

M.Ed. –SEMESTER-II

Paper CC8: EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND ICT

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Unit-I, Chapter-3(d)

Dear Students,

Our chapter-3 of unit-1 is going on and we have understood about **CIET, IGNOU, and SIET**. Now we will study about **NIOS**.

The National Institute of open Schooling (NIOS)

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) formerly known as National Open School (NOS) was established in November, 1989 as an autonomous organization in pursuance of National Policy on Education 1986 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. It is the board of education under the Union Government of India.

NIOS is providing a number of Vocational, Life Enrichment and community oriented courses besides General and Academic Courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary level. It also offers Elementary level Courses through its Open Basic Education Programmes (OBE). Government of India through a gazette notification vested NIOS with the authority to examine and certify learners registered with it upto pre degree level courses whether Academic, Technical or Vocational.

NIOS is a Governmental board of education, its headquarter is at Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India and the official languages are Hindi and English.

Objective of NIOS

To provide education to all segments of society under the motive to increase literacy.

To provide sustainable inclusive learning with universal and flexible access to quality school education and skill development.

Quality Policy

National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) are committed to provide Excellent, Sustainable, Inclusive and Flexible Education upto Pre-Degree level through Open & Distance Learning (ODL) mode & Compliance of requirements to ensure satisfaction of Learners and continual improvement of our Quality Management System.

Enrollment

NIOS had a cumulative enrollment of about 1.5 million students from 2004 to 2009 at secondary and senior secondary levels and enrolls about 350,000 students annually which makes it the largest open schooling system in the world

International collaboration and overseas centers

The NIOS collaborates with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and UNESCO. It also has study centers for Indian expatriates in the Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait, Nepal, Canada, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and the United States of America.

Courses offered

NIOS offer the following courses:

- Open Basic Education Programme, which includes following three levels courses
 - OBE 'A' Level course—Equivalent to class III
 - OBE 'B' Level course—Equivalent to class V
 - OBE 'C' Level course—Equivalent to class VIII
- Secondary Course—Equivalent to class X
- Senior Secondary Course—Equivalent to class XII
- Vocational Education Courses
- Life enrichment programmes
- D.EL.ED. course

Examinations

The NIOS is a national board that administers examinations for Secondary and Senior Secondary examinations similar to the CBSE and the CISCE. It also offers vocational courses after the high school. The public examinations are held twice a year in April–May and October–November on dates fixed by the NIOS.

However, one is also eligible to appear through the On-Demand Examinations at Level and Senior Secondary level in those subjects only in which candidates have taken admission in NIOS for subject wise learning. Results of the public examinations are announced usually six weeks after the last date of examinations.

Association of Indian Universities issues Equivalence of Senior Secondary Certificate Examination of NIOS

Mission

1. Providing relevant, continuing and holistic education up to pre-degree level through Open and Distance Learning System.
2. Contributing to the Universalisation of School Education.
3. Catering to the educational needs of the prioritized target groups for equity and social justice