It didn't say that I was ineligible, rather made me eligible to pursue the course of my choice.

When any one ask me that what my favourite number is, I say 993762053, my enrollment number at IGNOU.

Dr. Ammlan Ghosh

Assistant Professor and Head

Department of Computer Application

Siliguri Institute of Technology

Gold Medalists from Regional Centre, Siliguri



Tapash Kr. Mahanta, MEG-170166621
Awarded Gold Medal in MA in English

Anup Kr. Paul, MEG-171699565
Awarded Gold Medal in MA in English

We are privileged to have two Gold Medalist in the 33rd Convocation Shri Tapash Kr. Mahanta and Shri Anup Kr. Paul. Both of them scored 73% in MEG Programme of IGNOU. They were awarded the certificates by Dr. Dilip Sarkar, Registrar of North Bengal University who was the Guest of Honour at the 33rd Convocation.

Overcoming physical challenges

Leena Topno



We were privileged to have Leena Topno, Enrolment no. 142726784 who received her Degree of Bachelor of Arts at the 33rd Convocation. Overcoming all her physical challenges she has succeeded in completing her graduate programme. When asked about her future plans, first she thanked IGNOU which enabled her to fulfil her dream. Thereafter, she said she is going to pursue her masters degree programme.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

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- सिलगुरी रजिनील से गौड मेडलिस्ट छात्र तापस व अनुरूप सम्मानित
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AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR ADMISSION JULY 2019

Awareness Programmes for admission for July 2019 session shall be held at the following venues on 13th July, 2019 (Saturday)

- 1.IGNOU Study Centre (45019) Kalimpong College
- 2.IGNOU Study Centre (45022) Alipurduar Mahila Mahavidyalaya

Bachelors Degree, Masters Degree programmes in various disciplines & Diploma & Certificate level programmes are on offer. The fee exemption shall be for the academic programmes at Diploma, Certificate & Bachelor levels.

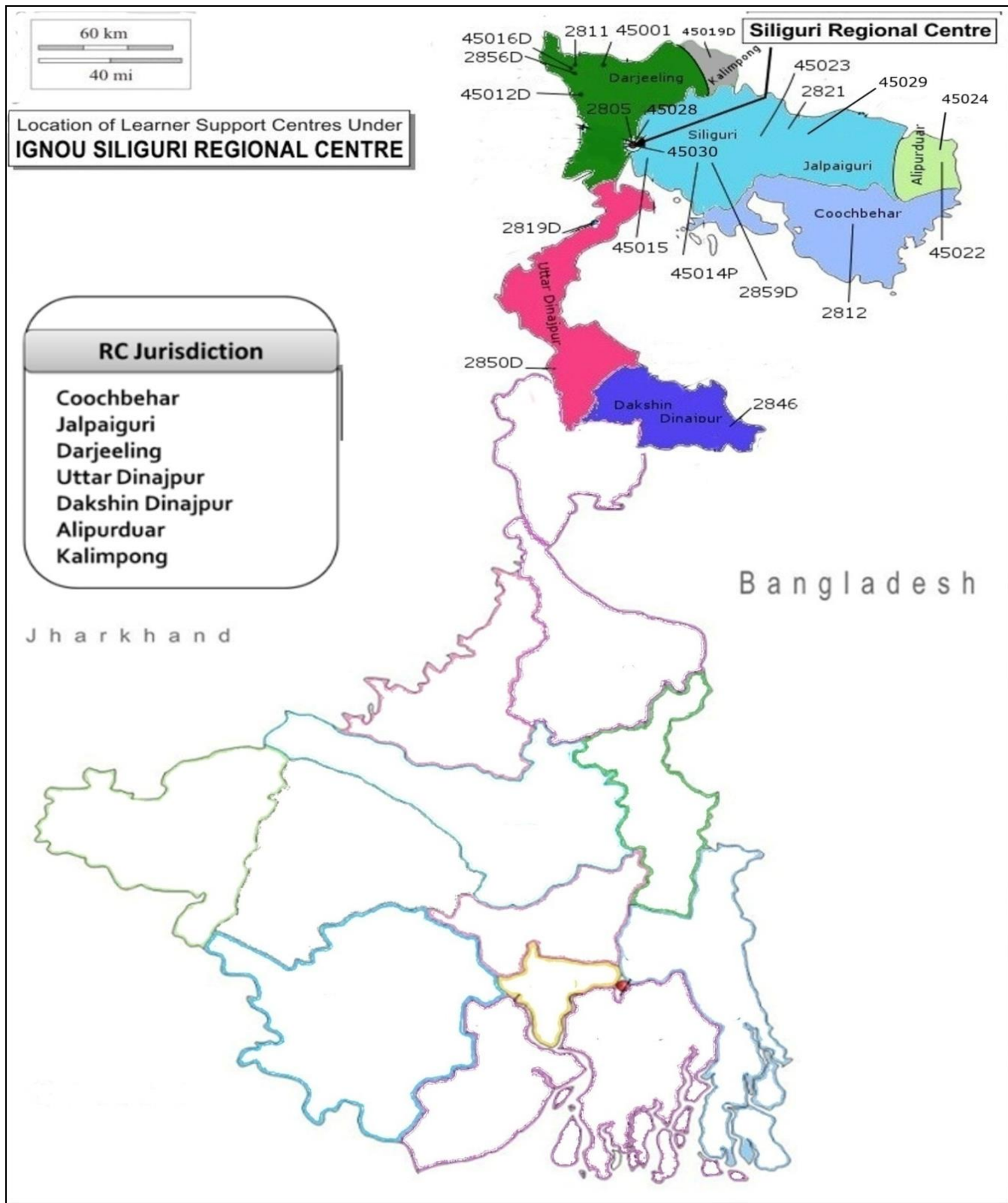
SC/ST applicants who are eligible and willing to avail the benefits of fee exemption under the scheme may submit their application in 'Offline' mode at the venue or at the Regional Centre Siliguri without paying any course fees.

Last date for submission of 'Online' and 'Offline' form for Masters and Bachelors Degree Programmes is 31st July, 2019. The last date of admission for Certificate Programmes is 15th July 2019

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