



# **ODL as a Tool for Women Empowerment: Reflections from National Institute of Open Schooling, India.**



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NIOS

# Basic Facts

- Woman -48.5%
- Female literacy -64.6%
  - Senior Secondary -5.9
  - -Secondary -12.5
  - -Middle -15.3
- Women participation very low in job market.
- For development of any country
  - Women participation is essential
  - Helps in reducing poverty.
  - Helps in achieving social justice.



# Education is an effective tool for empowerment

- How ODL facilitates
  - ✓ Education at the door step
  - ✓ Providing education flexible in terms of pace and place .
  - ✓ No upper age limit
  - ✓ Flexibility in subject selection



# NIOS : Facts



- 1979 - as project - CBSE
- 1989 - autonomous – MHRD
- 2002 renamed as NIOS

**Vision** – Sustainable inclusive learning with universal and flexible access to quality school education and skill development.”

**Target** – rural poor, girls n women, disabled migratory population, and any other who cannot go to school

**Courses and Programmes** : OBE, Secondary and Senior secondary , vocational education



# Operational Network



**NIOS**

**0.55 Million/year students on roll  
2.78 million cumulative enrolment  
(For last 5 Years)**

**6351 Study Centres  
(Als, AVIs and AAs)**

**32 Study Centres in Middle East & Nepal**

**3.32 Million students certified since 1989**

**21 Regional Centres  
4 Centres in Shillong, Gangtok and Kota,  
Darbhanga,**

# 1. Courses supporting girls & women



## Vocational Courses

- leading to employment
- Popular courses
- 65 % enrollment is of girls and women

## Academic courses

- Fee concession for girls and women
- Only girls schools as study centers
- Only 35 % enrollment of girls and women
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# Our Proud Learners



**MC Mary Kom**  
Winner of Bronze Medal of  
LONDON Olympics -2012



**L. Athira Krishna**  
An international Violinist/  
Guinness world record holder



**Leema Babu**  
Film Artist



**Kavya Madhavan**  
Kerala's Leading Actress  
State Award Winner





## 2. Special Projects for girls and women



### Hunar

- More than 30,000 girls of minority and other backward community benefitted
- Skill training in 7 trades and 37 districts of Bihar
- Training centers –community based, near their home
- Project created a mass educational awareness
- Change in the self esteem and confidence level
- Socio economic empowerment

### Voc. training in KGBV

- Vocational courses introduced in all schools of Rajasthan State
- Girls motivated and led to socio economic empowerment - self employed /wage employed





# Project ASHA



- MOU with MoHFW - certifying Nine Lakh ASHA workers
- Specially designed vocational course – complement training
- enhancing the competency
- professional credibility of ASHAs



# Conclusion

- NIOS making efforts to change the life of women and girls by imparting flexible, affordable, relevant and quality education up to pre degree level.

- *If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a woman you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered”.*

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