

STATE COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
(An Autonomous Organisation of Education Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
VARUN MARG, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024

F. No. F.2(99)/Exam Cell/Misc./NIOS/140/2

Date: 01-12-2025

CIRCULAR

Subject: Launch of Registration Portal for the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education

With ref. to NIOS Notification 07/2025 F-82-20/2025/NIOS/CBC/BRIDGE/Corr. dt. 25.11.2025: In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 08.04.2024 and the Public Notice issued by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) on 07.04.2025, and further based on the Recognition granted by the Northern Regional Committee, NCTE vide F.No. NRC/NCTE/441st Meeting (Volume-3) Sl. No. 34/2025/233333-233338 dated 02.07.2025, and also with ref. to SCERT Delhi Letter F.No. F.2(99)/Exam Cell/Misc./NIOS/9298-9303 dated 28.08.2025 sent earlier, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) has notified the launch of the Registration Portal for the 6-Month Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education, to be offered through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

This Bridge Course is only meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service prior to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment delivered on 11.08.2023.

1. Launch of the Bridge Course Portal

The portal was launched by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Govt. of India in the presence of Secretary (School Education and Literacy) Govt. of India in the 36th NIOS Foundation Day celebration held on 23rd November, 2025

Registrations are open w.e.f. 24.11.2025 and will close on 25.12.2025.

Registration Link: <https://bridge.nios.ac.in>

2. Contact Information

For any queries related to Bridge Course registration or technical issues, candidates may write to bridgesupport@nios.ac.in

Further, candidates are advised to carefully read and ensure compliance with the eligibility conditions prescribed by NCTE and the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Eligibility Criteria & Instructions are available at the portal <https://bridge.nios.ac.in/>

Mere registration does not guarantee admission.

The above information is for wide circulation and dissemination to all concerned eligible candidates.

Encl. as above


(Dr. Mukesh Yadav)
Secretary

F. No. F.2(99)/Exam Cell/Misc./NIOS/14012

Date: 01/12/2025

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F.No. F.2(99)/Exam Cell/Misc./NIOS/9298-9303

Date: 28.08.2025

To

1. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education (DoE), Government of NCT of Delhi. Old Secretariat, Delhi - 110054
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6. Deputy Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti: Jaipur Region, Sector-5. near Parishkar College. Mansarovar. Jaipur -302020 (For Delhi UT/State only)

Subject: Implementation of 6-Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education – Compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court Orders

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey that the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Orders dated 11.08.2023 and 08.04.2024 in *Devesh Sharma vs UOI & Ors* has directed that all teachers appointed as Primary Teachers (Classes I-V) on the basis of B.Ed. qualification from 28/06/2018 but prior to 11.08.2023 shall be required to undergo a **6-Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education**.

The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) vide Public Notice dated 07.04.2025 and Corrigendum dated 10.04.2025, has notified that the said **Bridge Course**, shall be conducted through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). NIOS has been duly recognized by NCTE (441st Meeting, 02.07.2025) for this purpose.

In this regard, all Education Departments/Authorities in Delhi (DoE, NDMC, MCD and Delhi Cantonment Board) are requested to,

- A. Nominate a **Nodal Officer** in your Department for coordination with SCERT Delhi and NIOS to take complete compliance of the NCTEs directions and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- B. Furnish a **verified list with following details of all Primary Teachers appointed with B.Ed. qualification prior to 11.08.2023** within their jurisdiction
 - I. UDISE Code of The School,
 - II. Teachers Full Name
 - III. Mothers Full Name
 - IV. Fathers Full Name
 - V. Gender
 - VI. Date of Birth

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- VII. Aadhar Number
- VIII. Email Address
- IX. Mobile Number
- X. Date of Appointment

It is reiterated that completion of the Bridge Course within the stipulated time is **mandatory** which is required to be completed within one year of the commencement of the course of NIOS while as per Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions, Non-compliance and non-completion of that bridge course as decided by the educational authorities, will invalidate such teachers appointment.

Hence, it is requested to appoint a Nodal Officer in your department to take necessary action in this regard, details of that Nodal Officer may also be sent to the undersigned at SCERT, Delhi along with verified list of teachers at the earliest for onward transmission to NIOS/NCTE, GOI, New Delhi.

