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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