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Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, BRAOU released the University New Year Diary and Calendar -2026 on 01-01-2026. Prof.G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Director Academic; Dr.L.Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar and University officials also seen.

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Recognition to BRAOU Programmes

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) Hyderabad initially known as Andhra Pradesh Open University was established through an Act of A.P. State Legislature (APOU Act 1982).

It was inaugurated by the then President of India, Late Sri Giani Zail Singh on August 26, 1982. Subsequently, the University was renamed as "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University" by the Government of Andhra Pradesh during Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations in the year 1991. The University Grants Commission (UGC) New Delhi also admitted this University for assistance under Section 12-B of the U.G.C. Act Vide UGC Letter no. F5-7/82 (CPP) Dt. 12-05-1986.

Further, the University has received recognition

A) For officering Programmes in Open and Distance Learning programmes and Online Programmes for the Academic year 2023-24 onwards (F. No. 1-1/2023 (DEB-I) Dt: 05-10-2023 as per Regulations 3(A) and regulation 3(B)(b) of UGC.

B) Permission to start M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes from 2017-18 (F.No.2-1/2017-DEB-III, Dt.21-3-2017)

The University is also a Member of the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi; Asian Association of Open Universities, Association of Commonwealth Universities and International Council for Open and Distance Education.

Registrar

From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani

Vice Chancellor

I am very happy to address all of you through the University Newsletter "Opvarsity News".

Let me extend greetings to you for a very happy and prosperous New Year 2026.

The University inaugurated B. R. Ambedkar International Institute for Dialogue on Governance and Equity (BRiiDGE) that serves as a platform to dismantle the invisible walls that divide society, aiming to bridge gaps in awareness and education. The core mission of BRiiDGE is to provide equal opportunities for all, fostering an inclusive society. The Educational institutions must take responsibility for nurturing these principles to ensure that the next generation upholds the spirit of the Constitution. In addition, the program will feature annual conventions and conferences to facilitate a broader exchange of ideas. To support this initiative, Rs. 100 Crores was allocated by the State Government from the SC Sub-Plan for development of infrastructure. We have also requested the Telangana Government to allocate Rs. 10 Crores annually for the next five years to sustain and expand the BRiiDGE program, ensuring its long-term success and impact on future generations.

The University will soon be launching new agriculture-based vocational skill courses in the upcoming academic year, and these courses are being designed to benefit students and farmers in rural Telangana. We are providing high quality skill based education to learners. We also start industry curated courses for all UG programs in collaboration with TCsiON and we captioned this TCSiON Job Achiever Program since we are sure that students enrolled in this program will surely secure jobs after they successfully finish the program.

As pointed out, the TCS iON "Job Achiever Business Operations Executive" Program, which can be completed concurrently while pursuing a degree is specifically designed to prepare students from the very first semester to meet the requirements of corporate companies, enabling them to seize opportunities in corporate organizations worldwide.

We also envisioned programs that instill and curate entrepreneurial abilities among our women learners for which we collaborated with We Hub to offer WE Enable Program.

To create opportunities for Earn while you Learn we have collaborated with Retailers Association's Skill Council of India to offer Stipend based Apprenticeship programs for our UG students.

These are among some of the measures aimed at enhancing the employability skills among our graduates. We have great things lined up for the upcoming Academic Year and I am sure these will open up new opportunities and broaden your horizons.

Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani

FLORAL TRIBUTES TO SAVITRIBAI PHULE



BRAOU News, January 03, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University offered rich floral tributes to Savitribai Phule birth Anniversary on the occasion of **"Women Teachers Day"** at its Campus at Saturday.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, Dr.L.Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar; Prof.G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Acadmic Director; Prof.K. Rani Rajitha Madhuri, WDEC I/c; Prof.I Anand Pawar; Prof. D.Rabindranath Solomon; Prof Vaddanam Srinivas; Prof. P. Venkataramana; Dr.Y.Venkateshwarlu Prof.Prameela Kethavath and all Directors, Deans, Heads of the Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, representatives of various service associations offered floral tributes to Savitribai Phule Portrait.

BRAOU RELEASED TWO DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE BROCHURE



BRAOU News, January 3, 2026: Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chacnellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University released brouchure of two-day National Conference on **"Business Transformation for Sustainable Development"** being organised by Faculty of Commerce and Business Management at university campus on March 13 & 14, 2026.

FELICITATED ITS PROUD ALUMNI Dr. VENKATA NAIK



BRAOU News, January 3, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University felicitated its proud Alumni Dr. D. Venkata Naik by Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor on Saturday. Dr. Devasoth Venkata Naik pursued a postgraduate course in Environmental Science in the University. Subsequently, he was completed his PhD along with this postgraduate course but also obtained a patent through the internationally recognized Intellectual Property India for his unique model: "A Garbage Collecting Bin on Wheels Enabling Automatic Segregation of Waste". This system can be used to collect the ever-increasing waste and also to produce biogas and construction materials (Bricks) from the solid waste. He explained that this can significantly reduce environmental pollution. On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated Venkata Naik and inquired about his research and the patented model, praising his work. He advised him to conduct more research and bring about new innovations that will benefit the public in the future.

BRAOU Alumni Dr.Sajida Khan felicitated with "Vindhya Gaurav Award

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Alumni member & India's first woman music technician and recipient of the President of India Award, Dr. Sajida Khan, was honoured with the "Vindhya Gaurav Award" by the Deputy Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Rajendra Shukla, at an impressive and grand ceremony held in Bhopal.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla said Dr. Sajida belongs to Hyderabad, Telangana, is a source of pride for the country and an honour for all of us. He said that women are moving ahead in various fields of life, but their encouragement is equally important. The women who enhance the prestige of their states and the nation in different fields should be encouraged in every possible way.



It is noteworthy that among sound engineers worldwide, Dr. Sajida Khan is the only one from India. The Audio Engineering Society, London, has published a book titled "Women in India", which is among the most significant books sold worldwide. Dr. Sajida Khan's name has been included in this book, which is a major Achievement in her life .

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR IMPACTFUL WORK IN EDUCATION, ECONOMICS, POLICY HAS SHAPED THE NATION'S PROGRESS

-: Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy

BRIDGE Inaugurated at BRAOU



BRAOU News, January 7, 2026: Justice B. Sudarshan Reddy, Hon'ble Retired Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated B. R. Ambedkar International Institute for Dialogue on Governance and Equity (BRiiDGE) at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Campus on Wednesday.

Justice Sudharshan Reddy emphasized that the institute's title, BRiiDGE, resonates closely with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's profound thoughts and ideologies. He pointed out that equity, in the context of Ambedkar's vision, carries multiple layers of meaning. Babasaheb's contributions extend far beyond being the chief architect of the Indian Constitution and advocating for universal adult suffrage. His impactful work in education, economics, and policy has shaped the nation's progress. One of his landmark reforms, the abolition of caste discrimination under Article 70, remains a critical turning point in India's social and legal history. Justice Reddy also suggested that educational programs be revised to include a deeper exploration of Ambedkar's lesser-known contributions, especially his transformative ideas on Buddhism and social justice. Additionally, there is a pressing need to engage more widely with Ambedkar's thoughts in diverse fields like governance, human rights, and social equity, fostering a more comprehensive understanding of his legacy in modern education.



Sri Kaki Madhava Rao, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh attended as Distinguished Guest for the program. Sri Kaki Madhava Rao, expressed that the initiative reflects a progressive thought grounded in the foundational principle of equity. He underscored that the core of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's work was to uplift the deprived and marginalized sections of society, for whom he dedicated his entire



life. Rao emphasized that Ambedkar's sacrifices were not just theoretical but were manifested in his relentless fight against social injustices, particularly the caste system. He further remarked that anyone who betrays the Constitution, which was crafted with the vision of equality and justice for all, is a traitor to the very principles that Dr. Ambedkar fought for. The spirit of Ambedkar's ideology calls for constant vigilance against any attempt to undermine the rights and dignity of the marginalized, and this initiative aims to preserve and promote those ideals.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani highlighted the crucial distinction between equity and equality, stressing that social justice, liberty, caste, language, education, and empowerment are integral components of equity. He emphasized that BRiiDGE serves as a platform to dismantle the invisible walls that divide society, aiming to bridge gaps in awareness and education. The core mission of BRiiDGE is to provide equal opportunities for all, fostering an inclusive society. Prof. Chakrapani also raised concerns about the current state of educational institutions, which, he believes, are merely issuing certificates without imparting essential lessons on constitutional morality, vision, and values. Educational institutions must take responsibility for nurturing these principles to ensure that the next generation



upholds the spirit of the Constitution. Furthermore, he urged continued engagement from a global perspective, such as Columbia University, which has partnered with BRiiDGE. As part of this collaboration, five students will be selected annually for study opportunities at this prestigious institution. In addition, the program will feature annual conventions and conferences to facilitate a broader exchange of ideas. To support this initiative, Rs. 100 Crores was allocated by the State Government from the SC Sub-Plan for development of infrastructure. The Vice Chancellor also requested the Telangana Government to allocate Rs. 10 Crores annually for the next five years to sustain and expand the BRiiDGE program, ensuring its long-term success and impact on future generations.

