



**Report of the  
One Day Seminar  
on**

**“Innovative Practices in IGNOU”  
on the occasion of  
World Creativity and Innovation Day**

**Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019  
at  
Dr. S. Radha Krishnan Block  
Block – 17, IGNOU  
Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068**

**Organised by**

**National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education  
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On the occasion of World Creativity and Innovation Day NCIDE organized a one day seminar on “Innovative Practices in IGNOU” on April 22, 2019 at Dr. S. Radha Krishnan Block IGNOU. In order to inculcate the culture of creativity and innovation in the society and educational institutes, in 2017 the United Nations resolved to observe April, 21 as the World Creativity and Innovation Day every year.



Besides two keynotes on Innovations in ODL, emphasizing on Future Prospects of Innovation and Creativity and Innovation by eminent experts, there were ten presentations on Innovative Practices in different fields of ODL. The basic objectives of the seminar were to:

- Observe the World Creativity and Innovation Day and create awareness about creativity and innovation
- Discuss and share experiences on innovative practices in different fields of ODL,
- Develop insight about the various innovative practices implemented at IGNOU,
- Deliberate on Future Innovations required for the growth and development of ODL system in general and IGNOU in particular

After welcoming the Pro Vice Chancellor, keynote speakers, resource persons and the participants, a brief introduction and purpose of observing the World Creativity and Innovation Day was given by Dr. Oum Prakash Sharma, Director, NCIDE.

The seminar commenced with the launch of a book titled “A Collection of Innovation and Ideas in the Open and Distance Learning System” compiled and edited by NCIDE faculty. Besides it the IDEABANK@IGNOU was also launched on this occasion.



The first Keynote Address on Creativity & Innovation was by **Prof. Om Vikas**, Former Director, ABV-IIITM-Gwalior who in his detailed presentation touched upon various aspects of creativity and innovation covering its definition and its impact on society and economy. He underscored on the culture of inculcating innovation right from our school education so as to have the same embedded in our way of working. He also highlighted the abysmal (57th) place India has in the Global Innovation Index (GII 2018) and urged to

change it by having project based learning in higher education. He emphasized on the need for next generation education to have Knowledge, Skills and Aptitude, as the innovation pre-requisites. While explaining 4 Stages Innovation Skills for Thought Process Development, he highlighted the thought process adopted by great scientist and philosophers like Einstein, Leonardo-da-Vinci Thomas Edison etc. He made a point that IDEABANK@IGNOU is a much needed initiative in the field of higher education which should also have mechanisms for interaction between teachers and students discussing on ideas and innovations.

**Prof. Ravindra Ramachandra Kanhere**, Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU in his address highlighted on the System of Innovation in our country and deliberated on the need of harnessing and developing creative skills among the students at all the levels of education in India. He highlighted on the future innovations in the field of life sciences. Giving examples of research innovations being done at laboratories in biology, he highlighted how stem cell and other research and development in the field can revolutionize lives. He also emphasized on Innovation Governance as a key for innovative initiatives to flourish. He stressed upon the need to innovate to bring efficiency in the processes at the university. While discussing about innovations in IGNOU, he highlighted the areas like study material distribution, e-office, student support for limited enrolment programmes and examination and evaluation, where innovation is strongly required.



**Prof. Santosh Panda**, Professor, STRIDE delivered Keynote Address on “Innovations in ODL”. He discussed on how NCIDE was conceptualized and highlighted that one of the important activities of NCIDE which was envisaged is nurturing new ideas of the various stakeholders and functionaries of ODL system at the grass-root level, providing them a platform to speak about their ideas, research on ideas and innovation, and provide them

incubation at their own places. He dwelt upon the diffusion of innovations theory proposed by Everett Rogers. He also discussed about organisational learning, social shaping of technology, strategic planning vis a vis holistic planning, innovation vs disruption, MOOCs, jugaad innovation, innovations in curriculum design, skilling, technology, and transaction. He highlighted the major features of innovative programme on Post-Graduate Diploma in E-Learning. He discussed NSQF (TVET system), HE skilling/ vocational education, HE competencies formulation, in India and gave a brief overview of skill levels, curriculum and credits, skill areas and credits, teaching-learning framework, teaching-learning components, in context to UG programmes of ODL system.

Post lunch sessions had invited talks and presentations by the teachers and academics of the university who have done some innovation and are involved in implementing innovative practices. The presenters included Schools’ Directors and Units’ Heads and faculty from the various Schools of IGNOU presenting innovation indicatives at their respective Schools/Units including:

- Innovative Programme Design for MA in Women’s and Gender Studies by **Prof. Nilima Srivastava**, Director, SOGDS, IGNOU

- Innovations in Radio Counselling by **Prof. P. V. K. Sasidhar**, Director, SOEDS, IGNOU
- Innovative Practices in using 3D Virtual Set Up by **Dr. P. Venkata Suresh**, Associate Professor, SOCIS and **Dr. Ravi Ayyagari**, Deputy Director, EMPC, IGNOU
- Innovations in Vocational Education and Skill Development by **Dr. R. S. P. Singh**, Director, SOVET, IGNOU
- Innovative Practices in e-Governance in IGNOU by **Dr. A. Murli M. Rao**, Head, Computer Division, IGNOU
- Innovation in Inclusive Education by **Dr. Hemlata**, Director, NCDS, IGNOU
- Offering Lab Based GI Sciences Programmes Through ODL by **Dr. Benidhar Deshmukh**, Associate Professor, SOS, IGNOU
- Innovative Programme on Event Management by **Dr. Heena K. Bijli**, Director, SOCE, IGNOU
- Innovative and Best Practices in Student Support Services by **Dr. Amit Chaturvedi**, Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi -2, New Delhi
- Affordable and Accessible Technologies for Delivering Video Lectures in Computer Science Programme by **Dr. Sudhansh Sharma**, Assistant Professor, SOCIS, IGNOU

The programme concluded with the feedback and suggestions by the participants, followed by the distribution of certificates to the presenters and the participants. The Seminar was coordinated by Dr. Jyotsna Dikshit, Deputy Director, NCIDE.



### Highlights of the Seminar

- Released a book titled “A Collection of Innovation and Ideas in the Open and Distance Learning System” compiled and edited by NCIDE faculty.
- Launch of IDEABANK@IGNOU a virtual pool of ideas and innovations from various stakeholders and functionaries of ODL in general and IGNOU in particular.
- Two keynote addresses on “Creativity and Innovation” and “Innovations in ODL”
- Presentation of 10 innovative practices and innovations by IGNOU faculty

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