Yours faithfully


(Dr. Rita Sharma)
Director

Encl. As above

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राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यालयी शिक्षा संस्थान
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F-82-20/2025/NIOS/CBC/BRIDGE/Corr.

Date: 25.11.2025

NOTIFICATION No. 07/2025

Subject: Launch of Registration Portal for the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education

In pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated 08.04.2024 and the Public Notice issued by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) on 07.04.2025, and further based on the Recognition granted by the Northern Regional Committee, NCTE vide F.No. NRC/NCTE/441st Meeting (Volume-3) Sl. No. 34/2025/233333-233338 dated 02.07.2025, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) hereby notifies the launch of the Registration Portal for the 6-Month Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education, to be offered through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

This Bridge Course is only meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service prior to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement delivered on 11.08.2023.

1. Launch of the Bridge Course Portal

The portal was launched by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Govt. of India in the presence of Secretary (School Education and Literacy) Govt. of India in the 36th NIOS Foundation Day celebration held on 23rd November, 2025.

Registrations are open w.e.f. 24.11.2025 and will close on 25.12.2025.

Registration Link: <https://bridge.nios.ac.in>

2. Contact Information

For any queries related to Bridge Course registration or technical issues, candidates may write to **bridgesupport@nios.ac.in**

Further, candidates are advised to **carefully read and ensure compliance** with the eligibility conditions prescribed by NCTE and the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The Eligibility Criteria & Instructions are available at the portal <https://bridge.nios.ac.in/>. Mere registration does not guarantee admission.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(S. Vijaya Kumar)
Director (SSS) 27/11/23

Copy to :

1. The Chairman, CBSE, New Delhi.
2. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, New Delhi.
3. The Member Secretary, NCTE.
4. Sh. Bhagwati Prasad Kalal, Director, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.
5. The Chairman, Atomic Energy Education Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
6. The Managing Director, Army Welfare Education Society, New Delhi
7. All the State Nodal Officers.
8. Head of the Departments of NIOS.
9. Dr. T.N. Giri, Director (Vocational) with request for Advocacy & Publicity.
10. All Regional Directors of NIOS for wider publicity.
11. Sh. Naveen Bhatia, SA/P for uploading the Notification on the NIOS Website and Opening the Registration Portal.
12. PA to CMO for kind information of the Chairman, NIOS.
13. Guard File.



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L. No. 82-20/2025/NIOS/CBC/BRIDGE/CORR./04
Dated: 01.08.2025

To

All Regional Directors
National Institute of Open Schooling

Subject: Regarding 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education.

Madam/Sir,

I am to refer to the Ministry of Education letter No. D.O. No. 3-15/2021-IS.I dated 16.07.2025 addressed to all Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner (Education), All States and Union Territories regarding 6 months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education stated that the NCTE, via Gazette Notification dated 23.08.2010, prescribed minimum qualifications for appointment as teachers for Classes I to VIII and an amendment dated 28.06.2018 added further qualifications for eligibility to teach Classes I to V as follows :

- "Graduation with at least 50% marks and B.Ed."
- Provided that who has acquired the qualification of B.Ed. from any NCTE recognized institution shall be considered for appointment as a Teacher in class I to V;
- Provided that the person so appointed as a Teacher shall mandatory to undergo a Six Months Bridge Course in Elementary Education recognized by the NCTE, within Two Years of such appointment as Primary Teacher.

The NCTE's Notification dated 28.06.2018 was challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur, which, vide order dated 25.11.2021, set aside the notification dated 28.06.2018. This decision was subsequently challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in its judgment dated 11.08.2023 in the matter of *Devesh Sharma vs. Union of India & Ors.*, upheld the order of the High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur, thereby holding that candidates possessing a B.Ed. degree are not eligible for appointment as school teachers for Classes I to V.

In this context, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 08.04.2024 issued in MA Dy. No. 4303 of 2024, passed the order as under :

"As it appears that a large number of candidates with B.Ed. degree have already been appointed on the basis of eligibility criteria specified by the educational authorities, we do not think it to be equitable to effect their removal. We, accordingly, hold that the judgment delivered by this Bench on 11th August, 2023 shall have prospective operation. But prospective operation of this judgment shall be only for those candidates who were appointed without any

qualification or conditions imposed by any Court of Law to the effect that their appointment would be subject to final outcome of the case which might have had been instituted by them and such candidates were in regular employment without any disqualification and were appointed in pursuance of a notice of advertisement where B.Ed. was stipulated to be valid qualification. Services of only such candidates shall not be disturbed because of this judgment. We make it clear that this benefit is only for the candidates who were appointed prior to the date our judgment was delivered, on 11th August, 2023.

