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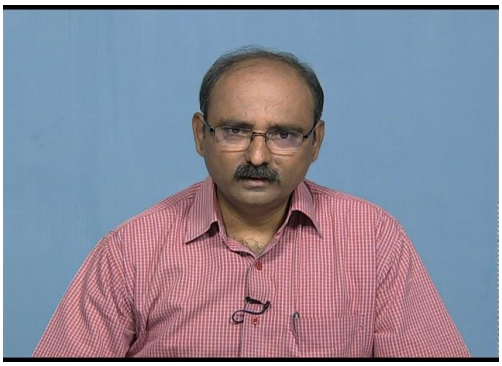
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Registrar





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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1982, taking an innovative and pioneering step, Andhra Pradesh became the first state in thecountry to set up an Open University that provided higher educational opportunities to the masses through the distance mode. It, undoubtedly, testifies to the vision and concerns of theGovernment for raising the educational level of the people and improving their quality of life.

1.1 The First Open University in India

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, formerly known as Andhra Pradesh Open University, is the first Open University in India. It was established by an Act of A.P. State Legislature (APOU ACT 1982) in 1982. Sri GianiZail Singh, the then President of India, inaugurated theUniversity on August 26, 1982. The ground-breaking ceremony (Bhoomi Puja) for the New Campus was performed on June 1, 1986 by the then Chief Minister, Sri N.T.RamaRao, and the Foundation Stone was laid by the then Vice-President, Dr.Shankar Dayal Sharma on July 24, 1988. Subsequently the University was renamed as Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University duringthe birth centenary celebrations of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar.

The University Grants Commission declared the University as an Institution fit to receive central assistance under section 12-B of the U.G.C. Act and rendered financial assistance through theIndira Gandhi National Open University which assigned the responsibility of funding to the Distance Education Council.

The University has a state-wide jurisdiction, presently covering 33 districts in Telangana. The headquarters is at Hyderabad, the capital city of the State. The Governor of Telangana is the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor is the principal academic and administrative head of the institution. Its activities are also spread over the state of Andhra Pradesh as per the State Reorganization Act.

Dr.BRAOU takes education to all parts of the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states – urban, rural, tribal areas and so on. Its organizational network is spread throughout the State. The Dr.BRAOU Act provides for the establishment of study centres in different parts of the State depending upon the needs and requirements of people. Dr.BRAOU seeks the cooperation of various conventional institutions for offering its academic programmes leading towards better interaction among these institutions. Dr.BRAOU functions through a network of 178 Learner Support Study Centres. Indeed, demographically and to some extent structurally, it stands unique in terms of its jurisdiction. It has 23 RCC's established at district level in both the states Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

1.2 Open University System in India

Three years after the Open University was established in Andhra Pradesh in 1982, IndiraGandhi National Open University came into existence in 1985, by an Act of the Parliament. Indira Gandhi National Open University has a nationwide jurisdiction, covering all the 25 States and the seven Union Territories in the country. In all there are now sixteen Open Universities in the country: Indira Gandhi Open University, New Delhi; Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad; Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, at Kota, Rajasthan; Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University at Nasik, Maharashtra; NetajiSubhas Open University, Kolkata;Dr. Baba Sahib Ambedkar Open University in Gujarat; Karnataka State Open University,Mysore; Rajashri Tandon Open University at Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh; Nalanda Open University at Patna, Bihar; P.T.Sundarlal Sharma Open University, Bilaspur, Chattisgarh,; Uttaranchal Open University, Dehradun; Assam Open University, Gauhati; Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and Tamilnadu Open University, Chennai, The Global Open University, Dimapur, Nagaland, Odissa State Open University, Sambalpur, Odissa. The Distance Education Council, which was established in 1992 as a statutory authority of

Indira Gandhi National Open University, acts as an apex body to lay down academic and professional norms for the Open and Distance Learning systems in India. Distance Education Council was replaced by the Distance Education Bureau (DEB) in 2012.

1.3 Equal Access to Higher Education

The Open University System is flexible in terms of admission, choice of courses, duration and age requirements, teaching methods and evaluation procedures. Thus, it offers an alternative channel to those who missed the opportunities for higher education at the appropriate age level,to women who enter into marriage before completion of studies, to working people who want to improve their academic qualifications and professional skills and to those socially and geographically marginalized persons, who do not have access to higher education.

The University provides access to higher education to everyone, irrespective of age, geographicallocation, economic, domestic or work constraints and makes learning for a living and living tolearn possible.

The new experiment in distance education led to the opening of the portals of higher education to a variety of potential students like housewives, farmers, skilled and unskilled labour, jawans, policemen, etc. who would otherwise not be able to acquire new skills and higher qualifications. Even prison inmates under sentence of life imprisonment enroll themselves as students and pursue education through exclusive study centres at Central Prisons – Hyderabad, Rajahmundry,Kadapa, Warangal and Nellore.

Looking back at the achievements of the last three decades, the University has gained a prestigious position in society by:

1. Providing access to large numbers of non-formal learners to the undergraduateprogrammes;
2. Designing courses innovatively as Foundation Courses, Core Courses and ApplicationOriented Courses;
3. Producing quality materials for interactive learning in Telugu, English and Urdu;
4. Setting up a wide network of support services;
5. Widening access to research, postgraduate and professional programmes through thedistance mode;
6. Giving hands-on training for laboratory practice in Science and Technology Courses; and
7. Using varied modes (print & electronic) for delivery of instruction;
8. Introducing online system of collection of fee for admissions and Examinations

1.4 The University Campus

Located on a panoramic, elevated site of 53.63 acres in Jubilee Hills, the University has impressive buildings, green lawns and tree-lined roads that enhance the scenic beauty of the rocks all around. The campus has the Administrative and Support Services Block, the GRADE building, Academic Building, EMR&RC and Library building, Study Material House, an extensive Open Plaza, a Conference Hall, and an Auditorium named after Late Sri BhavanamVenkatram, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh who was instrumental in establishing the University.

