

**A TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR
ENTITLED “REIMAGINING DISTANCE
EDUCATION: CHALLENGES AND
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VENUE: RBU, CDOE, SALT LAKE CAMPUS, KOLKATA, INDIA
10.30 A.M. ONWARDS

Speakers on 14 March 2026

 **DR. AJAY KUMAR BEHERA**
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, KOLKATA

 **DR. SANTANU MUKHERJI**
ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR
IGNOU REGIONAL CENTRE, KOLKATA

Speakers on 15 March 2026

 **PROF. (DR.) GEETA SHINDE**
H.O.D., DEPT. OF EDUCATION
SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY

 **DR. AAZRA NUH**
ASSISTANT PROF. IN EDUCATION
RBU, CDOE, KOLKATA

**CONVENOR
DR. AAZRA NUH**




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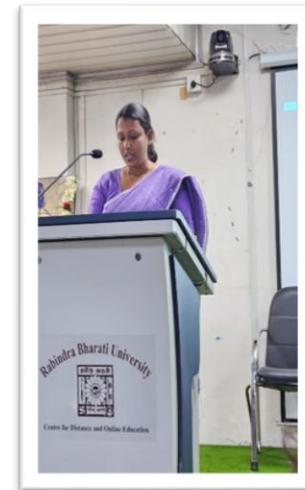
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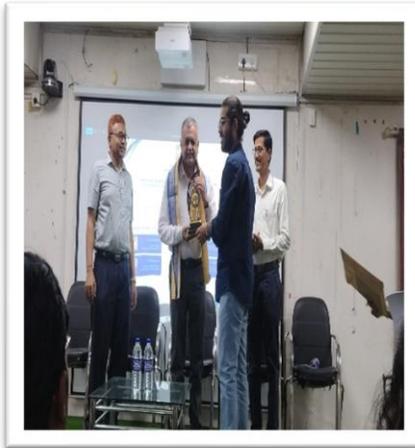
COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAMME

The Department of Education at Rabindra Bharati University, Centre for Distance and Online Education, in collaboration with IQAC, RBU, organized a Two-Day National Seminar entitled “**Reimagining Distance Education: Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Era and Integrating Indigenous Knowledge for Inclusive Learning**” on 14 and 15 March, 2026. The seminar commenced on 14 March 2026 with the welcome address by **Dr. Aazra Nuh**, Assistant Professor in Education at RBU-CDOE, and the convenor of the seminar. It was followed by offering floral tribute to Tagore, after whom the university is named, by the dignitaries including **Dr. Kiran Sankar Chakraborty**, Director of RBU-CDOE. Then, two of our students, Chandana Bandyopadhyay and Debolina Pramanik, sang the Rabindra Sangeet “Aaro Dao Pran” as the welcome song. The 2-Day National Seminar was compered by a 3rd Semester Student, Payel Chandra.



FELICITATION OF THE DIGNITARIES AND THE INAUGURAL SPEECH

Next, **Dr. K.S. Chakraborty** (Director of RBU, CDOE) and the guests and speakers, **Dr. Ajay Kumar Behera** and **Dr. Santanu Mukherji**, were felicitated by our students followed by the inaugural speech by Dr. Chakraborty in which he reflected on the theme of the seminar and connected well with the audience. Later, **Dr. Kousik Bhattacharya**, the Deputy Registrar, RBU, CDOE, joined the programme and addressed the audience.



