

## Report of Student Innovation Award – 2019

In consonance with the Government of India's initiative to promote the culture of innovation in the country, the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been recognizing and promoting the major contributors in the area of research and innovation among its faculty and staff for more than a decade.

In order to identify, recognize and nurture the innovators from amongst its stakeholders, National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) is making all efforts to reach all the stakeholders of the system. Considering the students to be the most important stakeholder of the system, the university has formulated a scheme for identifying and recognizing the innovator students of IGNOU and instituted a "**Student Innovation Award 2019**" to be given every year to first three innovator students across the country. This scheme was started in 2018.

In 2019 entries were invited by the NCIDE from IGNOU students for the **Student Innovation Award – 2019**. After evaluation by a Committee of Experts, four best entries were selected for the Student Innovation Award – 2019.

IGNOU on its Foundation Day programme on November 19, 2019 awarded its innovator students with the Student Innovation Award. The awards were given away by the Chief Guest of the programme Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, ICCR Chairman and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU. They appreciated the innovative work done by IGNOU students.

The **First Award** was given to Dr. Animesh Mohan, a student of DNHE Programme of IGNOU. He has developed an innovative device named **Janu Avagaha Instrument** for the Ayurvedic treatment of Osteoarthritis of knee joints. He modified the traditional device and designed a more efficient, cost effective instrument that is much easier to use. It has successfully cleared clinical trials and currently in use. Dr. Animesh Mohan was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- along with a Trophy and a Certificate.



The **Second Award** was given to Mr. Vivek Tripathi, a student of PGDTP Programme of IGNOU. He has developed a mobile app named **Hindi-TED** with innovative content, which focuses on learning of Hindi through *Translation, Examples* and *Dictionary*. The app also enables translation and acts as a disruptive innovation by changing the way a dictionary is used, by providing hierarchy of each and every word as per the cultural background of the words. Mr. Vivek Tripathi was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7,000/- along with a Trophy and a Certificate.



The **Third Award** was given to Mr. Kailash Kumar, a student of the PGCIATIVI Programme of IGNOU. He has developed an innovative device named **Eye Rotation Pendulum** for easy and hassle-free exercise for vision improvement. This instrument is scientifically designed to correct refractive errors, such as myopia, astigmatism and cylindrical number. It has been tested on 150 people and has been found to be very effective. Mr. Kailash Kumar was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- along with a Trophy and a Certificate.



In addition to this, a **Consolation Award** was given to Mr. Ankit Kumar Saw, a student of B.A. Programme of IGNOU. He has developed a **Hand-Made Economy Car** by using discarded scraps of motorcycle and cars. It is a light weight car manufactured at a very low cost. Mr. Ankit Kumar Saw was awarded a Trophy and a Certificate.



Besides identifying and awarding the innovators, IGNOU plans to handhold such innovators by the way of providing various kinds of support to them in commercialization of their innovations.

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