Guests of Honour, Vice Chancellor, Osmania University Prof. Molugaram Kumar highlighted the importance of bridging the gaps between education, social development, equality, and equity, particularly through a virtual structure that fosters broad and inclusive perspectives. He emphasized that Osmania University is fully committed to supporting various academic research initiatives, fellowships, and activities aimed at advancing these goals. Prof. Kumar further noted that these efforts are part of the university's broader vision to contribute meaningfully to social change, academic excellence, and the promotion of equality and equity in society.

Additional Director General of Police, Telangana Police and Commissioner of Future City Sri Sudheer Babu, IPS stated that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is an inspiring figure for every student, offering a powerful example of resilience and determination. He encouraged students to never give up on their pursuit of success, no matter the obstacles they face. Reflecting on Ambedkar's life, he emphasized how it serves as a profound message to society about overcoming stigma and humiliation.

Prof. Anupama Rao, Professor of History & MESAAS, Convenor, Ambedkar Initiatives, Columbia University, New York addressed the participants as keynote speaker and initiated a dialogue on "Ambedkar in His Time and Ours". Prof. Anupama Rao emphasized that BRiiDGE is not just an institute, but a platform for knowledge sharing, dedicated to advancing the principles of social justice and equity. She highlighted that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision of an anti-caste society is the way forward, a future where caste-based discrimination is eradicated. Dr. Ambedkar's relentless fight for Dalit rights remains central to understanding the social anthropology of caste, a field in which his extensive archives offer invaluable insights. These archives, Prof. Rao noted, should be made accessible to the public to prevent apathy and ensure that Ambedkar's legacy continues to inspire future generations. Additionally, the institute will serve as a repository for Ambedkar's writings, which reflect his role not only as a legal scholar and social reformer but also as a political economist with deep insights into social and economic systems. Prof. Rao further emphasized the importance of global thinking and social investigation in addressing issues of inequality. She also pointed out that India's model of reservation stands as a critical step toward achieving both social and economic equality, urging a closer examination of



how politics and caste intersect in shaping national policies.

Prof. V.S. Prasad emphasized that dialogue is a unique feature of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's social philosophy, which encourages open and constructive conversations on issues of justice, equality, and human rights. He pointed out that Ambedkar's ideas remain strikingly relevant in today's context, where social inequalities and discrimination still persist in many forms. Prof. R. Limbadri, former Chairman of TSCHE, expressed concern over the forceful imposition of the so-called Indian Knowledge System, stressing that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision is crucial in the present context. He pointed out the lack of vigilance regarding caste discrimination and the absence of reservations in private universities, perpetuate social inequalities. Prof. Limbadri emphasized the need to incorporate Ambedkar's philosophy and ideology into the educational curriculum, while also building trust through initiatives like BRiiDGE to foster a more inclusive and equitable academic environment.

Prof. Bangya Bukya stated that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's philosophy and ideology have had a profound impact on both global and national politics, challenging traditional structures and advocating for social justice. He criticized the National Education Policy (NEP), calling it a "trap" that threatens to undermine the integrity of education by promoting a narrow, exclusionary agenda. Prof. Bukya further warned that the central government's attempts to communalize educational institutions pose a serious threat to the inclusive, secular values that Ambedkar fought to protect, urging a collective resistance to these regressive moves.

Prof. Ravinder, former Vice Chancellor, shared that Osmania University has established research centers and libraries named after Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to honour his legacy as a global scholar. He emphasized the importance of bridging the gaps in research by linking Ambedkar's work with the issues faced by the OBC community, fostering deeper academic exploration of these critical areas. Sri Mallepalli Laxmaiah, Centre for Dalit Studies, emphasized the need for action-oriented research to address ongoing social challenges. He pointed out that antagonism still persists in India, and BRiiDGE has a crucial role in bridging this gap by promoting inclusive and transformative

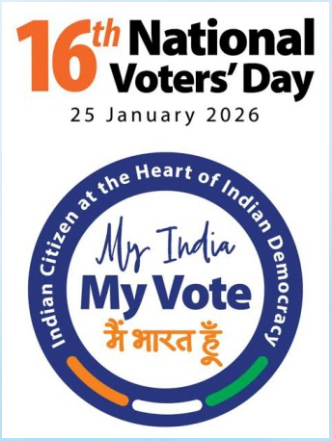
solutions.

Prof. Mallesh Sankasala, former Vice Chancellor of Satavahana University, highlighted the complex dynamics within the Dalit community, pointing out that differences exist between Tamil Dalits and Uttar Pradesh Dalits. He stressed the need for a collective understanding and unity across regional divisions to strengthen the broader Dalit movement and address common social injustices. Prof. V. Krishna from the University of Hyderabad warned that the central government's efforts to communalize educational institutions threaten the inclusive and secular values that Dr. Ambedkar championed throughout his life. Sri Ganumula Gnaneshwar, Ambedkar Memorial Trust, Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director Academic, BRAOU gave a brief outline of the program. Dr. L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar, Prof. Rabindranath Solomon, Directors, Deans, Heads of Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, representatives of service associations and students participated in the program.

"VOTER AWARENESS PLEDGE" PROGRAM ORGANISED



BRAOU News, January 23, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized "Voters Awareness Pledge" as per the instruction of the Government of Telangana at its campus on Friday. Dr. L. Vijayakrishna Reddy, Register of the University read the Voters Pledge to the employees. A responsible voter pledged that he would not be influenced by any temptation under any circumstances and would freely exercise the right to vote as a constitutional right in a democratic manner, without discrimination of caste, region, religion, gender or language. Prof. Pushpa Chakrapaani, Prof.D.Rabindranath Solomon, Prof.P.Venkata Ramana, Prof.B.Srinivas, All the Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, representatives of teaching and non-teaching employees participated in the program.



BRAOU Aims for Top NIRF Rank : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani



BRAOU News, January 8, 2026: Dr. B R Ambedkar Open University's Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) organized a one-day workshop on "National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF): Awareness and Capacity Building Programme" for university faculty. The workshop aimed to enhance understanding of NIRF rankings and empower teachers to contribute towards improving the university's standing.

Chief Guest of the workshop, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, highlighted that the NIRF ranking enhances the University's prestige, as it reflects the institute's reputation and serves as a point of pride. This ranking is the public face of the University, showcasing its excellence. He expressed confidence that the University is among the best and is on track to achieve a top rank. He encouraged the faculty to focus on research work, as it plays a key role in improving the institute's standing. By dedicating themselves to high-quality research, the faculty can contribute significantly to this goal.

Dr. T. Ravinder Reddy, CEO of the International Institute for Quality Accreditations, was the resource person and emphasized the importance of effectively showcasing academic work to secure higher rankings. He discussed the key NIRF parameters and how to present them appropriately to reflect the university's strengths. Dr. Reddy also urged teachers to build both their individual capacities and those of the institution to achieve better rankings.

Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (Academic), stressed the need for teachers to strengthen their research capabilities, which significantly impact rankings.

Dr. L Vijaya Krishna Reddy, the Registrar, stated that with collective efforts, the university can achieve great heights. He urged the faculty to work with dedication and commitment in order to reach this goal. By doing so, everyone can contribute to the university's success.

Prof. K. Sridevi, Director of CIQA, highlighted the critical role of NIRF rankings in institutional development and explained the process for uploading teacher credits to ensure accurate data submission. The session provided valuable insights into the technical aspects of NIRF ranking procedures. The directors, deans, faculty were participated the workshop.



WOMEN TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS





BRAOU News, January 09, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Women's Development & Extension Centre (WDEC) organised Women Teachers Day as a part of Savitribai Phule birth anniversary at its Campus at Jubilee Hills on Friday. Dr. Koyi Koteswara Rao Head, Department of Telugu, Government City College, Hyderabad was the guest speaker for the program and he delivered a lecture on "Savitribai Phule Life and Mission" He said Savithribai's considering the societal restrictions on women's education at that time. Her Mission Pioneer of Girls' Education, She co – founder of India's first girls' school in at Bhide Wada, Pune, and went on to establish 18 schools for girls and marginalized communities. She campaigned against child marriage, caste discrimination, and untouchability, and advocated for widow remarriage and women's rights. She played a central role in nurturing the Satyashodhak Samaj, which fought against caste hierarchy and promoted equality. She also served plague victims during the 1897 epidemic, ultimately sacrificing her life. Savithribai Phule's legacy is a testament to her courage and conviction. She is celebrated as the "Mother of Indian Feminism" and has inspired generations of social reformers and educators.

Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (Academic), BRAOU Preside over the program. Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani said that there is no great power in this world beyond woman and without woman this creation does not exist. She reminded that Ambedkar Open University is providing curriculum on women's empowerment, advancement and elimination of discrimination.

Dr. L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar of the University attended as guest of honour for the program and spoke on the occasion. Prof. K. Rani Rajitha Madhuri, WDEC explain the aims, objectives of the program and proposed vote of thanks. Prof. G. Mary Sunanda; Prof. Chandrakala, Dr. A. Rama Devi and all Directors, Deans, Heads of the Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, representatives of various

BRAOU - TCS iON Program offers a golden future for students

: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

*** TCS iON - Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program launched**

*** Launched online across all study centers in the state**



BRAOU News, January 18, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University - TCS iON Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program will pave a golden path for students. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, BRAOU launched the "TCS iON - Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program," developed under the auspices of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University and Tata Consultancy Services Limited. An online awareness program was conducted for staff and students across all study centers in Telangana state regarding this new program undertaken by the university. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani participated as the chief guest and inaugurated the program. Prof. Chakrapani revealed that this is the first time in the country that such a course is being offered in collaboration with TCS iON to students pursuing higher education through distance learning. It was revealed that the course offered at Ambedkar Open University is specifically designed to prepare students from the very first semester to meet the requirements of corporate companies, enabling them to seize opportunities in corporate organizations worldwide. It was also stated that this course can be completed concurrently while pursuing a degree. He explained that Ambedkar University has recently introduced many new programs and entered into agreements with various organizations, including WeHub, RASCI, and Sri Ramananda Tirtha Rural Institute, making these opportunities available to students. He urged students to utilize these opportunities. He further explained that they will strive to create extensive opportunities for students in the coming days through vocational and skill training programs.

Prof.G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director who presided over the program, she stated that the partnership between TCS iON and Ambedkar University will provide university students with the opportunity to become highly skilled and secure job opportunities in renowned corporate companies in the future.

Prof.Ravindranath Solomon, Director, EMRRC who participated as the guest of honor for the program. He explained that after successfully completing this three-year program, specifically designed for distance education students, they will have access to job opportunities in over three thousand companies under the aegis of TCS. It was explained that students would benefit from workshops focused on career growth, skill enhancement, and improving English language proficiency, along with curated video content, quizzes, and practical sessions. Upon completion of the course, students will receive an industry-recognized certificate from the university and TCS iON.

Dr. L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar of the University, speaking at the event, he explained that the course is designed to provide students with continuous guidance from industry experts.

TCS iON - Job Achiever Project Director, Leena Tipre, also participated in the program and provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the course. Prof. Pallavi Kabde; Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy,Placement Officer; Dr. Y. Venkateshwarlu, Director of Student Services; Dr. G. Sunitha, Principal of the Siddipet Study Center; Dr. Banoth Dharma and other University officials, principals of various university study centers, their coordinators, staff , students from various learner centre across the Telangana participated in the program.

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Calling Dr. BRAOU Alumni

Dr. BRAOU entered its 44th years of dedicated service to its learners (1982-2026) and invites its Alumni, spread across the country to share their experiences and achievements through **"OPVARSITY NEWS"**. A brief write-up along with a passport size photograph with Admission Number and other particulars can be e-mailed to **pro@braou.ac.in/opvarsitynews@gmail.com.** Selected write-ups will be published in the "OPVARSITY NEWS". Alumni are requested to respond positively.

THROUGH BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY, STUDENTS CAN DOWNLOAD THEIR CERTIFICATES FROM ANYWHERE : Prof.G.Pushpa Chakrapani



BRAOU News, January 21, 2026: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Centre for Staff Training and Development (CSTD) organized a awareness program on "Block Chain Technology" on Wednesday at the campus. Prof G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Director Academic, BRAOU attended as Chief Guest for the program, she explained that changing circumstances, universities providing certificates to students through blockchain technology, save time but also increase transparency and accountability. Blockchain technology will be useful for issuing and verifying digital certificates to students quickly, ensuring their accurate authenticity, and preventing forgery. She revealed that it will be implemented in the university soon. It would allow students to easily download their certificates from anywhere.

Dr.L.Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar of the university attended as the guest of honors for the program and spoke on the occasion. He stated that blockchain technology would prevent tampering with certificates or altering student data. He explained that these training programs were organized to provide complete understanding of this newly introduced technology to the university staff.

Prof.P.Venkata Rama, Director CSTD preside over the program, he said that in the coming days more training programs will be conducted to aware the university employees. Arepalli Om Srinivas, Implementation Manager, Sapphirus Systems pvt LTD; Harini Ravikumar, Blockchain Expert; All the Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff members attended the program.



AGRICULTURE-BASED VOCATIONAL SKILL COURSES WILL OFFER SOON : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BRAOU

BRAOU News, January 26, 2026: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University today hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of 77th Republic Day at the Campus and extended Republic Day greetings to Staff Members. Prof.Chakrapani said that this academic year the University will soon be launching new agriculture-based vocational skill courses in the upcoming academic year, and these courses are being designed to benefit students and farmers in rural Telangana. We are providing high quality skill based education to learners. He mentioned that the university will offer vocational and agriculture-based courses. He revealed the course offered at University is specifically designed to prepare students from the very first semester to meet the requirements of corporate companies, enabling them to seize opportunities in corporate organizations worldwide.

Dr.L.Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar, BRAOU also addressed the Staff after unfurling the National Flag at BRAOU Non-Teaching Employees' Association premises at the campus. Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Prof. Anand Pawar, Prof. Rabindranath Solomon, Prof. Pallavi Kabade, Dr. Venkateshwarlu, Prof. Sridevi, Prof. Vaddanam Srinivas, Kantham Prem Kumar, N.C. Venugopal, Dr. Yakesh Daida, Vishwanath, Miyajani and Pandu, All Directors, Deans, Heads of Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff members and representatives of various Service Associations also participated in the Republic Day Celebrations.





Artificial Intelligence is part of effective professional management

:PR Sutra founder T. Srikar Reddy

Webinar on **"Public Relations and Artificial Intelligence".**



BRAOU News, January 30, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, organized a webinar on the topic "Public Relations and Artificial Intelligence" on Friday at the University campus. Mr.T.Sreekar Reddy, Founder PR Sutra, Hyderabad participated as the keynote speaker of the event. He stated that artificial intelligence has become an integral part of effective journalism and public relations. He emphasized that the technology should be used efficiently and with proper verification. Reddy highlighted the benefits of using artificial intelligence in public relations, especially in customizing press releases for various media organizations, including print, electronic, digital, and social platforms. AI has made it easier to create content more effectively and reach audiences with precision. He stressed the importance of human verification, data privacy, and ethical considerations in maintaining trust and credibility. PR professionals were advised not to overlook the capabilities of AI but to enhance their PR skills in line with the rapidly changing media landscape. Reddy further suggested that AI should be used ethically for opportunities such as speed, efficiency, investigative journalism, data journalism, and fact-checking tools.

Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Dean, Social Sciences, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof.Pallavi who noted that artificial intelligence and many technological advancements have had a significant impact on society. It has caused many changes in public relations, advertising, media, especially social media. It has changed aspects of journalism including media relations, content, and journalistic working conditions. The webinar was convened by Dr. Sunil Kumar Pothana, Assistant Professor, Convener and Dr. Yadagiri Kambhampati as the co-convener. Faculty members, research Scholars and learners were participated.

BRAOU STUDY CENTRES WORKING HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday:

11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Sundays: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Every Monday and Tuesday after Second Saturday is a Holiday

DIGITAL RESOURCE CENTRE BHOOMI POOJA





BRAOU News, February 6, 2026: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University performed the Bhoomi Pooja ceremony for the construction of the Digital Resource Center (DRC) and Central Instrumentation Lab Building in the university campus. Prof.Chakrapani revealed that the DRC building will be constructed with approximately Rs. 12.9 crore under PM Usha funds. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy, laid the foundation stone for several development projects on the university campus on January 26, 2025. This building construction was also included in those projects. He further stated that the obtaining administrative approvals, fund release and finalizing the building construction plan. The buildings construction will be done within the year.

Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director; Dr. L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar, Prof. Pallavi Kabade, Nodal Officer, PM-USHA, University officials Prof. Ravindranath Solomon, Prof.Venkata Ramana, Prof.Bhoju Srinivas, Prof.Rajani, Dr. Bhanoth Dharma, NC Venugopal, Government Engineer Anita, VKR Construction company contractor Vinay and were participated.

Prof. RABINDRANATH SOLOMON APPOINTED AS OSD

BRAOU News, February 6, 2026: Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU appointed Prof. Rabindranath Solomon, Professor of Commerce



& Director, EMR&RC BRAOU as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University. Professor Solomon currently serving as the Director of EMR & RC and Professor of Commerce at the University. He joined as Assistant Professor of Commerce in 2008 and served in various administrative positions.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University - STUDENTS GET A "GOLDEN CHANCE"

- Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

- **Job Guarantee in Corporate Companies along with the degree certificate**
- **Special course launched in collaboration with TCSiON**

BRAOU News, February 07, 2026: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) offered "Job Achiever - Business Operations Executive" programme in collaboration with IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCSiON) for University students. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor stated that the University fulfilling the dreams of every student's to securing a job immediately after graduation. The University has launched an innovative 'Job Achiever - Business Operations Executive' program, which will pave a golden path for students. He mentioned that admissions are currently underway for this program, and students who have already enrolled in the first year at Ambedkar Open University should utilize this opportunity. The last date to apply is March 15. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani described this program as a great boon for students who wish to establish themselves in the IT, software, and corporate sectors. He revealed that this program is not limited to training alone, but will also provide training that leads to job opportunities in over 3000 corporate companies associated with TCS. He also explained that the main objective of this course is to train students to become experts in diverse fields such as business operations, customer support, sales, administration, and project management. Later, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor and TCS Program Director Leena Tipre along with representative Narendra and Dr. LVK Reddy, Registrar, Prof. Rabindranath Solomon, OSD; Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Placement Officer released "Job Achiever" program poster at the campus on Saturday.



Training tailored to industry needs: Students enrolled in this 'Job Achiever - Business Operations Executive' program receive specialized training in areas such as MS Office, CRM tools, process management, and interview skills. Students can easily learn this specialized course independently through modules designed on a dedicated LMS platform, practicing online at their own pace. A live online chat facility with experts is available for doubt clarification. Beyond theory, students also get the opportunity to work on real-world industry projects. The TCSiON and Ambedkar Open University certificate awarded upon completion of the course paves the way for job opportunities in thousands of corporate companies.

Who is eligible?

All first-year students pursuing B.A., B. Com, or B.Sc. at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University are eligible to enrol in this program. This course is designed to ensure that students graduate with a job offer from a reputable company. Interested students should register immediately. For more information, please visit the website: www.braou.ac.in or contact 040 23680555 or the toll-free number: 1800-599-0101.

WOMEN JOURNALISTS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING THREATENED - Prof.Padmaja Shah

BRAOU organised Prof. S. Bashiruddin Memorial Lecture





BRAOU News, February 10, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized Prof. S. Bashiruddin Memorial Lecture on **"Impact of Women on Journalism"** at its campus as part of 90th Birth anniversary of Prof. S. Bashiruddin, Former Vice-Chancellor on Tuesday.

Prof.Padmaja Shah, Retired Professor, Department of Journalism, Osmania University was attended as Chief Guest for the program and delivered a lecture on "Impact of Women on Journalism". Prof.Padmaja said Prof Bashiruddin shaped the future of the Journalism fraternity in a substantive way, and in the process shaped us as professionals in remarkable ways, forward-looking manner, and in the process, he trained women as professionals in wonderful ways. Prof. Padmaja Shah said lamented that women journalists in India today face constant harassment in the form of legal threats, professional isolation and constant online trolling. The women across the world have rebuilt journalism by overcoming legal, social and intellectual barriers, explained that women journalists have campaigned for gender, rights and justice, thereby laying the foundation for the investigative journalism practiced by women in the country today. Prof.Shah criticized that women journalists face obstacles all the time, and that rulers are hindering them without giving much value to their free and independent opinions. It is very dangerous that women in the country are still prevented from having property rights and financial independence. Women not only want journalism skills but also courage, but this is still not possible in the country. During the national movement, women journalists raised awareness in the press about women's rights and the need for self-governance. Women journalists from different regions never ignored what was considered "news". They sharpened their skills by portraying domestic work as an economic task, marriage laws as legal inequality, education as citizenship, and violence against women as a public crime rather than a private matter. Among such women, renowned women journalists include Swarna Kumari Devi, Pandita Rama Bhai, Malini Subramaniam, Neha Dixit, Revathi, Swati Chaturvedi, and Ritu Sairin, Prof. Padmaja Shah explained their journey. She also explained that women journalists prefer to work independently, but when management does not value the news, they become independent journalists and use their voices to

benefit society.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU, Presided over the function. Prof. Chakrapani concern that Prof Bashiruddin's services for the development of the university are unforgettable and his role in providing basic facilities for Ambedkar University is unforgettable. He explained that Prof. Bashiruddin's recognition across the country is not all, he used his influence to build and spread the university. He is ICON of Indian Journalism fraternity. Prof. Chakrapani expressed concern that Present the media is not working as expected in the current situation in awakening the society. He suggested that journalists and media organizations should play their role in standing by the common man and focusing on solving public problems.

Devulapalli Amar, Former Chairman Media Academy participated in the program and recalled the services rendered by Prof. S. Bashiruddin to the Indian journalism sector. Dr.L.Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar introduced about the program and chief guest. Dr.Sunil Kumar Pothana, Asst Professor of Journalism, proposed vote of thanks. Devulapalli Amar, All Director, Deans, Head of the Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members and Representatives of various Service Associations also participated.





Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chacnellor, BRAOU along with Prof.K.Seetharama Rao, President, IDEA and Former Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU released brochure of IDEA two-day National Conference on "Beyond Boundaries : The New ODL Landscape" being organised by Indian Distance Education Association in collaboration with Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University at university campus on March 25 & 26, 2026.

BRAOU STUDENTS ARE GEMS

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

- **Plans to set up Tata - Ambedkar Training Centre**
- **BRAOU - TCS Placement Success Meet**



BRAOU News, February 19, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized a Placement Success Meet on Thursday at CSTD Building on its campus. The event celebrated the achievements of students who successfully secured employment opportunities. Offer letters were presented to the job achievers selected through TCS iON partner companies.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, attended as the Chief Guest for the program. Prof.Chakrapani stated that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University is competing with renowned educational institutions and plans are being made to set up a **"Tata – Ambedkar Training Center"** in the coming days. Prof.Chakrapani handed over Job offer letters to 64 candidates selected by TCS Ion partner companies. He said that it is continuously working to provide quality education to the learners and impart industry-relevant skills. He said that plans are being prepared to set up a special training center named 'Tata - Ambedkar' in collaboration with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to enhance job opportunities. He said that Tata is at the forefront of serving the society and nation building through human resource development. He revealed that the proposed center will focus on equipping students with advanced technical skills and professional competencies. He described the students of Dr. BR Ambedkar open university as gems who have the potential to become leaders in the competitive world. The hard work, skills, perseverance and strong abilities are the key factors for success. In the coming days, the university aims to provide 10,000 job opportunities to the learners. He is proudly said that open University provides talented candidates to leading corporate companies like TCS.

Krishna, South Head of TCS iON, said that the first job of every individual is continuous learning. He encouraged students to approach their careers with passion and a maker mindset. Further advised them to stay curious, keep upgrading their knowledge, and embrace new trends. He also stressed the importance of ethics and integrity as the foundation of long-term success.

Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (Academic), Chakrapani said that the

university provides equal education and job opportunities to all its students. She explained that the students of the Open University are competent in all fields and are ready to be useful to the industries.

Dr. L. V. K. Reddy, Registrar said Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University remarked that progress and achievement together define true success. He described the job achievers as torchbearers for the next generation of BRAOU learners. Dr Reddy appreciated their dedication and perseverance in reaching their goals. He urged them to inspire and encourage those who could not pursue education in conventional universities to embrace open and distance learning.

Prof. Rabindranath Solomon, OSD said that to excel in any profession, enthusiasm and commitment are required. He explained that the TCS iON Job Achiever Program was created to increase the employability of students and bridge the gap between academia and industry. He explained that good communication skills and professional ethics are key to long-term career success.

TCS iON Project Director Leena Tipre stated that skills play a vital role in shaping a successful career. She encouraged students to build their confidence and continuously upgrade their competencies to meet industry standards. Leena also advised job achievers to polish their skills and share their success stories to inspire and motivate others.

Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Placement Officer and Centre for Vocational Training In-charge Prof. Pallavi Kabde shared the systematic efforts and consistent practices that led to the success of the Placement Meet. They highlighted the importance of structured training, regular mentoring, and industry interaction in preparing students for employment opportunities. They urged the job achievers to serve as role models and inspire the upcoming batches with their dedication and success. The team also announced plans to organize more job orientation programmes in the coming days to further strengthen the university's brand and enhance its image. Mr.Ravindra Kembhavi; Mr.D.R. Satish Kumar; Mr.Arjun Thupkar and other officials from TCSiON; Alll Directors, deans, and heads of various departments participated in the program.



SANT SEVALAL WAS A GREAT ADVOCATE OF NON-VIOLENCE
-: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani



BRAOU News, February 19, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University celebrated Sant Sevalal 287th birth anniversary at its campus on Thursday. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor said that Sant Sevalal was a great man who laid the foundations of the ideology of non-violence to show the elevation of the Banjara caste to the world. Prof. Chakrapani, described Sevalal as a great humanitarian and a deity worshipped by the Banjaras. He said that he worked for the welfare of the Banjaras and their self-respect. Sant Sevalal lived an ideal life centuries ago and called on the youth to take Sevalal as an ideal, was recognized as a renowned environmentalist two hundred years ago and his foresight can be understood.

Sant Sevalal Maharaj, the worshipped deity of the Banjaras : Bhangya Bhukya

Prof. Bhangya Bhukya, Professor of History of the Central University, attended as the guest speaker in the program. Prof.Bhangya said that Sevalal Maharaj is being praised as a great and respected spiritual figure in the Banjaras of the country. Sevalal Maharaj is revered as a great and respected spiritual figure in the Banjaras of the country. He said that he added spirituality to the culture of the Banjaras, traveled all over the country and preached good things to the society. He said that Sevalal united the Banjara community, which was fragmented all over the country, through his tours. Sevalal was a visionary and philosopher. He explained that he sacrificed his life for the upliftment of the Banjaras by giving spiritual teachings and devotional sermons, and enlightened people with good words. He explained that there is no place in history where he worked for his fame, but that he moved forward with the aim of developing those communities. It was revealed that the photo was made by historians who knew his mentality by imagining the appearance of Sant Sevalal.

Dr. L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar presided over the program. He revealed that the glorification of Sant Sevalal as a deity worshipped by Banjara means that his services for the upliftment of those communities are memorable. Dr. Banoth Dharma, Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell explained the importance of the program and the services of Sant Sevalal to the assembly. Earlier, Bhog Bhandar (Puja program) was organized with devotion and devotion by a large number of Banjara employees under the leadership of Dr. Dharma Nayak. Prof.I.Anand Pawar;Prof. Chandrakala, Prof. Pramila Ketawat; Prof. Boju Srinivas, Redya Nayak, Maloth Buddha Nayak, Pandu Nayak, Kantham Prema Kumar; Naveen Nayak, All Directors Deans, Heads of the Branches, teaching and non-teaching staff and representatives various services associations were participated in the program.

National Science Day Celebrated

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is a great social scientist

: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

· Science alone has increased crop yields in the country
: Dr. Himansh Pathak, Director General, ICRISAT





BRAOU News, February 28, 2026: Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Faculty of Sciences organized National Science Day lecture on "India's Agri – Revolution : Shortage to Surplus with Science" in honour with the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian physicist Sir C. V. Raman on 28 February 1928, at its campus at on Saturday.

Prof Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU attended as Chief Guest for the program. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, said No matter how many scientists there are in the country, they have done special research in their respective fields and contributed to the development of the country, but Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution who worked for the development of all sections of this country, is a great social scientist. He said any country in the world should believe in science and move forward in line with the economic and technological changes coming in various fields, only then will development be possible in all fields. He called for the future of India to be free from superstitions and unscientific methods. He suggested that young researchers should focus on modern technology and social



development research. In the coming days, university will sign a memorandum of understanding with ICRISAT and create new courses that will benefit rural students and farmers in Telangana. He revealed that new agricultural-based vocational courses will be started from the coming academic year.



Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Director General, The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Telangana delivered a lecture on "India's Agri – Revolution : Shortage to Surplus with Science". Dr. Pathak said at the time of independence, there was a high rate of hunger due to the lack of access to adequate agricultural products for the country's population. Even then, India's land area is still the same and the population is increasing every year. However, from a deficit of agricultural products, today our country has reached the level of exporting agricultural products to the world, which is possible only with science. He explained that agricultural research has increased in the country. The ICRISAT is at the forefront of developing varieties that increase yield. He also called for respecting the food we eat and the farmers who grow it.

Prof. G .Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (Academic) & Dean, Faculty of Sciences presided over the program. She explained about the significance of National Science Day. While speaking, she explained that it is an auspicious sign to celebrate the National Science Day in his name to recognize the Raman effect discovered by the famous Indian researcher Sir CV Raman.

Prof.S.V. Rajasheker Reddy, Former Professor of Geology, BRAOU spoke on the occasion. Prof.Sridevi; Prof.K.Prameela; Dr. Kishore; Dr. Ramakrishna; Dr.S.Rajitha; Dr.Y.Kumar; Dr.Narasayya Battu, Dr.Y.Ashok; All Directors, Deans, Heads of Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, faculty members, representatives of service associations, science students attended the program. On this occasion, scientific exhibitions organized by students of various departments, a specially designed robot and a display of various types of snakes stood out.



Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani Launched IDEA Website & Posters





BRAOU News, March 4, 2026: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU launched Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) website (ideaindia.net) at its campus on Wednesday. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani said the University in collaboration with IDEA will organising a two-day National Conference on "Beyond Boundaries : The New ODL Landscape" on March 25 & 26, 2026.

The Program was attended byProf. K.seetharama Rao, President, IDEA, Dr. LVK Reddy, Secretary General, IDEA and Prof. S.Jeelani, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed vice president and Secretary IDEA participated.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

RESPECT FOR WOMEN MUST BEGIN AT HOME

- : Dr. Priyanka Varghese, IFS



BRAOU News, March 11, 2026: Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Women's Development and Extension Centre (WDEC) today celebrated International Women's Day on "Give to Gain" at its Campus at Jubilee Hills on Wednesday.

Prof.Ghanta Chakrpani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU attended as the chief guest for the function. Prof.Chakrapani emphasized the need for female students to achieve financial self-reliance and to emerge as entrepreneurs. The university has taken an initiative for women learners to make Women Entrepreneurs, to transform the entrepreneurial landscape by fostering innovation and leadership among women in both urban and rural areas, thus effecting social empowerment through economic enablement. "We Enable" – A Collaborative Program to Empower Female Student Learners by building entrepreneurial mind-set and enhancing employability Skills. WE-Enable is a customized future-ready program designed to equip female students pursuing any undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Prof. Chakrapani stated that a large number of female students are pursuing higher education through their university, adding that the fact that women constitute 49 percent of the total student body brings him great joy. He further announced that, in the coming days, they would accord top priority to women's empowerment and establish collaborations with renowned institutions.

Dr.Priyanka Varghese, IFS, Director, Telangana Forest Academy, Hyderabad was the keynote speaker for the program. Dr. Varghese stated that providing education and basic resources creates opportunities for women to achieve not only academic advancement but also economic self-reliance. She emphasized that women deserve to receive respect first and foremost within their





own homes; only then can they cultivate the inner strength and confidence necessary to achieve excellent results and excel in their chosen professions. She emphasized the words of former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, she urged female students to dream big and to work hard in a systematic and planned manner to realize those dreams, thereby making it easier to attain success. She also lauded the efforts undertaken by the Ambedkar Open University toward the advancement of women's education and empowerment, as well as the visionary leadership of Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani.

Prof.G.Pushpa Chakrpani, Director Academic, BRAOU preside over the program. Speaking on the occasion, she asserted that there is no greater power in the world than a woman, adding that without women, creation itself would not exist. She also highlighted that their university offers courses focused on women's empowerment, advancement, and the elimination of discrimination.

Dr.L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar of the University attended as guest of honour for the program. He stated that the university is implementing various initiatives with the specific objective of empowering women, and he urged female students to take full advantage of these opportunities.

