

Greetings from STRIDE, IGNOU!!

**Sub: National workshop on Quality Issues in Developing / Revising Self Learning Materials in Open and Distance Learning from Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 (02<sup>nd</sup> in the Series).**

As you are aware, the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) of Indira Gandhi National Open University has been organizing training programmes for faculty of Directorates/Dual Mode Institutes and State Open Universities (SOUs) from time to time on various aspects of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. The response from various institutions all across the country in this regard is very encouraging.

Like every year, we have proposed National workshop on Quality Issues in Developing/ Revising Self Learning Materials in Open and Distance Learning this year from 10-16 July, 2017, the response is very encouraging and we could not accommodate all the aspirants in the above said programme hence, our Vice Chancellor has approved to organize another programme on the same theme from **August 28 to September 03, 2017 (i.e. 02<sup>nd</sup> in the series) at IGNOU, HQ, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi** to facilitate faculty in ODL.

STRIDE is a capacity building centre for open and distance education. We at STRIDE always believe that capacity building is a capacity sharing activity. Capacity sharing is caring activity, sharing and caring mutually empowers. This is possible only with team efforts. STRIDE by virtue of its more than 32 years of experience has accumulated excellence in developing in self-learning material in ODL. *As per UGC guidelines a training programme of 07 days duration carries 10 API points for the faculty for their career advancements scheme.*

**The objectives of the workshop are:**

- i) to sensitize about Quality issues related to print materials.
- ii) to familiarize the participants with adult learning and distance learning, and latest development in DE.
- iii) to explain the characteristics and processes of development of self-learning materials with practical activities as key component, and develop skills of writing SLMs;
- iv) to acquaint the participants with various other vital issues relating development of SLMs, viz. – media, support services, assignments and examinations etc;
- v) to Provide hands on experiences to develop Self Learning Material and
- vi) to exchange among the participants the experiences of their institutional practices of ODL, and build a network of experts of SLMs.

The *workshop methodology* shall involve lead presentations by experts followed by discussion and also will provide hands on experiences. At the end of the workshop, each participant is expected to develop/transform at least one unit (chosen by him/her) in the SLM format.

May we take this opportunity to invite nominations from *your institution*. Depending on the response, we will try to accommodate as many faculty members as possible depending on the availability of seats. **May we also suggest to nominate one or more faculty of your institution.**

Like our past practice, each participant will be required to **pay Rs. 6000/- towards Workshop Nomination Fees**. Also, their TA/DA, accommodation and boarding charges at Delhi during the workshop have to be borne by the sponsoring institutions. Once fees paid will not be refunded/adjusted as the seats are limited. However, based on the participants' request and availability at IGNOU Guest house, accommodation will be arranged on first come first serve basis. The rates for accommodation at IGNOU Guest House are as follows:

- Double Room (AC), twin share basis: Rs. 500/- per day per person and single sharing in double occupancy is also Rs. 500/-.
- Single Room (AC): Rs. 350/- per day per person

We hope you would appreciate our efforts for capacity building in the ODL systems and benefit your institution in maintaining quality in distance education. We shall request you, kindly send the nominations at the earliest for the necessary arrangements at our end. **An electronic mail in this regard on the mail IDs given below will be highly appreciated.**

Further, we shall request if your nomination(s) reach on or before **July 15, 2017** (first come first serve basis) along with **filled in Nomination Form (enclosed) and a Demand Draft for Rs. 6000/-** per participant drawn in favour of **IGNOU, payable at New Delhi.**

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