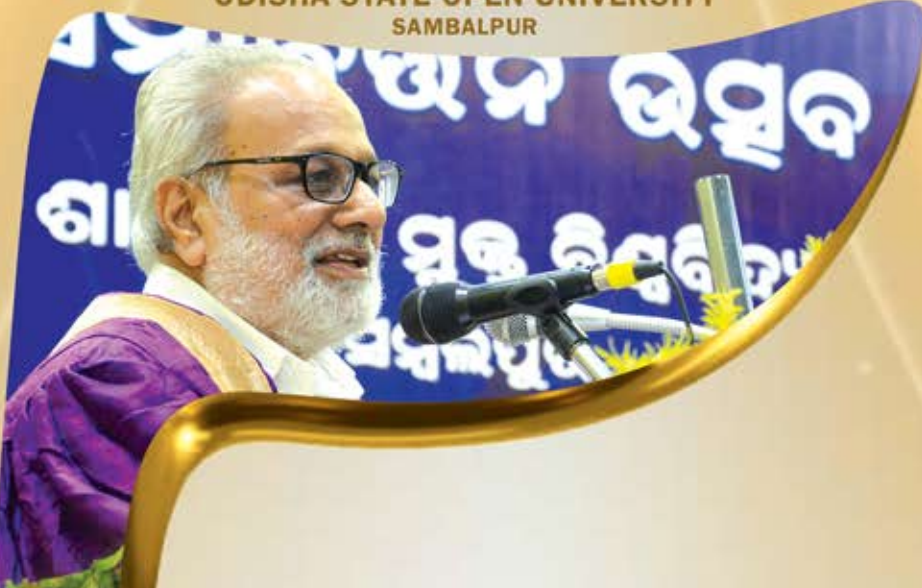




ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY
SAMBALPUR



University Creating
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PROFILE 2020



CHANCELLOR



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FOREWORD

Greetings from Odisha State Open University (OSOU), Sambalpur.

The fifth Foundation Day of the University is being celebrated during the period of COVID-19 pandemic. Schools, Colleges and Universities all over the world have been closed and the teaching and learning process has been severely disrupted. Teachers and students are getting connected through use of ICT. OSOU has adopted the methods of online teaching since April 2020. Teachers from the best universities in the country are invited to deliver lectures and interact with our learners in real time through online platforms. Feedback is both encouraging and inspiring. Even statutory body meetings, interaction with learners, project proposal approval including grievance redressal are continuing by extensive use of interactive communication technology. Faculty, staff and learners, all have adopted to the new reality: healthy sign for the future of the university.

OSOU has made its presence in both in nation as well as international fields. At the national level we have signed MoUs with NDMA, New Delhi and NIMHANS, Bangalore. At the State level MoUs have been signed with Sambalpur University, Burla and Sri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri to provide skill based training to make university students job worthy. OSOU has joined hands with forty other universities and international associations to make its e-content available to the entire student community leaving in the Commonwealth Countries. We have joined a consortium of Asian and European Universities in developing online M.Sc. Programme in Renewable Energy with European Union funding.

As part of our mission for university-community linkages noteworthy intervention has been made in the five adopted villages near the proposed permanent campus. Blankets, essential food items, masks, sanitizers were distributed to the poor and needy. Socio-economic mapping of these villages have been done by the faculty and staff as part of UBA 2.0 initiative. University has unanimously contributed Rs. ten lakhs to the CM Relief Fund to strengthen the hands of the State Government in its fight against corona virus.

Under the banner of university-industry linkages Mega Job Fair was organised at Sambalpur in which around 4500 job aspirants and 60 industry partners participated. The resounding success achieved through mobilisation of job seekers and job providers in one platform has motivated us to undertake similar initiatives in other parts of the state.

OSOU team of twelve members visited YCMOU, Nasik as part of faculty exchange programme. We look forward to similar such exchange programmes with other State Open Universities to give exposure to our young staff members to the best practices in open and distance learning system. We have moved a step ahead in having our permanent campus at Sambalpur. Possession over forty acres of land has been given to us. Money has been released for construction of boundary wall. Plan for the administrative building and guest house has been submitted to the Government.

I take this opportunity to thank the hon'ble Chancellor, the Higher Education Department, State Higher Education Council, Vice-Chancellors of State universities and open universities in the county for their support and goodwill. Faculty, staff, study centre functionaries, counsellors, content writers and learners of the university deserve appreciation for their immense contribution in building this university. I am indebted to members of the Board of Management and Finance Committee for their support and guidance.

Thank you. Jai Hind.

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra
Vice-Chancellor, OSOU





About the University

Odisha State Open University has jurisdiction over the whole of the State of Odisha. The University's focus is on education, research, training and capacity building by diversity on means of distance and continuing education including the use of new educational technology available to common man at affordable cost. Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates issued by the University shall be treated at par with Degrees/Diplomas issued by other Universities established by centre/states and recognized by UGC.



The Mandate

To provide an innovative system of university level education, flexible and open, in regard to methods and pace of learning, combination of courses, eligibility for enrolment, age of entry, conduct of examination and operation of the programmes with a view to promote learning and encourage excellence in new fields of knowledge.

To establish, maintain or recognize institutes, schools, regional centres and study centres and such other institute at such places in the State as it may deem fit;

To play a positive role in the development of the State and promote opportunities of employment of people of Odisha through education, research and training;

To introduce add-on courses related to the need of employment;

To use communication technology for advancement and dissemination of learning and knowledge; to ensure access, equity, excellence and inclusive education

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The Academic Council is the principal academic body to co-ordinate and exercise general supervision over the academic policies of the University. It is responsible for maintaining the academic standards. Skill Development Education Council has to organize and promote skill related trainings and programmes; to give recognition to industries, firms, institutions, different registered workshops, laboratories, training institutes as training platform for students of the University, to work out the modalities to standardize vocational and skill development education offered by different organizations and to withhold recognition of defaulting bodies. The Planning Board is the principal planning body responsible for monitoring of the developments on the lines indicated in the objects of the University. The Board of Recognition is responsible for admitting Government recognized colleges to the privileges of the University for providing add-on and skill development courses. The Finance Committee shall deal with the financial matters of the University including investment of University funds and purchase of any immovable property.



VISION

- To play a positive role in the development of the State through education, research, training and capacity building
- To give emphasis on skill based vocational add-on courses for promoting employment opportunities
- To ensure access and equity in higher education

MISSION

- To increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in Odisha.
- To create a state-wide network of Study Centres to reach out to all parts of the state and all segments of the society
- To create University-Industry interface
- To promote inclusiveness in higher education and establish University community linkages.

CORE VALUES

ACCESS

EQUITY

EXCELLENCE

INNOVATION

TRANSPARENCY

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Design and development of high-quality self-learning materials (SLM) in English and regional language.
- Production of audio/video programmes in English and regional language.
- Development of e-content integrating multimedia components
- Design and development of e-learning and m-learning platforms.
- Web-conferencing and video-conferencing facilities for real time teaching and learning.
- Online attendance management system at all study centres for academic monitoring of counseling and skill training sessions.
- Online student feedback system for monitoring the quality of counseling and training programme.
- Installation of biometric system and CCTV at study centres to monitor skill-based training.
- Integrated Examination Management System with Question Bank, Online Evaluation and Digitization of certificates.
- Construction of academic and administrative blocks, multimedia centre and centralized computing facility.
- Faculty and student Exchange programs with State Open Universities (SOUs) for adoption of best practices.
- Wide Area Network (WAN) and Local Area Network (LAN) and connectivity with the national network.
- Contractual staff (teaching and non-teaching) appointment and training for capacity building.
- Creation of IQAC, Legal Cell, Anti-sexual Harassment Cell, Anti-ragging Cell and Equal Opportunity Cell along with OER policy implementation cell.
- Creating institutional brand image through Learning Management System (LMS), Internet Radio (Pragnya Vani) and internet-based video platform (Gyan Jyoti).
- Research activities to be augmented through R&D Cell and making provision for Research & Training Apprentice (RTA).
- Village immersion by students and adoption of two villages by university for enhancing quality of life.
- Establishment of campus placement cell and training of students in soft skills to enhance employability.
- Financial support to disadvantaged groups.
- Introducing 'Earn and Learn' scheme for needy.
- Distribution of smart phone and tablets to the Disadvantaged social groups to facilitate online/mobile learning process.
- Fee exemption for transgender learners.