There are laboratories in the Science Faculty for providing hands-on training to Science Students of Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, and Zoology. The Science Practical's are conducted atthe Science and Technology Multi-Functional Lab (STML) building at the Campus, all under one roof. The Narla Memorial Library is also housed in the Academic Building. A Multimedia Lab, Two Synergy Halls, a well-furnished Faculty Room and a Language Lab have also beenset up in the Academic Building. All the buildings on the campus are linked by the LAN facility.

			Plinth Area
1.	Administrative Building (Administration & Student Support Services)	—	65,600 sft.
2.	Academic Building including Bhavanam Venkatram Auditorium and Conference Hall	—	87,100 sft.
3.	PatiRajam Library and AVP & RC	—	17,750 sft.
4.	Study Material House	—	13,500 sft.
5.	Grade-cum-Guest House	—	6,695 sft.
6.	Regional Coordination Centres 18x4,230	—	76,140 sft.
7.	Science & Technology Multifunctional Laboratory (STML) (recently completed and is ready for inauguration)	—	36,000 sft.
8.	Vice Chancellor's Lodge	—	5,900 sft.
9.	Second Floor over the Administrative Building	—	43,270 sft.
10.	Second Floor over the Library Building	—	9,448 sft.
11.	First Floor over the GRADE Building for House facility on the campus	—	6,690 sft. Guest
12.	Warehouse with Mechanised facilities.	—	26,535 sft

1.5 Facilities at the Campus

1. Library
2. Bank
3. Post office with speed post facility
4. Telephone-cum-Xerox facility
5. Bus service at regular intervals
6. Canteen
7. Reception (Information and Enquiry)
8. Examination Enquiries Counter
9. Learner Services Centre
10. SBH ATM Centre
11. Guest House
12. Online Registration Centre

1.6The Organizational Structure

The organizational structure of the university is similar to that of the other universities in the State, though a few changes have been made in its structure to suit the character of an open university. The Governor of Telangana is the ex-officio Chancellor of the University. The Executive Council, Academic Senate, Planning and Monitoring Board and Finance Committee are the important authorities of the University. All the executive authority is vested in the Executive Council. The Vice-Chancellor is the Chairman of the Executive Council. He is the academic and administrative head of the university. He is appointed by the Chancellor from among the names given by a committee specially appointed for the purpose. The term of office of the Vice-Chancellor is three years, and he is eligible for another three-year term of office. In addition, there are the Directors, Registrar, Deans, Heads of the Departments, FinanceOfficer, who are the main officers of the University. The Directorates and Faculties are the main components of the University. The Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Directors, Finance Officer,Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Librarian, Controller of Examinations, In charge, Computer Centre; Liaison Officer, Special Cell SC/ST, In charge BC cell, In charge Grievance cell, In charge, Women's Development and Extension Centre, University Engineer, Public Relations Officer are some of the functionaries of the University.

The University is mainly structured around its Faculties (Academic Units) and functional units supported by administrative units. GRCR&D is established to promote research and extension activities. The Academic Branch, Student Services Branch, Material Production Branch, Staff Training and Development Branch, Audio-Visual Production and Research Branch, Administration Branch and Examination Branch, are the main functional units of the University. The Women's Development and Extension Centre and Special Cell SC/ST give prioritized attention to special groups of learners and employees. There are around 59 Academic staffand around 404 administrative, technical and support staff working in different branches at theheadquarters and study centres.

2. THE UNIVERSITY VISION & MISSION

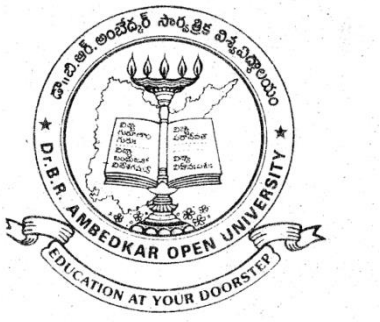
2.1 The Vision

Dr. B.R.Ambedkar's social philosophy of education as a means of creating an egalitarian society is the vision of this University. Access to relevant, quality education and training programmes for diverse sections of society with a focus on hitherto deprived sections at lower costs by using the modern technologies in teaching-learning processes as well as in administrative and support services is the goal of this University. The University programmes aim at making education and training instruments for living and for making a living.

2.2The Mission

- Enrichment of on-going academic programmes
- Competency building through education and training programmes;
- Interactive, individual- based teaching learning processes;
- Reliable and credible student evaluation systems;
- Result-oriented, accountable and transparent administrative and logistic support systems;and
- Research, innovation, training and networking for system development and staff development.

3. THE UNIVERSITY EMBLEM



The emblem of the University is circular in shape enclosing the figure of a Lighted Lamp with the Leaves of an Open Book with pages visible on either side of the lamp and bearing the following Sanskrit verse inscribed in Telugu:

- Vidya Gurunamguruhu : Education is the teacher of teachers
- Vidya Bandhujano Videshagamane : Education is the friend in need when you travel abroad
- Vidya paradevatha : Education is the goddess herself
- Vidya viheena pashuhu : Without Education, Man is an animal
- In the background is the outline of the map of the erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh.

The emblem bears on its upper and lower circumference a circular border with the inscriptionin Telugu and English, "Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University". Below the lower border there is a leafy branch. At bottom of the circular emblem is a ribbon-like base bearing the following inscription in English"

*"**EDUCATION AT YOUR DOORSTEP**"*

The emblem is symbolic, in that, the figure of the Lamp and the Book stand for enlightenment and knowledge while the leafy branch symbolizes peace and bountifulness. The Sanskrit inscriptionis a well-known invocation to knowledge.

4. OBJECTIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The motto of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University is **Education for All.**

The University has made higher education opportunities available to everyone irrespective of age, geographical location, domestic or work responsibilities, making learning while earning possible.

