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UNESCO International Literacy Prize was awarded to NIOS for Innovation in Education. NIOS won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 for its programme 'Enabling education of persons with disabilities through technology enabled inclusive learning material, with specific focus on Indian Sign language-based content' in an award function organised at UNESCO New Delhi office on 10th July 2021.

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National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) The Largest Open Schooling System in the World

Genesis

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), formerly known as the National Open School (NOS), was established in 1979 as a project by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi. In pursuance of the provisions of the National Policy on Education (NPE-1986), the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) presently known as Ministry of Education (MoE) set up National Open School (NOS) as an autonomous institution on 23 November, 1989. The NOS was vested with the authority to examine and certify learners registered with it upto pre-degree level programmes through a Resolution dated 14 September, 1990 of the Government of India published in the Gazette of India on 20 October, 1990. Its main aim is to "reach the unreached". The National Open School (NOS) was renamed as the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) by the Government of India in July 2002 in order to extend its scope and functioning.

Vision

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

Mission

- Provide relevant, continuing and holistic education up to pre-degree level through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) System.
- Contribute to the universalisation of school education.
- Cater to the educational needs of the prioritized target groups for equity and social justice.

Management and Organisational Structure

The policy perspective for NIOS is provided by the General Body (GB) of the Institution. The execution and monitoring of the programmes are planned and overseen by the Executive Board (EB) of the Institution. The authorities specified for the management of the Institution are (i) the General Body, (ii) the Executive Board, and (iii) the Finance Committee.

The organisational structure of NIOS includes five Departments, twenty Regional Centres, three NIOS Cells. The Departments of NIOS are (i) Academic,

- (ii) Vocational Education, (iii) Evaluation, (iv) Student Support Services and
- (v) Administration.

The Executive Board has set up an Academic Council, the Advisory Boards of the Departments, the Advisory Committee of the Regional Centres, the Research Advisory, the Examination, and the Establishment Committee for planning and implementation of the programmes and activities of NIOS.

Target Group

Besides general clientele, NIOS the largest open schooling system in the world makes earnest efforts to reach out to its prioritised client groups which include Children of 6-14 years age group and adolescents/adults of 14 years of age and above, school drop-outs and marginalised groups, such as rural youth, urban poor, girls and women, working men and women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes, persons with disabilities and ex-service personnel and the other disadvantaged persons. At present, the National Institute of Open Schooling has approximately 4.13 million learners on its roll from all States, Union Territories of India and abroad except Dadra and Nagar Haveli, an indication that Open Schooling is trying hard to reach out to the large segment of the society.

Courses of Study

The NIOS offers the Open Basic Education (Elementary Level); Secondary Education (Class 10th), Senior Secondary Education (Class 12th) and Vocational Education.

Admission

Admission in OBE programme is open from 1st April to 15th September every year. To take admission visit www.sdmis.nios.ac.in, select admission after that select OBE registration. The learner after admission in any level of OBE Programme is eligible for examination in February conducted the following year.

Table- I: Level Wise Processing Charge for OBE programme

Level	Charges (in Rs.) per learner
'A'	300*
'B'	500*
'С'	800*

^{*} In addition to the above Rs. 50/- will be admissible for every online transactions

To cater to the needs of the diverse groups of learners, NIOS has **four streams of Admission for Academic courses** i.e. Secondary and Senior Secondary.

(i) Admission in Stream-1 is open for all learners online (24×7) throughout the year.

Block-1 : 16th March to 15th September

Block-2 : 16th September to 15th March

The learners of Block-1 are eligible to appear for the examination in April following the year of admission and learners of Block-2 are eligible to appear for the examination of October conducted the following year.

Table-II (A): Fee Structure for Online Admission of Stream-1

0	Gener	al Category	Exempted Categories*
Course	Male	Female/ Third Gender	SC/ST, Ex-Servicemen, Divyangs
Secondary (10th) Course			
(i) for 5 subjects	Rs. 2340/-	Rs. 1890/-	Rs. 1560/-
(ii) for each additional subject	Rs. 940/-	Rs. 940/-	Rs. 940/-
Senior Secondary (12th) Course			
(i) for 5 Subjects	Rs. 2600/-	Rs. 2150/-	Rs. 1690/-
(ii) for each additional subject	Rs. 940/-	Rs. 940/-	Rs. 940/-

Table-II (B): Fee Structure for Dual Enrolment/Part Admission/ Transfer of Credit (TOC) (Stream-1)

Course level	Dual Admission/Part Admission Registration Fee	Cost of Course Material for each subject	Fee for Transfer of Credit (TOC)
Secondary	Rs. 620/- (Per Subject)	Rs. 470/- (Mandatory)	Rs. 230/- per subject
Sr. Secondary	Rs. 620/- (Per Subject)	Rs. 520/- (Mandatory)	Rs. 230/- per subject

(ii) Admission in Stream-2 is for the learners who had appeared but could not pass the Public Examination of Secondary/Senior Secondary level from any other recognized Board or for such learners who have already passed the Secondary/Senior Secondary examination and wish to take part admission in one subject or upto four subjects for upgrading qualifications. The Admission is available during May to June and the eligible admitted learners are allowed to appear in October-November examination of the same year.

- (iii) Admission in Stream-3 is open throughout the year for such learners who appeared but could not pass the Public Examination of Secondary level from a recognized Board or for such learners who have already passed the Secondary examination and wish to take part admission in one subject or upto four subjects for upgrading qualifications and intend to appear through the On-Demand-Examination System (ODES) of NIOS for the Secondary level only.
- (iv) Admission in Stream-4 is open for such learners who appeared but could not pass the Public Examination of the Senior Secondary level from a recognized Board or for such learners who have already passed the Senior Secondary examinations from recognized Boards/Universities and wish to take part admission in one subject or upto four subjects for upgrading qualifications and intend to appear through the On-Demand-Examination System of NIOS for Senior Secondary level only.