School of Studies



School of Social Science
& Humanities

School of Business and
Management Studies



School of Science
& Technology

School of Computer and
Information Sciences



School of Healthcare
Sciences

School of Agriculture



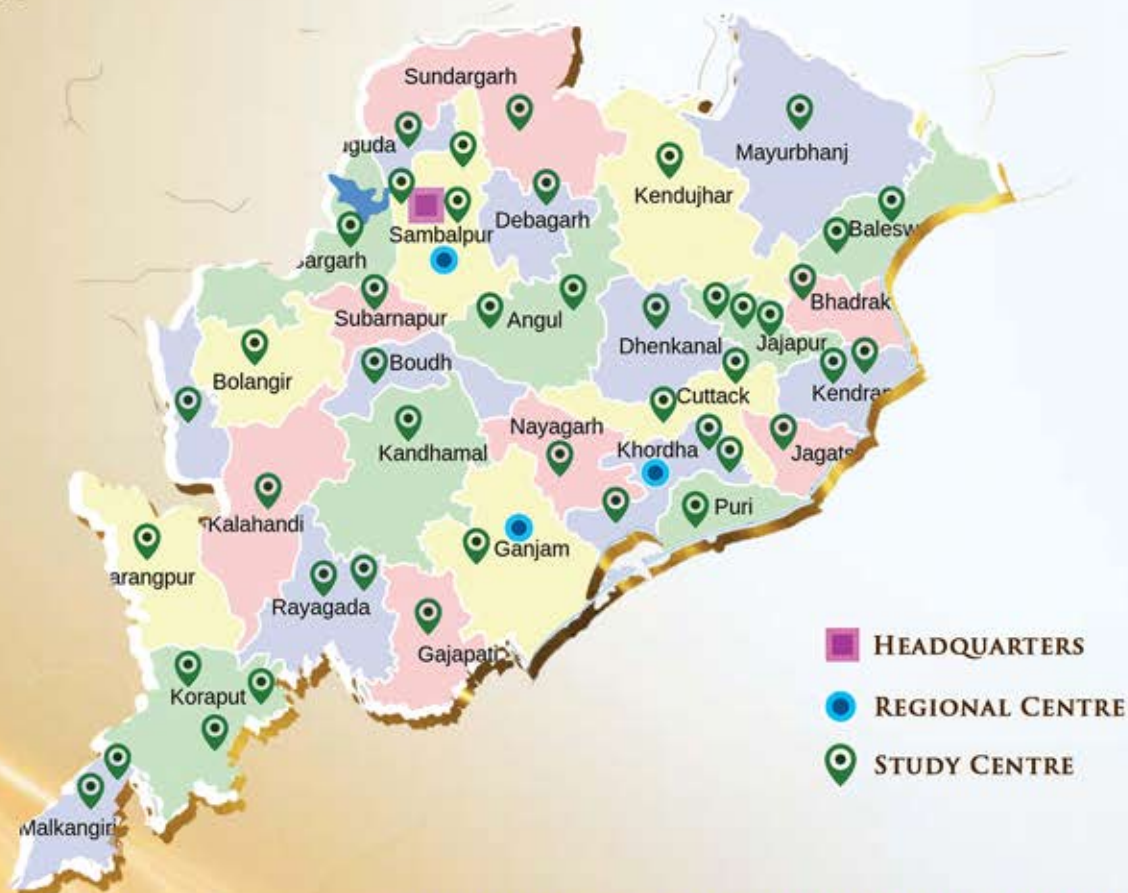
School of Education
(Continuing & Extension)

School of Teachers
Training



Regional Centres & Study Centres

Open University in Odisha has established Regional Centres and Study Centres in different parts of the State to provide student support services. Skill Development Centres are established for hands-on training. During the last five years University has established 54 study centres covering all the districts of Odisha. All centres have been established in reputed Universities and Government/Aided Colleges. Regional Centres have been established at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Jeypore and Balasore.



CREDIT SYSTEM

Odisha State Open University is following credit system where each credit is equivalent to 30 hours of study. For any certificate level course of six-month duration students are required to earn 16 credits (480 Study Hours) and for a diploma course of one-year duration the minimum credit required for successful completion of programme will be 32 credits (960 Study Hours). Post Graduate Diploma Programme are eighteen months' duration. Credit value of PG Diploma is 48 (1440 Study Hours). In postgraduate degree programme, the total credit value varies from 64 to 72 depending upon the requirement of each programme. However, in undergraduate programmes that falls under CBCS pattern, the total credit value for three years honours programme in BA, B.COM and BBA is 148.

GRADING SYSTEM

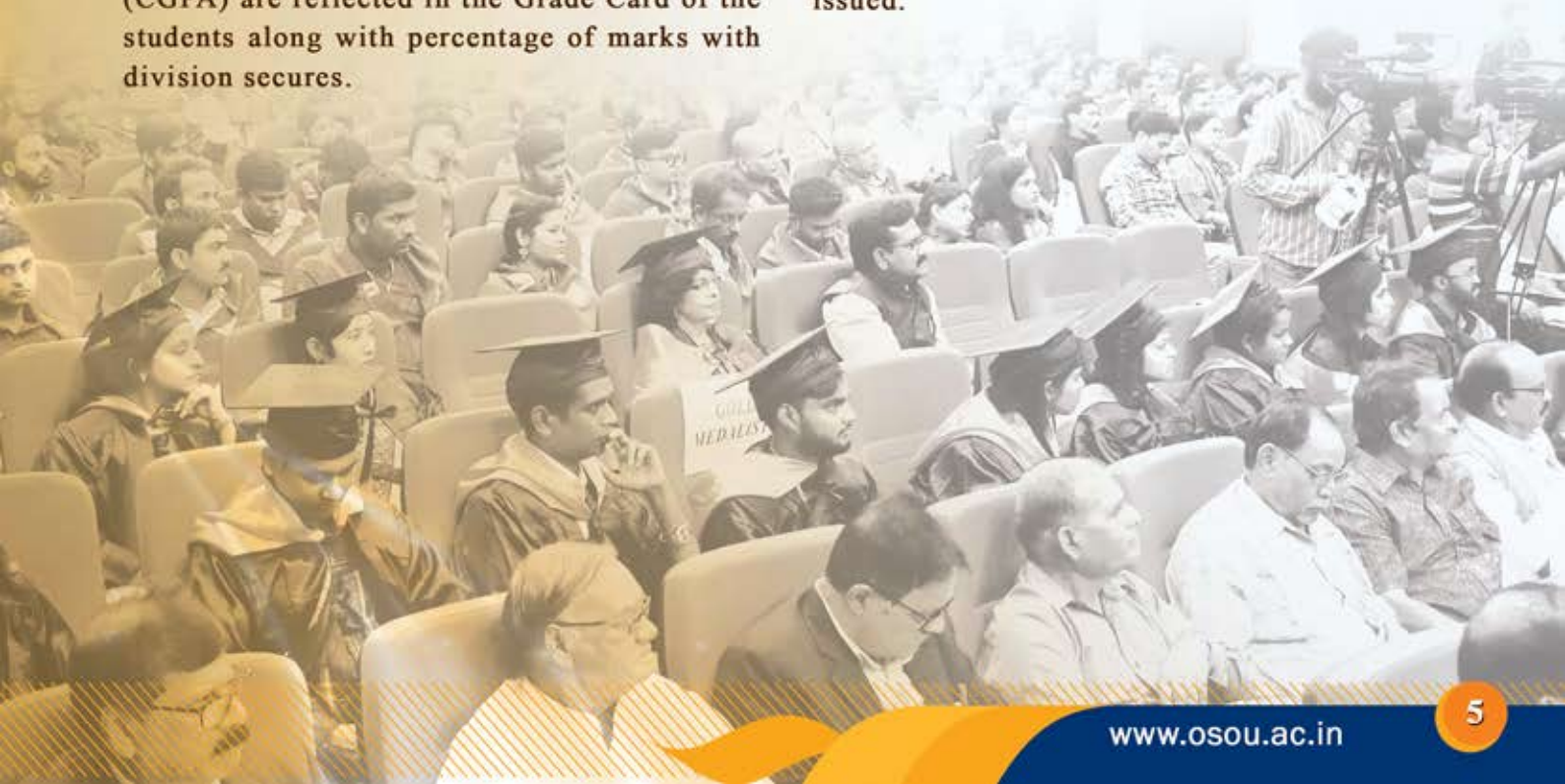
State Open University in Odisha is following grading system of evaluation to assess the performance of the students. Ten point grading system suggested by the University Grants Commission (UGC) is implemented by the University. Semester grade point average (SGPA) and cumulative grade point average (CGPA) are reflected in the Grade Card of the students along with percentage of marks with division secures.

SEMESTER SYSTEM

Odisha State Open University has introduced semester system. Each semester is of six months' duration. The performance of the learners is evaluated after the end of each semester. Academic Calendar is available on the University web portal.

EVALUATION SYSTEM

Evaluation system is based on two core components: continuous evaluation and term-end examination. Continuous evaluation carries 25% weightage and the end semester examination carries 75% weightage. In skill based programmes with hands-on training evaluation of the performance of students in practical and theory have a ratio of 75:25. Some programmes have project component. Evaluation in project courses have two aspects, project report and viva voce which is in the ratio of 75:25. University will offer some non-credit courses to create awareness for which a certificate of participation will be issued.



MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMMES

1	Master of Arts (Economics)	MAEC	8	Master of Arts (Political Science)	MAPS
2	Master of Arts (English)	MAEG	9	Master of Arts in Rural Development	MARD
3	Master of Arts (Hindi)	MAHD	10	Master of Arts (Sanskrit)	MASK
4	Master of Arts (History)	MAHI	11	Master of Arts (Sociology)	MASO
5	Master of Arts (Odia)	MAOD	12	Master of Commerce	MCOM
6	Master of Arts (Public Administration)	MAPA	13	Master of Arts (Journalism and Mass Communication)	MJMC
7	Master of Arts (Public Policy)	MAPP	14	Master of Science (Cyber Security)	MSCS

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

1	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics	BAEC	6	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science	BAPS
2	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English	BAEG	7	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology	BASO
3	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Hindi	BAHD	8	Bachelor of Business Administration	BBA
4	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History	BAHI	9	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	BCOM
5	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Odia	BAOD	10	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Journalism and Mass Communication	BJMC

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

1	Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications	PGDCA	5	Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication	PGDJMC
2	Post Graduate Diploma in Cyber Security	PGDCS	6	Post Graduate Diploma in Media Management	PGDMM
3	Post Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management	PGDDM	7	Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development	PGDRD
4	Post Graduate Diploma in Management	PGDIM	8	Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Management	PGDRM

ADVANCE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

1	Advance Diploma in Computer Applications	ADCA	5	Advance Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communication	ADJMC
2	Advance Diploma in Cyber Security	ADCS	6	Advance Diploma in Media Management	ADMM
3	Advance Diploma in Disaster Management	ADDM	7	Advance Diploma in Rural Development	ADRD
4	Advance Diploma in Management	ADIM	8	Advance Diploma in Rural Management	ADRM

DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

1	Diploma in Computer Applications	DCA	9	Diploma in Multimedia & Animation	DMA
2	Diploma in Cyber Security	DCS	10	Diploma in Media Management	DMM
3	Diploma in Disaster Management	DDM	11	Diploma in Odia Language and Communication	DOLC
4	Diploma in Entrepreneurship Development	DED	12	Diploma in Office Management	DOM
5	Diploma in Functional Hindi & Translation	DFHT	13	Diploma in Rural Development	DRD
6	Diploma in Accounting	DIA	14	Diploma in Rural Management	DRM
7	Diploma in Management	DIM	15	Diploma in Tribal Studies	DTBS
8	Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication	DJMC	16	Diploma in Web Design	DWD

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

1	Certificate in Climate Change and Sustainable Development	CCCS	8	Certificate in Translation (English-Odia)	CIT
2	Certificate in Communication Skills	CCS	9	Certificate in Journalism & Mass Communication	CJMC
3	Certificate in Digital Library	CDL	10	Certificate in Legal Awareness	CLA
4	Certificate in e-Commerce	CEC	11	Certificate in Media Management	CMM
5	Certificate in Emerging and New Media Studies	CENMS	12	Certificate in Rural Development	CRD
6	Certificate in Functional Sanskrit	CFS	13	Certificate in Rural Management	CRM
7	Certificate in Geriatric Care	CGC	14	Certificate in Soft Skill and IT Skill	CSSITS

POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

1	Post Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology	PGCRSM
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FOUNDADTION DAY



Dr Tapan Chand, CMD, NALCO, has sought the collaboration of OSOU for rendering skill-based training to the youth of western Odisha. “We are in the process of drafting a proposal to enhance the employability of our underprivileged, young job seekers” informed Prof. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice Chancellor, OSOU, on the eve of fourth foundation day of Odisha State Open University held on 10th June, 2019, at the district auditorium (Tapaswini), Sambalpur.

Open and distant learning doesn't create learned people; it creates learners, contended Prof. Marmar Mukhopadhyaya, Director, Educational Technology and Management Academy, New Delhi. Dr Tapan Kumar Chand, Chairman cum Managing Director, NALCO, also graced the occasion as its Chief Guest. Among others who attended the celebrations were Prof. Atal Chaudri, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT, Prof. S. C. Garg, Vice chancellor, Usha Martin University and Dr Raseswari Panigrahi, former MLA. The event also saw the University signing two MOUs with Usha Martin University, Ranchi and Jean Foundation, New Delhi, for mutual exchange of self-learning materials.



OSOU's rapidly growing alumni base stands well above 2600 as on date, with two-thirds of its beneficiaries coming from the rural hinterland of Odisha. “In four years we have admitted 12,000 students. 70 percent of them have come from rural areas”, declared Prof. Mohapatra. The down-to-earth fee structure coupled with a robust network of study centers covering almost every district of Odisha makes it possible for the underprivileged to realize their right to education.

One of the hallmarks of OSOU is its extensive use of technology to deliver education at the doorsteps. In many ways its interactive website serves as a virtual classroom-cum-library. Students have 24X7 access to online study materials and uploaded lectures by experts. “Believe me a University can run through a mobile phone”, said Prof. Mohapatra. OSOU launched its mobile application in Google play store. The same enables students to apply for admission using their mobile phones. Prof. Srikant Mohapatra also insisted on the use of affordable technologies, keeping the students in mind, while imparting education through the distant education mode.



CONVOCATION



The 3rd Convocation of Odisha State Open University (OSOU), was held at District auditorium, Sambalpur, on 29th December 2019. Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha and the Chancellor of the University congratulated the University for admitting 20,000 students within a short span of less than five years. His Excellency expressed deep satisfaction over the fact that 75 percent of its students hailed from rural areas of the State.



Prof. Ami U. Upadhaya, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, the Chief Guest for the occasion, saw distance education as a part of Indian culture. Distinguished members of the Board of Management, Vice-Chancellors of many Universities, Academicians, Counsellors, Study Centre Co-ordinators and Alumni graced the occasion. More than one thousand students were awarded with certificates and diplomas. Gold medals were awarded to meritorious candidates in 15 academic programmes.



CONVOCATION



Odisha State Open University, in its short history has made an impressive journey enhancing its reach and impact as it is making its education system more inclusive to help all students reach their full potential in an accessible and supportive learning environment. I am pleased to know that the State Open University in Odisha has admitted more than 20,000 students in 50 different programmes within a short span of less than five years of its establishment. More than 75% of these students are from rural areas, that itself speaks volume about its goal of reaching out to every household in our State.



The Open University has an approach how best to address educational opportunities for diverse learners from around the state with different aspirations, motivations, and needs. We have many people who face either financial or social obstacles to accessing a quality education. In addition to new types of learners, new tools and technologies have emerged. With the explosion of online education, digital learning has also become central to the discourse on educational change.





Assessors Orientation Programme NAAC-Bengaluru

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Honorable Vice Chancellor, OSOU participated in the two days Assessors' Orientation Programme (AOP) at NAAC, Bangalore from 23rd – 24th January 2020 held to orient the Assessors for Assessment and Accreditation of Open and Dual Mode Universities.



Around 52 distinguished academicians from different States of our Country participated in the AOP. The Vice-Chancellors, Directors and Professors from various renowned Institutions belonging to different disciplines/specialties were among the participants. The purpose of the AOP was to equip and update the prospective Assessors regarding the Assessment and Accreditation of the Open University and Dual Mode Universities.



INDUCTION MEETINGS

G M University, Sambalpur

The Induction meeting of G M University Study Centre (2801) was held on 8th September 2019 at Gangadhar Meher University Campus, Sambalpur. Dr. Mahendra Behera, Study Centre Co-ordinator presided over the meeting which was attended by more than 130 learners. Dr Manas Ranjan Pujari, the Registrar of OSOU offered a very warm welcome to the newly admitted students and discussed about the Open and Distance Learning System in OSOU and its importance. The Study Centre functionaries, faculty and staff of the University also participated in the meeting.



J.K.B.K Govt. college study center, Cuttack

Induction meeting for newly admitted learners of OSOU, J.K.B.K Govt. college study center, Cuttack was held on 01.09.2019. Around 100 students participated in the meeting. Sri Dhiren Chand Nayak, Study Centre Coordinator welcomed the Guests and the learners and presided over the meeting. faculties of different departments and staff discussed with the learners and gave them detailed introduction about various courses offered by OSOU.

Rourkela Government Autonomous College, Rourkela

An induction meeting was held on 08.09.2019 Sunday at 10.00 a.m. at of Govt. Autonomous College (Study Center-3001) for newly admitted Learners. The meeting was presided by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Study Centre Co-ordinator and Dr. Debendranath Behera, Principal of the college graced the meeting as Chief Guest. Dr. L. P. Swain, (Retd. Prof.) Sr. Counselor of Sociology was Guest of Honour and Dr. R. K. Behera, Sr. Counsellor of Odia was the Chief Speaker. The information to Open and Distance Learning, Counseling Classes, Assignment, Form Fill-up and Examination etc were discussed. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Sri Sisir Patra, Counselor of the Study Centre.



INDUCTION MEETINGS

Dhenkanal Mahila Mahavidyalaya



Induction meeting organised at our study centre at 10.0AM on 01.09.2019. Dr. Pradeep Kumar Mishra, Retd. IGNO Co-ordinator, JKBBK College Cuttack acted as Resource person. Our Co-ordinator was the chief speaker, Smt. Sebati Dei, Ex- Principal, Dhenkanal Mahila Mahavidyalaya was the chief Guest of the meeting. Around 70 students participated in the induction meeting.

Kuchinda College



Osou study center Kuchinda College, Kuchinda (2803) organized induction meeting on 8th of Sept. 2019. The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. S. Panigrahi, Principal. Shri Khageswar Dash, reader in English and coordinator, IGNOU, and Dr. S. Patel graced the occasion as the chief speaker and guest of honor. Dr. Panigrahi and Shri Dash highlighted the importance and opportunities that can be availed by students in distance learning. 84 learners of the study center attended the meeting and actively participated with their views and queries.

N.C. (Auto) College, Jajpur



Induction meeting held on 08.09.2019 in the college auditorium chaired by Principal N. C. (Auto) College and more than 150 learners attended the meeting. The program coordinator Dr. Ansuman Jena and other staffs of OSOU from Bhubaneswar attended the meeting. Dr Jena Addressed the learners and replied their queries. The meeting was a grand success.

Prananath College (Auto), Khordha

The Induction Meeting of the OSOU study centre of P.N. College (Auto.), Khordha was held on 03.09.2019 at 11am in the Maitree Bhawan (Auditorium). Dr. Sarat Kumar Dora, Co-ordinator presided over the meeting. Maj. K.P. Mohanty former Vice-Chancellor of North Odisha University, Dr. Dillip Kumar Nayak, Regional Coordinator, OSOU, Smt. Swayamprava Pattanaik, former Principal, P.N. College (Auto.), Khordha, Dr. Pramod Chandra Dash, former principal, Begunia College, Dr. Debendra Kumar Manasingh, former principal S.J. College, Kaipadar graced the occasion as chief guest, chief speaker and honourable guests respectively.



Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar

An Induction Meeting was held for the new learners of Study Centre (1903) in the Gallery No. 7 of Rajdhani College, Bhubaneswar on 5.9.2019 at 4pm. The meeting was presided over by the Coordinator of the SC Dr Manas Ranjan Satpathy. Dr Sasmita Tripathy, the Principal was the Guest of the occasion where as Dr Dilip Kumar Nayak, OSD, Regional Centre, OSOU, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Speaker of the occasion.



INDUCTION MEETINGS



SKCG AUTO College, Paralakhernundi

The Induction meeting was held on 08.09.2019 at 10.00 AM in the Auditorium Hall of SKCG Auto College, Paralakhemundi under the presidentship of Prof. Indubhusan sahoo, Principal. He graced the occasion as Chief Guest. He explained the success story of OSOU to the Learners. Prof. Gayatri Devi was invited as the Chief Speaker of the Induction Meeting. Dr. Sunanda Patnaik honourable guest of honour elaborated how through education inequality and ultimately poverty can be eradicated from the society.

The induction meeting for the fresher's admitted into the July 2019 session held on 01.09.2019 in the auditorium of our college at 10.30 AM. Miss Renuka Mishra, Ex-Principal of Sonapur College, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Prof. S.N.Rath, ex-Coordinator, OSOU, Study Centre Sonapur College attended the meeting as a resource person. The meeting was presided over by Sri A.K.Hota, Coordinator OSOU study centre, Sonapur College.

Sonapur College



Deogarh College



Deogarh Study Centre has organized induction meeting on Dt: 15.09.2019 to welcome the newly admitted learners for July session 2019. Sri Sanjib Kumar Dash, Sr. Lect. in Physics & Coordinator of IGNOU was the chief guest for the ceremony. Sri Niranjan Sahu attended the meeting as a resource person. 73 no of participants & 20 no of staff members were presented in the meeting.

Women's College, Jharsuguda

The Induction Meeting of the OSOU study centre of Women's College Jharsuguda was held on 08.09.2019. Dr. Suprita Dash, Co-ordinator presided over the meeting. Prof. Balbindar Kaur, Principal, Women's College Jharsuguda, Dr. Samir Kumar Panigrahi, Principal, BDCE, Jharsuguda graced the occasion as chief guest and resource person respectively. 80 to 100 no of students & staff members were presented in the meeting.



Vibram Deb Autonomous College

Vibram Deb Autonomous College, study center organized an induction meeting. The Principle of the college Dr. Smt. Rachana Acharya was the chief guest and Prof. Trinath Prasad Ratha, Regional Director of higher education, jeypore was the guest of honor and Prof. Ranjan kumar pradhan coordinator of the IGNOU, study center of the college was the chief speaker and Shri. Mahendra Prasad Mishra of OSOU, Regional center, Jeypore was the guest of honour. Near about 300 students having different subjects, Councilors of different departments, have attended the Induction Meeting.



INDUCTION MEETINGS



MOU with NDMA

Odisha State Open University(OSOU), Sambalpur and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi on 6th January 2020 to develop Post-Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management and Certificate Programme in Relief Centre Management for disaster victims. The programs will be offered through online mode for students from all over the country.



The aim of the project is to build the capacity of stake holders as well as common mass through online learning on various aspects of Disaster Resilience, Risk Mitigation, Disaster Preparedness and post disaster Rehabilitation and Resettlement. The training modules in the form of e-content and video on various aspects of Disaster Management will be available in the OSOU portal for anytime anywhere learning. PG Diploma in Disaster Management will be having 32 Credits and shall be completed within a period of 12 months in four trimesters. The University is already offering similar programme through offline mode by providing printed self-learning material to the learners. The Certificate Programme in Relief Centre Management for Disaster victims will be an eight credit programme to be covered in three months. In line with the agreement, OSOU will receive financial support from NDMA for designing, developing and delivering the programme. Dr Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU signed the MOU at NDMA Headquarters in New Delhi.

MOU with Sambalpur University

Odisha State Open University and Sambalpur University signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Multimedia Studio, a Study Centre and a Career Counselling Centre at Sambalpur University. The Vice-Chancellors of both the Universities expressed their happiness at the collaboration which would provide opportunities to both the Universities to produce instructional study materials which would be of direct benefit to the teachers and students. It would also help both the Universities to launch skill based MOOCs courses to enhance the employability skills of the students. The Registrars of both the Universities signed and exchanged the MOU.



Inauguration of Multimedia Lab

The Multimedia Studio set up by Odisha State Open University, at the space provided inside the SUIT Campus of Sambalpur University was inaugurated by both the Vice-Chancellors in presence of academicians, officers and students of both the Universities.



Prof Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University; Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Odisha State Open University; Prof. Sanjat Kumar Sahu, Registrar, Sambalpur University; Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, Odisha State Open University; Prof. A.K. Das Mohapatra, Chairman, PG Council, Sambalpur University; Dr. Nihar Satapathy, Director, SUIT were present on the occasion. The Heads of Departments, Officers and students of both the Universities were also present in the occasion.

Planation Drive



Odisha State Open University celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 2019 by organizing a Plantation Drive at its permanent campus, at Basantpur, Sambalpur. More than 200 saplings, provided by the Forest Department of Odisha, were planted by the staff and faculty members of the University. The Vice-Chancellor wished all the stakeholders of the University on the auspicious occasion and inspired them to walk on the ideals of the father of the nation. The objective of the plantation drive was to promote the Go Green Initiative through planting of trees and conservation of natural resources. The event was marked by enthusiasm and all-round participation by the University staff.



Visit of UGC Expert Committee



The Expert Committee of University Grand Commission (UGC) visited Odisha State Open University on 6th and 7th December 2019. Prof. Nageshwar Rao Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU, New-Delhi, Prof. Soma Bandhopadhyay Vice-Chancellor, West-Bengal University of Teacher's Training, Education Planning and Administration, Prof. Jagdish Narayan Mishra Former Director Head, and Registrar, Central University of Allahabad, Ms. Pooja Bhaumik Education Officer, UGC, Eastern Regional Centre, Kolkata visited the University and its Study Centres. The member of the committee also interacted with the stakeholders of OSOU.



Winter Programme

Odisha State Open University offered the winter training programme in skill based programmes such as Soft Skills and Communicative English, IT Skills, Photoshop Basics, and Auto CAD with an aim to provide extensive training to enhance the knowledge and skills required to achieve academic and professional goals of the learners in the month of November.



National Workshops in collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning

Workshop on QA in OER



Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) organized three days' workshop at Sambalpur from 17th to 19th June 2019 on Promoting Quality Open Educational Resources in India for the faculty / professionals of Open Universities in India. 38 participants from 14 State Open Universities of India participated in the workshop. This workshop on Quality Assurance (QA) in Open Educational Resources (OER) in India has been conceived to provide training to delegates from Indian Open Universities to make them capable to assure quality in OER and set in place structures to develop an institutional culture of openness and accessibility.



The Commonwealth Digital Education Leadership Training in Action (C-DELTA) workshop was organised by Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) on 26th -28th JUNE, 2019. The workshop aimed to develop the capacities of teachers/ academic counsellors to use the C-DELTA platform and serve as trainers on Digital Education Leadership programme.

Workshop on C-DELTA



OSOU have implemented the programme as a non-credit course for all its students. Thus, the teachers that are trained will be responsible to provide guidance for the students, as required.



Workshop on Online and Blended Learning

Odisha State Open University (OSOU) in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) organized a three days' workshop at Sambalpur from 20th to 22nd June 2019 on Design, Development of online and blended learning for the faculty / professionals of the Universities in Odisha. Thirty-three participants from the Universities across the state of Odisha participated in the workshop. The objective of the workshop was training and capacity building of faculty for design, development and delivery of programs both in online and blended mode. This workshop provided a foundation for the faculty member of State of Odisha to contribute to the SWAYAM platform and offer their own online courses.



Faculty Exchange Programme to YCMOU



The basic purpose of this program is to know the best practices of both the university so that it can be adopted in the respective University to achieve the main objective of open and distance learning that is to reach the unreached. A team of 12 members from Odisha State Open University visited YCMOU Nasik for a period of six days from 21st to 26th February 2020 and learned about various activities undergoing in the University. YCMOU has received two times excellence award from Commonwealth of Learning for its unique practices. It is the Fifth Open University in the country established in July 1989. All the degree and post-graduate degree programmes are duly recognized and approved by the 'University Grant Commission (UGC). The university currently offers 200+ different academic programme. The cumulative enrolment as it stands today, is in excess of 36,00,000 students, eight regional centres & over 2000 multi-programme Study Centres provide various academics & student support services to these students to achieve the vision to become a Mass Varsity. The members from OSOU visited the headquarter that spreads over 150 acres of land area comprising of the Yash Inn International Convention Centre, KVK Center, Main Administrative Building, Academic Building, Examination Building, Audio Video Center & Print Production Center, Yashabharati Building, Ware House, M.P. Sheds, Officers and staff Quarters. Mr. Prakash Barve, Mr. Rajendra and Mr. Pramod were the coordinating officers of YCMOU for the entire visit of Faculty Exchange Programme from OSOU. On the first day the faculty visited the administrative building to meet the administrative officers of the University.

The first interaction was with Prof. E Vayunandan, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, who briefed about the functioning of the University, various activities of the University, how they manage students (which is huge in strength) and the way they network with Regional Centres and study centers. Dr. Dinesh Bonde, the esteemed Registrar of YCMOU gave a clear picture of the ongoing administrative activities and scientific system of student admission, examination, evaluation followed in YCMOU. The team from OSOU visited different schools and departments of the university and interacted with their faculty members and staff to understand the way they function.