The objectives of this University are:

1. To provide educational opportunities to those students who could not take advantage ofconventional institutions of higher learning.
2. To provide equal educational opportunities for higher education through distance mode for a large segment of the population, including those in employment, women (including house-wives) and adults who wish to upgrade their education or acquire knowledge and studies in various fields.

3. To provide flexibility with regard to eligibility for enrolment, age of entry, choice of courses, methods of learning, conduct of examinations, and operation of the programmes.
4. To complement the programmes of the existing Universities in the State in the field of higher learning so as to maintain the highest standards on par with the best universities inthe country.
5. To promote integration within the State through its policies and programmes.
6. To offer degree courses and non-degree certificate courses for the benefit of working population in various fields and for the benefit of those who wish to enrich their lives bystudying subjects of cultural and aesthetic value.
7. To make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
8. To serve as a source of continuing education, consultancy and to provide equal access toknowledge and higher Education.

5. AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

5.1 AUTHORITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

5.1.1. Executive Council

Members of the Executive Council (2023-2024)

1.	Prof.K. Seetharama Rao Vice-Chancellor, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University Hyderabad.	Chairman
2.	Smt.V Karuna, IAS Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
3.	Sri K. Ramakrishna Rao, IAS Special Chief Secretary to Govt. Finance Department, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
4.	Sri. Navin Mittal, IAS Commissioner of Collegiate Education & Technical Education, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
5.	Prof. D. Ravinder, Vice-Chancellor Osmania University Hyderabad.	Member
6.	Dr. V. Rajalingam Professor of Ophthalmology Medical College, Superintendent of SDEH,Hyderabad.	Member

7. Dr. Banothlal — Member
   Dean, Student Affairs &
   Campus Development,
   Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

8. Sri R. Shailesh Reddy — Member
   CEO, TSAT
   Hyderabad

9. Sri Diddi Srinivas — Member

10. Dr.A.V.R.N.Reddy — Secretary to the Executive Council
    Registrar
    Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad.

Elected Members:

i) Three persons Legislative Assembly and Two members from Legislative council are tobe elected on proportional representation basis and one MP to be nominated by the Vice- Chancellor (not in place)

Registrar: Secretary and Convener of the Executive Council.

ii) **Meetings of the Executive Council:**

The Meetings of the Executive Council were held on the following dates during theperiod under report.

12.07.2022

21.07.2022

30.07.2022

26.10.2022

11.11.2022

21.03.2023

5.1.2 Planning and Monitoring Board: (Not in place)

Members of the Planning and Monitoring Board.

i) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)

ii) Two Educationists nominated by the Government. (Yet to be nominated)

iii) Two nominees of the University Grants Commission (Yet to be nominated)

5.1.3 Academic Senate: (Not in place)

Members of the Academic Senate (Yet to be nominated)

I.Ex-Officio Members:

i) All members of the Planning & Monitoring Board of the University. (Yet to be nominated)

ii) All Directors of all Correspondence Schools of Universities in the State. (Yet to benominated)

iii) The Director of Technical Education (Yet to be nominated)

iv) Nominee of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (Yet to be nominated).

II.Members to be Nominated by the Government:

i) One third of the total number of Professors or Coordinators of the University by rotation (Yet to be nominated)

ii) Five students of the University

III.ElectedMembers (Yet to be elected)

Five members of the Legislative Assembly to be elected from among themselves by the members of the Legislative Assembly of whom one each shall belong to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribe and Backward Class. The election shall be held according to the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote and according to procedure prescribed bythe Statutes.

5.1.4 Finance Committee:

i) The Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)

ii) Two members of the Executive Council nominated by it

iii) One member of the Executive Council to represent Banking or Accounting.

iv) The Finance Officer shall be Secretary of the Finance Committee.

Meetings of the Finance Committee:

The Meetings of the Finance Committee were held on the following dates during the periodunder report.

10-07-2023

05-02-2024

5.1.5 Faculties:

The University had the following faculties during the period under report.

i. Arts:

Dean: Prof. Shakeela Khanam

ii. Science:

Dean: Prof.G. Pushpa Chakrapani

iii. Commerce:

Dean: Prof. I.Ananad Pawar

iv. Social Sciences:

Dean: Prof. V. Srinivasa Rao

v. Education:

Dean: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani

5.1.6 Boards of Studies

Boards of Studies were constituted for each of the faculties shown above with the Deans of theFaculties as Chairpersons.

5.2 Officers of the University:

Chancellor : Her Excellency

		Dr.Tamilisai Soundara Rajan
Vice-Chancellor	:	Prof.K. Seetharama Rao
Director (Academic)	:	Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani
Director (CST&D)	:	Prof. I. Anand Pawar
Director I/C (EMR&RC)	:	Prof. V Srinivas Rao
Officer I/C LSSB	:	Dr. LVK Reddy
Director, DMP	:	Dr. Gunti Ravinder
Director , COEL	:	Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani
Director (CIQA)	:	Prof.P. Madhusudan Reddy
Director (GRCR&D)	:	Prof.E. Sudha Rani
Registrar	:	Dr.A.V.R.N. Reddy
Finance Officer	:	Smt. N. Hema Bhanu

5.3 Directorates/ Centres/ Branches

The following are the Directorates/Centres/Branches in the university:

- Academic Branch
- Student Services Branch
- Prof.G.Ram Reddy Research Academy of Distance Education (GRADE)
- Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA)
- Audio-Visual Production and Research Centre
- Material Production
- Centre for Staff Training and Development
- Examination Branch
- Computer Centre
- Library
- Women's Development and Extension Centre
- SC & ST Cell
- UGC-DEB Affairs
- Engineering Branch
- Public Relations Branch
- Finance Branch

- Administration
- Centre for Skill Development & Career Planning.

6. DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMICS

6.1. About

The Directorate of Academics is the University's core academic body which controls general regulations and is responsible for maintaining standards of teaching, learning, education, instruction and development of programmes and courses in the University exercising such other powers and perform functions as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes. The Directorate of Academics is a University division devoted to academic discipline. The Directorate, headed by one of the senior Professors, is the co-ordination Division engaged with managing the affairs of Faculties, Academic Programmes and instructional design of the University. The Directorate co-ordinates all the issues related to academic and facilitation of policy formulation of all academic matters of the University.

The University had taken a decision to change the nomenclature from Director (Academic) to Directorate of Academics by placing the matter in 188th Executive Council Meeting held on 10/07/2023.

At present, there are 1356 courses that are handled by 5 faculties comprising 24 departments, which together offer 43 programmes. Facilitating them are state-of-the-art technologies, from the audio-visual to the digital platforms.

Details of Faculties and Departments are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Faculty	Name of the Department under the faculty
1	Arts	(1) English (2) Hindi (3) Urdu and (4) Telugu
2	Commerce & Business Management	(1) Commerce and (2) Business Management
3	Education	Education
4	Social Sciences	(1) Economics (2) History (3) Geography (4) Journalism & Mass Communication (5) Library and Information Science (6) Political Science (7) Public Administration (8) Psychology and (9) Sociology

5	Science	(1) Botany (2) Zoology (3) Physics (4) Statistics (5) Mathematics (6) Chemistry (7) Geology and (8) Computer Application

Powers and Duties of the Director (Academic)

The Directorate of Academics is the epicenter of the University system, on whose shoulders lies its success. The Director (Academic) shall supervise the functioning of the faculties and provide guidelines in regard to various academic activities of the University. He/She is also responsible for discharging the various functions of the Directorate of Academic Branch.

Objectives

- To provide educational opportunities to those who could not take advantage of conventional institutions of higher learning.
- To provide equality of higher educational opportunities to a large segment of population, including women, who wish to upgrade their education and acquire knowledge and studies across fields.
- To provide flexibility in education in terms of age of enrollment, choice of course, methods of learning and conduct of examinations.
- To complement the efforts of existing Universities in the state in higher learning and maintain standards on par with the best universities in the country.
- To promote integration within the State through its policies and programmes.
- To offer degree and non-degree certificate courses for the benefit of working population and those wishing to enrich their lives by studying subjects of cultural and aesthetic value.
- To make a provision for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
- To serve as a source of continuous education, mentorship and to provide equal access to knowledge and higher education.

In contrast to conventional Universities, the Open University uses a different pedagogy. Hence, the core faculty members working under the Directorate of Academics are required to perform multitasks. They are involved in devising self-learning course materials, scripting audio and video lectures, coordination of internal evaluation of students and counseling students during theoretical sessions. They are also integral to the team preparing the curriculum.

Functions

- Academic coordination, including course development in print and electronic and course maintenance.
- Monitoring of academic counseling and conduct of summer/winter schools.

- Offering subject/discipline-based research and system-based research programmes.
- Organizing hands on Training & Laboratory work. Participating in Student Evaluation related work.

6.2. Achievements Of Teachers

(1) Best Teacher award to Prof. Gunti Ravinder, Professor of Political Science on 05/09/2023.

(2) Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Professor of Public Administration awarded Excellence Award by Forum of Public Administration, Maharashtra, 2022-2023.

(3) Mr. Yadagiri Kambhampati, Assistant Professor (contract), Department of Journalism & Mass Communication is honored with "Best Public Relations Counsellor Award – 2022" by PRSI, Hyderabad.

6.3. Activities Of Directorate of Academics

Conducting of Memorial Lectures.

(i) Conducted Prof. S. Bashiruddin Memorial Lecture on 06-02-2023; Dr, K Ramachandra Murthy, Veteran Journalist and Editor invited as Chief Guest; topic "Media today in India".

(ii) Conducted Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on 14-04-2023; Sri. B. S. Ramulu, Former Chairman, Telangana State B. C. Commission as Chief Guest; topic "Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and OBC Communities".

(iii) Conducted Sri. P. V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Lecture on 01-07-2022

1. Prof. CSR Murthy, Retired Professor Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi as Chief Guest; topic "PV's Views on World Problems at UN" and
2. 30-06-2023 - Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi as Chief Guest; topic "Border Clashes and India China Relations".

(iv) Conducted Prof. Acharya Kothapalli Jayashankar Memorial Lecture on 30-08-2022; Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Professor of Political Science, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, Ananthapuram; topic "Unionization of State and Federalisation of Polity: Assumptions, Assertions and Aspirations".

(v) Celebrated University Foundation day

1. 26-08-2022 - Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian University (AIU), New Delhi; topic "Road Map to Sustainable Higher Education" and

2. 26-08-2023 - Prof. (Dr.) Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis, Pune, Maharashtra; topic "Internationalisation of Higher Education – Issues and Challenges".

(vi) Conducted Sri. Kaloji Narayana Rao Memorial Lecture on 07-09-2022; Sri Darbhasayanam Srinivasa charya, Poyet& Writer; topic "Kaloji Kavitvam Manava Viluvalu"

(vii) Conducted Prof. G. Ram Reddy Memorial Lecture on 09-12-2022; Prof. V. S Prasad, Formerly Vice-Chancellor (Acting) IGNOU, Vice-Chancellor, Dr, BRAOU & Director, NAAC; topic "Four Decades of India's First Open University Through the Past into the Future".

(viii) Conducted Narla Memorial Lecture on 06-12-2022; Sri Tankasala Ashok, Media Advisor to CM; topic "Margadarshi Narla Venkateswara Rao".

