

Workshop On Assignments in Open and Distance Education

The Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is organising a workshop on "Assignments in Open and Distance Learning" on 9-10 January, 2014 at IGNOU headquarters.

The objective of the workshop is to define the concept of assignment and discuss its role in Open & Distance Learning (ODL), explain various types of assignments and its characteristics, acquaint the participants with the processes of developing assignment questions, discuss the process of evaluation of assignments and importance of comments and various operational issues relating to assignment handling and assessment.

Around 30 faculty members from various Schools of Studies of IGNOU are participating in the workshop.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Prof. M.Asalam, VC, IGNOU. VC highlighted the place of assignments in the instructional design at IGNOU and appealed to faculty to take utmost care in preparation of assignments so that overall quality of the system can be maintained. He further stressed the faculty to address the operational issues we are facing related to assignment. Prof. Sushma Yadav, Pro-VC and **Prof. Nageshwar Rao**, Pro-VC, IGNOU, also made their observations.

STRIDE has been organizing orientation-cum-training programmes/ workshops on various aspects related to the Distance Education system including the Assignments, for the faculty of IGNOU, and the response was always encouraging .

All members from STRIDE and members from different schools attended the workshop. Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, Director (STRIDE) also addressed the gathering and the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Ali Asgar, Asst. Professor, STRIDE.