Prof.K.Rani Rajitha Madhuri, I/c WDEC explain the aims, objectives of the program and presented a detailed report on the Women's Development & Extension Centre activities and introduced about the guest speaker. Prof.E.Sudha Rani; Prof.Pallavi Kabde; Prof.K.Sridevi, Prof.N.Rajani; Prof.Mary Sunanda; Dr. D. Udayani; Dr.S.Rajitha, Rushindra Mani, Saritha Women employees, Students of the university, Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff members, Representatives services Associations were participated.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION GRIPPING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

: Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE

TELANGANA AIMS TO EMERGE AS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO INDIA'S FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH

: Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary



BRAOU News, March 13, 2026: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Faculty of Commerce and Business Management organizing two inaugurated days National Conference on **"Business Transformation for Sustainable Development"** on 13th and 14th March 2026 at the campus on Friday. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education attended as chief guest for the program. Prof. Balakista Reddy highlighted the rapid transformation occurring in the global economy. The technological developments such as e-commerce, mobile commerce and digital platforms are re shaping business practices and consumer behavior across the world. Liberalization, privatization, and globalization have now been complemented by digitization and the transformative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a new era of economic change. The major challenge, today is balancing economic development with environmental sustainability. Higher education institutions, must provide quality, inclusive, and globally relevant education to prepare students for this changing landscape. The several skill-based and employability-oriented courses have been introduced in universities across the state to enhance students' career opportunities.



Sri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana attended as Distinguished Guest, spoke about the state's vision for economic growth and sustainability. Referring to the national vision of Narendra Modi for building a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. The Telangana aims to emerge as a major contributor to India's future economic growth, the state is working towards

achieving a three-trillion-dollar economy, while India is expected to reach a thirty-trillion-dollar economy by 2047. He highlighted the rapid development of Hyderabad as a major economic and innovation hub and referred to initiatives such as the night-time economy, the Outer Ring Road (ORR) and the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR), which are strengthening infrastructure and connectivity. Innovative development initiatives including CURE, PURE, and RARE programs, which aim to improve infrastructure and economic opportunities in both urban and rural areas. Telangana is among the leading states in terms of per capita income and is working towards doubling farmers incomes. The government is also focusing on empowering women economically with the goal of enabling one crore women to become "crorepatis." Addressing youth employment challenges, he observed that there is often a mismatch between academic qualifications and industry requirements. He encouraged universities to introduce more industry-aligned courses and digital learning programs to enhance employability. On sustainability, the state is committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2047, promoting green initiatives such as electric buses in TGSRTC, renewable energy adoption, and improved environmental management.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani emphasized that the university is guided by the mission of "education for all." He noted that the university enrols nearly 1.2 lakh students every year, reflecting its commitment to providing accessible higher education to diverse sections of society. Prof. Chakrapani stated that the university is strengthening collaborations with business organizations and industries to ensure that academic programs meet the evolving needs of the business environment. According to him, employability-oriented curriculum design and skill development initiatives are among the top priorities of the university. He highlighted the intellectual legacy of B. R. Ambedkar, describing him as not only a social reformer but also an eminent economist who envisioned an inclusive and equitable economic system. The Vice-Chancellor further noted that BRAOU is re thinking its academic strategies to respond to technological transformation and emerging economic opportunities. He announced that the university will organize Digital Empowerment Day on April 14, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Initiatives such as entrepreneurship promotion and the 'Samatha' programs are also being strengthened to empower students and promote social equity.



He remarked that the university is playing a significant role in supporting business growth and knowledge development in Telangana.

Prof. Sudershan Kuntluru, Dean (Executive Education), Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode was the keynote speaker for the program. He discussed the growing importance of technological innovation in the modern economy. He explained that businesses today must adopt sustainability-driven transformation strategies to remain competitive and socially responsible. He highlighted several emerging trends, including Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR), and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) frameworks. He also discussed the role of green energy, hydrogen technology, artificial intelligence, and digital platforms in promoting sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions. Prof. Kuntluru stressed that universities must become centers of inter disciplinary research and innovation, working closely with industry and government institutions to address complex sustainability challenges.

Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Conference Director & Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Business Management stated the conference aims to examine emerging challenges and opportunities in aligning business growth with sustainable development goals, welcomed the participants and outlined the objectives of the conference. He noted that the event received 190 research abstracts, out of which 143 full papers were accepted for presentation after review. He said the conference provides an important platform for scholars, industry experts, and policymakers to exchange ideas on business innovation, sustainable development, digital transformation, and economic growth. The two-day conference will feature panel discussions, technical sessions, research papers presentations, and discussions focusing on strategies for achieving sustainable business transformation in the rapidly changing global economy.

Prof. D. Rabindranath Solomon, Conference Co-Director welcomed the gathering and explain about importance of the 2-day Conference and its proceedings. Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director Academic, Prof. Y. S. Kiranmayi, Conference Co-Director; Dr. P. Radha Krishna, Conference Secretary; Dr. Srinivas Barla, Conference Convenor; and Prof. V. Srinivasa Rao, Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Prof. Chandrakala, Prof. Mary Sunanda and various Universities officials, Deans, research scholars also participated.

The Panel Discussion and technical sessions that followed were attended by K V Rao, former Vice-Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University; Prof Anirban Ghosh, faculty member of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Open University, (Kolkata); Prof. B. Sindhu from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University; Prashant Kumar Das from Pai International; David Raju Manne from the Department of Healthcare and Life Sciences; Kishore Nutalapati from Bekam Infra Projects Private Limited were participated.

OBITURY



LATE **MOHD RIAZUDDIN** Record Assistant, Dr. BRAOU passed away on 10-03-2026. A Condolence meeting was held at the campus to mourn the death of Mohd Riazuddin.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES STRONG AGRICULTURE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

-Prof. S. Srinivasa Murthy, Director, Institute of Public Enterprise



BRAOU News, March 14, 2026: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Faculty of Commerce and Business Management concluded two days National conference on "Business Transformation for Sustainable Development" at the University campus, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. Prof. S. Srinivasa Murthy, Director, Institute of Public Enterprise attended as chief guest for the program. Prof. Murthy emphasized the need for strategic approaches for businesses to integrate sustainability into their core operations. Referring to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, he emphasized the importance of health facilities, need for quality education and greater social responsibility. Prof Murthy highlighted the vision of Viksit Bharat, stating that all sectors are experiencing growth, while agriculture continues to remain the backbone of the Indian economy. He stressed that improving agricultural productivity is essential for achieving real sustainable development. While India has emerged as a major destination for the service sector, he noted that the country still has comparatively less presence in manufacturing industries.

Prof. G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (Academic) BRAOU presided over the program. Prof.Pushpa stated that the discussions held during this two-day conference pertaining to trade, business growth, and sustainable development would pave the way for future research. The conference would serve as a guiding light for innovative ideas and research endeavors. She affirmed that the university remains committed to providing quality education while giving equal priority to all sections of society.

Distinguished Guest Prof. Vikas Singh, Economist & Author; Guests of Honour Dr. LVK Reddy, Registrar, BRAOU and Prof. K. Victor Babu, Editor-in-Chief, IJMER shared their insights on the intersection of academia, industry, and sustainable development.

Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Conference Director & Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Business Management expressed his pride that researchers from various universities across the country had attended this two-day



conference. He announced that a jury had thoroughly reviewed all the research papers in the conference and had selected five of them as the "Best Research Papers, two faculty members Dr. M. Ramya and Dr. Ravi and while three for research scholars P. Bhargavi; Deenam, K. Shilpa; M. Karthika and Dr. Sandhya are recipients of Best Research Papers.

Prof. D. Rabindranath Solomon, Conference Co-Director present a detailed report on the two-day national conference. He highlighted several key issues that emerged as central points of discussion. He revealed that the conference received 192 research papers from various faculty members and academicians across the country; of these, 162 full papers were submitted, and 81 were selected for publication. He noted that 94 researchers and faculty members attended the conference in person across six technical sessions to present their research papers. A special journal featuring these research papers was unveiled during the conference. The program was attended by Prof. Y. S. Kiranmayi, Conference Co-Director; Dr. P. Radha Krishna, Conference Secretary; Dr. Srinivas Barla, Conference Convenor; and Prof. V. Srinivasa Rao, Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Prof. Chandrakala, Prof. Chandrakala and various Universities officials, Deans, research scholars and delegates across the country were participated.

Earlier, In the technical sessions Dr. Surendra Narendra Patole, Director, School of Commerce and Management, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik; Prof. G.V. Bhavani Prasad (Retired and Emeritus Faculty, Kakatiya University, Warangal; Dr. Gajendrababu and Dr. Mallikarjuna Rao Faculty, Government City College, Hyderabad; Dr. Saritha, a faculty member Begumpet Women's College, Smt. Sagarika Research scholar and other officials, deans, Research scholars from various universities were participated.