Constitution of Academic Programme Planning and Monitoring Board (APPMB) Committee

The Directorate of Academics is receiving proposals to start new programmes and courses from various departments. When NAAC Peer team visited the University, also suggested to offer more programmes including diploma and certificate Programmes. In this regard, the University constituted a committee Academic Programme Planning and Monitoring Board (APPMB) to (1) review the existing Programmes and new proposals sent by various departments (2) identify emerging areas and courses to be launched (3) To conduct need analyses and viability studies for new courses and to recommend the proposals to the University as per the UGC guidelines (Open and Distance Learning 2020).

New Academic Programmes

(1) Department of Business Management launched four new P G Diploma Programs, viz., P G Diploma in Financial Management, P G Diploma in Marketing Management, P G Diploma in Human Resource Management and P G Diploma in Operations Management, during the academic year 2022-23.
(2) Department of Psychology is offering Diploma in Psychological Counselling.
(3) Department of Journalism & Mass Communication is developing new programme on Diploma in Digital Journalism.
(4) Faculty of Science is also proposing to start new programmes in their departments wherever necessary.

Research Programme M.Phil. / Ph.D.

Research has been a part of the academic activity of the University since its inception. Initially, the M.Phil. / Ph.D. Programmes in Developmental Studies were organised in collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS). As a part of system-based research, the University has also launched a Research Programme leading to the award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Distance Education in the year 2002. Further, on public demand and also to provide an opportunity for research in the popular academic disciplines, duly obtaining necessary approvals from DEC, the University has launched M.Phil. / Ph.D. Programmes in the limited academic disciplines during 2009-2010, these programmes were however discontinued on some administrative grounds. The University again launched the M.Phil. / Ph.D. programmes in all the faculties of the University from the Academic Year 2018-19 after obtaining necessary approvals from UGC.

The University identified some of the institutions as Research Centres and collaborative partners depending on the availability of infrastructure related to academic research, such as laboratories and other facilities, including qualified faculty members to supervise the research activities as co-guides/ co-supervisors.

Ph.D. Programme for 2022-2023

The University Grants Commission (UGC) prepared Regulations, 2022 titled Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree and circulated to all the Universities in the month of November 2022. Earlier to this, the Director (Academic) constituted a Working Committee to prepare new guidelines for Ph.D. Programme 2022-2023 offered by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University taking into consideration the UGC guidelines, Executive Council resolution and existing rules of procedures of the University.

Preparation of Ph.D. guidelines 2023.

The committee submitted a detailed report on the lines of UGC (2022) regulations and submitted to Director (Academic), based on the report a Prospectus-cum-Application of Ph.D. Programme for the year 2022-2023 is prepared. The Deans Committee approved the report and prospectus in its meeting on 23rd January, 2023 and resolved to release the notification for Ph.D. Programme for 2022-2023 batch.

Establishment of Research Cell and Appointment of Research Coordinator

Research Cell coordinates with the administrative and academic activities of the Ph. D. Programme efficiently. The Research Co-ordinator for Ph.D. Research Programmes shall be appointed from the regular teachers working in the Directorate of Academics for a period of one year for smooth functioning of Ph.D. Research Programmes.

The University has appointed Dr.Dayakar, Associate Professor of History, Faculty of Social Sciences as Coordinator for Ph.D. Programme for a period of one year. Research Coordinator is responsible from admission into Ph.D. Programme to the award of Ph.D. degree. The Research coordinator is responsible for calling applications from the candidates, scrutinizing all the applications received and forward the same to the respective faculties.

Preparation of Restructuring and Revision of P.G Programmes guidelines 2023.

It has been more than ten years for revision of P.G courses and a decision was taken by the University to re-structure the P.G Programmes from year-wise to semester system and offering the Programmes in English and Telugu Medium. The University constituted the Advisory Committee to suggest the structure, examination pattern, the curricula frameworks in terms of credits and grading system of P.G Programmes.

The Advisory Committee recommended 100 credits to each P.G Programme, the same was discussed in the Dean's Committee held on 10/11/22 and resolved to implement it. Meanwhile, the UGC has issued latest guidelines as per the National Higher Educational Qualification Framework (NHEQF), where it is 80 credits (20 credits each in semester) only. In the light of new guidelines, it is resolved to design P.G Programmes in all the faculties with 80 credits. Dean's committee held on 13/12/22 requested the University to constitute two separate teams to visit IGNOU and YCMOU to study various practices regarding the P.G Programmes including their programme structure, course pattern, credit system and evaluation policy. The teams visited IGNOU and YCMOU, submitted the reports by both the teams and discussed them in Dean's meeting held on 19/04/23. The committee resolved to review and re-structure the existing P.G Programmes in all the faculties with 80 credits as per the UGC new regulations 2022 by obtaining semester system from the academic year 2024-2025 with minimum 80 credits in each programme, 20 credits in each semester and 5 credits for each course. However, departments can design additional courses wherever it is required. It is also resolved to follow the existing pattern on assignments for P.G Programmes i.e., 80:20 and recommended to adopt online assignment submission and evaluation system for P.G Programmes. Summarising all these efforts the directorate has prepared a note on guidelines for curriculum development of P.G Programmes.

Collaboration with Peoples Pulse a Social Research Agency

It is to submit that Peoples Pulse a Social Research Agency head quartered in Hyderabad, submitted a proposal to enter into an Agreement with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University to conduct studies and surveys on various issues.

Peoples Pulse was established in the year 2012 and working almost twenty states in a country. It conducts survey, poll predictions, and exit post poll surveys. Surveys on functioning of Government Agencies and Performance of Governments. The organizations already collaborated with various Universities in other states, sent a proposal to collaborate with Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University to conduct such research studies in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

The proposal is useful to engage faculties, research scholars, counsellors and students in extension and field research.

Since, it is useful to the faculties and research scholars it is proposed to enter into Agreement with Peoples Pulse and also proposed to constitute the Co-ordination Committee involving Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Officer-in-charge Learner Support Service Division (LSSD) and other important functionaries to finalise the modalities.

