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Press Release

BRPL partners IGNOU

To offer course in Skill Development in the Distribution Sector

- **Program to help acquaint the front line network staff with modern practices**
- **Certificates to be awarded by IGNOU**
- **First discom in North India to get recognition from IGNOU to conduct a Skill Development**
- **Program in power distribution**
- **Six months course conducted in two batches of 60 each**
- **Course open to front-line staff in network operations and freshers**
- **Help create a pool of talent for the discoms / SEBs**
- **BRPL has received recognition for 17 of its officials – across segments – from IGNOU to conduct this program**

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) has partnered IGNOU to offer a skill development program in the distribution sector. With this, BRPL become the first discom in north India to get recognition from IGNOU to conduct a Skill Development Program in power distribution.

The company's technical centre in Punjabi Bagh has got recognition from IGNOU to conduct "Competency Certificate in Power Distribution" (CCPD) training program under the School of Engineering & Technology (SOET).

Objective

A large number of the network field staff in SEBs is not formally trained even though they have experience. The objective of the CCPD is to ensure that all workers deployed should have continued skill development through formal technical training. It will give participants a chance to further hone their skills and get them acquainted with modern practices.

Curriculum and Duration

The curriculum of the course is developed and designed by IGNOU with the help of renowned educationists and industry experts. The duration of the program – open to front line network staff and freshers - is six months and will be conducted twice in a year with batch size of 60 each. Admissions to the course will take place in July and January every year. The course has three components - two theory papers and one practical manual. The program has a minimum 60 hours of hands on training and will be imparted by qualified trainers. BRPL has received recognition for 17 of its officials from IGNOU to conduct this program.

The course covers basics of electricity, generation and transmission, protection of electrical network, tools and safety, besides covering distribution system, transformers, switchgears, distribution losses and metering. Its practicals cover pole erection, overhead and underground line laying, meter installation and maintenance of distribution network equipment etc. On completion of the program, the participants will be given a certificate by IGNOU.

Announcing the course, BRPL spokesperson said, “The program will help in skill development among the important front-line category of network staff. It will also help in creating a pool of talent for the discoms / SEBs. Post-training, participants would be able to better understand the power distribution sector, its essential components, repair & maintenance of equipments and distribution lines”

“They will also be able to get an overview of overhead and underground network, basics of AT&C losses, transformers & distribution boxes, various LT networks, safety norms at workplace. It will improve the overall quality of workmanship.” **added the spokesperson.**