Faculty Exchange Programme to YCMOU



The team visited the Library and Resource center of YCMOU that is one of the most appreciated book hub and the Library building has been recognized as one of the best in Asia. The faculty learned about the Mobile Learning Centre designed to carry education to the remote rural and tribal areas involves the construction of specially designed Mobile learning vans. The OSOU team got knowledge about massive volume of the distance learning system handled by the university and its overall scale of operations and achievements of YCMOU to be enlisted as one of the Mega Open Universities of the world. The team had a wonderful experience at YCMOU.



The KVK is the unique specialty of YCMOU that acts as a vocational training centre to work at the grass root level for imparting need-based training and skills in the field of agriculture and rural development. This model farm, equipped with modern irrigation system, has important horticultural crops developed to cater to the need of farmers in the district.



Academic Audit: JMC

On January 30, 2020, Academic Audit of Master of Arts (Journalism and Mass Communication) was held at the headquarters of Odisha State Open University in Sambalpur. A team of subject experts under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Mrinal Chatterjee, Regional Director, Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Dhenkanal, made a detailed audit of Self Learning Materials (SLM) developed by the University for Master of Journalism and Mass media Communication. Following the audit, the team submitted its report. It recommended measures to improve the quality of SLMS, wherever needed. Other members of the team included Mr. Abhaya Padhi, Former DDG, Prasar Bharati, Dr. Uma Shankar Pandey, Associate Professor, Dept. of JMC, Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata, and Dr. Mausumi Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor, Centre for JMC, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. The audit was convened by Dr. Ashish Kumar Dwivedy, Sr. Academic Consultant, JMC, OSOU.



Submission of AISHE Report 2019-20

Odisha State Open University successfully uploaded the data of All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-2020 Survey to MHRD on February 18th 2020. The objective of AISHE is to identify and capture all the institutions of higher learning in the country. The data was submitted on various aspects of higher education like the basic details of the University, teacher's details, details of non-teaching staff, programme conducted under various faculties/schools & departments/centres, students enrolled in these programme, examination result of terminal year of each programme, financial information such as receipt and expenditure under various heads, availability of infrastructure, scholarships, loans and accreditation. The University also received a Certificate from AISHE for successful submission of the survey report of the University.

Turnitin Workshop



A one-day Web-Based Turnitin Training Programme was conducted for all the staff members at OSOU Headquarters on 6th January 2020 on use of Turnitin Antiplagiarism Software by an expert from Turnitin, Mr. Akshay Prasanna. A detailed demonstration about the use of the software such as registering in to turnitin, set up turnitin assignments, interpret originality reports and text matches in the assignments appropriately, use of turnitin feedback studio, dealing with academic integrity and misconduct issue, proper citation methods to safeguard the institutions academic integrity was exhibited during the training programme.

Scholarship Support

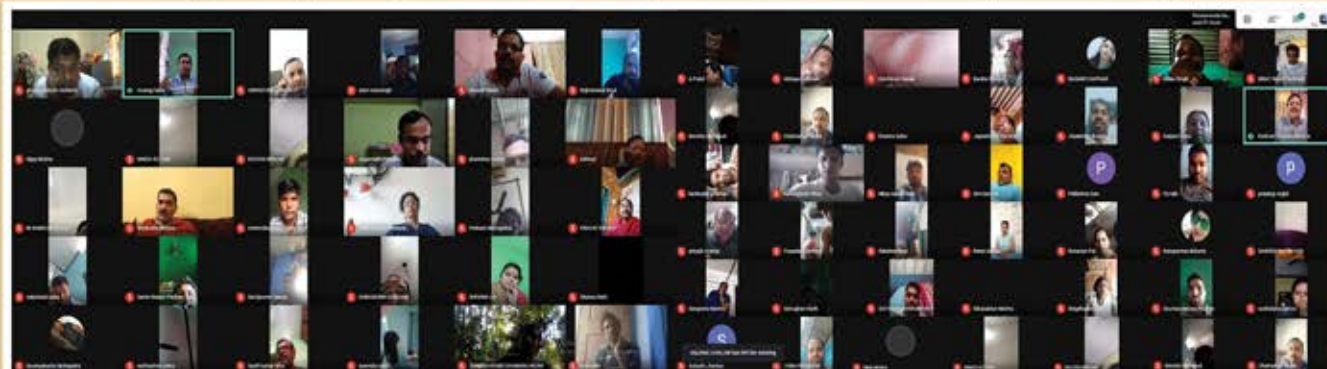
Scholarship is not only an incentive but also a means to pursue higher education by the socially and economically downtrodden. OSOU takes various proactive steps to ensure that eligible learners are not deprived of scholarships. By providing required guidance through notices and stretching our contacts to individual level, we could garner 1266 applications under PRERANA for the academic year 2019-2020. Out of the total applications received, 1071 applications were recommended for sanction and the rest of them are rejected due to various reasons. Apart from PRERANA scholarship, recommendation was also made for the children of bidi workers numbering five and one under construction workers for financial assistance. OSOU is contemplating to launch a scholarship portal well before the advertisement for scholarship appears for the next academic session and to make certain additional requirements in the admission procedure so as to facilitate the eligible learners to get scholarships without bottlenecks.

OSOU Initiatives: During The Pandemic Crisis of Covid-19

Odisha State Open University took various initiatives to provide door-step education to its learners amidst the lock down period and engaging the learners with the teaching learning activities. With the help of technology, the University succeeded in creating an innovative approach of teaching through ODL system to engage and encourage both the student and the teacher.



Various skill based modular programs are being offered free of cost through e-Gyanjyoti, the e-learning platform of the University, that is open for all. More than 500 learners are enrolled in various programmes within 20 days. Every day the website is having around 340459 hits and 36600 hits per hour. The website hits and visits have been increased manifold in the month of March and April. Even after lock down University could successfully prepare 9369 digital grade cards and provisional certificates for its learners. The Grievance Redressal Mechanism of the University is highly active during this phase, and all the grievances are addressed within no time and are under direct supervision of the Vice-Chancellor of the University. More than 400 project synopsis submitted by the learners were online addressed and attended by the faculty. University has more upcoming plans and strategies for spreading the education during this crisis with full efficacy and efficiency.



The Online Virtual Counselling Sessions are conducted for the learners on daily basis as a substitute to the face to face counselling sessions. First virtual session started on 5th April 2020 with the address of the Vice Chancellor of the University to the student community of OSOU. Eminent Educationist across the country are invited to act as Resource persons for various programmes as per their expertise to deliver lecture in the virtual class rooms.

A schedule is prepared by the Programme Coordinators for these sessions and the link of the same is uploaded three days prior in the official website of OSOU. The students of respective programmes are also informed via bulk e-mail and messages. The sessions are streaming live on YouTube and Facebook. Our technical team is providing all kind of support for the smooth conduct of these sessions. The home page of the official website of the University is updated every day regarding the ICT initiatives undertaken by MHRD, UGC, COL for teaching learning along with COVID-19 updates. The e-resources and OER repository (e-Gyanagar) of the University is filled with adequate soft copies of study materials of all the offered academic programmes along with plenty of video and audio tutorials. The YouTube channel of the University OSOU Odisha has got more than 10000 views from March 21/2020 to April/2020 and have seen 30% increase in its subscription.

Launch of First Issue: Newsletter, MUKTA PATRA

Odisha State Open University celebrated the 71st Republic Day in its Headquarters and the Regional Centres by hoisting our Indian National Flag. The members of OSOU pledged themselves for upholding the honour and integrity, diversity and uniqueness of the Nation.



Odisha State Open University launched its Digital Newsletter "MUKTA PATRA" on 71st Republic Day

In the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, OSOU launched its first Digital newsletter "The Mukta Patra" that is a mirror image of the University and contains brief write-ups and articles on major activities undertaken during the last quarter. After the flag hosting ceremony the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar and staff members at Headquarters and Regional Centres of OSOU participated in the inauguration of the Newsletter. The newsletter was inaugurated by the Honourable Member of the Board of Management of OSOU, Mr Surajit Mishra at the Headquarters in Sambalpur. The readers can have access to the newsletter in the official website of Odisha State Open University at www.osou.ac.in. The link for the newsletter is <http://osou.ac.in/mukta-patra.html>.



Vishwa Hindi Diwas



Odisha State Open University celebrated the Vishwa Hindi Diwas on 10th January 2020 at Sambalpur and organized a quiz competition on Hindi Language and Literature. Dr. Srikant Mohaptra, Vice-Chancellor (OSOU), Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar (OSOU), Counsellors, Faculty, Administrative staff of the University participated in the event. Speaking on the importance of Hindi, the Vice-Chancellor reiterated that Hindi as a language is quite popular across the globe and spoken by many people. Certificates and prizes were distributed among the students who participated in the Quiz Competition.

