

### **CEMCA awards for NIOS learners**

**Five female students who topped in media/technology related subjects in the April 2011 examinations conducted by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) have been awarded by the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi.**

These awards have been conferred on Ms. T. Divya Bharathi (*Word Processing (English) – Secondary Course*), Ms. Minakshi (*Science and Technology- Secondary Course*), Ms. Sriraksha Raghunathan (*Mass Communication- Sr. Secondary Course*), Ms. Varsha Srivastava (*Computer Science- Sr. Secondary Course*) and Ms. Khushaboo Srivastava (*Word Processing (English)- Sr. Secondary Course*).

In addition to a scholarship of Rs. 3000/- covering the entire admission and examination fee spent by each female awardee to complete her secondary /senior secondary education through NIOS, each award also includes a citation from CEMCA.

CEMCA, New Delhi, a Sub-Regional Office of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Canada has been collaborating with the NIOS to expand the scope and improve the quality of learning by using new approaches and technologies in the area of Open and Distance Learning (ODL).

These awards, it is considered, will go a long way in encouraging girls and women, included in the target group of NIOS, to pursue higher education in emerging areas of media/ technology, thereby strengthening the NIOS objectives of providing greater equity and justice in society and evolving an inclusive learning society.