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Call for Papers on ‘**Paradigm shift in Open Schooling**’

The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is pleased to announce the Call of Papers for its **International Journal of Open Schooling (IJOS)**.

Authentic, scholarly and unpublished research papers are invited from the academicians, writers, practitioners from the field of open schooling for publication in the first volume of an International Journal with ISSN.

About the Journal

The International Journal of Open Schooling is an international, peer reviewed journal. It aspires to publish high-quality original research papers, articles, review articles, and case studies, in the various fields of **Distance Learning, Open Education, E-learning, Integrated education and Hybrid learning**, which have not been published or considered for publication elsewhere.

The journal is published by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), one of the national boards in India under the Ministry of Education, Government of India and the largest open schooling in the world with a cumulative enrolment of 3.5 million (approx.) and approximately 0.5 million learners admitted every year.

The Journal provides the academic fraternity, researchers, professional, and practitioners an opportunity for the submission and publication of original high quality empirical research and theoretical papers, case studies, literature reviews and book reviews pertaining to innovations in open schooling system. The journal will also provide a forum to share views, activities, research and innovations with people across the globe. It shall comprise articles that promote and propagate open schooling/education practices to explore diverse learning cultures and connect us with the benefits and limitations of Open distance schooling.

Brief Concept Note:

The 21st century technological advancements and innovations has made the education and learning a level playing field with more equitable and accessible quality education to a large section of society leading to a paradigm shift in the domain of Open and Distance Learning. The virtual and AI augmented learning along with other innovative measures has connected a vast multitude of learners, facilitators and experts in the process of teaching and learning. The unprecedented Covid19 pandemic has made the virtual learning indispensable with the adoption of the cutting edge technology. However, it would not be a boast to mention that open schooling has always created a stir by adopting various pioneering measures in the field of education to make the learning process all inclusive and accessible by reaching the unreached in every possible way. IJOS, NIOS provides a wonderful opportunity to all the practitioners and academicians to share their knowledge and innovative strategies across all the sections of society. In this direction, a full length quality original paper is invited.

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Length

Research Paper: 3500-5000 words,

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- a. Abstract, Keywords in not more than 200 words in a separate page (A-4 size).
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