INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS (IATE)

59th Annual International Conference of the Indian Association of Teacher Educators (IATE)

Teacher Education in the Digital and Open Learning Era: Inclusion, Innovations and Future Directions

Reimagining teacher education for an open, digital, inclusive and lifelong learning system

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ABOUT IGNOU

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), is a premier institution established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 with the mission to democratize education in India and beyond. Empowered by the IGNOU Act, the University is a unique mix to provide inclusive and equitable access to higher education across the nation and through its overseas learner support centres, reflecting its expansive jurisdiction and global vision.

IGNOU proudly stands as the No. 1 Open University in the National Institutional Ranking (NIRF) under open university category for past two consecutive years and the first Open University to receive the prestigious A++ accreditation from NAAC. With over 69 Regional Centres, 2000+ Learner Support Centres pan-India, and with Overseas Study Centres in 15 countries, IGNOU reaches the remotest corners of India and serves diverse learners, including marginalized communities, persons with disabilities, and international students. As a torchbearer of innovation, IGNOU integrates technology with education. Through initiatives like MOOCs on SWAYAM, SWAYAM PRABHA channels, and e-Gyankosh, ensuring quality education is both accessible and sustainable. With 325 programmes, including Four Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUP) and skill-based course, One Year Post Graduate Programmes, the University continues to align with the National Education Policy 2020 to meet emerging educational and professional needs. IGNOU offers 45 online academic programmes through its own Learning Management System (LMS).

IGNOU has attained a significant milestone in the realm of innovation and has been ranked among the top ten 'Institutes of National Importance and Central Universities' due to its endeavors to promote entrepreneurship and innovation. Furthermore, it has been positioned within the 151-300 range of overall rankings according to the NIRF-Innovation rating-2023. The role of the university in shaping India's educational landscape is immense. Through strategic collaborations, groundbreaking research, and its unwavering commitment to quality, IGNOU reinforces the pillars of access, affordability, equity, and excellence in education.

ABOUT SOE

School of Education (SOE) is one of the first schools to be established in IGNOU in the year 1987. The functions of the SOE, within the broad framework of the objectives of IGNOU, are to carry out academic activities addressing education as a field of knowledge and an area of practice. SOE undertakes academic activities pertaining to two major areas: The various aspects of the practice of education as a profession, and the various branches of education as an academic discipline.

Four disciplines / areas namely, Education, Distance Education, Educational Technology and Adult Education have been assigned to the School. The School has been undertaking three types of activities - development of academic programmes, research, documentation and extension activities.

ABOUT IATE

The Indian Association of Teacher Educators (IATE) is the oldest and leading professional body of teacher educators in India, established on 25th November 1950 at MS University of Baroda through the efforts of eminent educationists such as Prof. T.K.N. Menon, Prof. Hansa Ben Mehta, and Prof. S.N. Mukerjee. It was formally registered under the Societies Registration Act in 1966. IATE has played a vital role in offering a national and regional platform for meaningful dialogue on education, particularly teacher education. It has contributed significantly to shaping education policy in India. Key activities include organizing annual conferences, seminars, workshops, and publishing a reputed journal. The association has over 3,000 life members across India.

The Platinum Jubilee of the Indian Association of Teacher Educators (IATE) marks a glorious milestone of 75 years of dedication, distinction, and transformative contributions to the field of teacher education in India. Since its inception in 1950, IATE has remained a beacon of academic excellence, intellectual discourse, and professional advancement, nurturing generations of teacher educators. This historic occasion celebrates its rich legacy, visionary leadership, and enduring commitment to shaping the future of education in the nation. It is not merely a celebration of the past, but a renewed pledge to inspire, innovate, and lead teacher education towards a brighter future.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Teacher education in India and across the world is presently undergoing a significant transformation. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has envisaged wide-ranging reforms in teacher preparation, professional development, multidisciplinary education, technology integration and continuous professional learning. At the same time, the educational ecosystem is witnessing rapid developments in Open and Distance Learning; Online and blended education; MOOCs and Open Educational Resources; Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI; Micro-learning, micro-credentials and digital badges; Assistive and inclusive technologies; and Lifelong professional learning. These developments have profound implications for teachers and teacher educators.

The role of the teacher is progressively moving beyond the conventional function of transmitting knowledge towards that of a facilitator, designer of learning experiences, mentor, collaborator, researcher and lifelong learner. Similarly, teacher educators need new competencies to prepare teachers for technology-rich, diverse and rapidly changing educational environments. Hence, there is a strong need for an international platform to critically examine and suggest how teacher education should respond to these transformations.