Mere selection of such candidates or their participation in the process will not entitle them for a benefit under our present order. Moreover, the candidates having B.Ed. qualification whose appointments we are protecting in this judgment, will have to undergo a bridge course and we direct the educational authorities to devise such course, which would be applicable for each state and union territory, within a period of one year from today. This course shall be only for those appointees who have been engaged with B.Ed. degree only in the subject-posts under conditions stipulated in the earlier part of this order. National Council for Teacher Education shall design such course under overall supervision of the Ministry of Education, Union of India. Upon formulation of such course, the same shall be publicly notified and a timeframe shall also be given within which the respective candidates shall participate therein. Failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within the timeframe to be given by the concerned educational authorities will invalidate the appointment of such candidate.

We also make it clear that the directions contained in this order shall not be confined to the applicant state only and shall cover all cases which may be pending in different judicial fora in any State or Union territory on the same point of law. The present application stands disposed of in the above terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of."

In compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India order, the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education has been designed and notified by the NCTE vide Public Notice dated 07.04.2025 and Corrigendum dated 10.04.2025, hosted on the official website of NCTE for information to all the stakeholders.

In line with the above directions, NIOS has submitted an application to the NRC, NCTE, for the recognition of the aforementioned course. Subsequently, NCTE granted recognition to NIOS through Order No. NRC/NCTE/441st Meeting (Volume-3) Sl. No. 34/2025/233333-233338 dated 02.07.2025, allowing NIOS to conduct the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode.

In view of the above, the following conditions are to be adhered by all stakeholders:

- i. This course will only be meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11.08.2023.
- ii. The teachers indicated at point (i) above may avail this one-time opportunity to complete the course as Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that failure of any

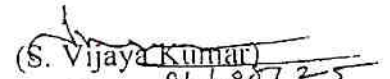
- candidate to participate and complete the course within time frame, as decided by the educational authorities, will invalidate their appointment.
- iii. The participant teachers shall complete the course within one year of the commencement of course of NIOS.
 - iv. Qualifying the Bridge Course will be strictly meant for teachers indicated in point 'i' above, to protect their existing employment only. This Bridge Course will not be valid for those teachers seeking subsequent employments as primary teachers.

Accordingly, NIOS will soon launch an online portal where all relevant information regarding the 6 Months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education, will be made available.

In view of the above, it is requested that all Regional Directors, NIOS may contact the concerned State Govt. Authorities to obtain the State Nodal Officer details and the list of primary teachers in the enclosed performa latest by 11.08.2025.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(S. Vijaya Kumar)
Director (SSS) 01/08/25

Encl:

1. Letter dated 16.07.2025 of JS (Institutions & Training), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India
2. Recognition Order dated 02.07.2025
3. Performa Seeking variables from the States in reference of eligible primary teachers with B.Ed qualification for registration in the Bridge Course



Prachi Pandey
Joint Secretary (Institutions & Training)
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D.O. No. 3-15/2021-IS.1

New Delhi, the 14th July 2025

Respected Madam / Sir,

As you are aware that the National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE), vide their gazette notification dated 23rd August, 2010 (Annexure-I), had laid down minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for consideration of appointment as a teacher for classes I to VIII.

2. Vide amendment dated 28th June, 2018 (Annexure-II) carried out in the above notification, the NCTE brought out the following addition in the minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for consideration of appointment as a teacher for classes I to V:

"Graduation with at least 50% marks and B.Ed."

Provided that who has acquired the qualification of B.Ed. from any National Council for Teacher Education recognized institution shall be considered for appointment as a teacher in classes I to V;

Provided that the person so appointed as a teacher shall mandatorily undergo a six-month Bridge Course in Elementary Education recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education, within two years of such appointment as primary teacher.

