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The Indian Air Force

The Indian Air Force today is the fourth largest in the world with a highly technical and specialized fighting force that safeguards our skies. It holds a wide range of sophisticated aircraft, state-of-the-art weapons and communication systems. The story of this stupendous growth to its present size and status is due to the vision, commitment and dedication of its men through the years. Technically proficient and administratively efficient human resources continually improve and maintain its operational readiness. The IAF has a well developed training system that ensures high standards of training and education amongst all levels of its airmen and NCs(E).

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

Indira Gandhi National Open University was founded in 1985, by an Act of Indian Parliament. The University has grown over the years, now serving over 15% of the university student population of India, amounting to over 2.5 million enrollments. IGNOU runs over 323 programmes; 3000 courses; has 21 Schools of studies; operates 10 centres; 61 regional centres; 2345 learner support centres, and has a presence in 33 countries in the developing world. It has established collaborations with 46 foreign institutes. IGNOU employs rigid quality assessment parameters in its content development, pedagogical processes and student support services. IGNOU has also combined its pioneering role in distance learning by extending the concept of “open education” to include flexible face-to-face programmes, making use of state-of-art facilities on-campus as well as on other campuses.

Air Force-IGNOU Community Colleges

Structured around the Community Colleges schemes of IGNOU, under this MoU the existing airmen training institutes are registered as Community Colleges which maintain a high degree of autonomy. This will enable all serving airmen to obtain Bachelor's Degree within 8-13 years of their service. Joint Basic Phase Training (JBPT), Module-I and Module-II will help them to earn credit points which would be transferred to IGNOU for completing their Certificates, Diplomas and Associate Degrees in Arts, Science, Commerce, Business Administration, Hotel Management, Hospitality services, Medical service, Para Medical Sciences, Office Management, Automobile Trade performing skill, Music, Instrument Music by IGNOU, and if need be would introduce new subjects in the curriculum. These Certificates, Diplomas and Associate Degrees awarded would be similar to the one awarded to other students of IGNOU.

Certification of Higher Education for Airmen

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the IAF and IGNOU benchmarks a new era of professional certification for higher learning amongst airmen of Indian Air Force. It seeks to facilitate certification of the knowledge and skills acquired during in-service training by the airmen, within the educational framework stipulated by IGNOU. This certification and enhancement of educational qualifications would be within the broad framework of Community Colleges, as set by IGNOU.

Certification of Training of NCs(E)

Under this MoU, the Basic Trade training imparted to NCs(E) at Training Institutes of the IAF will make them eligible for award of Certificates in their respective trade by IGNOU





Associate Degree of Community Colleges

- Minimum two years/4 semesters of study
- Total of 64 credits
- 1st Semester: Basic Foundation Course (16 credits). Joint Basic Phase Training will be counted as first semester - as compulsory subject for eligible to be awarded a - CERTIFICATE Course.
- For non 12th class airmen, Joint Basic Phase Training to be counted as bridge course to bring them at par with 10+2 qualification.
- 2nd Semester: Applied/ Professional Course in the chosen Programme - 16 credits - compulsory subject - Module-I Training eligible to be awarded a - DIPLOMA Course (minimum one year).
- 3rd Semester: Include qualifications attained through the knowledge upgradation course Module-II
- 4th Semester: Include qualification attained towards knowledge upgradation through compulsory internship project and project work obtained during On the Job Training (OJT) (16 credits).
- Module-II and OJT together will constitute 3rd and 4th Semster and would make them eligible for award of - an Associate Degree.

Degrees offered by IGNOU

- 64 credits obtained on successful completion of Associate Degree will become transferable towards the completion of 96 credits in total in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree.
- The 3rd year of 32 credits will be earned with IGNOU through Distance Learning Programme. An individual will be eligible to join on voluntary basis for this Distance Learning Programme only on completion of three years after having obtained an Associate Degree, but not later than eight years from having completed Associate Degree. Examination for this Distance Learning Programme portion will be conducted by IGNOU.
- Degree awarded may be B.A., B.Com., B.Sc etc.. with varying specialisations.

Fee Structure

Fee for Certificate, Diploma, and Associate Degree are ₹ 250, ₹ 500 and ₹ 750 respectively. However, on lump sum payment of ₹ 750 as registration fee, all airmen who have already completed Module-II/ equivalent training or still undergoing training at training institutes or new recruits will be eligible for award of Certificates, Diplomas and Associate Degrees. For the 3rd year of Bachelor's Degree (Distance Learning programme), the registration and examination fees as applicable under IGNOU rules to be followed.



Win-Win-Win Scenario for Airmen/NCs(E), IAF and IGNOU

Airmen/NCs(E)

- Degree from reputed National University.
- Avenue for higher education.
- Help rehabilitate.
- Formal parchment

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- Availability of better qualified Human Resources
- Welfare measures.
- Gainfully utilises resources.
- Air Force Training curriculum recognised and interfaced.

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- Rolls increase by 1.25 lakh students
- Service to Airmen and NCs(E).
- Increase Community Colleges & Campuses
- Addition of new courses immediate-study material available.

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The programme has the potential to transform the post-retirement life of airmen by providing them with a formal qualification and helping them to prepare for competitive job avenues

List of Training Centres which will function as Air Force-IGNOU Community Colleges

1. **Basic Training Institute (BTI) C/O 405 Air Force Station, Belgaum.**
2. **Non-Technical Training Institute (NTTI), C/O 405 Air Force Station, Belgaum.**
3. **Air Force of Physical Fitness (AFSPF), C/O 405 Air Force Station, Belgaum.**
4. **Communication Training Institute (CTI), C/O 410 Air Force Station, Jalahalli, Bengaluru.**
5. **Electronic Training Institute (ETI), C/O 410 Air Force Station, Jalahalli, Bengaluru**
6. **Electrical & Instrument Training Institute (E&ITI), C/O 410 Air Force Station, Jalahalli, Bengaluru.**
7. **Medical Training Centre (MTC), C/O Command Hospital, Air Force, Bengaluru.**
8. **Mechanical Training Institute (MTI), C/O 413 Air Force Station, Tambaram, Chennai.**
9. **Workshop Training Institute (WTI), C/O 413 Air Force Station, Tambaram, Chennai.**
10. **Mechanical Transport Training Institute (MTTI), C/O Air Force Station Avadi, Chennai.**
11. **Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), C/O Air Force Station Chandinagar, Bagpat, U.P.**
12. **Air Force Police & Security Training Institute (AFP&STI), C/O Air Force Station Chandinagar, Bagpat, U.P.**