

Is ignou.ac.in legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

ignou.ac.in

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ignou.ac.in appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official university site for Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Contains institutional overview, programmes, admissions, student services, regional centre information, and contact details. Content aligns with expectations for an established public education provider.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	25 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2001 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2001.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is an apparently established public-university portal for Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), presenting institutional information, academic programmes, admissions, student services, and regional support resources for an education-focused operating model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed across the available evidence: there are no confirmed phishing, impersonation, or malicious-content indicators, and the site does not present investment, financial-return, cryptocurrency, or other abuse-oriented services. The homepage structure and institutional content are consistent with a university information and administration portal, while the long-running historical record supports continuity rather than recent repurposing. The real-world operator identity remains independently unverified, so the on-page institutional presentation should be treated as evidence-consistent rather than conclusive proof of identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Indira Gandhi National Open University and provides university, programme, admissions, student-service, and regional-centre content.
- Page analysis recorded no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet activity, brand-impersonation indicator, or phishing indicator on the homepage.
- Domain registration: 2004-02-28 (~22.47 years old); registered through ERNET India and expiring 2034-02-28.
- Web archive: 5,000 snapshots spanning 2001-03-30 to 2023-11-09, covering 23 years with a maximum recorded gap of 1 year.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's stated model is educational rather than financial, so the relevant verification question is institutional authenticity and the status of any applicable admissions or education-service arrangements, not investment licensing. The homepage presents IGNOU as established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 and supplies institutional and student-service pathways; however, that on-page claim does not independently verify the real-world operator identity. No conflicting legal-entity names or third-party broker association were identified. Ordinary confirmation of institutional identity, programme status, fees, and applicable refund or payment terms remains appropriate before sensitive interactions.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage states that IGNOU was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 and describes its educational mandate.
- The domain is registered through ERNET India, with the recorded registrant organization identified as Indira Gandhi National Open University.
- Hosting is recorded on AS55824, NKN-CORE-NW - NKN Core Network, IN.
- TLS uses an OV certificate issued by GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018, valid through 2027-02-08.

What to Verify Next

Independent confirmation should establish that the institutional identity, programme information, admissions instructions, and payment destinations correspond to the intended university before credentials or payments are submitted. The current admissions and service workflows should also be checked for active dates, applicable fees, refund conditions, and payment-protection arrangements. Because the homepage labels the site as a beta website with content being updated, time-sensitive instructions should be confirmed through an independently obtained institutional contact route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage labels the website as a beta version whose contents are being updated.
- The homepage exposes separate routes for online, open-and-distance-learning, foreign, and doctoral applications.
- The site provides a Contact Us route and student-related support information for independent cross-checking.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam or impersonation contradiction was identified, although the operator's real-world identity is not independently verified by this assessment.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to two likely origin addresses rather than through a detected CDN or WAF edge network. Its infrastructure is associated with NKN-CORE-NW - NKN Core Network in India; this is a neutral hosting characteristic, while the valid organization-validated TLS certificate provides a positive transport-security signal but does not by itself prove legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence; before credential or payment interactions, ordinary independent checks of institutional identity, current service terms, and payment protections should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of ignou.ac.in.

- The request stayed on ignou.ac.in. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under ERNET India. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by ac.in, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2034-02-28. CLEAR
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2001-03-30. CLEAR
- It is hosted on NKN-CORE-NW, from a server in IN. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	ERNET India
Hosting	NKN-CORE-NW - NKN Core Network, IN
Country	IN
Server IP	14.139.40.49
Name servers	ignoudns2.ignou.ac.in, ignoudns.ignou.ac.in, sns1.nkn.in
SSL issuer	GlobalSign RSA OV SSL CA 2018
SSL expiry	2027-02-08
Domain age	25.37 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2034-02-28
Archive first seen	2001-03-30
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about ignou.ac.in at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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