3. The aforesaid notification was challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur Bench. The Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur vide order dated 25th November, 2021 had set aside the NCTE's Notification dated 28th June, 2018. The said judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur was further challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment dated 11th August, 2023 (Annexure-III) in Devesh Sharma Vs UOI and ors. had upheld the Order dated 25th November, 2021 passed by the High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur whereby the applicants having B.Ed. degree are no longer eligible for consideration of appointment as a school teacher for classes I to V.

5. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 08th April, 2024 issued in VIA Dy. No. 4303 of 2024 (Annexure-IV), passed the following order:

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As it appears that a large number of candidates with B.Ed degree had already been appointed on the basis of eligibility criteria specified by the educational authorities, we do not think it to be equitable to effect their removal. We, accordingly hold that the judgment delivered by this Bench on 11th August, 2023 shall have prospective operation. But prospective operation of this judgment shall be only for those candidates who were appointed without any qualification or conditions imposed by any Court of Law to the effect that their appointment would be subject to final outcome of the case which might have had been instituted by them and such candidates were in regular employment without any disqualification and were appointed in pursuance of a notice of advertisement where B.Ed was stipulated to be valid qualification. Services of only such candidates shall not be disturbed because of this judgment. We make it clear that this benefit is only for the candidates who were appointed prior to the date our judgment was delivered, on 11th August, 2023.

Mere selection of such candidates or their participation in the process will not entitle them for a benefit under our present order. Moreover, the candidates having B.Ed. qualification whose appointments we are protecting in this judgment, will have to undergo a bridge course and we direct the educational authorities to device such course, which would be applicable for each state and union territory, within a period of one year from today. This course shall be only for those appointees who have been engaged with B.Ed. degree only in the subject-posts under conditions stipulated in the earlier part of this order. National Council for Teacher Education shall design such course under overall supervision of the Ministry of Education, Union of India. Upon formulation of such course, the same shall be publicly notified and a timeframe shall also be given within which the respective candidates shall participate therein. Failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within the timeframe to be given by the concerned educational authorities will invalidate the appointment of such candidate.

We also make it clear that the directions contained in this order shall not be confined to the applicant state only and shall cover all cases which may be pending in different judicial fora in any State or Union territory on the same point of law. The present application stands disposed of in the above terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of."

6. In compliance with the above order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education has been notified by the NCTE vide Public Notice dated 07th April, 2025 (Annexure-V) and the Corrigendum dated 10th April, 2025 (Annexure-VI) and hosted on the official website of NCTE for information to all the stakeholders.

7. In view of the above, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is in the process of conducting the 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education. In order to ensure effective coordination and implementation of the course, I solicit your cooperation to:

- a. Appoint a State Nodal Officer for coordination with NIOS and NCTE for this Bridge course and inform the same to NIOS (epa@nios.ac.in);



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- b. Provide NCTE (cpa.ncte-india.org) and NIOS (cpa.nios.ac.in) with a verified list of in-service primary teachers with B.Ed. qualification who fall under the eligible category as specified in the Supreme Court judgment dated 08th April, 2024 and NCTE's public Notice dated 07th April, 2025 & 10th April, 2025;
 - c. to ensure a state-level communication and support mechanism for timely enrolment and monitoring of the course, tentatively starting from 1st August, 2025.
8. I look forward for a time-bound action in the matter.
9. It issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Prachi Pandey
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(Prachi Pandey)

Encl: As above.

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Commissioner (Education), All States and Union Territories.

Copy for information to:

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2. Member Secretary, NCTE.

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PART - III, SECTION 4

F. No. NRC/NCTE/441st Meeting (Volume-3) Sl. No. 34/2025/
Computer No.87201

Date: 02/07/25

RECOGNITION ORDER

WHEREAS, in terms of Section 14/15 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), A-24-25, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida Uttar Pradesh has submitted an application to Northern Regional Committee of NCTE for the grant of recognition to conduct 6 months certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode.

AND WHEREAS, the matter was placed before NRC in its 441st Meeting held on 21st & 22nd May, 2025 and the Committee noted as under:-

"The file of the institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Rules, Regulations, SOP, guidelines issued from time to time were placed before the Northern Regional Committee and the Committee observed the following: -

- NCTE (HQ) vide letter dated 29.04.2025 communicated that the NCTE has laid down the notifications regarding minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for consideration of appointment as a teacher for classes I to VIII published vide Notification dated 23.08.2010 as amended vide Notification dated 29.07.2011, 28.06.2018, 13.11.2019 and 13.10.2021.

