

## National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)

### Significant Activities of NIOS during October 2007

#### 1. Academic Programmes

- 1.1 The National Institute of Open Schooling in collaboration with UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) is organizing an “**International Conference on Adolescence Education through Open Learning – The SAARC Experience**” to share experiences, identify the challenges and work out strategies for effective implementation of the Programme in the respective countries. The Conference is scheduled to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 at Goa, Goa, India. It is expected that 30 international delegates from the SAARC Countries along with 20 delegates including Secretaries of Education from various State Governments/Union Territories will attend the Conference.
- 1.2 In the context of October-November 2007 Examinations of NIOS, **Marking Schemes** for Examination Papers of 10 subjects of Secondary Course and 11 subjects of Senior Secondary Course **were prepared** and made available to the Evaluators of Answer Books.
- 1.3 The Tutor Marked Assignments in Marathi, Telugu and Malayalam medium have been finalized and printed. The CRC of TMA in Gujarati medium has been sent for printing.
- 1.4 Workshops were held to review the course material in Hindustani Music, Printing, Mathematics, Mass Communication, Persian Language, Geography, Psychology, History, Accountancy, Functional Hindi, Physics (ODES items).  
A Workshop was organized for selection of textual material for the Functional Hindi Course at Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai from 2 to 5 October, 2006.
- 1.5 Under the Open Basic Education (OBE) Programme, activities related to accreditation, examinations and certification continued.
- 1.6 Revision of Curriculum of Secondary Courses in the light of the provisos of the National Curriculum Framework (2005) is in progress.

#### 2. Vocational Education

- 2.1 The Chairman, NIOS participated in Conference for E-9 Countries in ICT held at Bangalore from 4 to 6 October, 2007. The Conference aimed at increasing awareness about use of ICT for promoting literacy and also sharing

best practices of utilizing ICT for Literacy. It also aimed at exploring collaborations with private sector on ICT for Literacy.

- 2.2 A meeting of Academic Facilitators for Accredited Vocational Institutions of Delhi was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2007 at the NIOS Headquarters. The NIOS has appointed the Academic Facilitators for its AVIs recently. 17 Academic Facilitators participated in this meeting. During the meeting the facilitators were given orientation regarding their roles and responsibilities.
- 2.3 Workshops/Meetings were organized for:
  - Review of norms for accreditation of (i) Health and Pramedical Courses, and (ii) Agriculture based courses.
- 2.4 Informational inputs in respect of the following aspects have been sought from the StudyCentres for Vocational Education.
  - Best Training Procedures adopted by the AVI in order to instill useful skills and competencies among learners that will facilitate them to gain useful employment and self-employment.
  - Brief record of all such students with credible achievement and success.
  - Suggestions that can be adopted in delivery of vocational education programme.
- 1.5 A two-day meeting on the Course on Indian Sign Language is proposed to be held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007. During this meeting, the curriculum of the course will be finalized.

### **3. Student Support Services**

#### **3.1 Admission**

The new admission in the Study Centres (AIs) offering Secondary and Senior Secondary Courses for the session 2007-8 is as follows:

Secondary	:	1,68,733
Senior Secondary	:	1,36,997
Total	:	3,05,730

36495 students (15023 students at Secondary stage and 21472 students at Senior Secondary Stage) have been admitted on-line.

- 3.2 The total number of NIOS Study Centres for Academic Courses is 2048.  
57 applications for new Study Centres are under process.

- 3.3 The Public Grievances and Redressal Cell, NIOS dealt with 170 queries.  
20 cases of correction of Date of Birth were finalized.

#### **4. Evaluation**

- 4.1 The Department of Evaluation continued activities related to October-November 2007 Examination of NIOS.

#### **5. Administration**

##### **5.1 Recruitments**

- Screening Committee held on 25.10.2007 to screen the applications received for filling up posts on deputation basis.
- Engagement of Contractual Staff for the work related to upgradation of the Minority staff.

##### **5.2 SC-ST Roaster**

- Backlog SC/ST report submitted to the Ministry

##### **5.3 RTI Act.2005**

- During the month of October 2007, four requests were received and processed by NIOS.
- Quarterly Return ending September 2007 (July 07 to September 07) was sent to CIC, New Delhi.

- 5.4 Four Minority Institutions have been accredited as Study Centres of NIOS for promotion of Minority Education.

- 5.5 The Chairman, NIOS attended a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education held on 24 October 2007.

- 5.6 The Prize Distribution Ceremony in the context of Competitions organized during the Hindi Fortnight (14-28 September 2007) was held on 29 September 2007.

- 5.7 Translation work of documents from English to Hindi continued.

#### **6. Media Programmes**

- 6.1 NIOS continued telecast of its video programmes on Doordarshan (DDI-I) from 05.02 a.m. to 05.25 a.m. every Friday and on Gyandarshnan channel every day from 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

NIOS Audio programmes are being broadcast on Gyanvani FM Channel every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and repeat broadcast from 4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

- 6.2 Shooting of a video programme titled 'Our Environment' under NIOS-CEMCA project was completed.

- 6.3 26 video capsules were produced for telecast on Gyandarshan and Doordarshan Channel.

## **7. Regional Level Programmes/Inputs**

7.1. The Regional Centres of NIOS continued work related to admission, examinations (October-November 2007), and student support services. Hindi Fortnight was also celebrated by the Regional Centres of NIOS.

7.2 Some significant activities of the Regional Centres are as follows:

### **1. Regional Centre, Guwahati**

1.1 A Searchable Problems Tracking System (PTS) to keep track of complaints, queries, requests etc., has been developed and operationalised.

1.2 The Regional Director, NIOS made a presentation on “Challenges of Open Schooling in North Eastern Region” in the Regional Seminar organized by the NCERT’s, Regional Institute of Education, Shillong on 809 October 2007

### **2. Regional Centre, Jaipur**

2.1 The RC Jaipur of NIOS helped the State Open School (SOS) Rajasthan in their examination and evaluation activities.