Eligibility Criteria

- Open Basic Education level 'A' (equivalent to class 3)
 Children who completed the age of 7 years and adult above 14 years are eligible for admission in level A in OBE programme. No minimum academic qualification is required and no maximum age limit for admission.
- Open Basic Education level 'B' (equivalent to class 5)
 Children who completed the age of 9 years and adult above 14 years are eligible for admission in level A in OBE programme. No minimum academic qualification is required and no maximum age limit for admission.
- Open Basic Education level 'C' (equivalent to class 8)
 Children who completed the age of 12 years and adult above 14 years are eligible for admission in level A in OBE programme. No minimum academic qualification is required and no maximum age limit for admission.
- Secondary Education (Class 10th)
 A learner who has completed the age of 14 years is eligible for admission to the Secondary Education Programme. However, 'a self certificate' is required to be given by the learner along with the Application Form (only for stream 1).

Senior Secondary Education (Class 12th)

A learner who has a Secondary School Certificate from NIOS or from any other recognized Board of School Education can join the Senior Secondary Education Programme.

Table-III: Fee Structure for Online Admission to streams 2, 3 & 4

	Course	Registration Fee	Examination Fee	TOC Fee	*Change/additional Subject Fee
(i)	Secondary/ Senior Secondary (under stream-2)	Rs. 620/- (Per Subject)	Rs. 300/- per subject for Theory; Additional Rs. 150/- for Practical per subject	Rs. 230/- (Per subject)	Rs. 940/- (Per subject)
(ii)	Secondary (under stream-3)	Rs. 620/- (Per Subject)	Rs. 600/- per subject for Theory; Additional Rs. 250/- for Practical per subject	Rs. 230/- (Per subject)	Rs. 940/- (Per subject)
(iii)	Senior Secondary (under stream-4)	Rs. 620/- (Per Subject)	Rs. 600/- per subject for Theory; Additional Rs. 250/- for Practical per subject	Rs. 230/- (Per subject)	Rs. 940/- (Per subject)

- Jail inmate learners are exempted from payment of fee for Admission and Examination for Academic and Vocational programmes.
- > Female learners of Ladakh are exempted from payment of Registration fee and cost of course material. However, TOC fee, if applicable, will have to be paid.
- SC, ST, Ex-servicemen and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) should provide supporting documents for claiming exemption.
- ➤ Learners opting for Transfer of Credit (TOC) will also have to pay TOC fee for the number of subjects for which TOC has been asked for.
- > The NIOS may review the fee structure as and when required.

*A learner registering under Stream-2, Stream-3, Stream-4 and desires to take different subjects or additional subject from parent boards, will have to pay Rs. 940/- per subject in addition to Admission/Registration, Exam. and TOC Fee.

Note: In addition to above Fee, Rs. 70/- (Rs. Seventy Only) will be charged for every online transactions.

Online Payment

Facility for online payment through Credit/Debit Card and Net Banking is available.

Accredited Institutions / Study Centres

The NIOS serves its learners through a large network of Study Centres throughout the entire length and breadth of the country. These centres provide individualised support to their learners to facilitate learning.

At present, there are about 9868 Study Centres catering to the school education needs of the learners all over the country. These Study Centres, known as Accredited Institutions (AIs), Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVIs) and Accredited Agencies (AAs) perform functions which are as under:

- To organise suitable learning support through Personal Contact Programmes (PCP).
- To assess Assignments/Responses submitted by learners (including Tutor Marked Assignments).
- To register learners for Public Examinations.

The NIOS has also set up 31 Study Centres in foreign countries.

Accredited Institutions (Als) – Academic

These Institutions are associated with NIOS as its Study Centres for academic courses. The study centres are affiliated schools for Secondary and Senior Secondary levels from recognised boards. In exceptional cases, registered societies engaged in philanthropic work of high standard and well recognised societies are also given accreditation. At present there are approx. 5533 Als.

Accredited Agencies (AAs) - OBE

The NIOS has approx.1398 accredited agencies for Open Basic Education (OBE) Programme for children and adults. The agencies include voluntary organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and government agencies such as Jan Shikshan Sansthans.

Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVIs)

About 3876 AVIs have been established as Study Centres for imparting various Vocational Programmes. These institutions are accredited for programmes as per the infrastructure and faculty available with them for various courses.

Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Divyangs (SAIEDs)

In addition to Als and AVIs, NIOS has also accredited more than hundred institutions to cater to the needs of special learners. This category of Study Centres is called Special Accredited Institutions for Education of the Divyangs (SAIEDs). The SAIEDs cater to a different but important target group of children and adults with physical and sensory disabilities as well as those who are socially and geographically disadvantaged.

Special Accredited Institutions for Academic and Skill Development (SAIASD)

In addition to Als and AVIs, NIOS has accredited around 915 ITIs including Central Institutes under the Directorate General of Training (DGT) for offering the scheme of Schooling for ITI learners to earn Secondary and Senior Secondary Certificates.

Media Support in Open Schooling

The Media Unit of NIOS, through its **High Definition TV/ Video studio** telecast Live - interactive and video programmes every day on the **PM e-Vidya** DTH channels No. 17 to 20. These **programmes** cover contents of the subjects at Secondary, Sr. Secondary and Vocational Education levels. Live-interactive and video programmes in Indian Sign Language are also produced and telecast.

The programmes are telecast daily on the PM e-Vidya DTH channels can also be viewed on the NIOS YouTube Channel - @ Nioslivevideo.

