To
The All Regional Directors of NIOS

Subject: Initiative for enhancing admission in Vocational Courses.

As you are aware that the admission in vocational courses is very low and there is urgent need to take strident measures to address this problem. Taking note of this fact, I request you to initiate necessary measures to address this issue, some of which are enumerated below:

1. Publicity of Vocational Courses need to be done on regular basis. For this purpose, you may develop and publish leaflets/pamphlets for the purpose of publicity in local language and also make arrangement for publicity of vocational courses in regional newspaper for the information of students and general public about NIOS programmes.

2. It has been observed that recognition of Certificates of vocational courses is a big issue. For this, efforts need to be made to get the students of vocational courses registered in the State Employment Exchanges and meeting may be arranged with the State Labour Department for registration of the pass-outs of vocational students of NIOS in employment exchanges.

3. Attempts shall be made to identify those vocational courses which are in demand and are suitable to geographical location and prevailing industrial demand of your region. Also, possibility shall be explored for networking and collaboration with the industry/Technical institutions. Regional reputed societies and Govt. agencies may be roped in to introduce vocational courses.

4. In addition to above, you shall find out the Jan Shikshan Sansthan of your region and apprise them about vocational courses of NIOS so that JSSs may get associated with NIOS for running vocational courses.

The action plan to popularize vocational education of NIOS may kindly be sent by 20th Sept, 2010.

Yours Sincerely,

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Subject: Linking of KVK Vocational Education with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Sir,
The NIOS, formerly National Open School, is an autonomous organization set up by the MHRD, Govt. of India in 1989. It offers school education upto Pre-degree level through open and distance mode supported by the face to face contact sessions at the study centers spread all over the country and aboard. NIOS also offers vocational education courses at school level keeping in view the needs of target groups. Presently 82 courses are offered in the areas of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology, Health and Paramedical, Home Science and Hospitality Management, Computer and Information Technology, Business and Commerce etc. through a strong network of our Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVI) all over the country.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) through a Resolution, published in the Gazette of India, Vesting of authority to NIOS for conducting examination, whether academic, technical or vocational either by NIOS itself or in collaboration with other agencies.

NIOS provides educational opportunities by 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 youths, farm women, working people, SC/ST, challenged and other disadvantaged groups. The Principal objective of Vocational Education and Training (VET) is to train youths and adults alike, readying them for the labor market and for self employment.

Since, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) is also providing grassroots level vocational training for all farmers, rural youths and farm women. So, courses conducted by KVK may be collaborated with NIOS through proper collaboration and vice versa, for the benefit of target group especially farmers and rural youths and farm women. The KVK can become Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVI) of NIOS for providing the vocational courses as per enclosed list for the benefit of target group especially farmers, rural youths and farm women. The procedure for accreditation and application format is available on NIOS website (www.nios.ac.in).

Once KVK becomes AVI (study centre), NIOS provides study material especially designed by experts and suited to distance mode of education. The fee accrued through students will be shared between KVK cont…
and NIOS. Therefore, KVK will be benefitted both ways by serving the farmers, rural youths and farm women and by strengthening its financial position also.
Therefore, it is requested to consider the proposal of becoming an Accredited Vocational Institutions (AVI) of NIOS.
Kindly reply positively at your earliest.

Yours faithfully

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