

Activities of IGNOU Institution's Innovation Council in 2018-2019

1. Organised a Committee Meeting to select Innovator Students for Regional Exhibition by MIC

The IIC received a communication from the MIC about a Regional Mentoring Session and Orientation Session of the Proof of Concepts (POCs) being organized on 10th August 2019 in New Delhi. As prescribed by the MIC an application form was circulated among the students to fill it up and eleven filled-in applications were received with their proof of concepts (POCs). An evaluation committee was constituted to select four POCs and nominate them to the MIC. The Committee on June 12, 2019 recommended the names of Parthiv Rameshchandra Bhatt, Vaibhav Singh Rathore, Faiz Anwar and Deepak.

2. Screening of India First Leadership Talk Series on “Future of Technical Education in India” by Anil Shahastrabudhe, Chairman AICTE

A talk by Anil Shahastrabudhe on “Future of Technical Education in India” on 22 April, 2019 at 12 PM was organised by MIC. The IIC arranged to screen this talk. A question contest for the students was also organized prior to the talk and the IGNOU students were informed about it through Facebook and Regional Centres. The faculty of NCIDE watched the talk.

3. Screening of India First Leadership Talk Series on “Art of Decision Making” by Mr. Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor, India

The MHRD Innovation Cell (MIC) organised a talk by Mr. Ajit Doval on “The Art of Decision Making” on 19 March, 2019 at 11.30 AM. The IGNOU students were informed through Facebook and through Regional Centres. The faculty and staff of NCIDE and the students of IGNOU watched the talk.



4. Workshop on “Business Plan Development” for Students

A workshop on Business Plan Development was organised by IIC for all the selected students of the Idea Competition on 01st March 2019. The workshop was aimed to impart knowledge and skills related to Intellectual Property Rights, Design thinking, and Business Plan Development and facilitate them to convert their ideas into innovative products and services.



5. Festival of Ideas

A Festival of Ideas was organized by the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC), NCIDE, for selected students on February 28 and 1st March, 2019 at IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. In this Festival, the ideas selected on the basis of an ‘Idea Competition’ were showcased and presented by the ideators. The selected students were



invited to participate and present their ideas in the Festival. Further, the students were mentored and nurtured through a workshop for developing business plan to work on their ideas. An abstract of the twenty ideas and innovations of the students was compiled and published by NCIDE. It is available at

http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/2_%20%20Abstracts%20of%20Idea%20Competition%202019.pdf.

6. One-day Workshop on “Cognitive Skills, Design Thinking and Critical Thinking”

A “One-day Workshop on Cognitive Skills, Design Thinking and Critical Thinking” was organized for the Research Scholars of IGNOU under the aegis of Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) on January 17, 2019. The main objectives of this one-day workshop were to sensitize the participants about cognitive skills, design thinking process and critical



thinking in general, and education in particular, discuss how to improve their cognitive skills, metacognitive skills and critical thinking, and explain cognitive skills, design thinking process and critical thinking to them through individual and group activities. A total of forty research scholars participated. Professor Prabir Kumar Biswas, an eminent Psychologist and Educationist and Professor in Staff Training Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) was invited

as the expert resource person. He discussed the various aspects of cognitive thinking, design thinking process and critical thinking interacted with the participants. He administered several activities to the participants that were aimed at testing memory, attention, etc and design thinking steps, such as ideation using brainwriting and SCAMPER. The workshop was a huge success among the scholars and as per their feedback, more such workshops are required to be organised by the University.

7. Workshop on “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)”

A workshop on Intellectual Property Rights was organized under the Institution’s Innovation Council for the teachers and students of IGNOU. This effort is expected to generate awareness among the participants about the various aspects of IPR and sensitize them about the role of IPR in innovation and invention. The workshop was held on 13th December, 2018, Thursday, from 10.00 AM to 01.30 PM. The participants included teachers and academic members for various Schools and Divisions. The student participants included the research scholars, who are pursuing MPhil and PhD Programmes. The workshop included sessions by internal experts Dr. Suneet Srivastav, Assistant Professor, School of Law, IGNOU and Prof. Shubha Gokhale, Professor, School of Sciences. Dr. Srivastav took a session on “Copyrights and Related Rights”, which was very interactive. She touched upon the various aspects of Copyrights and Related Rights, their duration, fair use etc. Prof. Gokhale took a session on “Patents: Importance in Research and Innovation” where she mentioned about what is patentable subject, duration, infringement etc. This session was also very interactive with the students asking questions about patents.

