

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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The University has been established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 with the jurisdiction over the whole of India as well as study centres outside India. The mandate of the University is Access, Equity, Quality and Affordability which is in tune with the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020. The University is offering at present 228 programmes ODL Programmes and 32 Online programmes, through 21 School of Studies, with 42 disciplines. The following implementation activities for NEP 2020 have been initiated by the University:

1. **Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education** -The bachelor's degree programmes (Bachelor in Arts, Science and Commerce) adopted multidisciplinary approach with the combination of Ability Enhancement Courses in Environment Science and Languages (Hindi or English), skill enhancement courses drawn from courses across the Schools of Studies other than the discipline specific Core and Elective Courses. The learner has freedom to choose courses from the flexible curricular structures across disciplines.

2. **Multiple Entry and Exit**-There are at present 21 programmes with a facility to pre-exit after completion of the courses in the first year and are awarded a diploma. Such diploma awardees can join the programme again under the provision of lateral entry scheme and complete the degree.

3. **Internationalisation** -The University is offering around 142 academic programmes through Overseas Study Centres and 220 academic programme to FSRI students residing in India. Presently, IGNOU's academic programmes are on offer through 23 Overseas Study Centres with footprints in 15 countries. Around 80,000 international learners cumulatively enrolled for IGNOU programmes since 1997. Each year around 2000 to 3000 International students register for IGNOU programmes.

4. **Access, Equity & Inclusion** - The University tries to reach out to learners through network of 67 Regional Centres and more than 2000 plus Learner Support Centres. The University tries to reach out to the socially and economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs) through Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres in inaccessible remote areas like Leh (Sub-Regional Centre); Andaman and the Nicobar Islands (Regional Centre); 11 Recognized RCs in Defence premises with 84 LSCs; 9 RCs and 194 LSCs in the North Eastern Region; 340 SLSCs for disadvantaged groups including 163 IGNOU SLSCs in jails across India.

5. **Professional Development** -For training of faculty, IGNOU has an exclusive centre Staff Training and Research in Distance Education (STRIDE). STRIDE has also been assigned the task of training 15 lakh Faculty Members in Higher Education Institutions on NEP 2020.

6. **Multilingualism and Regional languages**- University has launched Stand-alone courses in Kashmiri, Nepali and Meitei Lon (Manipuri) to promote Indian languages, arts and culture. Programmes in foreign languages viz. French, Spanish, Arabic, Persian, Russian,

German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin. Indian language courses in Hindi, Sanskrit, English, Urdu, Malayalam, Gujarati, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Bhojpuri, Kashmiri, Nepali and Meitei Lon (Manipuri) are available to UG students. Further translation courses in Bangla-Hindi Translation and Malayalam-Hindi Translation are also available. IGNOU is started offering online Live Classes in 13 Regional Languages(Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu)from the Regional Centres on SWAYAM Prabha Channels.

7. Vocational and Skill based Education- The existing vocational and skill enhancement Courses have been integrated into UG Programmes like BSc (General), BA (General), BA (Honours), BCom, BSW and BA (VS) Tourism Management, BPA in Hindustani Music. Vocational Degree Programmes such as MA (Entrepreneurship), BBA (Retailing) and BSC Nursing (PB) have been launched.

8. Research & Innovation- National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE) is enhancing student activity and participation by strengthening Innovation Club, Institution Innovation Council, IdeaBank@IGNOU, Ideas to Startup Scheme, Student Empowerment for Entrepreneurial Development (SEED), etc. IGNOU has been ranked First under the category CFIs (Non-Technical) for Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIA) announced on December 29 2021.

9. Credit Transfer- The University has launched the Course-wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS) in which a learner can register for a single course or a limited number of courses, subject to a maximum of 16 credits.

10. Promotion of Indian Languages, Arts and Culture- The University has launched academic programmes focusing on Indian art and culture. The Skill Enhancement Courses on different Indian Culture and Arts aspects are offered to the learners at the undergraduate level as part of the CBCS skill enhancement courses. MA programme in Sanskrit and Urdu were also launched.

11. Online and Digital Education- The University has digitized the Self Learning Materials (SLMs) of all the programmes and they are available to the learners through its eGyankosh portal, and through IGNOU e-Content App in the Google Play store. More than 16 lakh installations have been done for the e- content App. A provision of a 15% fee refund is in place for learners opting for the digital study material in place of the printed one. More than 20% learners are availing this facility. IGNOU, being the National Coordinator currently offering 151 courses in through the SWAYAM (MOOCs) platform. In last one year around 130 unique SWAYAM Courses were added. IGNOU is now offering 32 online programmes which is completely online right from registration to certification and offered through the dedicated IGNOU-LMS. IGNOU as one of the National Coordinators of SWAYAM Prabha is running following Four Channels which runs both recorded and live sessions. A web-based facility i.e., Web Enabled Academic Support (WEAS) Portal has been created by the University with the aim to provide an interactive one-stop programme portal for the IGNOU learners in getting academic support on the programme they are enrolled in. The University is also engaging the Alumni through registration on the Alumni Portal and the live sessions on the FaceBook.