Skill Competency Certification

Skill Competency Certification is an initiative of OSOU to give recognition to skilled workforce irrespective of their formal education and training. Large segment of the skilled workers earning their livelihood, both in formal and informal sectors of our economy, have neither undergone any kind of formal education nor got their skills certified through any formal institutional mechanism. This double disadvantage acts as a bottleneck for their recognition as part of the skilled workforce making positive contributions for the growth of the economy. Skill Competency Certification would be a process of assessment of an individual's skill set and certification thereof. It is to provide due credit to learning as an outcome rather than learning as a process. Learning outcome shall be tested through a rigorous assessment process before formal certification. A team of Odisha State Open University visited the Weavers Community of Kardola Village that are famous for the production of Sambalpuri Textile. The major skill they possess is producing high quality of Sambalpuri textile using a specific skill known as "Bandhkala". The skilled workers in this community produces excellent Sambalpuri Fabrics with beautiful borders and elegant colours. The basic aim of the study was the recognition of this skilled work force for the betterment of their socio-economic status. The objective is to revive the unique art of Bandhakala i.e. weaving of Sambalpuri textiles and making it popular all over the world. The formal certification shall boost the confidence of the artisans and shall make them recognized by raising morally, economically and socially. The University has initiated the process.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at NIT Rourkela



On 13.02.2020 to enrich the idea of institutions linkages with the communities in rural areas state of Odisha under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA). The National Institution of Technology (NIT) Rourkela organised the second regional orientation programme at the TIIR building of inside the campus of NIT. Prof. Mahabir Panda (Regional Chairman-UBA Odisha) welcomed the gathering and requested prof. Animesh Biswas (Director, NIT Rourkela) to light the lamp and enlighten the representative of participating institutes with an inaugural speech. Prof. S.N. Naik (Co-coordinator of UBA from the National Coordinating Institute (NCI), IIT Delhi) was the chief guest. Prof. Raj Kishor patel (Regional Coordinator) stressed the importance of integration of various stakeholders for attaining rural development. Prof. P. Balasubramanian (Convener 2nd ROW on UBA Odisha) thanked everyone for their support and inspiring participation of 32 representatives from participant Institutions in the workshop. The single day programme was aimed at the making the participant institutions aware of their responsibility towards a sustainable Earth.

Programme in Tribal Studies launched

Odisha presents a true picture of modern co-existing with homespun lifestyle. On one hand we are making sky high buildings and industries whereas on the other we have a stark contrast with the calm and peaceful tribal culture. So as to make this culture reach many, Odisha State Open University has started a Diploma Programme in Tribal Studies. This programme is meant for people who have completed their intermediate in any stream and are interested to know about the tribal culture of Odisha in a more systematic manner. This initiative is meant for the people who want to know more about the tribes and work towards their development without causing any harm to their natural essence. With the pressing need for trained professionals in tribal areas, the Diploma Programme in Tribal Studies through distance learning will enable the in-service personnel in social and welfare sectors to enhance their competence.



Awareness Programme on COVID-19

Odisha State Open University under the banner of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan organised an awareness program in its adopted village for the prevention of the spread of the Corona Virus Disease by distributing masks, hand sanitizers, and essential grocery items along with sanitary kit.



A team of ten members from Odisha State Open University headed by the Registrar Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari visited the Badasinghari Village on 12th May 2020 and donated a bag of essential grocery commodities consisting of Rice, Dal, Cooking Oil, Chuda, Salt, Vegetables and Sugar to 60 needy households, in sufficient quantity that will help them to feed for a period of 10 days amidst the lock down period. Handmade masks made by the residents of Kardola villagers along with the sanitary kits consisting of hand sanitizers, soaps and sanitary napkins were also distributed among the villagers. Pamphlets describing the preventive measures to be taken for the spread of COVID-19 in Odia language were also distributed to the villagers. Utmost care was taken by the OSOU team to maintain all the measures of social distancing prescribed by the Government, and the delivery of the commodities was done on door to door basis. Around 150-200 people were benefitted by the event and it also succeeded in creating a deep satisfaction and happiness to the University as well as to the villagers.



Biometric & CCTVs for all RC & SC

Odisha State Open University has made installation of CCTV cameras and biometric attendance system mandatory in its Regional Centers and Study Centers. Biometric attendance system and CCTV cameras are installed in all the Regional Centers and approximately 15 study centers in its first phase. The University has planned to complete the installation process in five phases covering 54 study centers. The objective is centralized monitoring of the Regional centre and study centre activities and smooth conduct of the Term End Examination.

Faculty Orientation Programme

Orientation Programme was conducted by the Vice-Chancellor for the newly joined staff of OSOU on 21st November 2019 about the Open and Distance Learning system & the activities under going in the University. The aim was to provide a clear understanding pertaining to the vision, mission, values, history, structure, rules, procedures, and resources available in the University to the staff members.

Coordinators Meet



The Study Centre Coordinators meet was held on 28th November 2019 at OTDC Panthnivas, Sambalpur. Coordinators from different study centers participated in the meeting. Vice-Chancellor discussed various operational activities of the study centers and focused on how to manage the study centre more efficiently and effectively. Presentations related to Online Counselling, Technology Support, Grievance Redressal Portal, Financial Activities were given by the faculty of the University. The study center coordinators discussed various issues related to their respective study centers and got clarification regarding the same. They also provided many new ideas and suggestions to strengthen the system that was appreciated by the Vice-Chancellor. The second edition of the Coordinator manual was released in the meet. The Registrar of the University expressed his appreciation for the active participation of the Coordinators.

OSOU celebrates the Constitution Day



Odisha State Open University celebrated the Constitution Day on 26th November 2019 by organizing a quiz competition on the topic "Constitution of India" at Sambalpur. Around 60 candidates participated in the quiz. The quiz was followed by the Certificate Distribution Ceremony in presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, OSOU Dr. Srikant Mohapatara, and the Deputy Registrar, G M University, Shri. Uma Charan Pati. The Vice-Chancellor presented the preamble of the Constitution to the audience and enlightened about rights and responsibilities of the citizens of India towards the Constitution. Shri. Uma Charan Pati talked about the history and the development of the Constitution. Shri Kamalkanta Mishra was awarded as the winner of the quiz competition. Ms. Monali Naik and Shri Srimanta Kumar Sahu were the second and third runner up in the Quiz Competition. All other participants were awarded with the Digital Certificate of Participation.



Rural Engagement programme

Odisha State Open University as part of its Rural Engagement and University Social Responsibility took an initiative to distribute blankets to the needy people of the Kardola, Badsinghari and Sahajbahal village on 7th and 11th January 2020.



The villages have been adopted by the University under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Scheme of MHRD. These villages are located in close proximity to the permanent campus of the University. Nearly 290 families in the villages were benefitted by this initiative. Earlier the University team has visited the villages to explore the possibility of recognizing and certifying the skills of Weavers Community in these villages. In coming days OSOU plans a series of initiatives to better the conditions of the people in its adopted villages.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is the flagship program of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). It Links Higher Education Institutions with a set of at least 5 villages. These institutions can contribute to the economic and social betterment of the villages adopted by them. To bring transformation in rural development processes by leveraging educational institutions to help build the architecture of an “Inclusive India”. Odisha State Open University has adopted following five villages in the vicinity of its permanent campus under the scheme of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan:



.....Kardola
.....Badasinghari
.....Sanasinghari
.....Sahajbahal
.....Chaurpur



Under the scheme of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, the skills present in each villages were identified based on their socio-economic survey. The weaving skill was found to be prevailing in nearly all the villages. But it was predominant in the Kardola Village. The University decided to identify the skilled workers in the community and provide them Skill Competency Certification to offer recognition to skilled workforce irrespective of their formal education and training.



A team of OSOU visited all the villages in a span of two days and conducted the village survey as per the prescribed questionnaire format of the UBA. Apart visiting the village's data were collected from the office of the Revenue Inspector of the corresponding villages. On the basis of the analysis of the data major issues were identified. Agriculture, Skill Competency Certification (education), Animal Husbandry, Health, Governance, Human Rights, Women Empowerment, WASH, IT, Vocational education, SC/ST Development, Disability and so on.

Celebration of

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti and Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti



Odisha State Open University celebrated Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti and Veer Surendra Sai Jayanti by organizing an extempore speech Competition at OSOU Headquarters, Sambalpur. Around 50 candidates participated in the competition. The extempore was followed by the Certificate Distribution Ceremony in presence of the Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU, and Prof. Kamdeb Sahu, the Chief Guest and Former HOD, English Department, GM University. Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari in his speech talked about the teachings of the two great leaders. He also put forth his views regarding the effective ways to participate in the Extempore Speech Competition. Prof Kamdeb Sahu highlighted the contribution of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Veer Surendra Sai for achieving the goal of Independence India. Ms Bhawani Ranbida was awarded as the winner of the quiz competition. Mr Srikant Das Manikpuri and Ms Supreeti Sahu were the second and third runner up in the Competition. All other participants were awarded with the Digital Certificate of Participation.

OSOU Celebrates International Women's Day

"A hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world"-William Ross Wallace Odisha State Open University celebrated International Women's Day on the 8th of March 2020 under the theme #Each for Equal. On this occasion, the University conducted a debate competition at G.M University Campus where Sanskruti Pujari bagged the first position, Princy Yadav bagged the second position and Pratyush Ranjan bagged the third position. This debate was succeeded by a short formal meeting where, Dr. Prabhabati Guru, Present Regional Director, Higher Education, Sambalpur was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Manisha Mohapatra, former winner of the title, Mrs. Odisha 2019 was the Chief Speaker and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Hon'ble Registrar, Odisha State Open University also shared the dais.



Various aspects of womanhood were discussed on this day, the Chief Guest spoke about the health and hygiene of women in the present world scenario. She elaborated the importance of a sound hygiene for the physical and mental enrichment of the women in India. Women undergo a lot of medical conditions like Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), Osteoporosis and a lot more. All these conditions can be fought if the hygiene part is properly taken care of. The Chief Speaker put forth the importance of Women's safety and security. Women are easy victims of social taboos, conventional myths and disgraceful actions like rapes and eve-teasing. Hence a lot of measures should be taken to enhance women's safety and security. The Guest of Honour further accentuated the significance of equality of genders. Men and women should be treated equally and discrepancies between the genders should be eradicated to the utmost. He also put light on the fact that men should be raised in a way that they learn to treat women as their equals.