NIOS offers Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on the SWAYAM Platform. The MOOCs have been developed using the four quadrant approach - e-tutorial, e-content, discussion forum and web resources, self assessment. These are designed to enable access to quality educational resources at the school level. At present, there are 53 MOOCs including 18 courses at secondary level, 24 courses at Senior Secondary level, and 11 vocational courses.

Education of Learners with Disabilities

- ➤ Indian Sign Language Dictionary comprising different videos have been developed to enhance basic vocabulary for hard of hearing learners.
- Learning Material in Indian Sign language medium at secondary and senior secondary level are developed to facilitate education of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing learners. These videos are uploaded on Youtube and Diksha platform.
- Indian Sign Language as a subject has been introduced and launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 29 July, 2021. This can be opted as a language subject in lieu of any other language by Deaf/Hard of Hearing learners.
- NIOS delivers one-hour live programme in Indian Sign Language thrice a week on PM e-Vidya TV Channel 19.
- ➤ For learners with Reading Difficulties, including those with Visual Impairment, Low Vision & Learning Disabilities, Talking books in DAISY format as well as e-pub books have been developed in 23 subjects each at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels.

Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs)

The NIOS has a provision of 30 PCP sessions for theory in every subject and 5 practical sessions for Practical subjects. It solves the problems of learners faced during study. For Vocational Programmes, the PCPs include both theory and practicals with around 200 hrs. - 250 hrs. for a six months programme and around 450 hrs. - 500 hrs. for a one year programme.

Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs)

The NIOS provides TMAs for continuous and comprehensive evaluation. 20% weightage of the theory marks in the external examination has been given to the TMA. TMAs are applicable for Stream I learners.

Energized Text Books

To access all learning material in digital format at one place, NIOS has made energized Self Learning Material (SLM). QR code generation has been done for more than 54 courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary Level. The integration of QR Code in all the self-learning materials is in process.

Talking Books

The NIOS provides the course material at Secondary and Senior Secondary level in DAISY format for the Visually Impaired (VI) learners; and it is also available on the NIOS Website. With the help of DAISY player, the learners can access the NIOS course material.

Bhartiya Jnana Parampara

NIOS has launched 'Bhartiya Jnana Parampara' stream to provide an opportunity for the interested learners to continue their learning in Gurukul System. The objective of the new stream is to revive the Vedic Education, Yoga, Ayurveda, Indian Philosophy, Sanskrit Language and literature, and many other areas of ancient Indian Knowledge. Under this stream, NIOS has developed five courses- Veda Adhyayan, Sanskrit Vyakaran, Bhartiya Darshan, Sanskrit Sahitya; and Sanskrit (Language Subject) at both Secondary and Sr. Secondary levels in Sanskrit and Hindi medium. Natyakala subject also introduced at both Secondary and Senior Secondary level in Sanskrit, Hindi & English medium and Sanskrit Sahitya at both Secondary and Senior Secondary level also translated in English medium. NIOS also offers subjects in the Open Basic Education (OBE) programme at level A, B and C under Indian Knowledge Tradition stream such as Sanskrit (as language subject), Veda, Yoga, Vijnana and Vocational Skills in Sanskrit, Hindi and English medium.

Sindhi Project

NIOS has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) for designing and development of SLM of Sindhi language. The Sindhi Language as a subject has been introduced at Secondary and Senior Secondary.

PM eVidya - Channel

For those who do not have much access to the internet and in order to promote digital education in the country, the Government of India has launched 200 educational DTH TV channels under the PM eVidya programme with the objective to telecast educational content related to class 1 to 12. The programmes are telecast 24x7 for each class including Live Interactive sessions.

NIOS provides Live Interactive sessions and recorded video programmes for Secondary, Sr. Secondary, Vocational, Open Basic Education (OBE), Indian Knowledge Tradition (IKT) and Indian Sign Language (ISL) on PM eVidya channels Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20. These live and recorded video programmes are also uploaded and made available on the 4 dedicated YouTube channels.

The video content on various subjects produced by the Media Unit are also repurposed for uploading on the SWAYAM portal - as a part of NIOS MOOCs, DEEP (Digital Education & e-Resource Platform) and DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) portal.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational Courses

NIOS plays a pivotal role in imparting Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational Courses through open and distance learning mode. Courses at Secondary and Senior Secondary level are also being delivered as MOOCs through SWAYAM which is an initiative of MoE, Govt. of India. Also eleven programmes of vocational are being available on MOOCs platform.

New initiative Digital Education & e-Resource Platform (DEEP)

This e-Library will enable learners to gain access to a plethora of resources including study materials pertaining to 75 different academic subjects, Thousands of e-books, apart from hundreds of magazines, journals and periodicals. Reference Books including encyclopedias and directories are also available. It also has databases which can assist users in creative writing or deliberating any debates. Special Database for Vocational educational studies has been added.

Apart from textual material, the digital library also envisions to add video lectures, access points for educational TV Channels and text to speech facility.

The e-Library DEEP, is designed in line with NIOS's vision to provide sustainable and inclusive learning to all. It aims to serve all its learners and users with multidimensional information sources in electronic formats to support the fight against knowledge scarcity for school dropout/out of school children or students devoid of learning resources due to socio-economic and other constraints.

The library's mission is to support our readers in their intellectual and creative endeavours. This is achieved by providing a pool of knowledge that is rich, diverse and readily available to our readers.

Gender Policy

In 2020 the Gender Policy for Open Schools was revised by NIOS in collaboration with UN Women in accordance with new and renewed commitments of the nation to advance gender equality and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. NIOS revised Gender Policy-2021 aims at integrating gender equity, equality, justice and empowerment in its programmes and procedures at all levels.