Enhancement of Remuneration Rates

The University enhanced Remuneration Rates for academic activities i.e., course writers, editors etc., by constituting committee to visit IGNOU and YCMOU on 7th and 8th February, 2023 and 27th and 28th March, 2023 respectively. The Remuneration Rates are implemented by placing the matter in 170th Finance Committee meeting and 188th Executive Council Meeting held on 10/07/2023. It is recommended to adopt IGNOU rates and pay on par with IGNOU rates to all the course development activities.

Constituted Academic Repository Committee (ARC) on 17/02/2023

Academic Works identified by the committees related to COEL and Library and other agencies associated with the IRs and OERs. The University initiated several extension activities such as Social Forums in Social Sciences and Science faculties and online outreach activities in Commerce and other faculties. Through these forums a lot of academic discussions are taking place. The University has decided to establish Institutional Repositories (IRs) and create Open Educational Resources (OERs). Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) is extending technical support to develop and place the IRs in D-Space to share the same with digital world.

Decennial celebrations of Telangana Formation Day on 24/06/2023

Telangana government organised Telangana Formation with 21-day festivities from June 2 to 22, 2023 on a grand scale. The Government also circulated a schedule to all the education institutions for 21 Day long celebrations to mark decennial year of Telangana State formation. In this connection, a Panel Discussion was held on 24th June, 2023 on "The Telangana Growth Story" organized by inviting experts from different fields. The Panel covers major aspects of Telangana Development i.e.,

Economic and Social Development. The participated experts are (1) Prof. E. Revathi, Professor and Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (2) Prof. R. V. Ramana Murthy, School of Economics, University of Hyderabad and (3) Prof. C. Raghava Reddy, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad.

Preparation of Study Material for Competitive Examinations

The University has decided to provide the material for competitive examinations to the students who are preparing to competitive exams. To provide the material course wise and compiling similar courses into one volume.

Deputation of teachers to COEL

Centre for Online Education & Learning (COEL) was sanctioned a project on "Implementation of OER" to the University by CEMCA-COL. For this project the COEL has been conducted series of training/workshops for the faculty members. They are trained in developing Moodle based Blended Online courses and also Micro credential courses. To complete the courses, 12 faculty members (regular/contract) from Arts, Education, Commerce, Social Science and Science are deputed for one month to COEL in the month of August, 2023.

Deputation of teachers to MCRHRD Institute

Dr. MCRHRD Institute conducted the training programme on "Education Reforms and Challenges" from 21st September, 2023 to 23rd September, 2023. The University has deputed 5 Senior Professors i.e., Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Senior Professor of Physics, Prof. I. AnandPawar, Professor of Commerce, Prof. V. Srinivas Rao, Professor of History, Prof. Chandrakala, Professor of Education and Dr. Kishore Kumar Reddy, Associate Professor of English to the training programme for said period.

Deputation of Assistant Professor (contract) to CIQA

Deputed the Assistant Professors (contract) working in the Directorate of Academics to report at CIQA to prepare and upload the evidences in connection with the appeal made by the University to upgrade NAAC Grade.

Organised / Participated in National Seminars/ Seminars/ Webinars/ Workshops and Conferences

The faculty members of the University Organised / Participated in National Seminars/ Seminars/ Webinars/ Workshops and Conferences in International and National Level.

Organized Seminars/ Webinars to commemorate AzadiKaAmritMahotstsav and successful completion of 40 years of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University.

(i) Pratibha Series Lecture X -Framework for Civil Services Examination Preparation in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Telangana Regional Branchon August 14, 2022 by **Mr. Makarandu Manda, IAS** Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Railways, All India Rank 110, UPSC 2020.

(ii) Pratibha Series Lecture IXCivil Services in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Telangana Regional Branch– How I Surmounted This Mountain? On July 08, 2022 by **Ms. Arugula Sneha** All India Rank 136 UPSC 2021.

(iii) National Symposium on Continuity and change in Indian Administration during Last 75 years on 1st September, 2022in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Telangana Regional Branch

(iv) Department of Economics organised & convened a lecture through Open Social Forum, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University on "**Rupai Viluva Patanam – Kaaranaalu mariyu Parinaamaalu"** by D. Papa Rao Economist & Analyst, on 29th July, 2022.

(v) Department of Economics organised & convened a lecture through Open Social Forum, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University on "**Sankshema Pathakaalu: Uchitaalaa, Prostahakaalaa"** by Dr.Chittedi Krishna Reddy, on 29th August,2022.

(vi) Department of Public Administration conducted Indian Society, Constitution, Governance- Pratibha Series published by DRBRAOU for the Competitive Exams (English).

(vii) Department of Public Administration conducted Indian Society, Constitution, Governance- Pratibha Series published by DRBRAOU for the Competitive Exams (Telugu).

6.4) Faculty of Arts

Department of English

1) Conducted research methodology classes to M.Phil. and Ph.D. students in all the aspects of English language and Literature.
2) Conducted **Board of Studies meeting** to discuss Curriculum design and Syllabus.
3) Conducted webinar on "Approaches to Subaltern Literature" ***Language and Literary Forum*** and invited ***Padmasree Awardee*** Prof. Kolakluri Enouch, former Vice Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara University, as Keynote Speaker
4) Conducted and Coordinated PG Online classes for MA English students.
5) Participated in the 3-Day workshop in "Academic Research" conducted by DR. BRAOU.
6) Conducted Research Design Seminar for all the students of M.Phil. and Ph.D batch.

