



International Conference on Education for All: Role of Open Schooling

Programme Schedule

March 13th-15th, 2013

Venue: Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA),
1 Development Enclave(Near USI), Rao Tula Ram Marg, New Delhi, INDIA

Day 1

March 13 (Wednesday), 2013

Venue: Main Conference Hall

9.00 AM - 10.00 AM

Registration

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM

Conference Keynote Address on “ **From Education for All to Learning for All**”

Speaker: Ms. Frances Ferreira, Education Specialist, Open Schooling, COL, Canada

Chair: Dr. S.S. Jena, Chairman, NIOS, Noida

11.00 AM - 12.00 PM

Keynote Address on “**The Future of Learning**”

Speaker: Dr. Sugata Mitra, Professor of Educational Technology, Newcastle University, UK

Chair: Ms. Shweta Khurana, Head, K12 Education, Corporate Affairs Group Intel South Asia

12.00 PM - 12.30 PM

Tea Break

12.30 PM - 1.15 PM

Inaugural Session

Welcome Address by Dr. S.S. Jena, Chairman, NIOS

About the conference by Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, Director (Acad.), NIOS

Address by Ms. Frances Ferreira, Education Specialist, Commonwealth of Learning, Canada

Address by Guest of Honour : Sh. R. Bhattacharya, Secretary, School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi

Inaugural Address by Chief Guest: Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju, Hon'ble Minister, Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks by Sh. U.N. Khaware, Secretary, NIOS

1.15 PM - 2.00 PM

Lunch

2.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Keynote Address on “**Access and Equity in School Education: Issues & concerns for open Schooling**”

Speaker: Dr. Vinod Raina, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti

Chair: Prof. A.K. Sharma, Former Director, NCERT, New Delhi

3.00 PM - 4.30 PM

Panel Discussion on **Issues of Access and Equity**

Chair: Fr. T.V. Kunnunkal, Former Chairman, NIOS

Panelists:

Gender Perspective: Prof. Usha Nayar, Professor (Retd.), NCERT, New Delhi

Disability Perspective: Prof. S. Mukhopadhyay, Professor (Retd.), NUEPA, New Delhi

Holistic Perspective: Prof. Janaki Rajan, Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Moderator: Ms. Lystra Sampson Ovid, Trinidad & Tobago

4.30 PM - 5.00 PM

Tea

5.00 PM - 6.30 PM

Paper Presentation on **Issues of Access and Equity (Parallel Session I)**

Chair: Sh. M.C. Pant, Former Chairman, NIOS

Papers:

Open Schooling System in In-secured and Conflict Situations: A Case of Afghanistan

– Dr Sushmita Mitra

Open and Distance Learning in Lesotho: Running an Open School In a Challenging Environment

– Vincent Sechaba Seutloali

The Role of SSC Programme of Open School towards Education for All in Bangladesh: A Study on Learners' Experience:

– A.K.M. Iftekhar Khalid

Educational Development of Marginalized Communities through Open Schooling in India: A Case Study of NIOS

– Sukanta Kumar Mahapatra

(Ine) Quality Questions: A Sociological Apprehension of the issues in Open Schooling

– Dr. Dev N Pathak

Schooling and Silent Exclusion in Education: Open Schooling is the Alternative Perspective towards Access and Equity in Education

– Pankaj Das

Venue: Seminar Hall - I

Timing: 5.00 PM - 6.30 PM

Paper Presentation on Issues of Quality

(Parallel Session II)

Chair: Dr. Jaya, National Programme Officer, UNFPA, New Delhi

Papers:

Making learning contextualized: A step towards quality education

– Dr Sutapa Bose

Tutorial in Distance Education Programs implemented by Instituto de Educação Aberta e à Distância – IEDA

– Esperança Michau

Issues of Quality ODL with regard to Curriculum, Materials, Delivery System & Evaluation

– Prof. K.A.Hasim

Life skills for enhancing excellence in education and lifelong learning

– Ms. Asheema Singh

Enhancing quality of education : capacity building of primary school teachers in Himachal Pradesh

– Garima sarma and Priti Joshi

TMA as an effective strategy to improve the quality of education for ODL learners with reference to NIOS