Gender Green Teacher Project

The Gender Green Teacher Project consists of continuous professional development for school teachers, in the areas of environment and gender, complemented by a strong ICT enabled network of teacher practitioners. The programme includes modules on gender and environment with a common focus on how these themes can be mainstreamed and integrated in teaching and learning. The overall objective is to increase knowledge, change attitudes and improve responsible practices/behaviours in regards to both the environment and gender, at both the level of the teacher and the learner. The Programme is developed in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Canada. The inservice school teachers can enrol in this six months online GGT course and shall be awarded a digital certificate on completion of the course.

MOU between NIOS and Tri- Services under Agnipath Scheme

The "Agnipath" scheme of the Government of India aims to prepare a youthful generation of the armed forces. Under this scheme, young entrants will be provided an opportunity to serve in the armed forces as Agniveer. During the course of their training and deployment they would be given an opportunity to complete their higher studies.

NIOS signed an MoU with tri services under Agnipath Scheme to upgrade the educational qualification of Agniveers of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. Agniveer can complete their 10th or 12th certification from NIOS opting the subjects of their interests and requirements. There are certain courses designed to cater to the needs of the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. These courses will help the Agniveers in the future for their career development.

MOU between NIOS and Himalayan Council of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition (IHCNBT)"

NIOS signed an MOU with Indian Himalayan Council of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition (IHCNBT), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, on September 5th, 2024, Noida for the introduction of New Courses in Bhoti language and Bodh Darshan at the elementary, Secondary and Senior Secondary level in accordance with NEP 2020 for the benefits of Monastic Community and NIOS learners. This collaboration will pave the way for integration and recognition of the monastic education of Buddhist monasteries at the elementary, secondary, and senior secondary level in accordance with the NEP-2020; as a result, they can qualify for higher education programmes and getting better chances for their career upgradation.

MoU between NIOS and the Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC)

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signed between the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and the Logistics Sector Skill Council (LSC), formalizes a strategic partnership to develop and implement five specialized courses in logistics and supply chain management at the secondary level Logistics and Supply Chain Management (258), Warehouse Principal and Inventory Management (259) and senior secondary level Transportation and Warehouse Management (377), Inventory Management (378), Transportation (379). These courses, designed to address critical industry requirements, cover key areas such as inventory management, transportation, warehouse and e-commerce logistics, aligning with the objectives of the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2023. This collaboration is a significant step towards bridging the gap between education and industry, enhancing employability, and contributing to the nation's logistics sector growth.

NIOS on the Web

Internet and Web Technology are being used effectively in enhancing the learning process in Open Schooling. Detailed information about NIOS is available on its website www.nios.ac.in

Mukta Vidya Vani (MVV) and NIOS Community Radio

The Media Unit, through its Audio Studio, streams live and recorded audio programmes on the Mukta Vidya Vani (MVV), a web streaming service of NIOS. The Audio Programmes are also broadcast on the NIOS Community Radio Service named 'Radio Vahini', at 91.2 MHz.

Radio Vahini and MVV transmit audio programmes throughout the year and round the clock. They are also made available on NIOS YouTube Live Channel @NIOSRadioVahini.

NIOS has developed a mobile App named as 'Radio Vahini' for learners to access all its Audio programmes on any smart device.

Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)

'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) is a programme initiated by Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged.

The courses hosted on SWAYAM are in 4 quadrants - (1) e-tutorial, (2) e-content, (3) Discussion forum and web resources, (4) self assessment.

(1) video lecture, (2) specially prepared reading material that can be downloaded/printed (3) self-assessment tests through tests and quizzes and (4) an online discussion forum for clearing the doubts.

The SWAYAM portal can be accessed through www.swayam.gov.in. As of now, there are 53 courses of NIOS being offered on SWAYAM Platform – 18 at Secondary level, 24 at Sr. Secondary level, 11 Vocational courses .

The Inclusive Education Policy 2022

In the context of NEP 2020, the Inclusive Education Policy 2022 has been developed in collaboration with UN Women. The policy has been developed based on keeping in view various requirements of the clientele of the open schooling system and various inputs from the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and other applicable acts and guidelines.

Its goal to guide the open schooling system to actively identify and remove all barriers to learning so that no learner is constrained by their disability, regional diversity, gender and marginalization. It is a comprehensive document to guide NIOS to ensure inclusiveness and equitable access in education.

It advocates for the use of a multi-dimensional, multi-disciplinary, technology-enabled, flexible open education system.

The Policy allows NIOS to broaden its processes, administrative functions, budgets, and incentives to educate all learners with their uniqueness.

NIOS Education Project for Indian Army (NEPIA)

NIOS has launched NIOS Education Project for Indian Army (NEPIA) with Army Education Corps (AEC) to upgrade the educational qualification and Human Resource Quotient of the Indian Army Troops.

Vocational Education Programmes

- Presently, around 93 programmes are on offer in the broad areas of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Engineering and Technology, Health and Paramedical Sciences, Home Science and Hospitality, Computer and Information Technology, Business and Commerce, Yog Naturopathy, and Teacher Training. The diversified programmes not only cater to the individual needs of the learners, but also provide the skilled manpower to meet the demands of the job market.
- NIOS has got the awarding body status from the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), MSDE, Govt. of India for Assessment and Certification under the dual category.
- NIOS Vocational Programmes focuses on practical training to be covered at the Study Centre (AVI).
- Admissions in Vocational Education courses are online and open round the year.

Vocational Courses offered on SWAYAM PLATFORM

NIOS is offering Vocational Courses through SWAYAM MOOCs Platform which is the world's largest online free e-learning platform designed to attain three cardinal principles of education: Access, Equity and Quality. The Vocational Courses being offered are Bee Keeping, Beauty Therapy, Panchkarma Assistant, Yoga Teacher Training Programme, CRM Domestic Voice, Hair Care and Styling, Community Health, Mushroom Production, Basic Computing, Poultry Farming and Automotive Service Technician (Four Wheeler).

