RESEARCH AND PRACTICES IN OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING FROM NIOS PERSPECTIVE IN INDIA

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NIOS: World’s Largest Open Schooling Institution

- Set up: 1989
- Enrolment: Over 27.1 Lakhs (2.71 Millions)
- Regional Centers: 21 and Sub Regional Centers: 04
- Study Centres (India & Abroad): 6351 (AIs, AVIs, AAs & SAIED)
Objectives of NIOS

- Universalization of Education (Education for All)
- Increase social equity and justice, and
- Develop a learning society
Priority Areas of Research

- Accessibility of Open Schooling System
- Academic and Vocational Research (Identification of new courses & Self Learning Material etc.)
- Inclusive Education
- Life Skills Integrated Education
- ICT and Media Research (VOS and MOOCs)
- Teaching and Learning Strategies
• Cost Effectiveness of ODL System
• Evaluation of Learners
• Student Support Services
• Tracer Studies
• Supervision of the NIOS programmes at the study centers
• Development of course materials with more ICT application and catering need of special child
Futuristic Research

• Systemic Research in Open and Distance Education
• Research on Educationally Deprived Section of the Society
  ❖ Girls and Women
  ❖ Street Children
  ❖ Socially Deprived Section of the Society
  ❖ Special Children
• ICT Research (VOS and MOOCs)
• Cost Effectiveness in ODL system
Challenges

- Timely implementation of research findings
- Collaboration with state open schools for further educational research and innovations
- Disseminating research findings through seminars, workshops and journals at national and international level
- Comparative studies among the open school countries in collaboration with agencies like COMOSA etc.
- Collaboration with universities, institutions and reputed organization to attract young researchers to do research studies on open and distance education
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