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ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

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Every child has right to get good education. Education helps to build a positive character. Education is the process for acquiring knowledge, skills, values and attitude. The major purpose of education is to let children grow into productive citizens who use their knowledge, talents, and learning skills to sustain themselves in society and contribute to the development of the nation. Rising costs and strict admission requirements make traditional higher education inaccessible for many students. MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) are providing access to world-class education to any person irrespective of age and qualification. It opens up a world of possibilities. More and more students now opt for a digital online courses. Open and free learning resources are rich and popular. Why then MOOCs are so well received? MOOCs are the next big thing in the technological development of higher education. These are part of emerging higher education technology.

The term "MOOC" was coined in 2008 by Canadian academician named David Cormier whereas first MOOC was taught by George Siemens and Stephen Downes in University of Manitoba, Canada where a class of 25 regular students was extended online to teach 1500 students. MOOCs www.Jobriya.in COURSES

are online courses, usually produced by colleges or universities. These courses are open to anyone who wants to take them for free (or sometimes for a small fee if the student wants a certificate saying they have passed the class with a certain grade). Because they are open and free, the most popular of these courses often attract thousands of students from all over the world-hence the "massive" part of the name. Most MOOCs have several parts, which may include

video lectures, readings, computergraded assignments quizzes, discussions with other students on a forum, or peer-graded assignments. MOOCs are different from mere video lecture series because students take them concurrently, not just at their own pacesall students start at the same time and have assignments due at the same time. Oso that they can discuss the content and get help from other students. MOOCs Ostarted gaining popularity around 2012,

although they existed several years earlier. There are now a number of platforms partnering with colleges and universities to produce MOOCs, but the most well-known are Coursera, EdX, and

Secondly, students have more flexibility in their workload, as they are able to choose when to watch the recorded video lectures as opposed to having to be online during live lectures. They can also choose whether or not to complete assignments without worrying about being graded, skipping those that reinforce concepts or skills they are already familiar with and putting that time toward higher-quality work on assignments that actually advance their understanding of the subject matter. This flexibility makes MOOCs a better choice for people with already busy schedules. like full-time workers and students with dependents.

On the Whole, MOOCs can be said as; M- Massive focused on scalability, focused on Community and Connections

Open registration, Content, No charges, Affordable

Online Cohort, real time interaction

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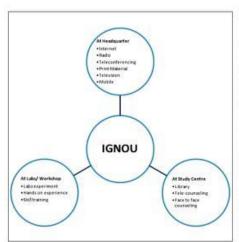
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JOB HIGHLIGHTS The Indira Gandhi National Open University was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 to achieve democratization of higher education by taking it to the doorsteps of the learners providing access to high quality education to all those who seek it irrespective of age, region, religion and gender, offering need-based academic by giving and vocational programmes professional orientation to the courses, and promoting and developing distance education in India.

> IGNOU has certain features such as national jurisdiction with international presence, flexible admission individualized study: rules flexibility in terms of place, pac and duration of study, use of latest information communication technologies, nationwide student sup port services network, cost-effective programmes, modular approach to programmes, resource-sharing, collaboration and networking with conventional universities, open universities



EDUCATIONAL AVENUES IN IGNOU

Fig.1: Learning Mechanism in IGNOU

and other institutions/ organizations, socially and academically relevant programmes based on students' need analysis, and convergence of open and conventional education systems.

IGNOU started offering academic programmes from 1987 with 4,528 students on its rolls. With 56 Regional Centres, 11 Recognized Regional Centres for Indian Army, Navy and Assam Rifles and around 3500 Learner

and diversity to it, the University brings forth a diversity of fruitful acade mic offerings for cumulative strength of over 3 million learners. IGNOU offer an impressive array of programmes and courses spanning awareness and appreciation programmes to research degrees; informal to formal; vocational to professional; and hands-on, skill-based to knowledge-based programmes and courses. The University

admitted more than 11,47,056 lakh students in July 2018 and January 2019 admission cycles. (IGNOU 32nd Convocation Vice Chancellor's Report).

The learners belonging to reserved categories, viz. Scheduled Castes; and Scheduled Tribes get fee reimbursement facilities as per the rules of the University. Jail inmates are provided full fee exemption. Scholarship scheme of National Centre for Promotion of Employment ployment of Disabled (NCPEDP) for Post Pennle Graduate level programmes is applicable to the students of this University also. Such students are advised to apply to the

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awarding authority directly Inmates lodged in Prisons in the country are exempted from payment of programme fee, including registration fee. The nder-trial/ short term pris are also eligible for the same benefit of FREESHIP as is extended to other prisoners with the condition that when they go out of jail, they will be treated as normal students and shall pay subsequent fees wherever applicable (examination fee, reregistration fee, pro-rata fee for admission, registration fee for convocation etc.).

