

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH** 

## **Training to the Untrained Elementary Teachers**

## D.EI.Ed Programme Through ODL cum-Contact Mode of IGNOU for In-Service Untrained Elementary (Primary/Upper Primary) Teachers in Arunachal Pradesh

In conformity with the Sub-section(I) of Section-23 of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act,2009 and in pursuance of the NCTE, New Delhi notification vide F.No.61-03/20/2010/NCTE(N&S) dated 23.08.2010 and subsequent NCTE notification vide F.No.61-1/2011/NCTE(N&S) dated 29.07.2011 published in the Gazette of India on 25th August, 2010 and 2nd August,2011 respectively laying down thereby the minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in class I to VIII and in further pursuance of the Article-17 of the Arunachal Pradesh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules-2010, all the teachers of class I to VIII who do not possess the prescribed professional qualification required to acquire professional qualification by March'2015.

Hence, all the untrained elementary teachers, i.e. teachers appointed on or after 3rd September, 2001 who do not possess the qualifications prescribed by NCTE had to acquire professional training as per NCTE norm by March'2015.

At the time of enforcement of RTE Act the state was having the highest percentage of untrained elementary teachers. An agreement was reached between GoAP and IGNOU for addressing all the untrained teachers in the state though ODL mode of IGNOU on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2013 after seeking approval from NCTE to train the untrained teachers by activating 11 DIETs and 38 BRCs as study centre for contact programme.

At present there are 12440 working teachers in the state, out of them 7634 were untrained till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 of which 5787 have passed out the final year examination of D.El.Ed and 1418 have already appeared but result is awaited. Remaining 429 untrained teachers are in service prior to 3rd September 2001.

## <u>As such by the end of March' 2017, it is expected that there will no untrained teachers at elementary level in the state as per NCTE norms.</u>

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