

A Report on

Student Innovation and Startup Day - 2019
organised by IIC, NCIDE, IGNOU on 17-20 January, 2020

For the past few years, National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education (NCIDE) at IGNOU has been taking initiatives for sensitising, promoting and encouraging students and faculty towards generating new and innovative ideas and converting them into innovation and start-ups. For this purpose a variety of programmes and activities are being organised from time to time.

In order to inculcate the spirit of innovation among students, IGNOU IIC and NCIDE in collaboration with IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2 celebrated the 'Student Innovation and Start-up Day' on 15th October 2019 at IGNOU Regional Centre Delhi-2, Rajghat, New Delhi. On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the Former President of India, this programme was organised as a tribute to a visionary and great son of India. About hundred participants including IGNOU students, Coordinators/Programme In-Charges of IGNOU Study Centres of Delhi NCR and the staff members of NCIDE and Regional Centre Delhi-2 attended the programme.



The programme started with the lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest, Prof. S. P. Mishra and other dignitaries. The welcome address was given by Dr. Amit Chaturvedi, Regional Director, IGNOU RC Delhi 2, who highlighted the importance of the Student Innovation and Startup Day and introduced the speakers and guests.



Dr. Chaturvedi welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. S. P. Mishra, Special Guest, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS, Dr. O. P. Sharma & other dignitaries of NCIDE and Coordinators.

Dr. O. P. Sharma, Director, NCIDE and President, IGNOU-IIC gave a brief introduction about the one-day programme. Dr. Sharma highlighted the importance of innovation among the students of IGNOU and gave a brief description of the activities and programmes focused for promoting innovation among IGNOU students.



On this occasion, special guest Sh. Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Rajghat said that as everybody thinks something new every day, the students should keep the new ideas safely in a bin so that it could be taken up and developed in future. Sh. Dipankar Ji also shared his eye-opening stories and touched upon the core of creativity, research and development and innovation.

On this occasion mainly three activities were organised which included an inspiring talk on Innovation and Start-up for IGNOU students, presentation on Idea to Start-up scheme and a workshop on Idea generation.

Talk on Scope of Innovation and Start-up for IGNOU Students

Prof. S. P. Mishra, former Director, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NISBUD) and former Vice Chancellor, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, gave an inspiring talk on innovation and start up for the IGNOU students and told them how they can work on developing their ideas into commercial products or startups. His talk was highly



stimulant with lots of lively and actionable stories and examples on creativity, ideation and innovation which motivated and ignited the IGNOU students as well as others present on the occasion.

Presentation on 'Idea to Start-up' Scheme of IGNOU

During the last few years it was observed that many of the IGNOU students are having very brilliant and innovative ideas which could be converted into a business model or start-up. Keeping it in view, NCIDE has initiated a scheme of Idea to Startup aimed at identifying, nurturing and supporting such students to convert their ideas into a start-up. The students were also informed about this scheme of idea to startup scheme of IGNOU by the NCIDE faculty members. They were told about the possible benefits of the scheme and how IGNOU will help them in taking their ideas up to start-up.



Workshop on Idea Generation

An ideation workshop was also conducted for the IGNOU students where all the faculty members of NCIDE, Dr. O. P. Sharma, Dr. Jyotsna Dikshit, Dr. Moumita Das and Dr. Sujata Santosh acted as resource persons. Out of the 500 ideas 24 unique, new, useful and socially relevant ideas were selected on which further work could be carried out. This activity was very interactive and also joyful.



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Dr. Amit Chaturvedi, Regional Director, RC Delhi-2 administered the Pledge to the students and dignitaries to avoid the 'Single Use Plastic', participate in the 'Fit India Movement' and 'Swachhta' - Abhiyan.

The programme concluded with the feedback by the participants and vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Jyotsna Dikshit, Deputy Director, NCIDE who mentioned that it is a beginning of a new journey with IGNOU students from ideas to startup, with the spirit of

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Dr. Meena Singh, Assistant Regional Director, RC Delhi-2 compared the programme and Dr. Sujata Santosh, Assistant Director, NCIDE was the reporter for the programme. The academics of RC Delhi-2 including Dr. Shyni Duggal, Dr. Rita Chauhan, Dr. Meena Singh, Dr. Ataur Rahman, Dr. D. P. Singh and Sh. R. Sivaraj, Assistant Registrar, RC Delhi-2 facilitated the successful conduct and organisation of the programme. Mr. Radhey Shyam and his team gave necessary administrative support. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Jyotsna Dikshit, Deputy Director, NCIDE.

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