IGNOU has produced selfinstructional learning materials of high quality in English and Hindi medium at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The University has a provision to provide soft copy of the selflearning material in place of printed material. A learner opting for the soft copy will be given a discount of 15% in the Programme Fee. The Option to this effect has to be indicated by the learners while filling in the Online Admission Form. Such learners will not be given printed self-learning material. The University is aware of its responsibility to play the role of a National Resource Centre for Education and Research. In fact, it has developed and offered the largest repository of online selflearning course materials through e-GyanKosh platform.

One of the most important aspect of studying with IGNOU is that the learner are facilitated for change of their regional centre/ study centre to any recognized IGNOU regional centre/ study centre free of cost. if they wish so or in case they get transferred to other place within India. They may also select any

IGNOU Exam Centre in India for appearing in Term End Examinations.

IGNOU at present is offering a number of bachelor and master degree programme along with certificate, advanced certificate, diploma and advance diplomas. The complete list can be assessed by a learner in IGNOU common prospectus. In tune with the fundamental ideals of the University to reach the unreached and provide flexibility. innovation, inclusiveness. up-gradation regular of and quality IGNOU knowledge and assurance, introduced choice based credit system (CBCS) bachelor degree programmes from July 2019 session. These programmes are on offer only once in a year i.e., in July Session only.

Important Points to reme for IGNOU Admissions 2019

Students who are already enrolled in a programme of one year or longer duration may also simultaneously register themselves for any Certificate/ Diploma programme of Six months duration. However, if there is any clash of dates of counselling or examination schedule between the two programmes taken by the student. University will not be in a position to make adjustment. Simultaneously pursuing of two academic programmes at degree level, either from the same University, or one from the Open University (under ODL mode) and the other from Conventional University (regular or face-to- face mode) is not permitted, as of now.

Selection of Programme:

Learners are advised to IGNOU Common Prospectus for July-2019 from Ignou website www.ignou.ac.in. The various programme offered by IGNOU are enlisted in the prospectus along with general guidelines and programme specific details

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Selection of Study Centre: Learners may choose any study centre from the available list of the study centre activated for that programme. learners are required to attend their theory counseling sessions as well as practical sessions at their study centre allotted to them. They also have to submit their assignments at their centre Online Registration:

The Admission Forms can be submitted online (except for International Students) through Online Admission System at http://onlineadmission.ignou.ac.in. Currently, the facility is available for the programmes offered through Common Prospectus merit-based based entrance test programmes. The prospective leamers are required to create their user ID and password for logging in the system and upload the required documents along with the submission of the Admission Form. There is no need to send the printed copy of the Admission Form to the Regional Centre.

Fee payment:

The programme fee can be paid online using payment Gateway through net banking, debit card and credit card. An amount of Rs.200/- is charged as registration fee along with the programme fee. Once the admission form is submitted online, the students can track the progress of their admission.

Documents-scruitinization and approval of admission:

Once the admission form is received by the centralized admission team, it is thoroughly scruitinized as per the programme eligibility criteria. In

case of any discrepancy in the Admission Form, the prospective students are advised to remove the discrepancy within stipulated time. Failing to do so will lead to rejection of admission

A message is sent on the mobile number and email ID registered with the System once admission is confirmed. After confirmation the learners may download their IGNOU Identify card online. www.Jobriya.in

The last date for admission for IGNOU programmes except certificate programmes is 31st July 2019, however for certificate programmes the last date is 15th July 2019. For any query the learners may contact the nearest IGNOU Study centre, Regional Centre or Student Registration Division, IGNOU, Maldan Garhi, New Delhi. IGNOU Degre es/ Diplomas/ Certificates are recognized by all member universities of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and are at par with Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates of all Indian Universities/Institutions, as per UGC Circular letter No. F.1-52/2000 (CPP-II) dated 5th May, 2004. AIU Circular No. EV/11(449/94/176915-177115 dated January 14, 1994, AICTE Circular No. AICTE Academic/ MOU-DEC/ 2005 dated May 13, 2005 and UGC/DFR/2013 dated 14 10 2013.

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