

A Report on

Online Creativity Challenge Series

During the COVID-19 lockdown, the students and faculty members were stranded at their homes in challenging situations with limited resources. In spite of that they were addressing different problems in very creative and innovative ways. In order to foster the culture of creativity and innovation among IGNOU students and staff during this period, the National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) visualized a series of Creativity Challenges for them. The basic objectives of the Creativity Challenges were to promote creativity and innovation among IGNOU students and staff, including faculty; to gainfully engage them in the creative and innovative activities during the lockdown period and to encourage them to learn some new and innovative skills useful for them.

Starting from 4th May, 2020 to 1st June 2020, NCIDE has conducted four Creativity Challenges. The first Creativity Challenge was on the topic “How innovative you are in solving the day-to-day problems in emergency situation and how creatively you describe your that innovative solution?” The themes of the problem areas were related to health, food, studies, office work, connecting with students or any other household problem.

The second challenge was on the topic “How Creative You Have Been in Gainful Engagement of Yourself and Your Family Members During the COVID-19 Lockdown Period?”

The topic of the third challenge was “During COVID-19 Which New Skills Have You Developed and How Innovatively Have You Applied Them?”

The fourth challenge was on the topic “Post COVID-19 Healthcare Challenges to Innovate”.

Thousands of students from all over India participated in each Creativity Challenge and submitted their entries to the challenges meant for the students. Several hundred teachers, academics and staff members from the IGNOU Headquarters and Regional Centers submitted their entries meant for IGNOU fraternity. The results of all the four Creativity Challenges have been declared, which are available at the link

<https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/navrieti/creativity-challenge?>

The best ten student entries and the best five IGNOU fraternity responses have been shortlisted under each Creativity Challenges and they will be awarded a Certificate of Merit. In addition to it, all the participants of both the categories will be provided e-Certificate of Participation. NCIDE will also planning bring out a comprehensive report on these innovative solutions.

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