

Open Design School - (ODS)

National Innovation Council has also proposed that an Open Design School (ODS) be set up to provide free access to design education and learning material for all and is working with MHRD realize this. ODS would be a technologically forward looking and responsive centre for design innovation and research, as a unique model of trans disciplinary and collaborative education that encourages community participation. A Part from being a multi disciplinary design school itself, ODS would follow the Open courseware model, Whereby design courseware would be uploaded and shared on the web, ensuring free access to learning material (which would include video lecture and transcript, sample student projects, recommended reference material etc.) This would empower individual and communities in powerful way; for example, a village of traditional carpenters could keep abreast with the latest development in wood fabrication tools and techniques and teach themselves design management practices for small business through free access to OCW material.

ODS would support trans-disciplinary and collaborative learning- enabling design students at ODS to take their classroom projects into a collaborative mode or turn them into live projects in the field-by working together with students and faculty from other design schools, academic institutions, social or governmental bodies, industry or NGOs. Such an approach has the potential for tremendous social impact, as classroom projects are transformed into actual implementable solutions, through the inclusion of qualified professional and organizations in the projects team, and through collaborative problem solving.