

The particulars of its organization, functions and duties.

The Indira Gandhi National Open University, the largest mega university in the world, was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985. As on date, it serves the educational aspirations of about 2 million students in 34 countries, including India. The University offers 308 Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Doctoral programmes comprising around 1500 courses. Currently, it has eleven Schools of Studies and ten Divisions at the Headquarters and a network of 62 Regional Centres and more than 2300 Study Centres/Tele-learning centres to cater to the student requirements.

Organisational Structure

The President of India is the Visitor of the University. The Board of Management is the principal decision making body of the University. The authorities of the University include Board of Management, Academic Council, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Research Council, Distance Education Council and Schools of Studies. The overall functioning of the University is managed by these statutory authorities. Further details of the organisational structure are available at link www.ignou.ac.in

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

As per the IGNOU Act, the University shall endeavour to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including the use of any

communication technology, to provide opportunities for higher education to a larger segment of the population and to promote the educational well being of the community generally, to encourage Open University and Distance Education systems in the educational pattern of the country and to coordinate and determinate the standards in such systems. Further details are available at link www.ignou.ac.in