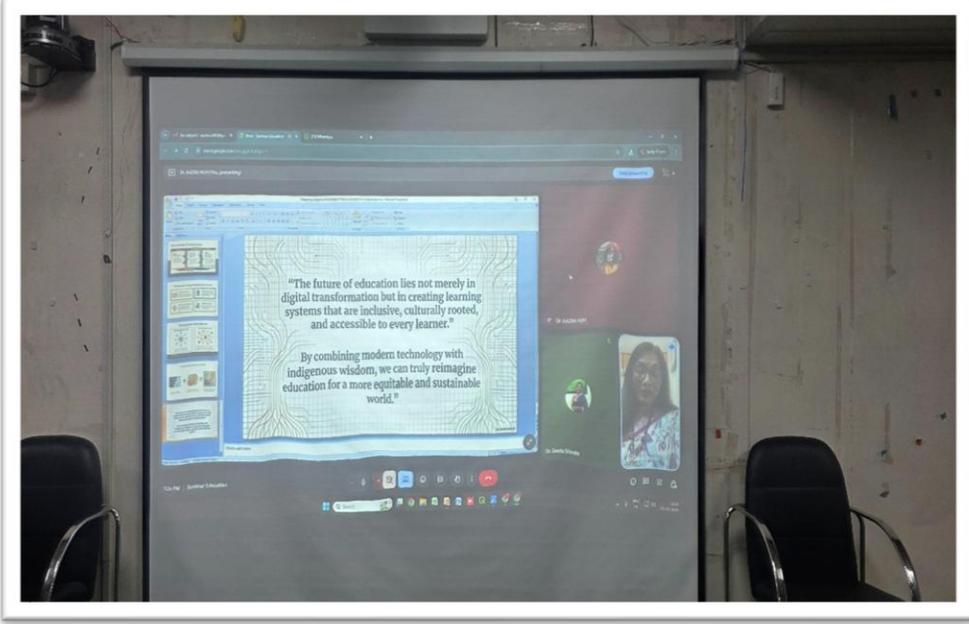
OUR ILLUSTRIOUS AND EMINENT SPEAKERS

Day1

On March 14, 2026, the first session began with **Dr. Santanu Mukherji**, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Kolkata, speaking on the challenges and opportunities in the domain of Distance Education in the Digital Era followed by the next session in which **Dr. Ajay Kumar Behera**, Deputy Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Kolkata, spoke on “Distance Education in India for Academic Excellence in Digital Era: NEP 2020 Perspectives” and on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). Both the sessions were insightful, enlightening and enriching. At the end of the sessions, **Dr. K.S. Chakraborty**, **Dr. Mukherji**, and **Dr. Behera** interacted with the participating learners and clarified their doubts and queries. On the whole, the first day of the seminar concluded successfully with the participants leaving with satisfaction and the eagerness to come back for the next day (March 15, 2026).

Day2

On March 15, 2026, the second and the concluding day, the seminar began with the welcome address by Dr. Aazra Nuh followed by the floral tribute to Tagore and the singing of a Rabindra Sangeet (Amaar Mukti Aloi Aloi) as the welcome song by past pupil, Chandana Bandyopadhyay, which again was followed by the first session by **Dr. Aazra Nuh**, Assistant Professor in Education, RBU, CDOE, in which she delivered a talk on “Indigenous knowledge”. The next session was of **Professor (Dr.) Geeta Shinde**, the H.O.D. of the Department of Education and Extension, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra, India, who joined virtually and spoke on “Integrating Indigenous Knowledge in Distance Education for Inclusive Learning”. As per the participants, both the sessions were helpful, informative and enlightening for them. At the end of each session, the speakers interacted actively with the learners and attempted to answer their questions. A video on Indigenous Knowledge of India was also screened towards the end of the seminar followed by a brief quiz session based on the presentations of 14 and 15 March 2026. The winner, a 3rd semester learner-Apalak Maity, received a memento. Overall, the second day of the seminar, quite like the first day, found the participants happy and satisfied who left their positive feedback. Thus, the Two-Day National Seminar ended successfully.



THE PHOTOS OF THE INTERACTIVE SESSIONS ON BOTH THE DAYS (14-15 MARCH 2026)





GIVING AWAY THE CERTIFICATES AND THE MEMENTO TO THE WINNER OF THE QUIZ SESSION

After the enriching sessions on Days 1 and 2, the participants received their certificates from the Director of RBU, CDOE during the Valedictory Session. A brief quiz session was also conducted and a memento was given to the winner, Apalak Maity.





**FINALLY, THE WINDING UP OF THE SEMINAR WITH OUR STUDENTS POSING
FOR GROUP PHOTOS ON BOTH THE DAYS, MAKING THE EVENT TRULY
MEMORABLE!**