Integration of Academic Courses with Vocational Subjects

In order to move in sync with the NEP and to equip the learners with a skill along with the academic qualification, NIOS has integrated its Vocational Courses with Academic Subjects. For providing skill education for our learners, following is offered:

- 1. The learners taking online admission for Secondary and Senior Secondary are offered one vocational subject along with academic subjects.
- 2. The vocational subject can be taken as one of the five subjects or as one additional subject at Secondary and Senior Secondary level.
- 3. The three courses at Secondary level & four courses at Senior Secondary level are being offered in the same Accredited Institutions (AI) selected by the learners for academic subjects.

Establishment of Mukta Kaushal Kendra for Promotion of Skill Training

Keeping the mandate of reaching the unreached and to provide skill education to the deprive strata of society, NIOS has set-up Mukta Kaushal Kendras (MKK) at various states having diverse communities to provide access to learners for various vocational/skill based courses equipping them for better life chances. These centers will act as Skill Development Centers and will provide skill training to women and girls belonging to SC/ST, nomadic tribes and economically disadvantaged learners. In this series, five Mukta Kaushal Kendras (MKK) has been established at **Bhubaneswar (Odisha)**, **Bankura (West Bengal)**, **Kodarma (Jharkhand)**, **Mehsana (Gujarat)** and **Amethi (U.P.)**. The MKKs are equipped with the essential infrastructures which are required to run the selected vocational programmes. It is envisaged that the MKKs would help in achieving the target group to enrich their lives, become empowered both economically and socially and earn better livelihood. The skill training at the centre is free for the learners and is on first come first serve basis. The learners are provided with self learning material developed by NIOS along with other materials required for the training.

Community Health Project

NIOS has launched a project for Training and Certification of untrained Health Workers in Bihar. The programme is of one year duration. NIOS and State Health Society, Govt. of Bihar signed the MoU to train four lakhs untrained Health Workers.

MoU with Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) learners

NIOS and DGT have collaborated for the benefit of ITI learners so as to provide them academic equivalence. NIOS will accept credit transfer of four subjects for two year trades and three subjects for one year trades successfully completed by a trainee in any of the courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) of DGT pursued in an ITI/NSTI and will offer minimum one subject for two year trades and minimum two subjects for one year trades in the following groups to complete the requirement for Secondary/Senior Secondary certification:

- Minimum One Language from group A subjects of NIOS, for two-year trades of CTS.
- Minimum One Language from group A subjects and one subject from any Group of subjects from NIOS for one-year trades of CTS.
- In addition to above, one can take maximum of two additional subjects from any group offered by NIOS

MoU with Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Gandhinagar

NIOS signed an MoU with Gujarat Council of Elementary Education for offering vocational skills to the girl students enrolled in the KGBVs. The 168 KGBV schools have been accredited to NIOS for imparting skill training to the girls. The vocational subjects being offered for training are Beauty Therapy, Basic Computing, Yoga, Indian Embroidery and Cutting & Tailoring.

NIOS Vocational Courses (Cutting & Tailoring and Beauty Therapy) are also being offered in KGBVs of Rajasthan state.

MoU between NIOS and National Health Mission (NHM) Jharkhand

MoU was signed with National Health Mission (NHM) Jharkhand with an objective to offer NIOS Certificate Course in Yoga for its front line health workers. Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational programmes will also be offered as required.

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)

NIOS is providing Hospitality courses in collaboration with ITDC. The objective of the collaboration is to provide the learners knowledge and exposure of the Hotel Industry where ample opportunities are available. The course is open for accreditation from general institutions besides ITDC.

ASHA Project

With the objective of certification of 10 lakh ASHAs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has given a project to NIOS to conduct examination and to certify successful ASHAs. More than 1 lakh ASHAs has been certified so far.

Renewed MoU with Indian Medical Association (IMA)

NIOS and IMA have joined hands with the objective to offer Paramedical courses all over the country through Accredited Vocational Institutes of NIOS. Two courses namely Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology and Diploma in Medical Imaging Technology are being offered under the MoU.

MoU Signed between NIOS and Indian Yoga Association

With the aim of working together in the educational and social field of Yoga, promoting Yoga and making the nation healthy and strong the NIOS has entered into a MoU with the Indian Yoga Association, Delhi.

MoU Signed between NIOS and IBM

MoU has been signed between NIOS and IBM India Pvt. Ltd. on 27.09.2023 for the purpose of scaling up the skilling resources and platforms to create a robust education and skilling ecosystem that creates critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next generation innovators through NIOS.

Accordingly, IBM will provide access to digital content and associated training to learners and trainers/educators via online/in-person workshops and webinars. Training of trainers and learners will be focused on the emerging technology and 21 Century skills based courses. The learners will be supported in completing some basic courses on the platform and earning digital credentials.

Recognition of Awarding Body (Dual Category) by NCVET

A MoU was signed between NCVET and NIOS on August 4, 2023 wherein NIOS has been accorded recognition of Awarding Body (Dual Category) by NCVET. This enables NIOS to award, assess and certify learners for approved/adopted qualification under NCVET.

The Qualification File (QF) on "Drinking Water Purifier Technician" developed by NIOS has been approved by National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) at NCVET. This QF is uploaded at NQR Portal. NIOS has also registered at Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

Collaboration with State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training (SCTE & VT), Govt. of Odisha for ITI learners

NIOS signed a MoU with SCTE & VT, State Govt. of Odisha with the objective to open pathways for ITI pass outs from regular course of Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) for horizontal and vertical mobility and enhance employability through additional Senior Secondary Qualification.

