INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
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Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110 068

Application Proforma for

"Best Innovation Award-2026"

(*Please get it Typed in MS Word Separately)*

Name: _____ Enrolment No.: _____

Address: _____

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Programme Code: _____ Regional Centre: _____

Mobile No.: _____ Email: _____

If you are developing your innovation in Team, mention the following:

a. Team Leader's Name: _____

b. Details of Team Members mentioning their Name, Gender, Email, Phone and whether student of IGNOU or not.

(If there are more than one member, Add details of each member of the team as above. **But it should be noted that the award will be given to the individual main applicant only who is IGNOU Student)**

1. **Title of Innovation: _____**
2. **What is the stage of the Innovation Readiness Level of your Innovation?**
   a. Prototype or Working Model Development Stage
   b. Prototype Testing Completed
   c. Market Ready Final Product Development Stage
3. **Type of Innovation: (You may select more than one option, Tick Appropriates)**
   a. Introduction of New or Improved Services
   b. Development of New or Improvised Product
   c. Introduction of New Method of Production/Process
   d. Re-organization of Business Management Process
   e. Any other (Please Specify)
4. **When did you develop the first prototype of your Innovation? Please mention month and year of the same.**

5. **Select the Theme of your Innovation:**

1.	Food Systems, Agriculture, AgriTech, and Rural Development	11.	Hospitality, Travel, Tourism, and Experience Economy
2.	Clean Energy, Energy Storage, and Alternate Fuels	12.	IoT, Connected Devices, Sensors, and Edge Intelligence
3.	Clean Water, Water Security, and Water Management	13.	Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Digital Public Infrastructure
4.	Environment, Waste Management, and Circular Economy	14.	FinTech, InsurTech, and Financial Inclusion
5.	Public Health, Healthcare, MedTech, Swacchhata initiatives and Hygiene	15.	DeepTech, Robotics, Drones, and Automation
6.	Fitness, Wellness, Lifestyle, and SportsTech	16.	EV Ecosystem, Battery Tech, and Charging Infrastructure
7.	Smart Mobility, Transportation, Logistics, and Traffic Management	17.	SpaceTech and DefenceTech
8.	Smart Cities, Urban Development, and Housing	18.	Startups innovations integrating Indian Knowledge System and Ethos
9.	Electronics and Semiconductors	19	Any other
10.	Education, Skilling, Employability, and Digital Learning		

6. **What is the Problem that you want to solve by Your Innovation?** (Write in Max 100 words)

7. **Brief Summary of the Innovation** (Highlighting its Need, Salient Features and Utility, etc. in about 500 words)

8. **What are Innovative Features/Uniqueness of your Innovation?** (Write point-wise in about 200 Words)

9. **How is your Innovation Different/Better from a similar one, if any, in the Market?** (Write in about 50 words)

10. **Who are the Beneficiaries and Target Users of your Innovation?**

11. **Give details of Development and Implementation Process of your Innovation** (Write in about 500 Words)

12. **What is the Relevance and Usability of your Innovation in Today's Market/Society/Industry?** (Write in about 100 words)

13. **How your Innovation/Prototype can be Scaled up at Market Level?** (Write in about 100 words)

14. **Is your Innovation is being used at present? If so, please mention where it is being used?** (Enclose evidentiary proof for the same)

15. **What steps will you take to convert your Innovation/Prototype into a Market Ready Innovation?** (Write in about 50 words)

16. **Define the potential Market size for your Innovation** (in terms of Indian Rupees).

17. **Explain the potential of your Innovation/Prototype to become profitable.** (Write in about 100 words)

18. **How can your Innovation be commercialized?** (Write in about 100 words)

19. **How your Innovation/Prototype is Environment Friendly or addresses Environmental Problems?** (Write in about 100 words)

20. **Is there any Intellectual Property (IP) Component associated with your Innovation/Prototype? If yes, explain.**

21. **Have you received or applied for Intellectual Property Protection or Patent for your Innovation? If, yes please provide the details for the same.**

22. **URL Link of your Website, if any or YouTube/Social Media Channel having video of your Innovation.**

23. **Please upload some Photographs/Images of your Innovation.**

Declaration by the Applicant

I hereby confirm that I am bonafide student of IGNOU and the information presented in this Application Form is not confidential in nature and the Innovation submitted is my original work. I authorize IGNOU to use the details about the innovation given in the application form for documentation and dissemination purpose.

Date: _____ **(Name and Signature of the Applicant)**

Note:

1. Please send the filled-in duly typed Application Form for "Best Innovation Award-2026" in MS Word only, along with supporting documents through email at **ncide@ignou.ac.in**. No Handwritten or Scanned Copy will be accepted.
2. Enclose a 5-10 minutes Video Clip of your Innovation or provide URL Link related to your Innovation, if it is available on Internet or YouTube/Social Media.
3. Enclose relevant photographs related to your innovation.
4. The Last Date for submitting the Entries for Best Innovation Award-2026 is October 09, 2026.
5. For more details, visit IGNOU Website at **www.ignou.ac.in** or **https://sites.google.com/ignou.ac.in/navrieti/best-innovation-award-2026**.
6. In case of any doubt or query, you can contact through email **ncide@ignou.ac.in**.