– Dr. Balkrishna Rai

Novel learners and flexible education delivery: NIOS IS THE KEY

– Dr. Saumya Rajan

6.45 PM onwards

Cultural Programme followed by Dinner

Venue: Seminar Hall - II

Timing: 5.00 PM - 6.30 PM

Paper Presentation on Institutional Related Issues and Operational Strategies

(Parallel Session III)

Chair: Sh. U.N. Khaware, Secretary, NIOS, Noida

Papers:

Home schooling: an alternative mode of education

– Prof. Kuldip Kaur

Better Learner Support Services is a way to ensure Quality Assurance in ODL

– Dr. Niradhar Dey

Publicity strategy for awareness and advocacy of open schooling regarding Indian context

– Anuj kumar

Learner Support Services in Open and Distance Learning for Achieving Education for All

– Mohammad Mamunur Rashid

Effectiveness of Learner Support Services in Andhra Pradesh State Open School

– Sheik Mohammad

Open Schooling and Distance Learning: A Superhighway to Success but still a long way to achieve it

– Sonam Mehta and Karnica Vyas

Venue: Main Conference Hall

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM

Keynote Address on "Quality in School Education: Issues & Concerns for Open Distance Learning"

Speaker: Prof. Shyam B. Menon, Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi, India**Chair:** Mr Shigeru Aoyagi, Director UNESCO, New Delhi & Representative to India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka

11.00 AM - 11.30 AM

Tea Break

11.30 AM - 1.00 PM

Panel Discussion on **Vocational Education and Skill Development****Chair:** Ms. Fancy Amey, Director, Learner Support, Botswana College of Distance and Open Learning (BOCODOL), Botswana**Panelists:****Dr. Joginder S. Sodhi**, Shri Ram Centre for Industrial Relations, Human Resources, Economic & Social Development, New Delhi**Ms. Ankita Mishra Bundela**, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi**Dr. K.P. Wasnik**, Director (Vocational Education), NIOS, Noida**Moderator:** Joshua Mallet, Director, CENDLOS, Ghana

1.00 PM - 2.00 PM

Lunch Break

2.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Keynote Address on "Planning the Instructional Strategies in School Education: Implications for Open Schooling"

Speaker: Dr. Santosh Panda, Professor, Distance Education, STRIDE, IGNOU**Chair:** Prof. N.K. Ambasht, Former Chairman, NIOS

3.00 PM - 3.30 PM

Tea Break

Venue: Seminar Hall - I

Timing: 3.30 PM - 5.30 PMPaper Presentation on **Issues of Access and Equity**

(Parallel Session IV)

Chair: Dr. K.K. Vashishtha, Former Professor, NCERT, New Delhi**Papers:**

Disability and Equity of Access to Education: Capitalizing through Open Schooling – Prof. Amitav Mishra

Role of open and distance learning systems in education and rehabilitation of children with special need.

– Dr Yash Pal Singh and Dr Anju Agarwal

"Two fruits are enough for me and my sister": Self reflected story of a woman in developing a Sri Lankan school – Godwin Kodituwakku

Open Schooling for Female Education and Empowerment in Bangladesh: Scope, Practices and Challenges

– Dr. Sadia Afroze Sultana

Streamlining Female School Dropouts through Distance Education in Bangladesh

– Md. Mizanoor Rahman, Sabina Yeasmin & Santosh Panda

Education of Tribal Children through Open Schooling with Special Reference to Odisha – Dr. Pankaj Deep

Dreaming the Education for All: A Small Step or a Giant Leap towards an Empowered Society? – Dr Pratibha Sharma

Venue: Seminar Hall - III

Timing: 3.30 PM - 5.30 PMPaper Presentation on **Institutional Related Issues and Operational Strategies**

(Parallel Session VI)

Chair: Sh. C. Dharuman, Director Evaluation, NIOS, Noida**Papers:**

Open Schooling for Secondary and Higher Secondary Education: A Reflection from Chhattisgarh – Dr. Sambit K. Padhi

Challenges for open schooling to meet quality education in India – Dr Kartar Singh