- Vide amendment Notification dated 28.06.2018, the NCTE brought out the following addition in the minimum qualification for a person to be eligible for consideration of appointment as a teacher for classes I to V:

"Graduation with at least 50% marks and B.Ed. "

Provided that who has acquired the qualification of B.Ed. from any National Council for Teacher Education recognised institution shall be considered for appointment as a teacher in classes I to V;

Provided that the person so appointed as a teacher shall mandatorily undergo a six-month Bridge Course in Elementary Education recognised by the National Council for Teacher Education, within two years of such appointment as primary teacher.

- The aforesaid notification was challenged before the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur Bench. The Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur passed an order dated 25.11.2021 and set aside the NCTE Notification dated 28.06.2018. The said judgment passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur was further challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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- The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgment dated 11/08/2023 in *Devesh Sharma Vs UOI and ors.* had upheld the Order dated 25.11.2021 passed by the High Court of Rajasthan at Jodhpur and quashed & set aside the NCTE Notification dated 28/06/2018 whereby the applicants having B.Ed. degree are no longer eligible for consideration of appointment as a school teacher for classes I to V.
- The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its judgment dated 08.04.2024 in *MA Dy. No. 4303 of 2024 in the matter of Devesh Sharma Vs UOI and ors.* passed the following order:
"As it appears that a large number of candidates with B.Ed. degree had already been appointed on the basis of eligibility criteria specified by the educational authorities, we do not think it to be equitable to effect their removal. We, accordingly hold that the judgment delivered by this Bench on 11th August, 2023 shall have prospective operation. But prospective operation of this judgment shall be only for those candidates who were appointed without any qualification or conditions imposed by any Court of Law to the effect that their appointment would be subject to final outcome of the case which might have had been instituted by them and such candidates were in regular employment without any disqualification and were appointed in pursuance of a notice of advertisement where B.Ed. was stipulated to be valid qualification. Services of only such candidates shall not be disturbed because of this judgment. We make it clear that this benefit is only for the candidates who were appointed prior to the date our judgment was delivered, on 11th August, 2023.

Mere selection of such candidates or their participation in the process will not entitle them for a benefit under our present order. Moreover, the candidates having B.Ed. qualification whose appointments we are protecting in this judgment, will have to undergo a bridge course and we direct the educational authorities to device such course, which would be applicable for each state and union territory, within a period of one year from today. This course shall be only for those appointees who have been engaged with B.Ed. degree only in the subject-positions under conditions stipulated in the earlier part of this order. National Council for Teacher Education shall design such course under overall supervision of the Ministry of Education, Union of India. Upon formulation of such course, the same shall be publicly notified and a timeframe shall also be given within which the respective candidates shall participate therein. Failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within the timeframe to be given by the concerned educational authorities will invalidate the appointment of such candidate.

We also make it clear that the directions contained in this order shall not be confined to the applicant state only and shall cover all cases which may be pending in different judicial fora in any State or Union territory on the same point of law. The present application stands disposed of in the above terms.

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Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of."

- In compliance with the above Order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the NCTE had constituted a Committee vide Order dated 3rd May 2024 to design the course under overall supervision of the Ministry of Education, Union of India within a period of one year from 08.04.2024 as directed by the Hon'ble Apex Court. The above Committee submitted its report on 03.12.2024.
- The NCTE had constituted another Committee vide Office Order dated 17.01.2025 to examine the Norms & Standards and detailed Curriculum syllabi of 6 months Bridge Course in Primary Teacher Education for Teachers of Primary Schools appointed with B.Ed. degree as submitted by the Expert Committee constituted by NCTE. The Committee submitted its final report, which was sent to the Ministry of Education, Government of India on 24.02.2025 for approval.
 - The Ministry of Education vide letter No. 3-15/2021-IS.1(IS.20) dated 07.04.2025 has conveyed the approval of the Competent Authority to the proposed Norms, Standards and Curriculum of 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education for the teachers of primary schools appointed with B.Ed. degree subject to certain conditions mentioned therein.
 - i. NIOS may apply for recognition to conduct the course on ODL mode from NCTE.
 - ii. This course will only be meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11.08.2023. Appropriate mechanism will be evolved by NCTE and NIOS to ensure that any candidate, who is not covered under the ambit of the judgment dated 08.04.2024, shall not avail of the Course. Orders of the competent authority in this Department will be obtained in this regard. The participant teachers shall complete the course within one year of the commencement of course of NIOS.
 - iii. The teachers indicated at point ii above may avail this one-time opportunity to complete the course as Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within time frame, as decided by the educational authorities, will invalidate their appointment. Sufficient advertisement/wide publicity shall be ensured by NCTE/NIOS in this regard.
 - iv. Qualifying the Bridge Course will be strictly meant for teachers indicated in point (ii) above, to protect their existing employment only. This Bridge Course will not be valid for these teachers seeking subsequent employments as primary teachers.

