

# **NIOS**

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# NIOS : An Introduction

The National Institute of Open Schooling(NIOS) was set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India as an autonomous organization in 1989 by amalgamating Open School Project of CBSC started in 1979.It was known as National Open School till 2002.

NIOS provides educational opportunities using distance and open learning methods to persons who wish to study and qualify for a better tomorrow. The Mission of NIOS is to provide education for all with special concern for girls and women, rural youth, working people, SC/ST, physically and mentally challenged and other disadvantaged groups.

# FUNCTIONING OF NIOS

- NIOS operates through a network of 16 Regional Centres, 2 Sub Regional Centres, five departments at Headquarters and more than 3,000 Accredited Institutions(AIs) about 1480 Accredited Vocational Institutes(AVIs)in India, Nepal and middle east.
- NIOS has some special accredited institution for education of the this advantaged(SAIED) to cater to the needs of physically and mentally challenged people, socially and geographically isolated, and disadvantaged sections of society such as street children, working children, rural women and SC/ST.

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- Self learning package is provided to the learners which include printed material, audio and video programmes.
- Selected academic and vocational education programmes are telecast nationwide on doordarshan channel.
- To develop need based curriculum and self learning material for (i) Open Basic Education(OBC), (ii) Secondary and Senior Secondary education and (iii)Vocational Education and Training (VET) programmes with focus on skill development.
- To conduct Examination and issue certificate to successful learners.

# Target groups

Anybody from anywhere within the country can seek admission to the various courses offered by NIOS. However, the prioritised client groups are :-

- ❖ Out of school children
- ❖ Girls and women
- ❖ Scheduled castes and scheduled tribes
- ❖ Rural people and urban poor
- ❖ Unemployed/part employed
- ❖ Differently able children