School Improvement Planning to Ensure Learning for all Students – David Manuel

Success story of open school in naxal affected area BIJAPUR – Dr Smriti Sharma

A Study on Learning for Bangladesh : Challenges and Opportunities – Khan Ferdousour Rahman

Anticipated Barriers to Open Schooling system in Nigeria – Aminu Aliyu Wushishi

5.30 PM - 6.30 PM

Poster Presentations

7.30 PM onwards

Dinner

Venue: Seminar Hall - II

Timing: 3.30 PM - 5.30 PMPaper Presentation on **Issues of Quality**

(Parallel Session V)

Chair: Prof. K. Ramachandran, NUEPA, New Delhi**Papers:**

Enabling Education for All through Technology – Jane Ngima Muthiga

Assessing Distant Learners: ICT Tools for Mathematics Evaluation

– Mr. Vinod Kumar Kanvaria

Exploring ICT's and Platforms for E-learning with K-7 Learners in a Progressive School: A Seedbed for a Prospective Open High School Program – Juliet Aleta R Villanueva

ICT Enabled Open and Distance Education for 21st Century

– Dr. Nityananda Pradhan

Application of E-Governance in Education System – S.Selvaraju

Skill Development among Open and Distance Learners : Role of ICT and Multimedia – Dr. Rajeev Prasad

Multimedia in Open Schooling – Leela Pradhan

Venue: Main Conference Hall

Timing: 3.30 PM - 5.30 PMPaper Presentation on **Vocational Education and Skill Development**

(Parallel Session VII)

Chair: Dr. N.S. Kalsi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi**Papers:**

Open Schooling in the Caribbean – Integrating Academic with Vocational Education in Trinidad and Tobago – Lystra Sampson-Ovid

Integration of Academic and Vocational Education in Tanzania: Is this an innovation? The Experience of the Institute of Adult Education

– Rashid Chuachua & Fidelice Mafumiko

Training Orthopedic Technicians in India, through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode – Dr. P.V.Prakasa Rao & Dr. P.V. Siddhartha

Implications of Integrating Academic and Vocational Education

– Dr. Arif Jan & Khalid Masroor

Vocational Educational Through ICT of Pura E-Connectivity

– K. Venkatesan

Venue: Main Conference Hall

9.30 AM - 10.30 AM

Keynote Address on **"Integrating Skill Development in School Education: Implications for Open Schooling"****Speaker:** Prof. (Dr.) Mukti Mishra, President, Centurion University, Odisha**Chair:** Prof. R.B. Shivagunde, Joint Director, PSSCIVE, Bhopal

11.00 AM - 11.30 AM

Tea Break

11.30 AM - 1.00 AM

Panel Discussion on **Institutional Related Issues and Operational Strategies****Chair:** Prof. M.M. Pant, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU**Speakers:**

- Prof. M.N. Deshmukh, Former Director, SSA, IGNOU: Resource Based Learning in Open Schooling: A Case of OER Project of NIOS India
- Dr. R.C. Sharma, IGNOU, New Delhi: Virtual Open Schooling
- Sh. S.K.Prasad: OER for Vocational Education: A case of NIOS
- Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, Director (Academic), NIOS, Delhi: Life Skills Integration in Open Schooling: Towards Holistic Education.

1.00 PM - 2.00 PM

Lunch**Venue: Seminar Hall - I****Timing:** 2.00 PM - 3.45 PMPaper Presentation on **Issues of Access and Equity**

(Parallel Session VIII)

Chair: Prof. N.K. Dash, School of Education, IGNOU, New Delhi**Papers:**

Progress and Problems in Achieving Goal of Education for All in Nepal: A Review of literature – **Mr. Amarendra Mishra**

Education for All: Reaching the Unreached Through NIOS – **Mr. Ajit Kumar**

Role of Distance Education in the Context of Universalization of Secondary Education in India

– **Prakash. K. Pr. Mohapatra**

Open learning and education for all

– **Ms. Peeyush Kamal & Mr. Dori Lal Chaudhary**

Role of NIOS in context of RMSA in India

– **Dr. Sonia Behl**

Educational Certification Jurisprudence for delivering Multi-National Accredited Open Schooling accommodating Demographic Skill Diversity: Making 'Education For All' Meaningful Everywhere