The 59th Annual International Conference of IATE (in hybrid mode) on Teacher Education in the Digital and Open Learning Era: Inclusion, Innovations and Future Directions will bring together teacher educators, researchers, policymakers and educational practitioners from India and abroad to examine emerging challenges, and to explore practices and identify future directions for teacher education.

Organized by the School of Education, IGNOU, the conference would provide an opportunity to examine how teacher education can be transformed to prepare teachers and teacher educators for an increasingly digital, flexible, inclusive and technology-enabled educational ecosystem.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Original research papers, best practice reports, case studies, conceptual papers, and work-in progress are invited for presentation from research scholars, teacher educators, educational practitioners and policy makers on the following sub-themes:

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

NEP 2020 and Teacher Education
Multidisciplinary education, Competency-based Learning, Integrated Teacher Education Programme, Life-long Learning

ODDL and Teacher Education
Design, Development and Delivery of Teacher Education through ODDL

Digital Transformation in Teacher Education
Conceptualizing Teacher Education, Digital Competencies, Changing Teacher Roles and Digital Pedagogies

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Technologies
Generative AI, AI Integrated Pedagogy, AI Literacy, Ethics, Learning Analytics, and Digital Assessment

Inclusion and Accessibility
Assistive Technologies, Multilingual Education and the Digital Divide

Continuous Professional Development
Digital Badges, Micro-credentials, Online In-service Programmes

Quality, Governance and Regulation
Quality Assurance, Accreditation, Data Governance, AI Policy and Institutional Readiness

Future of Teacher Education
Emerging Research Areas, AI-assisted Research and Evidence-informed Practice

Another related sub-theme

The Abstract should be submitted to the following link:
https://forms.gle/Mwj9dB8JuQY4gptFA

or SCAN the QR Code.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP
February 10, 2027 (10:30 AM)

AI Tools for Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Workshop Registration Link:
https://forms.gle/hXn5xypA6tVyghJH9

QR for Registration

IMPORTANT DATES

ACTIVITY	LAST DATE
Submission of Abstract (200 words)	30 November 2026
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	10 December 2026
Submission of Full Paper	31 December 2026
Conference Registration	As per the Registration Fee Table
Pre-Conference Workshop Registration	02 February 2027

Category	Fee on or before December 31, 2026	Fee on or before February 02, 2027	Fee after February 02, 2027
INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS			
Faculty Members/ Educators	$150	$180	$210
Research Scholars/Students	$120	$150	$180
IATE Members			
Faculty Members/ Educators	₹2,200	₹2,500	₹3,000
Research Scholars/Students	₹1,600	₹1,900	₹2,300
IATE Non-Members			
Faculty Members/ Educators	₹2,500	₹2,800	₹3,300
Research Scholars/Students	₹1,900	₹2,200	₹2,600
Pre-Conference Workshop (10th February, 2027)			
Faculty Members /Educators	₹1,050	₹1,250	N/A
Research Scholars/Students	₹750	₹1,050	N/A

The registration fee covers the conference kit, lunch and refreshment. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation during the conference. For assistance regarding nearby places offering accommodation at concessional rates, participants may contact **Dr. Alok Upadhyay, Associate Professor, SOCE at +91-88840 47032.**

Account Details for Registration

Name of account holder: Indian Association of Teacher Educators (IATE)

Name of Bank: Union Bank of India

Branch: Rohilkhand University, Bareilly

Account no.: 505202010802925

IFSC code :UBIN0550523

Conference Registration Link:
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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Eminent Teacher Educator Awards
- T. K. N. Menon Memorial Lecture
- S. N. Mukerjee Memorial Lecture
- Panel/Round Table Discussion
- Plenary Sessions
- Technical Sessions (Hybrid Mode)
- Best Paper Award (Research Scholar)
- Best Paper Award (Teacher Educator)

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts must be within 200 words.
- Full papers should be between 2000-3000 words.
- Manuscript must be original and not previously published or under review elsewhere.
- For the abstract/paper Times New Roman, or Unicode (Kokila or Nirmala UI for Hindi), 12 pt font, 1.5 line spacing. APA 7th edition style must be followed.
- Four to six keywords must be included.
- MS Word format (.docx) should be used for the abstract/paper.
- **For co-authored papers, all the authors must register.**
- Selected papers may be published in the conference proceedings/edited books/ IATE journal.

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