



Press Release

ICCR, IGNOU and CHD join hands to promote Hindi language internationally by introducing three months online Basic Hindi Awareness course for foreign nationals

Hindi is the third most spoken language in the world. Hindi, one of India's official languages, is also the most spoken language in India. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) as per its mandate of promotion of Indian culture abroad, is already engaged in promotion of Hindi language abroad. ICCR is deputing Hindi teachers and Hindi professors to India Culture Centres and ICCR Hindi chairs established in Universities abroad respectively. Scholarships awarded by ICCR is also one of the important steps towards promotion of Hindi language abroad.

In order to further propagation of Hindi language abroad, ICCR in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) & Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) will commence online three months Basic Hindi Awareness course for interested participants abroad. A tripartite Agreement will be signed by Shri Rajeev Kumar, Deputy Director General (DDG) & Chief Technology & Information Officer (CTIO), ICCR, Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar (Admin), IGNOU and a representative from CHD, in the Board Room, Vice Chancellor's Office of IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi at 10:00 AM on 9th November 2022.

IGNOU, being a pioneer University in Distance Education and internationally recognised, shall register and enrol eligible students and shall also be responsible for evaluation and certification of students. CHD, an apex body of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for promotion of standard Hindi, shall make available study materials and will be responsible for guidance and assessment of students.

ICCR will bear 70% of the fees, while the remaining 30% will be borne by the students themselves. These classes will be held twice a week from 16th November 2022 onwards and aim to develop basic awareness and knowledge about Hindi language amongst the foreign nationals. In the inaugural online course starting on 16th November, ICCR has received registration of 226 students from 9 countries, which are Thailand, China, Mauritius, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, Taiwan, Philippines and Romania.

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