

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

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National Science Day Programme 2023

IDEATHON

Inviting Innovative Ideas from IGNOU Students/Alumni

IGNOU is organizing an **Ideathon** on the occasion of National Science Day celebration. IGNOU students/alumni are invited to submit their original and creative ideas in any of the following themes:

Theme: Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development

Sub-Themes

- No poverty/ Zero hunger
- Good health and well being
- Clean water and sanitation
- Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture
- Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

The ideas for these themes could also be **Inter-disciplinary**, such as Smart Solutions, Digital Solutions and Management, etc. Each idea will be evaluated on the criteria of its novelty, complexity, clarity and details, feasibility, practicability, sustainability, scale of impact, cost effectiveness and future prospects, etc.

If any bonafide student/alumni of IGNOU has come up with any kind of idea in any field in the aforementioned themes, he/she may submit his/her idea in the prescribed format. The entries in the prescribed format may be submitted through email or may be sent by post at Regional centre, Kolkata.

The last date for submitting the ideas is **February 15, 2023**. The application form may be downloaded from IGNOU website at www.ignou.ac.in.

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Proforma for Idea Submission

Name : _____ Enrolment No. : _____

Address : _____

Programme Name : _____ Regional Centre : Kolkata

Mobile No. : _____ Telephone No. : _____

Email : _____

1. Title of Idea

2. Sub theme of Idea

3. What need or problem is being addressed by your idea? State the problem.

4. What innovative idea are you proposing as a solution for the problem?

5. Give detailed description of the Idea.

6. What is the inspiration for this idea?

7. In case a similar idea already exists, then highlight the novelty of your idea.

8. Who will be the beneficiaries from your idea?

9. How will your idea be useful for the society/beneficiaries?

10. What technology will you use to implement your idea?

11. Describe the roadmap/blueprint/plan of action for implementing your idea.

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Guidelines for submitting Ideas for Ideathon

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is organizing an **Ideathon** on the occasion of National Science Day celebration to showcase and recognise the ideas of IGNOU students/alumni. The purpose of the event is to recognize, share, nurture and promote ideas of the students/alumni of IGNOU, to systematically foster the culture of Innovation through multitudinous modes leading to an innovation promotion eco-system at IGNOU.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Any bonafide and registered students of IGNOU and alumni who has come up with an idea for creating an innovative product, process or services as a solution to the problem/challenge being faced by individuals or society from the given theme areas, is eligible to participate in the Ideathon.

The selected ideas will be displayed during National Science Day celebration at the Regional Centre, Kolkata and School of Sciences, IGNOU. It would also be circulated in IGNOU diginews.

Why Should You Participate?

By participating in this Ideathon, you would be able to show your talent, test your ideas, connect with mentors and, challenge yourself to think innovatively. It would, help you to enhance your social and emotional learning, while boosting your competitive spirit. You will also receive training in entrepreneurship skills and related hard and soft skills to develop your idea into a business plan and them to convert it into an innovative product or service.

What are the Themes of Ideathon?

Theme	Sub-Themes
Science, Technology and Innovation for National Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No poverty/ Zero hunger• Good health and well being• Clean water and sanitation• Sustainable cities and community/ sustainable agriculture• Affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy

How to Think of an Idea?

1. Think of problems or challenges faced by you or the society in any of the above mentioned theme areas.
2. Think of an innovative idea as a solution for the problem.
3. Give a detailed description and roadmap/blue print on how your idea will work as a solution to the problem.
4. Make sure that the idea is your original idea and is new. In case a similar idea already exists, then highlight the newness of your idea.

How to Apply?

Those who are interested in applying may submit the filled-in Proforma along with supporting documents, through e-mail or send hard copy at Regional Centre, Kolkata by **February15, 2023**.