– **Shams Khwaja****Venue: Seminar Hall - II****Timing:** 2.00 PM - 3.45 PMPaper Presentation on **Institutional Related Issues and Operational Strategies**

(Parallel Session X)

Chair: Dr. Sanyam Bharadwaj, Director Student Support Services, NIOS, Noida**Papers:**

NGO-run Pre-voc through Open Schooling for contributing EFA goal in Bangladesh

– **Tapon Kumar Das, Md. Mizanoor Rahman and Santosh Panda**
Towards Positioning A Paradigm for Partnership among different Stakeholders of Secondary Education System for Promotion of RMSA in Jharkhand – **Shilpi Kumari**

Education for All Role of Voluntary Organizations in Networking and Collaboration – **Anil Nair**

Academic Support to Distance Learner : Development of An Eclectic Model – **Anupama Bhargava**

Quality audit in distance learning: experience of regional centre managers in Botswana – **Godson Gatsha**

Effective Monitoring and Management in the Context of Quality School Education Through Open Schooling – **Dr. S. K. Panda**

Monitoring quality education in open school – **Mrs Meera Subramanian**

3.45 PM - 4.15 PM

Tea Break**Venue: Main Conference Hall****Timing:** 4.15 PM - 5.15 PM**Valedictory****Welcome Address:** Dr. S.S Jena, Chairman, NIOS**Conference Report:** Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, Director (Academic), NIOS**Address by** Dr. Nagesh Singh, Economic Adviser (School Education & Literacy), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi**Valedictory Address by Chief Guest:** Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Hon'ble Minister of State, Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi**Vote of Thanks:** Sh. U.N. Khaware, Secretary, NIOS**Venue: Main Conference Hall****Timing:** 2.00 PM - 3.45 PMPaper Presentation on **Issues of Quality**

(Parallel Session IX)

Chair: Prof. C.R.K. Murthy, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi**Papers:**

Virtual schools and open schools: a perspective from Europe on Asia – **Prof. Paul Bacsich**

Productive knowledge sharing in open virtual learning environment through enhanced social presence: a logical analysis – **J. N . Baliya**

Technological and Pedagogical Implications for Developing Quality Virtual Schools – **Dr. Vandana Singh**

Challenges of Opens Schools and the development of Satellite campuses: Increasing access and improving quality of instructional delivery in Teacher Training Institutions in Belize – **Priscilla Brown Lopez**

Use of mobile phone to promote life skills education among open schooling students : promises, possibilities and potential strategies. – **Pradeep Kumar Mishra**

Use of Mobile Phone Technology in Promoting Tutor - Learner Interaction in Open Schooling – **Cherla Raja Mouli**

Schooling the Mobile Generation: A Critical Review of Role Mobile Technology in Open Schooling for Education For All – **Sambhu Sankar Deep**

Venue: Seminar Hall - III**Timing:** 2.00 PM - 3.45 PM**Venue: Seminar Hall-III**Paper Presentation on **Vocational Education and Skill Development**

(Parallel Session XI)

Chair: Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Asst. Representative, UNFPA, New Delhi**Papers:**

Issues Pertaining to Skill Development through Open Schooling – Linking the Public and the Private; the Formal and the Informal – **Joshua C. Mallet**

Skill Development in Assam through the Bamboo Sector: A study – **Dr. Silima Nanda**

Need to start "Skills Training Hubs" under NIOS, to provide skills training for vocational students of ODL. – **Dr. (Mrs.) B. Satya Jnaneswari & Dr. (Mrs.) Swasti Shubham**

A Need to Develop Social and Emotional Skills in early years: awareness for young children – **Dr. Garima Sharma, Dr. Preeti Sharma and Dr. S P Jain**

Skill Development via ODL Route: Issues and Concerns – **Dr. TarunRashtriya**

Rural Poverty Reduction through EFA with respect to Skill Development and Vocational Education in Indian context – Challenges and Prospects – **Madan Kumar Karanam**