



National Institute of Open Schooling

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Significant Activities of NIOS during September, 2007

1. Academic Programme

- 1.1 Two Academic Officers of NIOS Dr. (Mrs.) Savita Kaushal and Shri Aditi Ranjan Rout attended the ten-day International Workshop for Design and Production of Digital Material held at Randburg, Johannesburg,, South Africa from 3 to 14 September 2007. Apart from NIOS (India), participants from Bangladesh, Kenya, Namibia, Zambia, Lesotho and Botswana participated. NIOS participants prepared learning material on “Common Nutritional Deficiency Disorders”.
- 1.2 Promotion of Open Schooling
 - 1.2.1 Two Officers from NIOS interacted with top level officers of the Education Departments of :
 - (i) Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and
 - (ii) Daman and Diu
 - a. These Union Territories have offered some institutions for accreditation by NIOS as the Study Centres for its Open Schooling Programmes.
 - b. These Union Territories have also agreed to set up the Open Schooling State Coordination Committees (OSSCC)
 - 1.2.2 These Officers also met the Principal Secretary (School Education), Government of Rajasthan and discussed matters related to up scaling of the State Open School, Rajasthan and constitution of the Open Schooling Coordination Committee (OSSCC).
- 1.3 Workshops were held for Development / finalization of Learning Materials in English, Dance, Geography and Psychology. Learning outcomes in the subject of Mass Communication were prepared. Items for Question Bank in Physics were prepared for On Demand Examination.
- 1.4 Under the Open Basic Education Programme, a workshop was held for review and modification of :
 - (i) Memorandum of Understanding
 - (ii) Assessment Proforma
 - (iii) Accreditation Form

2. Open Vocational Education

- 2.1 The work related to development / revision of Vocational Education Courses in Sign Language, Insurance Service and Goat Rearing continued.
- 2.2 The draft Framework for Vocational Education and Training (VET) in India has been modified and submitted to MHRD for consideration.
- 2.3 Shri M.C.Pant, Chairman, NIOS attended a meeting of the Vocational Education and Training Mission (from Australia) in New Delhi on 24 and 25 September 2007 and presented a paper on “Delivery of Vocational Education and Training in India”.
- 2.4 Based on the feedback from five Regional Seminars, the Curriculum Framework for Open Vocational Education is being finalized.
- 2.5 The Advisory Committee for the scheme of “Rural Community Workshop (RCW)” met on 6th September 2007. Among other things, it was suggested that the RCW scheme may be modified.

3. Student Support Services

- 3.1 Admission of students in various courses continued. Due to floods in different parts of the country, last date for On-line Admission (Stream-I) was extended to 20th September 2007 with late fee of Rs. 100/-.
- 3.2 25 institutions were accredited with NIOS; and 4 institutions were disaccredited. The total number of Accredited Institutions (AIs) of NIOS is 1935.
- 3.3 A document on “Quality Education” under “Open and Distance Learning (ODL)” is being developed with the help of experts.
- 3.4 Six Modules on training needs were tested and modified. Development of four audio-video programmes based on these modules has also been envisaged.
- 3.5 580 queries from public generally related to student support services were attended during August-September 2007.

4. Evaluation

- 4.1 The Department of Evaluation continued to Post April-May 2007 Examination activities and preparation for October-November, 2007 Examination.

5. Administration Department

- 5.1 Two Parliament Questions were answered
- 5.2 SC-ST Roaster
 - Backlog / Shortfall calculated after consultation with DOPT on the directions of MHRD.
 - SC/ST/OBC – Roaster amended based on the General Rule of Recruitment & Promotion of Academic and Non-Academic Staff of NIOS Part I & II (as amended upto March 2007) for Direct Recruitment and Promotion after consultation with DOPT expert.

- 5.3 Training Programme
- Dr. Mamta Srivastava and Dr. T.N.Giri were nominated and attended the training programme on “Incorporating Gender Concerns in Public Policy” held at ISTM, New Delhi from September 10 to 12, 2007.
- 5.4 RTI Act, 2005
- During the month of September 2007, sixteen (16) requests were received and processed by NIOS.
 - Annual Return for the year 2006-07 was sent to CIC, New Delhi as well as to MHRD.
- 5.5 UNESCO LIFE Project
- Review Meeting on LIFE Modules held on 3 & 5 September 2007.
- 5.6 Public Grievances and Redressal
- Responses were given on various grievance cases.
- 5.7 Work related to finalization of Annual Report 2006-07 of NIOS is in progress.
- 5.8 Advertisements were issued for some vacant posts.
- 5.9 Eight Minority Institution were accredited by NIOS during the month of September 2007.

6. Media Programmes

- 6.1 NIOS video programmes are being telecast on Doordarshan (DD-I) from 05.02 a.m. to 05.25 a.m. every Friday and on Gyandarshan 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 A film titled “Pate Ki Baat” under the Adolescence Education Programme was completed.
- 6.3 Shooting of four video programme completed.
- 6.4 Recording of 8 Audio programmes on ARSH project was done in-house.
- 6.5 Four scripts for multi-media programmes were developed in-house.

7. Regional Level Programme/ Inputs

- 7.1 The Regional Centres of NIOS continued looking after matters related to admission for the session 2007-08 and October-November 2007 examination.
- 7.2 The Regional Centre, NIOS, Delhi and Pune continued conducting “On Demand Examination”.
- 7.3 The Regional Centre, Pune translated the English version of Tutor Marked Assignments into the Marathi Medium.