Writers Are Guides to the Society

– VC Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

"Writers' Meet" Silver Jubilee Celebrated at BRAOU

BRAOU News, March 14, 2026: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University stated that writers are guides who show the path to society, it is our responsibility to honor them. A "Writers' Meet" program was organized under the aegis of the Writers' Association, in collaboration with Department of Telugu, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, to mark the association's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, attended the event as the Chief Guest and delivered a keynote address. Speaking on the occasion, he affirmed that Ambedkar Open University would always serve as a platform where writers and the general public could freely express their opinions. He urged the representatives of the Writers' Association to utilize this platform to articulate their thoughts, emotions, and experiences, and to become a voice for the issues faced by the common people—thereby raising public consciousness through the medium of their writings. He further expressed that Ambedkar Open University considered it an honor to be a partner in the "Silver Jubilee" celebrations, marking the completion of twenty-five years since the association's inception.

Allam Rajaiah, Renowned writer participated as the keynote speaker in the program, He remarked that the "Writers' Meet" organization was established to create a democratic space, a feat made possible largely due to the efforts of progressive organizations such as Virasam. He lauded the association for its immense and invaluable contribution over the past 25 years towards the propagation and study of Telugu literature. He remarked that, given



the current circumstances, the mother tongue is passing through a period of crisis a crisis that necessitates a thorough understanding. He noted that events such as this serve as an inspiration to young writers, encouraging them to produce high-quality literary works; furthermore, he stated that this conference offers a unique opportunity for writers to craft narratives that reflect the issues faced by the common people in society and propose solutions to them. He commended the organizers of the event for bringing together Telugu writers from the southern states, thereby charting a new course for Telugu literature. The event was attended by prominent writer Khadeer Babu; Dr. K. Srinivas, renowned journalist and editor; N. Venugopal editor Veekshanam; celebrated authors LV Reddy, KN Malleswari, Kuppili Padma, N. Rajani, and Vasireddy Naveen; as well as numerous short story writers and authors hailing from various states.



OPEN UNIVERSITIES AS EMERGING "AGENTIC AI UNIVERSITIES"

: Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU

- QUALITY EDUCATION TO ALL SECTIONS : Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani
- Two-Day National Conference on "Beyond Boundaries : The New ODL Landscape" Hold at BRAOU





BRAOU News, March 25, 2026 : The Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA), in collaboration with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) and hosting in association with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Telangana Council for Higher Education and INFLIBNET, Gujrat is organized a two-day National Conference on "Beyond Boundaries: The New ODL Landscape" Inaugurated on 25th March 2026 at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University Campus.

Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU attended as the Chief Guest for Inaugural Session. Prof. Kanjilal stated that ODL constitutes nearly 50 percent of the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) and plays a crucial role in expanding access to higher education. She noted that the NEP 2020 emphasizes strengthening the ODL system to ensure quality education. She highlighted that artificial intelligence (AI) can do wonders, especially in managing large numbers of learners effectively. She described open universities as emerging "agentic AI universities" that integrate skills, competencies, and vocational education. She emphasized the need for strong industry–academia collaboration and the adoption of hybrid learning models combining ODL, online, and face-to-face methods. She further underlined the importance of international collaboration, faculty digital training, and aligning with national initiatives like Viksit Bharat, Skill India, and Digital India to position India as a global knowledge provider. She pointed out that AI-driven, learner-centric approaches can help in developing high-quality self-learning materials (SLMs). She also suggested adopting AI tutors, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) to enhance learning experiences. However, handling scale remains a challenge that can be addressed through the adoption of advanced technologies. She stressed the importance of embracing digital transformation and the evolving educational scenario through intelligent learning systems.



Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Chakrapani remarked that, while remembering Prof. G. Ram Reddy, a pioneer of open and distance education in Inidia, the education landscape has significantly shifted from traditional methods to digital tools. He emphasized the need to adapt technology to reach the unreached and ensure inclusive access to learning. He highlighted that promoting equity for all marginalized sections remains a core objective of ODL. He noted that ODL has now become a preferred and necessary mode of education. He also recalled Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's invaluable contributions to education, particularly his vision for social justice and equal opportunities.

Prof. V. S. Prasad, Former Director, NAAC was keynote speaker for the inaugural function. Prof. Prasad stated that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) is a cost-effective mode of education that enhances access to higher education, following the principle of achieving more with less for more learners. He emphasized that the use of AI and other modern technologies requires careful design and planning. He cautioned that without proper regulation, technology could shift from being a tool to becoming a controlling force. He highlighted that ODL is guided by the four 'A's of education access for anyone, learning of anything, at any time, and from anyplace. He concluded by stressing the need to balance innovation with responsibility in the adoption of technology.



Shri Anandrao Vishnu Patil, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India, sent a recorded video message as a Special Guest for the inaugural function. Anandrao stated that ODL institutions should never compromise on the quality of education provided to learners. He emphasized that artificial intelligence must become an integral part of ODL systems to enhance teaching and learning. He also suggested introducing employment-oriented courses and encouraged institutions to think innovatively.

Prof. Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Digital University, Kerala, participated as Distinguished Guest. Prof. Saji emphasized that improving quality and expanding reach are essential goals of education. He stated that effective use of technology is crucial to achieve both.

The Guests of Honour Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, President, IDEA, stated that the Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) is committed to the welfare and development of education. He emphasized its role in promoting and strengthening the ODL system for inclusive and accessible learning. Prof. Murali Manohar, Honorary President, IDEA, highlighted several challenges facing ODL, including restrictive government policies, lack of funding for public institutions, and limited recruitment.

Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Conference Director & Director (Academic) explained the expected outcomes of the conference, highlighting its focus on strengthening the ODL system and promoting quality education. She emphasized that the deliberations would lead to actionable recommendations, policy inputs, and collaborative initiatives among institutions.

Dr. L. V. K. Reddy, Secretary General, IDEA & Registrar, BRAOU expressed sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, participants, and organizers for making the event a success and Proposed vote of thanks.

Followed by a Round Table Meeting on "Digital Technologies: Future of ODL". Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani was the Chairperson. The distinguished panelists from various institutions across the country were participated in the Round Table Meet. In the afternoon a Plenary Session on "ONOS and INFLIBNET Services to Academic Community" feature experts from INFLIBNET. Prof. Devika, Director INFLIBNET and Mr. Abhishek, Scientist – E, Computer Science were participated and explain about the INFLIBNET activities and use and adoption of e technologies, Prof. A.R.D. Prasad chaired the session. This will be followed by parallel technical sessions focusing on various sub themes of the conference. All The Directors, deans, heads of the branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching employees, IDEA members, delegates across the country were participated in the conference.



UGC IMPOSING MORE REGULATIONS ON OPEN UNIVERSITIES

-: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

- **Corporates Colleges becoming Deemed Open Universities**
- **Two-Day National Conference on "Beyond Boundaries: The New ODL Landscape" concluded at BRAOU**



BRAOU News, March 26, 2
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Prof. Navin Chandra Lohani, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, attended Guest for the valedictory function. Prof. Lohani highlighted key challenges faced by the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system, particularly in adapting to evolving educational demands. He opined that open universities in China are far superior to traditional universities. He explained that institutions for Open education in the country are facing challenges in their operations due to a shortage of funds. He noted that distance education institutions bear the responsibility of embracing technology to adapt to changing modern circumstances. Furthermore, he highlighted that open universities are developing self-learning materials using their own resources—with the development of learners in mind—and appealed to the government to increase funding allocations for educational institutions providing distance education.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Chakrapani expressed deep concern that the UGC is imposing numerous stringent regulations to rein in distance education universities, thereby causing difficulties for public sector universities. He noted that certain corporate colleges are transforming into 'deemed universities' within a very short span of time—a development of which even the respective state governments remain unaware. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani voiced his apprehension that, as a result of this trend, education has evolved into a corporate commodity; this not only places it out of reach for underprivileged students but also renders the pursuit of higher education an onerous burden. Prof. Chakrapani said the in collaboration with other open university plan to launch new program from next academic year.

The Guests of Honour Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, President, IDEA asserted that any attempts by the UGC—or any other regulatory body—to restrict the nation's Open Universities would not be tolerated; furthermore, he urged the government to recognize that distance education remains the only accessible option for the underprivileged sections of society. Prof.E.Vayunandan, Former Vice-Chancellor, YCMOU, Nasik expressed concern that UGC regulations are increasingly hijacking the education system. He cautioned that such trends may undermine the autonomy and inclusive mandate of open universities.

Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Conference Director & Director (Academic) explained the detailed reports of the two day national conference. The two-day national seminar featured comprehensive discussions on the challenges faced in the expansion of distance education.