Under this MoU, NIOS shall accept Transfer of Credit facility for four subjects for two-year CTS and three subjects for one-year CTS student and will offer minimum one subject i.e. language to two year CTS student and any two academic subjects including one language to one year CTS student. In addition to this a student can take maximum of two additional subjects of NIOS at their own cost.

NIOS will be extending the benefit of transfer of credit facility to the ITI learners and this create a pathway for the learners and include them in the mainstream of education.

Collaborative Programme for Certification of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

The NIOS has been entrusted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) with the responsibility of certifying Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) to enhance their competence and professional credibility to provide quality health care services to the community.

Special Educational Initiatives for Minorities

The National Policy on Education commits itself to the upliftment of educationally backward minorities. NIOS has been identified by the Government of India, Ministry of Education (MoE), as a leading Institution to implement the programmes for mainstream learners from Madrasas. In this context, NIOS has taken initiative to increase the number of accredited institutions in remote areas as well as in Muslim dominated areas. In this context, the number of Minority Institutions accredited by NIOS is around 1400 and the number of Madrasas accredited by NIOS is 406.

State Open Schools (SOSs)

In order to promote the Open Schooling Programme in the country, NIOS has been persuading the states to set up State Open Schools (SOSs). Twenty states have already set up the State Open School (SOSs). For promotion of Open Schooling Programme, NIOS organises advocacy and consultancy programmes, national and regional level meetings and conferences for setting up new SOSs and for upscaling of the open schooling programme of existing SOSs. NIOS acts as the Head Quarters of the National Consortium of Open Schooling (NCOS).

Study Centres Abroad

The NIOS Study Centres in the UAE, Kuwait, Muscat, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kingdom of Bahrain and Nepal provide educational services to non-resident Indians and other nationals settled there.

Credit Accumulation

The scheme of examinations being conducted by NIOS is flexible to the extent that a learner, after registration, gets nine chances through Public Exam and number of times (once in every fortnight per subject) through ODES to write his/her exams, within a period of five years from the date of registration. A learner can also choose to appear in one or more subjects in an examination and earn credits (marks) which are accumulated till he/she completes all five subjects for final certification within the stipulated period of five years.

Transfer of Credit (TOC)

The NIOS provides learners for Transfer of Credit (TOC) facility in maximum two subjects from any recognised Boards of School Education and upto four subjects for NIOS learners.

Learner Support Centre (LSC)

Under the NIOS Online initiatives, the Learner Support Centre (LSC) was established and operationalised to address the grievances of the learners pertaining to admission, examination, result, Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs), Identity Cards, other related services, etc. The LSC functions on the pattern of a Call Centre. At present, ten Learner Support Executives respond to the queries of learners of NIOS related to entire spectrum of functioning of NIOS. LSC is user friendly, simple, convenient and efficient with a toll free call at 1800 180 9393 by learners.

Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA)

The NIOS is one of the certifying agencies for the Prime Minister's vision of "Digital India". Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) is the scheme to make six crore persons in rural areas across States/UTs, digitally literate. Under this programmes about 1.19 crores learners have already been certified by NIOS till October, 2022.

International Relations

The NIOS has been collaborating with the International organisations like the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), UN Women and World Bank to promote Open Schooling Programmes at national and international levels by networking, capacity building, sharing of resources and quality assurance.

Computer Unit

The Computer Unit is backbone of NIOS in IT related aspects, responsible and maintaining the institute's IT infrastructure (web and Email Service, Network & Security etc.) providing technical support across departments, and following technology-integrated education to the learners. The main objectives of computer unit include:

- 1. Provide reliable and efficient IT service within institution.
- 2. Facilitate online admission, examinations and results.
- Ensure secure and robust IT infrastructure.
- Promote innovative technologies in open distance education
- 5. Preparing IT & Network Security policies.
- 6. Process Automation.

NIOS content on DIKSHA - One Nation - One Digital Platform

Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) is a national platform for school education, an initiative of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. DIKSHA has been developed on the basis of core principles of open architecture, open access, open licensing diversity, choice and autonomy. The portal is meant for learners/students, teachers and parents. The content is available from NCERT, CBSE, NIOS and various State Boards in all Indian languages. NIOS content is available on the DIKSHA Portal and can be accessed at https://diksha.gov.in/nios/and the content at https://diksha.gov.in/nios/explore.

Capacity Building Cell (CBC)

The Capacity Building Cell (CBC) is an integral component of NIOS and important aspect for growth of any organization. It was established in the year 2016 for organizing regular and periodic capacity building programmes, trainings / workshops including workshops on Swayam- the MOOC Platform PM e-Vidya Channels of Ministry of Education for its faculty, staff, Open School functionaries and other stakeholders and managing SWAYAM portal for Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational courses. Capacity-building is defined as the process of developing and strengthening the skills, knowledge, behavior, competencies, processes and

resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world. An essential ingredient in capacity-building is transformation that is generated and sustained over time from within; transformation of this kind goes beyond performing tasks to changing mindsets and attitudes.

Capacity Building Cell develops Capacity Building Policy, Mapping Competencies and Framework of roles, Activities & Competencies and also develops an ICT enabled Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for continuous professional development. The Cell prepares Annual Training Calendar based on the need analysis and input received from various Departments / Units and Regional Centres. The Cell also undertakes Assessment and Certification of Online Digital Literacy Program, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA).

Evaluation System

The NIOS has been vested by Government of India with the authority to conduct Secondary and Senior Secondary Examinations and certification there of. NIOS acts as a School Education Board at par with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

Public Examinations

The NIOS conducts Public Examinations twice a year, in the months of April-May and in October-November, which is a unique feature in itself as compared to the other National level Board.

