# INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
## National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education

### GUIDELINES
### Award for 'Best Innovative Practices in Open and Distance Learning-2025'

The Indira Gandhi National Open University has instituted an award for the "Best Innovative Practices in Open and Distance Learning" to be awarded every year. The award for the year 2025 is being announced.

## Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognize and promote innovations and innovative practices in ODL system as envisaged by the NCIDE, which has been on a mission to seek creative solutions to promote effectiveness, quality and reach of the ODL system. The innovations and innovative practices will be submitted for enhancing the University rankings of NAAC and NIRF, etc.

## Eligibility

Any individual / team from the Schools, Divisions, Centres, Units, Cells, Chairs, etc., from among the teachers, academics and staff members at the IGNOU Headquarters and Regional Centres that has worked for creating an innovative product or methodology (during the last three years) for the growth and efficacy of ODL system which is being practiced, is eligible to apply.

## Areas

The National Education Policy-2020 NEP-2020 envisions to transform the education landscape and at the heart of this lies the innovations being carried out in the various domains. We invite your innovative initiatives being practiced, for the award, which have reshaped how we teach, learn, grow and prepare the youth for a rapidly evolving global future in the following areas with an emphasis on the work done under the aegis of the (NEP-2020) in the past three years:

## A. Enabling learning environments and support

1. Personalised learner support
2. Engagement and participation of stakeholders
3. Implementing technology enabled solutions in examination and evaluation
4. Learner Support and Grievance Redressal
5. Administrative Facilitation including Finance
6. Monitoring & Feedback for Quality Assurance
7. Supporting Convergence and Conversion of Subsystems
8. Reaching out the Learners
9. Initiatives to improve Material Dispatch & Delivery
10. Initiatives towards Cost Cutting
11. Any other (Please specify)

## B. Multidisciplinary curriculum and pedagogy reforms

1. Multidisciplinary curriculum and multiple entry-exit
2. Innovative pedagogy applied
3. Innovation in formative and summative assessment
4. Any other (Please specify)

## C. ICT integrated teaching and learning

1. Development of digital resources/OER/MOOCs including SWAYAM Courses
2. Universal design of learning, assistive technologies for special needs in education
3. ICT integrated blended learning
4. Any other (Please specify)

## D. Enabling Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

## E. Any other (Please specify)

## Application

Those who are interested in applying for the award may fill up the enclosed proforma and send it by email to ncide@ignou.ac.in latest by **31st October, 2025**.

**NCIDE, IGNOU**

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### Application Form
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1. **Name of Applicant:** …………………………………………………………………………………….....

2. **School/Centre/Division/ Unit/Chair…**………………………………………………………………………………

3. **Contact information:**
   *Office Address:* ……………………………………………………………...............................
   *Phone* (o): …………………………………………*Mobile Phone Number:*………………………………
   *Email:* ..………………………………………………………………………………………………

4. **Team members** *(include Name, Department & Email address):*
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5. **Title of the Innovation/ Innovative Practice:** …………………………………………………………….
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6. Year of Starting this Innovative Initiative: ……………………………………………………………...

7. Is this innovation in practice presently?          Yes / No

8. **Area in which Award is claimed:**
   Applications are invited in the following areas with an emphasis on the work done under the aegis of the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP) in the past three years.:

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C. Any other (Please specify) ICT integrated teaching and learning
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D. Enabling Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

E. Any other (Please specify)

9. **Brief summary of the Innovation/ Innovative Practice**\* (*<u>Max 100 words</u>*):

10. **Need for the Innovation** (*Outline the reason for developing the innovation in 200-300 words*

11. **Innovative Features** (*Outline the novel features of the innovation in 300-500 words*)

12. **Usefulness** (*Outline the applications and use of your innovation in about 200-500 words*)

13. **Implementation and Impact** (*Indicate how the innovation is implemented, the number of beneficiaries of your innovation and what impact your innovation has or going to have on the beneficiaries and the the ODL system.*)

14. **Scalability** (*Outline how can the use of the innovation be increased for ODL system in 300-500 words*)

15. **Sustainability and Future Plan** (*Outline how to maintain the innovation for long term in ODL system in 300-500 words*)

16. **Alignment with the concept of ODL system** (*Outline how the innovation fits the ODL system in 300-500 words*)

17. **Please give details of URL of website or YouTube, if any…**

18. **Declaration:**

| I confirm that: |
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| <ul><li>Information presented here is **not confidential**</li><li>The work submitted is our original work,</li><li>Members of the innovation team, have been consulted, and agree, to this submission.</li></ul> |

| *Applicant (name)* | *Applicant (signature)* |
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| | *Date:* |

Please forward **the softcopy** of the application and supporting materials to **ncide@ignou.ac.in** by **31st October 2025, 5 PM.** If you have any questions, please send email at ncide@ignou.ac.in.

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\*Please enclose necessary evidence in support of your claim and support material that substantiates your evidence