

## NIOS to train 13,78,979 teachers

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**T**he National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has been given the onus of providing training to untrained in-service elementary teachers. So far, as many as 13,78,979 untrained in-service teachers have confirmed their admissions at the NIOS portal.

The national institute is conducting Diploma in Elementary Education (DEEd) programme through Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode and the SWAYAM platform. SWAYAMPRAKASH DTH channels are also used for this purpose. Further, with the conceptualisation of a four-year BEd integrated course, it is expected that the quality of teacher education programmes is likely to improve. The model curriculum prepared for this course has included crucial aspects such as gender, inclusive education, ICT, yoga, global citizenship education (GCED) etc. The teaching specialisation is essentially aimed at the primary and the secondary levels.

Additionally, to upgrade the skills of teachers and provide supplementary learning material for students, MHRD has developed a Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) platform. The e-learning materials are being uploaded on the portal by ministry and states/union territories. The aim is to enhance the knowledge base of the students and the technical skills of the teachers at no additional cost, stated minister of state (HRD), Satya Pal Singh in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question. The teachers' training is expected to facilitate a change in the understanding of teaching and learning as stipulated by the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, and NCF 2005.