Mega Job Fair

We, in ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY, are committed to facilitate our learners in placement. Having a Placement Cell, we could conduct a mega job fair on 24.07.2019 at Sambalpur. The Mega Job Fair 2019, was an initiative that enables the aspirants to earn and learn at the same time. This collaboration of Model Career Centre, District Employment Exchange, Govt. of Odisha and Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur focused to promote "Learning and Earning" method for the job seekers which is totally different from the conventional perspective of Education.



The Organizations invited 26 potential employers from different sectors related to IT, Telecom, Retail, Mass media, Banking Services, Health Care, Pharmacy, Marketing and Security Services to participate in the Job Fair and select suitable candidates as interns/trainees for in-service training while they were studying in Open University through distant mode. Nearly 4061 candidate's/job aspirants participated in the Job Fair. The eligibility and age profile was from 8th pass to Post Graduate level and in between 18 to 40 years respectively. The broad objective of the Organizations was to bridge the skill gap by producing both trained and qualified human resources in the service sector of our economy.



Women Excellence in Journalism

Ms. Smrutirekha Tarenia learner of 4th Semester, Journalism and Mass Communication from Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur grabbed the 1st Women Excellence Award in the field of Journalism. She worked as a Journalist and News Anchor with ETV Bharat, Odisha. The Bright Odia Foundation organized an "Odisha Women Excellence Awards" on 6th of March 2020 at Jaydev Bhaban, Bhubaneswar ahead of International Women's Day. There were 19 women from various fields of excellence who were felicitated in this platform. Smruti said that she was motivated and encouraged to participate. She will set an example for other women. This platform performed as a source of paying tribute to their will, strength and retained respect through this type of award.



Placement at OSOU

The Placement Cell is the nerve centre of Odisha State Open University. It takes care of placements for the learners. The Placement Cell keeps liaison with the potential employers like Corporates, Banks, NGOs as well as service organisations on a continuous basis and provide necessary guidance and support to the learners. The Cell also facilitates learners to participate in off-campus drives at various companies apart from notifying the learners about the employment opportunities available in India. An online placement portal of the university is in the process of taking final shape for greater convenience of our learners.

LINGARAJ PRADHAN

Diploma in Rural Development

"I have completed my diploma in rural development in OSOU. my regd. no is 15000191. After completion I search for job but I couldnot got a job. My family economic condition was very poor so I was in tension. When OSOU started placement they send me message I contact the OSOU PLACEMENT OFFICER. He refer me to the L&T MICRO FINANCE. Then I got the job as a FIELD OFFICER."

SIKUN JYOTISH

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

Dear Sir,

I got job in Axis Bank and going for training. This happiness came only due to OSOU. Thanks to placment sir. My Name-SIKUN JYOTISH. I am doing MASTERS OF ARTS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT Lateral entry"

SAKUNTALA BHUE

Certificate in Journalism & Mass Com.

"I sakuntala bhue, enroll no. CJMC-181-0274 joined as Branch relationship executive in State bank of india. And also posted in my home town. I have tried for any type of job everywhere, but didnot get. I didnot think that under a distance education university, i will get a suitable job in good position in a good organosation. Sir, thanking you for my good future."

REDDI JAYA PRAKASH

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

"Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a part of Tech mahindra. I am happy to join the company as Assistant support executive. I would report in the office right on time at 10.00 am on 4th of sep. I want to also thank osou placement cell officer who suggested to attend the interview."



Success Stories by the learners of OSOU on their recruitment



SUBRATA DEBATA

Certificate in e-Commerce

"It is indeed a pleasure moment to tell that I am selected for the training and posting at ICICI bank interview that has been offered to me by OSOU.. And guess what it happened so soon after completing the course here. I just want to thank everyone in OSOU for the chance.. I wish OSOU will be shining so high in the near future."

SAIPRASAD SAHU

Post Graduate Diploma in Management

"I am saiprasad sahu, Enrollement no:- PGDIM 1820198 student of osou, Sambalpur. I sat for an interview for the post of field recruiter at Swiggy and got Selected. It is a well paying job (Per month @30,000 plus) with accommodation and fooding facilities. The experience their by osou gave me has allowed me to make a move with the best possible outcome, I could have wished for."

SURAJ SHARMA

Diploma in Disaster Management

"Myself, Suraj Sharma I am student of OSOU. I feel very happy to inform you that I got job in Axis bank due to information received from the university. Hence, for such contributions I am highly obliged to you all as well as university."

PREMANANDA CHHATAR

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

"Thank you so much for selecting me in the SBI interview, which was held in sambalpur. I was referred by OSOU department so i would like to thank them as well."

Participation of the Vice-Chancellor at National Seminars and Workshops:

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, OSOU participated as the Chief Guest in the Valedictory session of the National Seminar on “Changing Dynamics of India’s Foreign Policy” on 1st March 2020. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, OSOU participated in the web conference organized by MHRD on 18th March 2020 for offering online education by the Open Universities through LMS portal such as Swayam. The Vice-Chancellors of all Open Universities in India, Secretary-UGC, National Coordinators of Swayam participated in the Web Conference.



Vice Chancellor's visit to The Higher Educational Institutions and Colleges as Chief Guest and Guest of Honor



Meeting with Hon'ble Chancellor



Pan Commonwealth Forum (PCF9) held at Edinburgh, UK

Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, OSOU participated in Pan Commonwealth Forum (PCF9) held at Edinburgh, UK in September 2019. In the picture (L to R) Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU, Prof. Vayunandan, VC, YCMOU, Nasik, Prof. Asha Kanwar, President, COL and Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, VC, OSOU, Sambalpur.



OSOU Contributes Rs. 10 Lakh to CM Relief Fund

Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur has contributed Rs. 10 Lakhs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to show solidarity with the Government in its fight against the spread of the Pandemic Covid-19. 'The decision to make the contribution was taken by the University after the idea got overwhelming support from the Learners, Study Centre Coordinators and Members of the Board of Management', informed Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Vice-chancellor, Odisha state Open University.

OSOU has also actively participated in awareness campaigns for prevention of the spread of Corona Virus. The staff of OSOU recently under the banner of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan organised an awareness program in its adopted village Badasinghari for the prevention of the spread of the Corona Virus Disease by distributing masks, hand sanitizers, and essential grocery items along with sanitary kit from the contribution made by the staff members of OSOU. The efforts of the University has been appreciated by all its stake holders.

Rendering of Bande Uttkala Janani



Hon'ble CM pointed out that in this war against COVID, the Panchayati Raj institutions and the COVID warriors, both in government and private sector have played a stellar role. Therefore, we are indebted to them. Hon'ble Chief Minister has appealed to all the Odia people in and outside the state and the country to sing "Bande Uttkala Janani", the State Anthem at 5:30 pm on 30th May, 2020 as a gesture of appreciation of the work by COVID warriors and to respect their sacrifice. This event must be observed by maintaining appropriate social distancing and related protocols.

Staff Achievements

PhD Awarded



Dr. Ghanashyam Deep
Academic Consultant



Dr. Nakhat Shaheen
Academic Consultant



Dr. Sakir Hussain
Academic Consultant



OSOU Participation in Book Fair



Odisha State Open University (OSOU) has participated in the 2nd Odisha State Book Festival 2019 organized by Department of Odia Language, Literature and Culture, Government of Odisha. It was a ten days event starting from 06.12.2019 to 15.12.2019 at Exhibition Ground, Bhubaneswar.

The Self Learning Materials of the university were displayed in the stall. There was also arrangement to broadcast videos prepared by the university. About ten thousand individuals had visited the stall of the university. They had also interacted with the faculty and staff members. Many existing learners, counsellors, study center coordinator, course writers and well wisher were among the visitors. This event gave the opportunity to showcase the activities and achievements of the university. About one thousand five hundred visitors had signed on the visitors register and express their wiliness to know more about various progrmmes of the university. For the book lovers and intellectuals of the city of Sambalpur every year SETU (Society for Education, Tradition and Unity in collaboration with District Cultural Council) organises a 'BOOK FAIR' 'Sambalpur Pustak Mela'. Each year SETU organises the Pustak Mela in the month of January and this year it was organised between 24th of January 2020 to 2nd February 2020. And like every year Odisha State Open University decided to participate in it with a stall to showcase our Self Learning Material for the offered programmes in the University. It was indeed a wonderful experience for the staff of OSOU to have got a chance to interact with the learners and understand their needs in education as well as skill development. The response was something that encourages OSOU as an institution to excel more in all that we promote and stand for.



