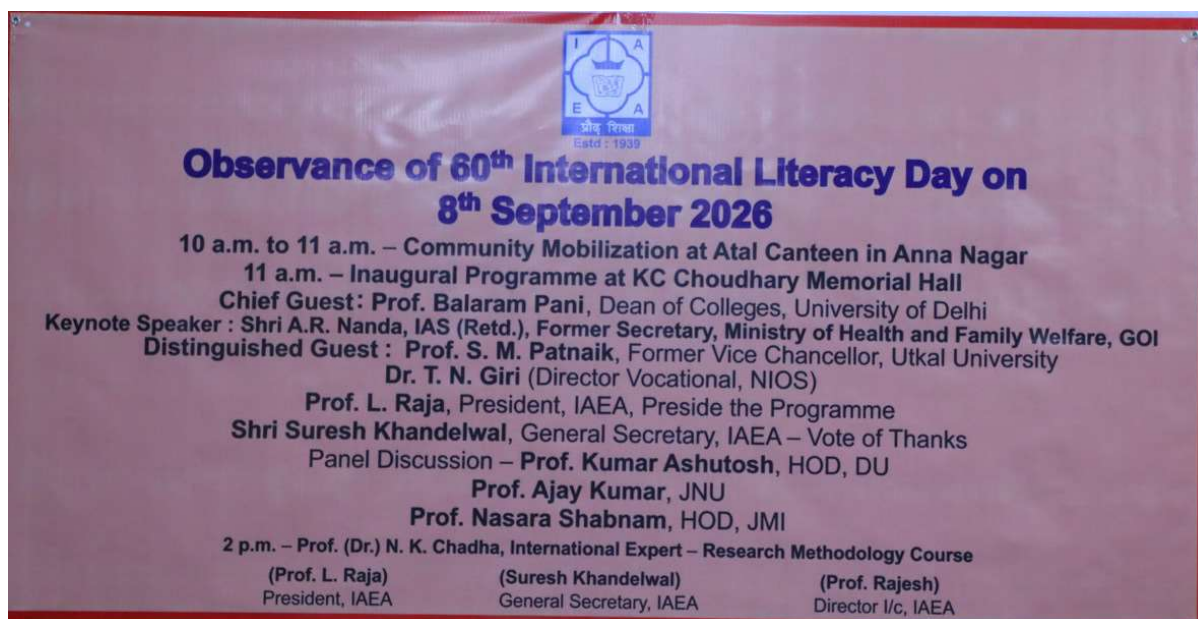


OBSERVANCE OF THE 60th INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

At IAEA Head Office, New Delhi

8 September 2026



The Indian Adult Education Association (IAEA), Head Office, New Delhi, observed the **60th International Literacy Day** on **8 September 2026** with a series of three major activities aimed at promoting literacy awareness, community participation, skill development, and research in adult education.

Activity 1: Community Mobilization and Literacy Awareness Rally

“Saksharata Se Viksit Bharat”

Prior to the main celebration, a **Community Mobilization and Literacy Awareness Rally** was organized under the theme *“Saksharata Se Viksit Bharat”*.

The rally was flagged off from **Atal Canteen, Anna Nagar**, and proceeded through the narrow lanes of Anna Nagar and the Sanjay Amar Colony slum areas. The rally was led by **Prof. Rajesh, Director (I/c), IAEA**, and was actively participated in by all staff members, scholars pursuing internships, learners of the IAEA Skill Centre and Computer Literacy Centre, and members of the local community.



The rally created considerable awareness among community members about the importance of literacy, continuing education, digital literacy, and skill development. Community members showed keen interest in joining literacy and skill-development classes offered through IAEA initiatives.

Activity 2: Celebration of International Literacy Day and Panel Discussion

“Literacy for People, Planet and Prosperity”

The programme commenced with a two-minute silence in memory of the deceased students of the University of Delhi.

The celebration of International Literacy Day was held at the **K.C. Choudhary Memorial Hall, IAEA**. The inaugural programme was presided over by **Prof. L. Raja, President, IAEA**.

The programme was graced by eminent academicians and distinguished guests. **Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi**, was the Chief Speaker, while **Shri A.R. Nanda, IAS (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India**, delivered the Keynote Address.



The distinguished guests included:

- **Prof. S.M. Pattnaik**, Former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University
- **Prof. T.N. Giri**, Director (Vocational), NIOS
- **Dr. Shyni Duggal**, Regional Director, IGNOU
- **Shri Chandru M.**, Assistant Commissioner, CGST, Delhi North, Bawana Division

The programme was **hosted by Shri Vivek Kumar Chahar, Copy Editor, IJAE, and Ms. Jolly, Intern, Zakir Hussain College**, who coordinated the various segments of the event. Their warm and engaging hosting added to the smooth and welcoming conduct of the programme.

The inaugural session was followed by a **Panel Discussion** chaired by **Prof. Ajay Kumar, JNU**. The panel comprised:

- **Prof. Nasara Shabnam**, HOD, Jamia Millia Islamia
- **Prof. Uma Choudhary**, Bhaskaracharya College
- **Dr. J.P. Singh**, IP College for Women
- **Dr. Neha Nainwal**, Associate Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia

The discussion focused on the contemporary relevance of literacy and its role in promoting inclusive development, social empowerment, environmental consciousness, and prosperity.

As part of the environmental awareness initiative, the dignitaries also planted trees, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable development alongside literacy and education.



Students from **IP College for Women, Bhaskaracharya College, Kamla Nehru College, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, and Shyam Lal College**, along with students enrolled in skill-based courses and representatives of MOU partner institutions, participated actively in the programme.

More than **110 participants** attended the celebration and panel discussion. The active participation of students, educators, community members, and partner institutions reflected the collective commitment towards advancing literacy and lifelong learning.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by **Ms. Neha Gupta, Programme Coordinator, IAEA**, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished speakers, guests, panellists, participating institutions, students, staff members, interns, and all others who contributed to the successful organization of the programme.

Activity 3: Five-Day Research Methodology Course (Day 1)

As part of the International Literacy Day celebrations, IAEA also commenced a **Five-Day Research Methodology Course** to strengthen research capabilities among scholars, educators, and other participants associated with adult education and allied fields.

The first day's session was conducted by **Prof. (Dr.) N.K. Chadha**, a prominent Indian psychologist, Global Psychometrics Authority, and an expert in **quantitative research methodology and statistics**.

The session provided participants with valuable insights into research methodology, quantitative approaches, and statistical techniques relevant to academic and social research.