In plenary session Prof. Sanjay Mishra, Digital Learning Specialist delivered Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture "Father of Distance Education" on "Open Distance Policy and Leadership." Prof. E. Sudharani, Director, GRCR &D The was president of session. Earlier, a Round Table Meet - II on "NEP & Dual Mode Universities : Issue and Challenges". Prof. S. Jeelani, Director, CDVL, University of Hyderabad was the Chairman for the Round Table Meet. The distinguished panelists from various institutions across the country were participated in the Round Table Meet Prof. D. Harichandan, Former Director, CDE, University of Mumbai; Prof. Razaullah Khan, Director, CDE, MAANU; Prof. J. Ramu Naidu, Former Director, CDE, Andhra University; Prof. K. Murali Manohar, Former Director, SDLCE, Kakatiya University; Dr. Kishore Mendem,Asst. Professor, BRAOU act as Rapporteur for the Round Table Meet: All The Directors, deans, heads of the branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching employees, IDEA members, delegates across the country were participated in the conference.



Empowering Women Through Education

: Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani

BRAOU Hosts Orientation on Personality development and career opportunities.

BRAOU News, March 15, 2026: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Prof. G. Ram Reddy Centre for Research & Development (GRCR&D) organise Orientation Program for Women Students on **"Personality Development & Career Opportunities"** (as a part of G. Ram Reddy Memorial Activities (GRAMA) at, Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College For Women on March 15, 2026 on Sunday.

Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani Director Academic, BRAOU attend as Chief Guest for the program. She spoke extensively on the university's rapid progress and the transformative vision of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani. She highlighted the VC's commitment to making BRAOU a "hub for skill development" rather than just a degree-granting institution. Under his leadership, the university has embraced digital transformation and strategic MoUs with organizations like WE-HUB to ensure students are industry-ready. She urged students to utilize the 'Samata' scholarship for empowerment and the 'Nipuna' scholarship for skill-based training.

Prof. H. Srinivas Rao (Retd.) Dept. Of Commerce, Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College For Women, Nampally, Hyderabad was the Guests of Honour for the program. He focused on the mechanics of achievement. He challenged students to embrace "Practical Knowledge" over rote learning and shared his "4 Ps" formula for success: Planning, Preparation, Practice, and Presentation. He asserted that while we cannot control our birth, we have the absolute power to choose our careers and shape our own futures through disciplined decision-making. University Progress and Support:

Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (GRCR&D), BRAOU preside over the program. She said the high-impact orientation program today for women learners at the Indira Priyadarshini Government Degree College for Women. The event, titled "Personality Development & Career Opportunities," brought together academic



leaders and industry experts to inspire students toward self-reliance and professional excellence. She urged students to "Dream High." She emphasized that while the university provides the platform, the onus is on students to leverage these opportunities. Prof. Rani highlighted BRAOU's mission to serve vulnerable groups, stressing that the ultimate goal of education is to foster self-respect through financial independence, creating an identity beyond traditional social roles.

Guest Speaker, Annie Vijaya J, Director - WE ENABLE Program- WE HUB said the university's collaboration with WE-HUB is designed to bridge the gap between "Campus and Career." She stressed that students must evolve from being job seekers to becoming job creators. The WE-Enable Program structured intervention that provides female students with industry immersions, personalized mentoring, and skill-based training.

Entrepreneurial Mindset: She encouraged students to identify "local problems" and turn them into "business solutions," utilizing the technical and financial support provided by the state-led incubator. She shared three pillars for professional growth: "Don't hesitate to ask for help," "Understand your financials," and "Network with purpose."

Global Readiness: Through the WE-Enable initiative, she explained that students can access internships and live projects that make them globally competitive.

Employment-Oriented Courses for Students at Ambedkar Open University

- Directors Prof. Pushpa Chakrapaani & Prof. Rabindranath Solomon

- To Empower Women as Entrepreneurs : Prof. Pallavi Kabade

- Special Focus on Skill Development Courses : Director Prof. Anand Pawar

BRAOU News, March 29, 2026: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University organised Extensive awareness programs regarding job-oriented courses, employment opportunities, and skill development were conducted for first and second-year degree students of the University across various study centers in the Twin Cities. Under the guidance of Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director and other university officials. Prof. Rabindranath Solomon; Director,EMRRC and OSD to Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Pallavi Kabade, Coordinator of the Skill Development and Vocational Training Center; Prof. Anand Pawar. Director DMP; Dr. Venkateswarlu Director Student Services ; Prof. P. Venkata Ramana; Prof. Bhoju Srinivas; Prof. Sridevi; Prof. Rajani; and others—participated in these events at different study centers to educate the students. At these various colleges, they provided detailed information and raised awareness among students regarding available job-oriented courses, employment opportunities, and skill development programs. As part of this initiative, 30 directors and faculty members across 13 study centers within the twin cities area provided students with detailed information regarding the courses necessary to secure employment in corporate organizations.

Prof. Rabindranath Solomon & Prof. Pushpa Chakrapaani stated that the "TCS iON Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program" is poised to pave the way for a bright future for students.

He explained that the "TCS iON Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program"—developed jointly by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University and Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.—along with other employment and skill-based courses recently introduced by the university, have been designed to ensure that students secure a job placement alongside their degree certificate. He further elaborated that, in a manner unique within the country, this course has been specially crafted to empower students pursuing higher education through distance learning at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University. Through this collaboration with TCS iON, students are groomed right from their first year to meet the specific requirements of corporate companies, thereby enabling them to seize opportunities across various corporate organizations globally. He clarified that this course can be completed concurrently while pursuing one's degree studies. the successful completion of this three-year program through the distance education mode, students would gain access to job opportunities within a network of over 3,500 partner companies under the aegis of TCS iON. students would derive extensive benefits through workshops aimed at career growth, skill enhancement, and mastering the English language, as well as

Noting that the University has entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with various organizations to benefit its students—including TCS iON, WE-HUB, RASCI, and the Sri Ramananda Tirtha Rural Institute—officials urged students to make the most of these opportunities.

It was highlighted that Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani's assumption of office as the Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, the institution has designed numerous innovative initiatives aimed at generating employment opportunities for students, establishing MoUs with diverse organizations to make these resources accessible to them. It was stated that students should opt for these programs as supplementary additions to their degree courses, and that admissions for these specific programs are currently underway.

Prof. Pallavi Kabade explained that these courses have been meticulously designed to impart industry-relevant skills—covering areas such as computer proficiency, English language mastery, IT skills, mobile repair, solar energy systems, and CCTV camera management—while also including specialized programs for women, such as beautician courses, Zardozi, and embroidery, with the overarching objective of empowering women to become entrepreneurs.

Prof. Bhoju Srinivas, Dr. Raghavendra, Dr. Guravaiah at Sardar Patel College, Secunderabad; Prof. K. Sridevi, Dr. G. Ashok, Dr. Ushasri at Indira Priyadarshini Government College for Women; Dr. Vijay Kumar, Prof. N. Rajani, Prof. Dayakar at Government Degree College, Chanchalguda; Dr. K. Avinash, Dr. K. Vijay at Government Degree College, Kukatpally; Dr. K. Dayakar, Dr. B. Mahender, Dr. M. Chiranjeevi at SVS Degree College, Vidyanagar; Dr. B. Srinivas, Dr. Sunil Kumar Pothana, Dr. J. Aruna at BJR Government Degree College, Narayanaguda addressed various queries raised by the students.

Awareness Programs on Various Courses Held at 13 Study Centers Across the Twin Cities



Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Academic Director and others unveiling "TCS iON Job Achiever Business Operations Executive Program" poster at Government Degree College, Kukatpally



Prof. Ravindranath Solomon, Prof. Venkata Ramana
Dr. Yadagiri, Government Degree College, Khairatabad



Prof. Anand Pawar, Prof. Chandra Kala, Dr. Rajitha
at Begumpet Government Degree College for Women



Prof. Pallavi Kabade, Prof. K. Krishna Reddy
at Patancheru Government Degree College



Dr. Y. Venkateshwarlu, Dr. Narsaia h Battu,
Dr. Y. Kumar at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar



Dr. Md. Khaja Makhdoom and Dr. K. Umadevi
at Government Degree College, Falaknuma



Dr. P. Lakshman, Dr. Koteshwara Rao, Dr. N. Ramakrishna
at Government Degree College, Malkajgiri



Dr. P. Radhakrishna, Dr. Anantha Shankar,
Dr. G. Rameshwar Goud at Government City College

STAFF NEWS

Dr.P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer & Placement Officer, Designated as The Nodal Officer for Prajavani Grievance Redressal System of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University w.e.f on 21-02-2026.

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Sri U Shankara Babu
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Founder President, Jyothi Reddy Foundation

Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani
Director - Academic

Dr. Y. Venkateswarlu
Director - Learner Support Services

Presided by
Prof. Chakrapani Ghanta
Vice Chancellor, BRAOU

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President

Prof. Chakrapani Ghanta
Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU

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Liasion Officer, SC/ST Cell, BRAOU

Dr. A. Ramadevi
Co-ordinator, BC Cell, BRAOU

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