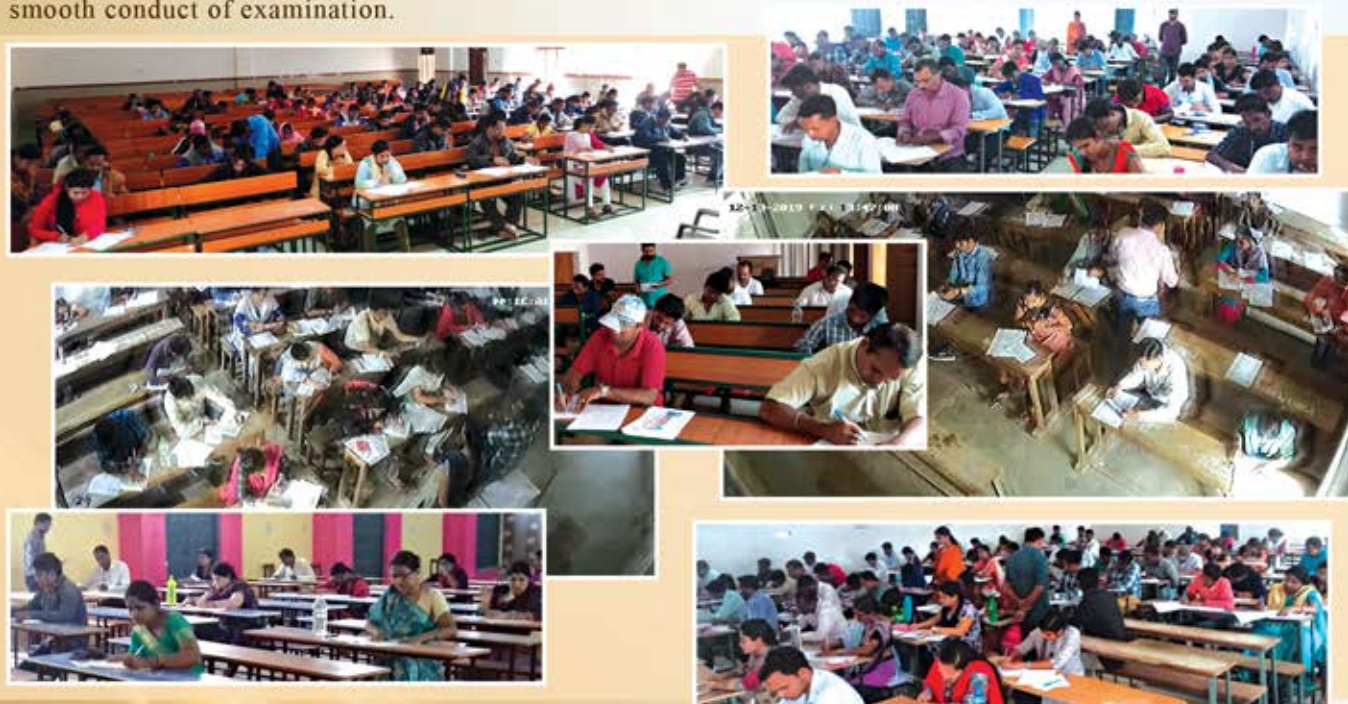
Pre-admission Counselling

The Study Centre coordinators and the programme coordinators of Odisha State Open University conducted the pre-admission counselling in the various govt. colleges across the state of Odisha to spread awareness among students about different programmes offered by Odisha State Open University.

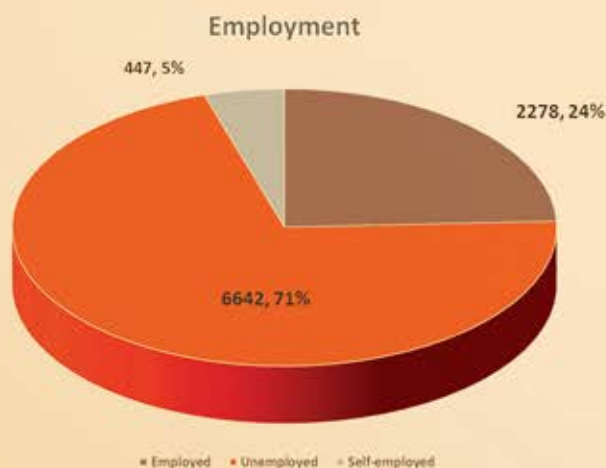
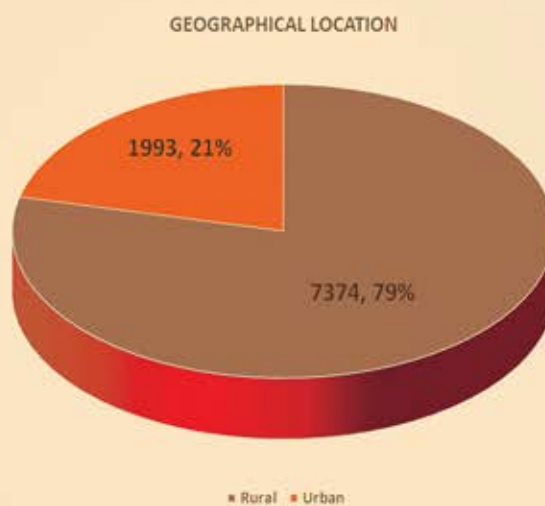
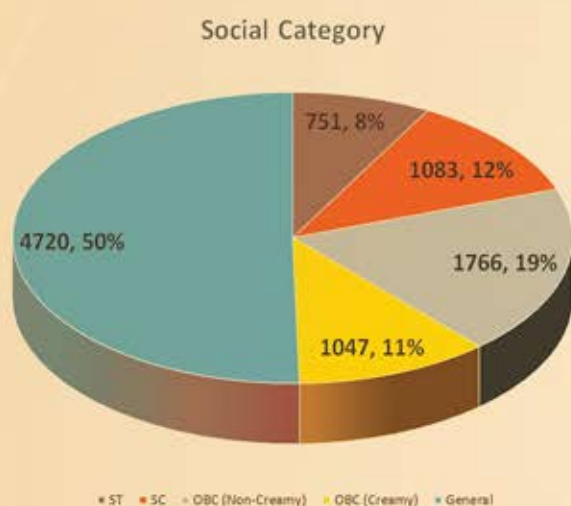
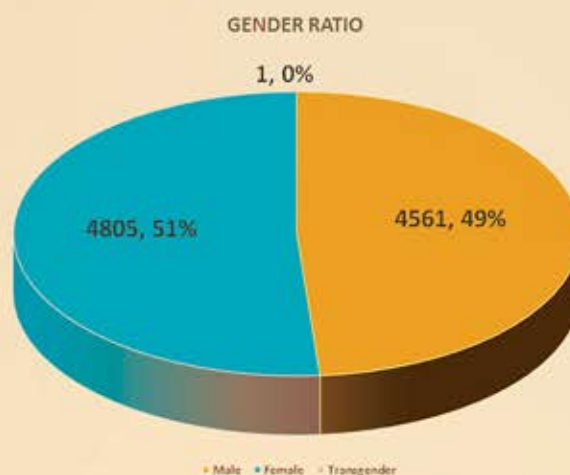
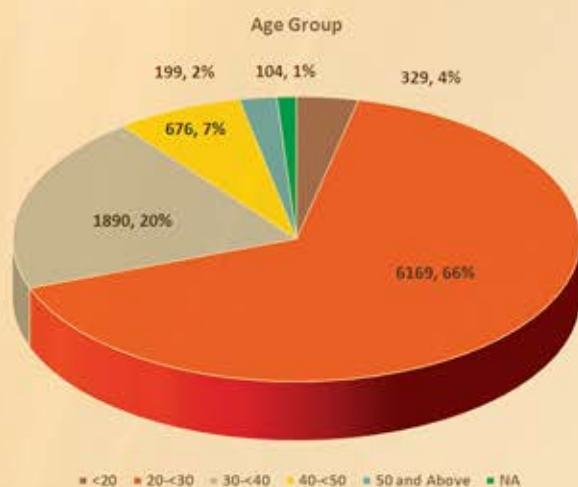


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The TEE was conducted in 48 Examination Centers situated across the state of Odisha in Government/ Government aided Colleges. In addition to flying squad sufficient observers were deployed for the Surveillance of the examination. University had made all arrangements of the pre and post examination activities for the smooth conduct of examination.

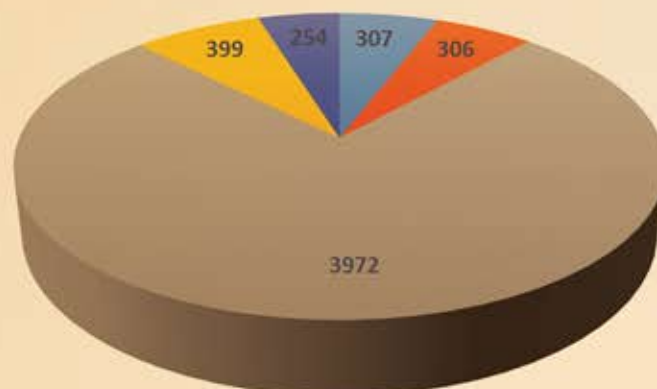


Learner's Profile



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Number of Students Passed in Examinations Conducted During 2019-2020



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Degree Awarded in Post Graduate Diploma Programme



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Online Counselling on : MPA-06 Decentralization and Local Governance
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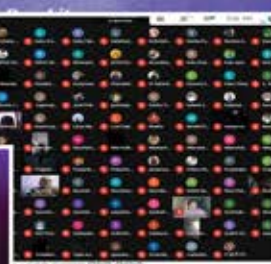
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Media and Margins

Marginalization in India
Tue 26 Apr 2020 11.00 - 12.00 IST

Media Representation of the Marginalized
Wed 29 Apr 2020 11.00 - 12.30 IST

Marginal Voices and Media
Thu 30 Apr 2020 11.00 - 12.00 IST

Resource Person : Prof. Biwaji Das
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Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Moderator : Dr. A. K. Dalvi
Technical Support : Dr. Debashis Behera & Dr. Debashis Dalvi

LIVE VIRTUAL CLASS
Monday the 25th May 2020 @ 11AM

Topic: SUSTAINABLE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ODISHA
(Moderator: Sushree Sangeeta Sarap)

Resource Person
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