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- In compliance of the judgment dated 08.04.2024, the 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education has been notified by the NCTE vide Public Notice dated 07.04.2025 and the Corrigendum dated 10.04.2025 and hosted on the official website of NCTE for information to all the stakeholders.
 - In view of the above, NCTE (HQ) has directed the Northern Regional Committee, National Council for Teacher Education, to grant recognition to NIOS for 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode subject to the conditions mentioned above. They have also requested to the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to apply to the Northern Regional Committee, National Council for Teacher Education, New Delhi for seeking recognition to run 6-months Certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode.
 - Subsequently, the NIOS vide their letter dated 09.05.2025 received in NRC on 21.05.2025 has requested for recognition to conduct 6 months Certificate course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode. The NIOS has also attached the memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of NIOS (Amended upto July 2012).
3. **AND WHEREAS**, the Committee decided that the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) i.e. recognized to conduct 6 months Certificate course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL mode under the following stipulations:
- (i) **This course will only be meant for those primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28.06.2018 and who were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11.08.2023.**
 - (ii) **The teachers indicated at point (i) above may avail this one-time opportunity to complete the course as Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed that failure of any candidate to participate and complete the course within time frame, as decided by the educational authorities, will invalidate their appointment.**
 - (iii) **The participant teachers shall complete the course within one year of the commencement of course of NIOS.**
 - (iv) **Qualifying the Bridge Course will be strictly meant for teachers indicated in point (i) above, to protect their existing employment only. This Bridge Course will not be valid for those teachers seeking subsequent employments as primary teachers.**
 - (v) **Sufficient advertisement/wide publicity shall be ensured by NIOS in this regard.**
- NIOS may coordinate with the NCTE(HQ) in respect of other aspects or for further clarification, if required.**

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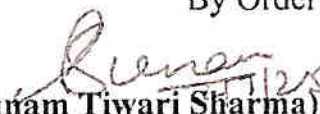
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4. **NOW THEREFORE**, the institution namely, the **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)**, A-24-25, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida Uttar Pradesh is hereby granted recognition to conduct 6 months certificate Course (Bridge) in Primary Teacher Education through ODL as per stipulation mentioned in para 3 above.

5. The institution shall adhere to the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, Regulations and Orders made or issued thereunder.

By Order


(Punam Tiwari Sharma)
Regional Director

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- 233335 2. **The Secretary**, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), A-24-25, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida Uttar Pradesh.
- 233336 3. **The Principal Secretary**, (Higher Education), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Secretariat Lucknow-226001, Uttar Pradesh.
- 233337 4. **The Secretary**, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
- 233338 5. **The US (Computer)**, National Council for Teacher Education, G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.


Regional Director

List of variables required from State/UT for eligible in-service teachers for registration in NIOS BRIDGE course					
Sr. No.	Column Name	Mandatory	Data Type	Possible Values	Max Length
1	UDISE Code of the School	Yes	Character		11
2	Teacher's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
3	Mother's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
4	Father's Full Name	Yes	Character		75
5	Gender	Yes	Number	(Male=1, Female=2, Third Gender=3)	1
6	Date of Birth	Yes	Date	Format DD/MM/YYYY	10
7	Aadhaar Number (12 digits)	Yes	Number		12
8	Email Address (Valid and functional)	Yes	Character		75
9	Mobile Number (10 digits)	Yes	Number		10
10	Date of Appointment	Yes	Date	Format DD/MM/YYYY	10

Rest of the variables will be filled in by the Teacher on the NIOS registration portal. Supporting documents shall be uploaded by the teacher at the time of registration on the portal.

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