Apart from this, the enrolled learners of the Secondary (10th) and the Senior Secondary (12th) levels can also appear in NIOS Examinations through the "On-Demand-Examination System (ODES)" as well.

Registration for Public Examination

The learners can register online for April-May and October-November examinations by submitting examination fee Rs. 300/- per subject (additional Rs. 150/- per subject having practical) and Rs. 400/- per subject/per module for vocational programmes. The examination fee can be paid through Credit Card/Debit Card/Net Banking/UPI.

Schedule of Registration for Public Examinations in NIOS

(i) April-May Examination:

For fresh and unsuccessful learners of previous examinations

21st November to 20th December (Without late fee)

For learners who have been unsuccessful in the preceding examination i.e. October Exams.

➤ 1st December to 20th December (Without late fee)

For all learners

> 21st December to 31st December (With late fee of Rs. 150/- per subject)

➤ 1st January to 10th January (With consolidated late fee of Rs. 1600/-)

(ii) October-November Examination:

For fresh and unsuccessful learners of previous examinations

21st May to 20th June (Without late fee)

For learners who have been unsuccessful in the preceding examination i.e. April Exams.

> 1st June to 20th June (Without late fee)

For all learners

21st June to 30th June (With late fee of Rs. 150/- per subject)

➤ 1st July to 10th July (With consolidated late fee of Rs. 1600/-)

On-Demand-Examination System (ODES)

There is a facility of On-Demand Examinations (ODEs) at for the subjects of Secondary and Senior Secondary course. The examinations are conducted round the year except the month in which public exams are conducted. ODES is a step in the direction of flexibility under the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system. This has made the system of examination independent of the time frame and helped learners to take up examinations as per learner's wish and preparation as and when learner feel ready for the examinations. A learner can register Online for his/her choice of dates for examination.

NIOS has signed the MoU with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for establishment of Study Centres and Examination Centres for conducting ODEs across India. Accordingly, On Demand Examination Centres are presently established at 80 KVs across the country.

Examination Days for Theory Paper

The examination for theory papers are conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at NIOS Headquarters, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh and at designated Kendriya Vidyalayas all over the country. The timings are from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Practical Examinations are conducted preferably on every Friday at the designated Als/Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Rechecking of Answer Books

There is a provision of re-checking of Answer Books (i.e., scrutiny of marks) for Public Examinations/On Demand Examinations (Secondary, Senior Secondary and other courses) with the prescribed fee of Rs. 400/- (Rupees Four hundred only) per subject. Under this, the answers are not re-evaluated but the re-totalling of marks is done, and it is ensured that no question is left un-assessed. This facility is available in theory marks only. There is no re-checking of marks of Practical Examinations. The application for re-checking of Answer Books should be made through online mode within 15 days for the date of declaration of result.

Re-evaluation of Answer Books

There is a provision for re-evaluation of Answer Books at the Secondary, Senior Secondary and Vocational courses. The prescribed fee for re-evaluation for public exam. is Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) per subject and for On Demand Examination (ODE) is Rs. 1200/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred Only). There is no provision of re-evaluation of answer book of practical examinations. The application for re-evaluation of Answer Book should be made through onine mode within 15 days from the date of declaration of result.

Examinations Abroad

The NIOS conducts its examinations in other countries as well, like UAE, Kuwait, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Muscat.

Digilocker

NIOS has implemented Digilocker in the year 2015 for all its registered learners for Secondary and Senior Secondary courses, Vocational courses and Open Basic Education programs. In the recent exams all the result documents (Mark sheet-cum-Certificate, and Transfer-cum-Migration Certificate) are provided to each learner through Digilocker. Presently about 87,65,954 NIOS learners are benefitted through Digilocker.

Our Milestones

- UNESCO International Literacy Prize was awarded to NIOS for Innovation in Education. NIOS won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 for its programme 'Enabling education of persons with disabilities through technology enabled inclusive learning material, with specific focus on Indian Sign language-based content' in an award function organised at UNESCO New Delhi office on September, 2021.
- Vocational Education Department was given excellence award in 2019 by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Smriti Manch for "Excellence in Promoting Education and Skiling 'hand to hand' the Students of Open Schooling Schools".

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04.	Chandigarh	Sh. S. Mahendran Assistant Director (Admn.) & Incharge Regional Centre – Chandigarh YMCA Complex, Sector-11C, Chandigarh–160011 Ph.(O): 0172-2744915, 0172-3950979 E-mail: rcchandigarh@nios.ac.in	Haryana (Excluding Gurgaon, Faridabad & Jhajjar), Punjab and Chandigarh
05.	Chennai	Sh. V. Santhanam Joint Director (Admn.) & Regional Director Regional Centre – Chennai Kamrajar Salai, Lady Willingdon Campus, Triplicane, Chennai-600005, Tamilnadu Ph. (O): 044- 28442237, E-mail: rcchennai@nios.ac.in	Tamilnadu, Puducherry

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07.	Delhi	Dr. Rachna Bhatia Deputy Director (Acad.) & Regional Director Regional Centre – Delhi – I A-31, Institutional Area, NH-24, Sector-62, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201309 Ph. (O): 0120-2404914/2404915; Mrs. Neena Golani, Deputy Director (Admn.) Mrs. Kiran Sihmar, Section Officer Mrs. Anu Nagpal, Section Officer E-mail: rcdelhi@nios.ac.in	NCT of Delhi and bordering Distts. of NCT in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana comprising of Distts. of Gautam Buddh Nagar (Noida and Greater Noida), Ghaziabad, GurgaonFaridabad and Jhajjar.
08.	Gandhinagar	Dr. Ram Narain Meena Assistant Director (Acad.) & Incharge Regional Centre – Gandhi Nagar M.S. Building, D Block, 7th floor, Near Pathikashram, Sector-11. Gandhinagar – 382011, Gujarat Sh. Dheeraj Pandey, Section Officer Ph. (O): 079-23220410 E-mail: rcgandhinagar@nios.ac.in	Gujarat
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List of Government of India Holidays for the Year - 2025 (For Delhi/New Delhi Offices)

