

100% JOB PLACEMENT FOR IGNOU TRIBAL STUDENTS OF GADCHIROLI

Gold Medal for Innovation in Open and Distance Learning for year 2014 was conferred to Dr. P. Sivaswaroop in the 27th Convocation of the University for his Innovation in 100% Job Placement for IGNOU Tribal Students of Gadchiroli. A brief about this Innovation and the Innovator is given below.

ABOUT THE INNOVATION

Tribal students are generally in interior places and are deprived of many minimum facilities, due for normal citizens. Education is one such facility, especially the Higher Education and the vocational Education, which can make them capable to earn and have a decent Life Style. Now a days employability of youth (even for B.Tech/MBAs) is a burning issue. The Government of India plans to give thrust to Vocational Education. In this context, assessing the skills provided by the University's Academic Programmes and matching them to the industry requirement is the key. It also involves approaching various employers and explaining them about the capabilities of the students who have passed out from the university.

Here is the case of 10th pass candidates from an interior, backward trouble torn district of Gadchiroli getting employment after studying an IGNOU 6 months certificate course. The Gadchiroli Tribal District has very low (26%) literacy rate with naxal problem and severe backwardness. This innovation involved in studying their conditions. Understanding their needs, providing them the job oriented vocational education, talking to employers for these students employment, keep students and Academic Counsellors sensitized towards Quality studies (both theory and practical) and finally arranging campus placement interviews at Gadchiroli. Thus the innovative strategy provided 100% Job Placement for IGNOU Tribal Students of Gadchiroli.

ABOUT THE INNOVATOR



Dr. P. Sivaswaroop is presently the Regional Director of IGNOU Regional Centre at Nagpur. During this tenure as the Regional Director, his emphasis has been primarily on developing short term courses relevant to the local people. He has successfully established Special Study Centres at Jails so that prisoners can pursue their education in the course of their choice. He designed Special Vocational Skill Development Courses for the prisoners, which was also launched by the Honourable Vice Chancellor of IGNOU.

He received PhD in Chemistry from Andhra University with a 'Best Thesis Award', followed by the Post-Doctoral Work at the University of Hyderabad. He is a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), London and Member of American Chemical Society. He has contributed several papers published in the International and National Journals on Chemistry, Education and Ethical Issues. He was appointed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as an Expert in Chemistry for technical monitoring of cloud seeding experiments. He was honoured by several Agencies for his Socially Oriented Activities. Some of them are "Shiksha Maharshi, Vidarbha Bhushan, Krishi Gaurav' etc. He was also an esteemed Member of the Board of Management, Academic Council and Planning Board of IGNOU at the national level.

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