Department of Telugu

1) Previous important event: Bhaasha Sahitya Vedika on behalf of the Telugu department of Dr. BRAOU felicitated Tagulla Gopal, an alumni of the University who was awarded a Kendra Saahitya Academy Yuva Puraskar and organized a meeting. Juluri Gaurishankar, chairman of Telangana Sahitya Academy was invited as a chief guest for the program.
2) Attended the workshop for development of new curriculum, syllabus and textbooks of open school society [TOSS].
3) Attended workshop by Telangana Open School Society on Telugu Textbooks for intermediate students as Editor
4) Gave a lecture on 'Aadhunika Telugu Sahityam - Stree Chaitanyam' (1858-1910) on Zoom upon the invitation of 'Prajaswamika Rachayitrula Vedika'; 'Sahitya Vedika'
5) Conducted classes for M.Phil., Ph.D. students
6) Participated and presented a paper at a seminar on journalism conducted at Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University.
7) Was invited as a board of study member to Osmania University and attended the meeting to discuss the syllabus.
8) Conducted Board of Studies meeting for the Department to discuss curriculum and syllabus. Two professors from other Universities, one alumni member, one journalist, and one counselor (Open University Teacher) were invited to attend the meeting.
9) Conducted and coordinated PG online classes for M.A, Telugu students.
10) Gave a Lecture on a book by Dr. Rachapalem Chandrashekhar Reddy at the 'Rachapalem Sahitee Saptaham' conducted by Sevaa Sahithi Samstha.
11) Attended as chief guest of the book release for the book 'Akshara Sirulu'
12) Presided as a judge for Jijnaasaa Vedika, Telugu competitions for of degree students by Collegiate Education.
13) Participated in a 3-Day workshop- 'Academic Research and Research Support' conducted in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.
14) Conducted a meeting in tribute of, Kendra Sahitya Academy awardee Ketu Viswanatha Reddy after his death. Many well-known members of the Telugu literary community were invited to share their memories of the writer.
15) Wrote an article in "Akshara Deepam" a book about Prof. S.V Ramarao's literary contribution named 'Bahumukheena Boorgula-Esvee Rama Rao'.
16) Attended Ph.D. viva-voce for Telangana University as External Expert.
17) Attended a Board of Studies meeting of St. Pious Degree college as Board of Studies Member.
18) Conducted research design seminar for all research scholars.
19) Editor of 'Sphoorthi Diviteelu' book by Dr. BRAOU students which was released on Foundation Day.
20) Attended Board of Studies meeting at Andhra Mahila Sabha College for discussion and finalisation of Under-graduate Syllabus.

21) Attended 'Gurajada Velugu Rekhalu-Mundu Choopu' online video conference organized by Seva Sahitee Samstha as main speaker of the meeting.
22) Presented a paper on Gurajada at a seminar organized by University of Hyderabad.
23) Attended and delivered a speech on women's role in modern Telugu literature at Medak Tribal Gurukula Kalashala on invitation by Kendra Sahitya Academy.

Department of Hindi

1) Conducted the webinar on the topic titled "Swatantrata Sangram mein Hindi Kavita ka yogdan" on 30/08/2022
2) Undergone the training of OER conducted by COEL with the collaboration of CEMCA in the month of November 2022 and March 2023.
3) Conducted the BOS meeting on 14-02-2023.
4) Conducted and co-ordinated online classes for UG and PG students 4th March 2023 to 26th March 2023
5) Conducted the PG Curriculum Design Committee Meeting in the month oof May 2023.
6) A final Viva Voice of the research scholar Md. Ismail has been conducted and he has been awarded the Ph.D degree from the University in the month of June 2023.

Department of Urdu

Activities

1) Conducted the Webinar Entitled "**The role of Urdu Poetry in Independence movement**" on 27-08-2022.
2) Conducted the **BOS** meeting on 14-02-2023.
3) Conducted the webinar Entitled "**Mother tongue and importance of Urdu**" on 17-03-2023.
4) Conducted the **PG Curriculum Design Committee Meeting** on 18-05-2023.

6.5. Faculty Of Commerce & Business Management

Department of Commerce

1) Conducted Board of Studies (BoS) Meetings in Commerce for the Academic year 2022-23.
2) Prepared and compiled reports as mandated for NAAC Accreditation.
3) Research guidance provided to Students registered in the Department and conducted Research Design Seminars and Pre-submission Seminars.
4) Identified the Subject experts and moved the note file related to Expert Committee constitution for Post Graduate (M.Com.) Semester System.
5) Prepared the Draft Program Structure for the proposed M.Com. semester system.
6) Coordinated with EMR&RC for recording the Audio / Video Lessons pertaining to the Department of Commerce.
7) Coordinated with the Directorate of Material Publications to print the Income Tax and Taxation Course material for the Academic Year 2022-23.

8) Coordinated with the LSSB to conduct contact-cum-counseling classes for the 2022-23
batches of B.Com. and M.Com. students.
9) Coordinated with the Examinations Branch to prepare confidential examination material for the 2022-23 batches.

Department of Business Management

(1) Launched four new P G Diploma Programs, viz., P G Diploma in Financial Management,
P G Diploma in Marketing Management, P G Diploma in Human Resource Management
and P G Diploma in Operations Management, during the academic year 2022-23;
(2) Attended the work relating to NAAC;
(3) Conducted the Board of Studies Meeting for the academic year 2022-23;
(4) Completed the customization of the course material of 1st Semester of the newly launched four new P G Diploma Programs;
(5) Attended other routine works of the Department like coordination with EMMRC for the preparation of Video Lessons, preparation of assignments for various programs, coordination with the LSSB to conduct Contact-cum-Counselling Classes, coordination with the Examinations Branch to conduct examinations, etc.