S.No.	Gazetted Holidays	Date	1946 Saka Era	Day of Week
1.	Republic Day	January 26	Magha 06	Sunday
2.	Maha Shivaratri	February 26	Phalguna 07	Wednesday
3.	Holi	March 14	Phalguna 23	Friday
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4.	ld-ul-Fitr	March 31	Chaitra 10	Monday
5.	Mahavir Jayanti	April 10	Chaitra 20	Thursday
6.	Good Friday	April 18	Chaitra 28	Friday
7.	Budha Purnima	May 12	Vaisakha 22	Monday
8.	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	June 07	Jyaishtha 17	Saturday
9.	Muharram	July 06	Ashadha 15	Sunday
10.	Independence Day	August 15	Sravana 24	Friday
11.	Janmashtami	August 16	Sravana 25	Saturday
12.	Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	September 05	Bhadra 14	Friday
13.	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	October 02	Asvina 10	Thursday
14.	Dussehra	October 02	Asvina 10	Thursday
15.	Diwali (Deepavali)	October 20	Asvina 28	Monday
16.	Guru Nanak's Birthday	November 05	Kartika 14	Wednesday
17.	Christmas Day	December 25	Pausha 04	Thursday

List of Restricted Holidays for the Year - 2025 (For Delhi/ New Delhi Offices)

S. No.	Holidays	Date	1946 SAKA ERA	Day of Week
1.	New Year's Day	January 01	Pausha 11	Wednesday
2.	Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	January 06	Pausha 16	Monday
3.	Makar Sankranti/Magha Bihu/ Pongal/ Hazarat Ali's Birthday	January 14	Pausha 24	Tuesday
4.	Basant Panchami/Sri Panchami	February 02	Magha 13	Sunday
5.	Guru Ravi Das's Birthday	February 12	Magha 23	Wednesday
6.	Shivaji Jayanti	February 19	Magha 30	Wednesday
7.	Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati	February 23	Phalguna 04	Sunday
8.	Holika Dahan	March 13	Phalguna 22	Thursday
9.	Dolyatra	March 14	Phalguna 23	Friday
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10.	Jamat-UI-Vida	March 28	Chaitra 07	Friday
11.	Chaitra Sukladi/Gudi Padava/ Ugadi/ Cheti Chand	March 30	Chaitra 09	Sunday
12.	Ram Navmi	April 06	Chaitra 16	Sunday
13.	Vaisakhi /Vishu	April 13	Chaitra 23	Sunday
14.	Meshadi (Tamil New Year's Day)	April 14	Chaitra 24	Monday
15.	Vaisakhadi (Bengal) / Bahag Bihu (Assam)	April 15	Chaitra 25	Tuesday
16.	Easter Sunday	April 20	Chaitra 30	Sunday
17.	Guru Rabindranath's birthday	May 09	Vaisakha 19	Friday
18.	Rath Yatra	June 27	Ashadha 06	Friday
19.	Raksha Bandhan	August 09	Sravana 18	Saturday
20.	Parsi New Year's day/Nauraj	August 15	Sravana 24	Friday
21.	Janmashtami (Smarta)	August 15	Sravana 24	Friday
22.	Ganesh Chaturthi/Vinayaka Chaturthi	August 27	Bhadra 05	Wednesday
23.	Onam or Thiru Onam Day	September 05	Bhadra 14	Friday
24.	Dussehra (Saptami)	September 29	Asvina 07	Monday
25.	Dussehra (Mahashtami)	September 30	Asvina 08	Tuesday
26.	Dussehra (Mahanavmi)	October 01	Asvina 09	Wednesday
27.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	October 07	Asvina 15	Tuesday
28.	Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chouth)	October 10	Asvina 18	Friday
29.	Naraka Chaturdasi	October 20	Asvina 28	Monday
30.	Govardhan Puja	October 22	Asvina 30	Wednesday
31.	Bhai Duj	October 23	Kartika 01	Thursday
32.	Pratihar Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)	October 28	Kartika 06	Tuesday
33.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	November 24	Agrahayana 0	3 Monday
34.	Christmas Eve	December 24	Pausha 03	Wednesda

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The gift of knowledge is the highest gift in the world.

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Action is the foundational key to all success.

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If you want success, then you have to face difficulties.

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You have to dream before your dreams can come true.

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Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

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Time is the greatest teacher of life.

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Hard work is the key to success.

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Positive thinking helps a person achieve success.

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Our thinking is the creator of our life.

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Always pass on what you have learned.

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An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.

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One good idea can change your whole life.

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There is only one formula for success – never give up.

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There's no greater school that teaches life experience than its challenges.

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Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.

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The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

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Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

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Dream big, work hard, and stay focused.

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The best preparation for tomorrow Is doing your best today.

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Opportunities don't happen, you create them.

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There is only one gap between dreams and success and that is hard work.

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Small steps lead to big achievements.

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If you want to shine like a sun, first burn like a sun.

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The value of time is realized by utilizing time.

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Success and failure are both part of life, but both are not permanent.

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Always pass on what you have learned.

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Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.

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If you want success, then you have to face difficulties.

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Be the Change You Wish to See in the World.

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Time is the greatest teacher of life.

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Success comes to them to succeed let the effort begin.

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The good times become great memories. The bad times become great lessons.

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You should not give up and we should not allow the problem to defeat us.

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Goals help you channel your energy into action

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Action is the foundational key to all success

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