
12. NEWS & VIEWS

1. National Conference on “ Value Education and Character Building”

24th National Conference of Council for Teacher Education on Value Education and Character Building is being organized by Council for Teacher Education at Mata Gujri Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jabalpur on 16th and 17th January, 2010. The aim of the Conference is to highlight the importance of value education and character building which is conspicuous by its absence in our school and college curriculum, with the result that the whole country is facing the crisis of character in almost every walk of life. Morality, human rights, yoga, spirituality, co-curricular activities, physical education etc. play an important role in character building. In this context the conference is aimed at identifying the changes required in curriculum of school and college education and their text books for promoting ideal behavior and character building among students and to evolve the techniques strategies and devices to inculcate human values among our students. The sub-themes of the Conference are: Role of Religion & morality in character building.

For more information visit: <http://matagujricollege.blogspot.com/>

2 IGNOU Announces Rajiv Gandhi International Prize for Education and Technology Development

Smt. Pratibha Devisingh patil, Hon'ble President of India announced 'Rajiv Gandhi International Prize for Education and Technology Development', Instituted by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) at its Silver Jubilee celebrations in November 2009. The Prize will be given to an individual or an institution that has made significant contributions to educational technology for development, in the developing world. It will be decided by an International jury and will comprise a cash component of Rs. 5 lacs and a citation. The award ceremony will be held on the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, every year.

Calling IGNOU a pioneer in Open and Distance education, Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of MHRD said, "Giving access and quality education to the Indian youth is not possible with just formal education. Access can happen only with the help of technology, like Virtual labs and interactive teaching." He further added that Open and Distance learning is not just about giving degrees and diplomas, it's giving access to information to the Disadvantaged sections of the society. The linkage between learning and livelihood can be enhanced through Open and Distance learning and IGNOU is - contributing to the dream of a Global Knowledge -based society.

For more details refer University News, volume 47(No. 48) November 30 –December 06, 2009

3 Notification of ISTE Students Awards 2009

Best Student Chapter Prize

An award consisting of a plaque and a certificate will be given to the best Students Chapter in each Section (provided there are at least 10 Students Chapters in the Section) based on their performance during the period January 1 to September 15 as judged by the concerned Section Managing Committee. The award will be presented during the Annual Convention of ISTE Students.

Best Student Award

ISTE will be given a Best Student Award to one Student from each Students Chapter who is having the best overall performance as student and as a leader as decided by a Committee appointed by the Students Chapter Managing Committee. The name of the Student selected for the award MUST reach the ISTE headquarters by September 15. The Award consisting of a Certificate and a Medallion will be presented during the Annual Convention of Students Chapter.

For more details visit: <http://www.isteonline.in/>

4 International Conference on Shaping Information Paradigm

Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Open University, new Delhi is organizing ICDL 2010 during February 24-26, 2010 to provide a simulating forum for Digital Library Professionals to share their knowledge and expertise. The Conference will focus on web-based methodologies in teaching and learning, academic programmes, information services, Gupta Marg (Kotla Marg), New Delhi 110002. Email: un_aidu@yahoo.co.in

The articles may be submitted by 28th Feb 2010.

Web Site: www.aiuweb.org

For more details refer University News, volume 48 (No. 02) January 11-17, 2010

5. International conference on Role of Teacher Education Institutions in Promoting Culture of Peace

Lokmanya Tilak Teachers Training College, Dabok, Udaipur is organizing an International Conference on Role of Teacher Education Institutions in Promoting Culture of Peace from 19th Feb. to 21st feb 2010.

For more details visit: <http://www.lokmanyatilakcollege.org/>

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