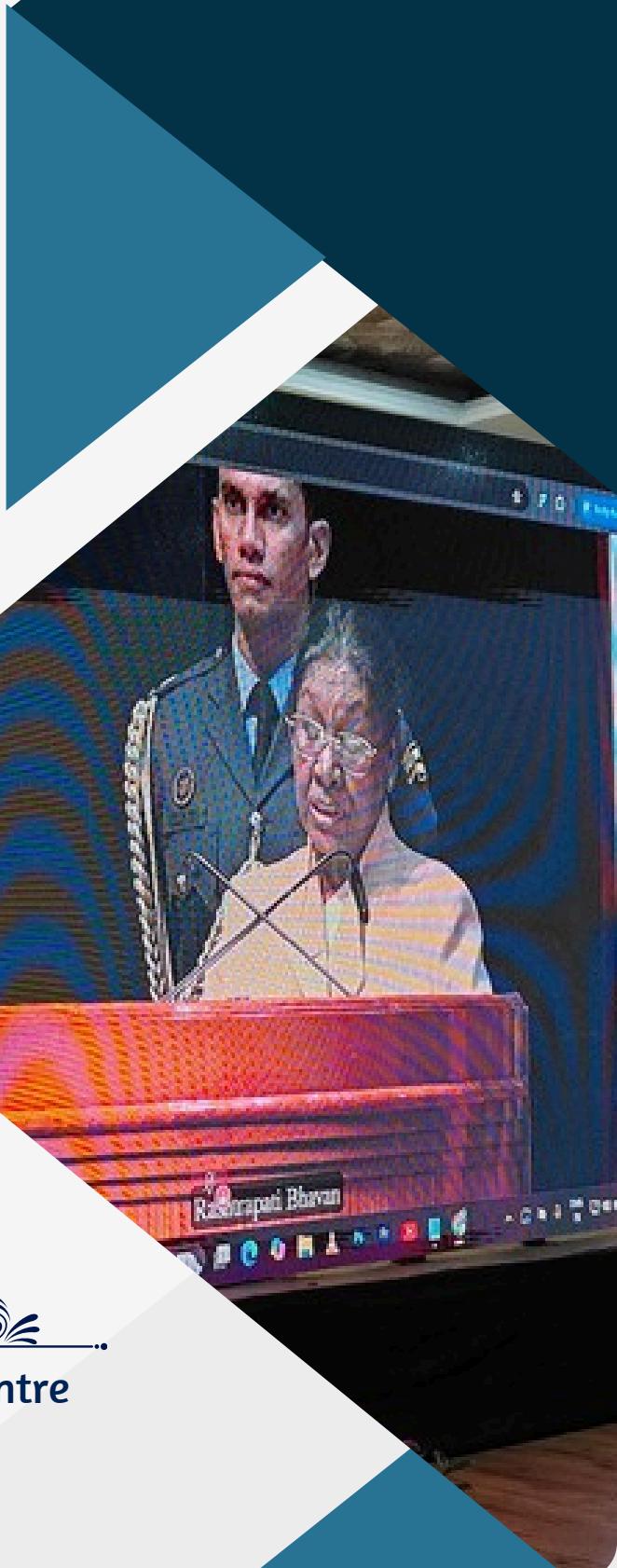


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at Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj District, Odisha

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On 1st January 2026, the auspicious occasion of the New Year, the IGNOU Regional Centre and Skill Centre at Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj District were inaugurated virtually by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India. The virtual inauguration was conducted from the Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre (RBCC) and connected to Mahatab Hall, Rairangpur through the NIC Video Conferencing (VC) link. The event marked a significant step towards strengthening higher education and skill development facilities in the region, particularly benefiting students and youth from tribal and rural areas.

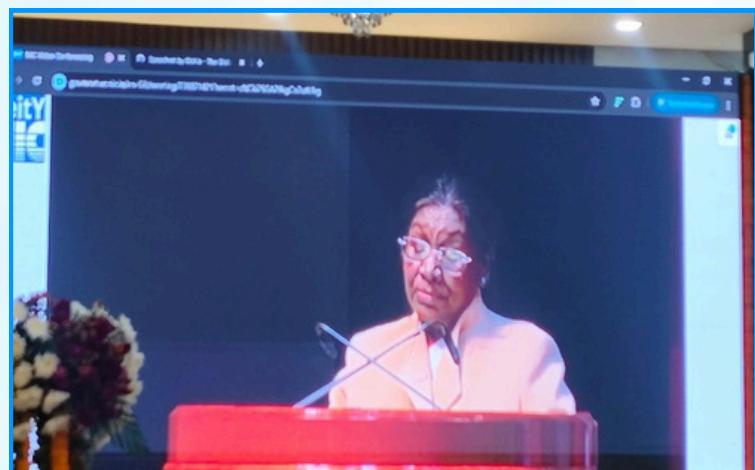


During the programme, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Education, Govt. of India, and Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India, addressed the gathering virtually. They highlighted the importance of expanding access to quality education, promoting skill development, and empowering the youth to meet emerging employment opportunities.



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A two-way video conferencing facility was established for the event under the technical guidance of Shri Ajaya Kumar Mohapatra, District Informatics Officer (DIO), NIC Mayurbhanj, Baripada. The video conferencing session was conducted smoothly and completed successfully ensuring seamless interaction between the dignitaries and participants at both ends.



At Rairangpur, the programme was attended by Shri Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Labour and Employees State Insurance, Government of Odisha; Shri Naba Charan Majhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mayurbhanj; Shri Jalen Naik, Hon'ble MLA, Rairangpur; Shri Bhadau Hansdah, Hon'ble MLA Saraskana; the Collector & District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj; Superintendent of Police, Mayurbhanj; other administrative officers, along with students of IGNOU and general public.

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Approximately 500 participants were present at the event. The inauguration was well received by students and local residents, as the establishment of the IGNOU Regional Centre and Skill Centre at Rairangpur is expected to significantly enhance access to higher education and skill-oriented training in the district. The successful conduct of the programme reflected effective coordination among all stakeholders and reaffirmed commitment of the Government for inclusive education and skill development initiatives.





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