

## Distance Education

There are 22 DIETs in the State with intake capacity of 50 teachers each which provide one year Diploma (D.Ed) for in-service untrained under Graduate teachers. There are two Govt. B.Ed Colleges and University corresponding institutes which provide two year B.Ed training course to 400 in-service untrained graduate teachers. The State has a large backlog of untrained teachers. As per latest available figures and details there are **10971** untrained under Graduate and **13565** untrained graduate teachers working in Govt. schools. SSA J&K approached IGNOU for conducting a special B.Ed course for untrained graduate teachers of the State the strategies for the same are being worked out. As the proposed training course is being conducted by IGNOU which has agreed to make it as State specific course as per the requirement of the State.

The IGNOU has agreed to prepare a State specific training module for in-service untrained graduate teachers of the State as per the requirements. As no approval was granted by the PAB for the proposed in-service untrained teachers so no major progress was made during 2013-14. However in routine a small number of such teachers got admission in two B.Ed Colleges and university institutes of correspondence courses through department.

Ten thousand untrained teacher were proposed for two year diploma/ degree course through IGNOU ( in distance mode), Rs 600 Lakhs were approved under AWP&B 2012-13 with unit cost of Rs 6000/- per teacher per year. INGOU in principal agreed to conduct a special B.Ed course for untrained graduate and above in-service teachers of J&K State. But IGNOU was charged Rupees twenty thousand per teacher as one time course fee which was Rs 8000/- per teacher more than approved Rs 12000/-. The State, MHRD are working in resolving the issue and a lot of correspondence has been done regarding this issue .The access amount to be paid to IGNOU will be borne by the teacher from their monthly salary in equal installments. PAB 2014-15 has approved training of 5000 untrained Graduate teachers through Distance Education Learning in the first phase. Present number of untrained Graduate teachers as on December 2014 is as **13565**.