

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**National Centre for Innovation in Distance Education**  
**Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068**

**Guidelines for the Award of**  
**'Best Innovative Practices'**  
**in Open and Distance Learning**

In order to recognize the best and innovative initiatives and practices by the IGNOU faculty and staff, the NCIDE, IGNOU is documenting such practices and the best few Innovative Practice in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) will be awarded every year.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this initiative is to recognize, promote, nurture, motivate and incentivize the potential innovators (faculty and staff of IGNOU) identified through the initiative to enrich the Innovation Ecosystem thereby promoting the effectiveness, quality and reach of the ODL System. The compiled documents will also be used by CIQA for submission for NAAC and NIRF, etc.

**Eligibility**

Any individual/team from the Schools, Divisions, Centres, Units, Cells, Chair, etc., of IGNOU Headquarters and Regional Centres who has taken innovative initiatives to solve the systemic problems and practiced the same in the University during the past three years is eligible to apply.

**Areas**

Applications for consideration of the award on innovative practices are invited in the following areas :

1. Reaching Out to the Learners
2. Programme Design and Development
3. Instructional Design and Delivery
4. Learner Support and Grievance Redressal
5. Examination and Evaluation
6. Administrative Facilitation including Finance
7. Alumni Engagement
8. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
9. Quality Assurance
10. Supporting Convergence and Conversion of Subsystems
11. Any other Relevant Area

**Application**

The Best Innovative Practices may be submitted as per the enclosed Proforma and be sent to Director, NCIDE latest by **October 15, 2024** by Email at [ncide@ignou.ac.in](mailto:ncide@ignou.ac.in).