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All the Regional Directors,
Regional Centres of NIOS

Subject: Inclusion of new OSDs/Observers/ Flying Squad in existing panel for monitoring of various examinations conducted by the NIOS-reg.

Madam/Sir,

As the October–November 2026 examinations are approaching special attention is required towards the effective deployment of OSDs/Observers for ensuring the integrity, transparency and smooth conduct of the NIOS examinations. In this context, the deployment of vigilant, impartial, dependable and experienced OSDs/Observers from Academic institutions of the concerned state will be most appropriate.

There have been complaints and instances in previous examinations relating to very casual approach by some of the deputed OSDs/Observers in discharging their duties at assigned exam centre. An effective preventive mechanism, therefore, requires the deployment of OSDs/Observers/Flying Squad who are vigilant, unbiased and capable of exercising effective monitoring at examination centres. It has also been reported & observed that Regional Centres maintain their respective panels of OSDs/Observers, with a number of individuals having remained on such panels and been deployed for several years. There is, therefore, an urgent need not only to expand these panels by inducting suitable new members but also to ensure systematic rotation and updation of existing OSDs/Observers in deployment at each exam centre. Such measures would strengthen checks and balances, broaden the pool of available personnel and enhance transparency and public confidence in the examination system.

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Accordingly, Regional Centres are advised to exercise due diligence while identifying and registering new OSDs/Observers. Selection from the available panels and allocation of duties to examination centres should also be undertaken with utmost care. One OSD/Observer should not be deputed for more than two days at the same examination centre. It is also advised that, in accordance with the existing rules/instructions, all sincere efforts be made to assign most of the newly inducted members for OSD/Observer duty for the forthcoming examination. This would facilitate meaningful rotation of personnel, provide an opportunity to assess the performance of new members and reduce excessive dependence on a limited number of individuals who have been undertaking such duties repeatedly.

In this regard, Regional Centres may undertake a special exercise to identify and add suitable new names to the OSD/Observer/Flying Squad panel so as to substantially expand, preferably by doubling, the existing pool. For this purpose, the Regional Offices of CBSE, KVS, respective State Education Department and NVS be approached for obtaining the names of competent, experienced and dependable serving or retired Principals/Heads of Institutions/PGT's from different districts. Similarly, universities and colleges falling within the jurisdiction of the respective Regional Centres may also be contacted for identifying suitable senior academic personnel.

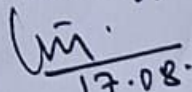
All Regional Directors are requested to publicize this requirement via social media groups, mails, websites and by issuing small free press releases in local daily or small paid advertisement as per NIOS norms so that sufficient number of eligible candidates could be empanelled as OSDs/ Observers in NIOS. A Google Form has been developed and shared for your convenience so that it can be widely used to easily obtain details. You may modify and customize the format as per requirement of your region.

Therefore, you are advised to obtain the new names, scrutinise, compile and submit to HQs for approval as per norms of NIOS. Please complete this exercise by 10th September, 2026.

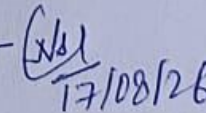
This may be treated as **Most urgent**.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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(T. N. Giri)

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