6.6. Faculty Of Education

(1) Conducted Board of Studies (BoS) Meetings for the academic year 2022-23
(2) The Faculty of Education Launched Education Forum 'Vidya Vignana Vedika'.
(3) The Department has Conducted National Symposium.
(4) The Department has Conducted Webinar on 'Vidya Vignana Vedika'
(5) Prepared and compiled reports as mandated for NAAC Accreditation.
(6) Research guidance provided to the Research Scholars registered in the department and conducted Work in Progress, Research Design Seminars and Pre-Submission Seminars.
(7) Identified the Subject Experts and moved the note file related to Expert Committee constitution for B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE) and CECE Programmes.
(8) Coordinated with the EMR&RC for recording the Audio/Video Lessons pertaining to the Department of Education.
(9) Coordinated with the Materials and Publications Department to print the B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE) and CECE Course material for the Academic year 2022-23
(10) Coordinated with the LSSB to conduct contact and counseling classes for the 2022-23 batches.
(11) Coordinated with the Examinations Branch to prepare confidential examination material for the 2022-23 batches.
(12) Preparation of Assignments, Workshop Schedules etc. for B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE).
(13) Coordinated with the LSSB to conduct B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE) Entrance Test.
(14) Vetting (Review) of B.Ed (ODL) Course material ,Conduct of Experts meeting.
(15) Conduct of Course Editors/Writers meeting.

(16) Coordinated with NCTE, New Delhi, for B.Ed (ODL) permission and submission of Course material etc.
(17) Coordinated with Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi (RCI), for extension of MoU's between RCI & Dr. BRAOU and to Conduct of AAC meeting.
(18) Execution of MoU's with B.ED(SE) Programme Centers.
(19) Conduct of Subject Expert meeting for CECE programme for development of Course material.
(20) Conduct of Subject Expert meeting for Editors & Writers for CECE programme for development of new Course material.
(21) Visiting of different Programme Centers of B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE) by the faculty as Observers and External Examiners.
(22) Different Workshops attended by the Faculty of Education.
(23) Conducted digital Online/Offline classes for B.Ed (ODL), B.Ed (SE) Programmes .

6.7. Faculty Of Social Sciences

1. Department of Economics

Activities:

1. Organised & convened a lecture through Open Social Forum, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University on "**Rupai Viluva Patanam – Kaaranaalu mariyu Parinaamaalu"** by D. Papa Rao Economist & Analyst, on 29th July, 2022.
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3. Conducted Board of Studies meeting on 06-02-2023.
4. Ph. D. & M. Phil. (2020 batch) scholars presented Progress Seminar (ppt) of their respective research studies on 10 May 2023.

Prof. S. Radhakrishna

1. Published 7 Research papers in Journals.
2. Presented 3 Research papers in Conferences / Seminars
3. Faculty Participated in Seminars / Conferences / Webinars.
4. Awarded one Ph.D Degree

2. Department of History

Activities

1. Prepared Department Brochure & Profile
2. Prepared Department Profile booklet for the purpose of NAAC peer team visit
3. PhD & MPhil (2020 batch) scholars presented Progress Seminar (ppt) of their respective research studies on 09 May 2023.
4. Awarded of one M.Phil. and one Ph.D
5. Presented 5 Research papers in Conferences / Seminars.
6. Faculty Participated in Conferences / Seminars.

Seminars/Webinar Organized by The Department

1. The Department of History conducted International Seminar on "**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Democracy and Nationalism"** on 11th July, 2022.
2. National Seminar conducted on "**Women in Nation Building: Pre and Post Independent India**" on 11thAugust 2022.
3. Webinar conducted on "**Freedom Struggle in Telangana"** on 1st August 2022.

3. Department of Geography

1) Constituted Board of Studies – members from Osmania, Telangana Universities and From Industries.
2) Organized course Editors and writers meeting for semester 1 and 2 courses on 8-4-2022.
3) 15-11-2022: Identified resource persons for audio, video lessons for semester 1 and 2 courses.
4) Organized course Editors and writers meeting for semester 3 and 4 courses on 15-6-2022 and allotted the units.
5) Organized subject experts and BOS committee meeting on 25-1-2023 for finalization of 3rd year courses and units.
6) Subject Expert committee meeting on 23-2-2023, and 27-2-2023 for 2nd year for finalization of skill development courses.
7) Organized Editors and writers meeting for finalization of 3rd year semester 5 and 6 courses 14-6-2023 and 15-6-2023 and allotted the units.
8) Organized course Editors and writers review meeting on 3-8-2023 and 23-8-2023 for semester 5 core and DSE courses at department of Geography, Osmania University.
9) Organized course Editors and writers review meeting for semester 6 courses on 12-10-2023 at department of geography, Osmania university.
10) Published Research papers in Journals / Books.

4. Department of Journalism & Mass Communication

Activities

1. Conducted a two-day National Seminar on "Media in Telangana: Past, Present and Future" held on November 11-12, 2022.
2. The Department entered on MoU with Media Academy of Telangana State.
3. Prepared Department Profile booklet for the purpose of NAAC peer team visit.
4. Board of Studies meeting conducted on 30th January, 2023.
5. Conducted Expert Committee Meeting for new programme on Diploma in Digital Journalism on 19-06-2023.

Achievements

1. Got 188th EC approval to launch Diploma in International Relations
2. Prof. Gunti Ravi acted as the Coordinator for New Socialist Initiative (NSI)for a four-day national seminar from 12-07- 2023 to 15-07-2023 in Hyderabad on "Understanding Indian Democracy and its Structural Slippages".
3. Presented Research papers in Conferences / Seminars.
4. Presented Research papers in Conferences/ Seminars
5. Published 6 Research papers in journals
6. Prof. Gunti Ravi attended One-Day National Seminar on 'NATIONAL CREDIT FRAMEWORK: CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY' on Feb 10, 2023 organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre,University of Hyderabad.

5. Department of Public Administration

Publications

1. Indian Society, Constitution, Governance- Pratibha Series published by DRBRAOU for the Competitive Exams (English)
2. Indian Society, Constitution, Governance- Pratibha Series published by DRBRAOU for the Competitive Exams (Telugu)

Activities

Seminars/Webinars Conducted to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahostsav and 40 years of Dr. BRAOU

Achievements

1. Participated in the Three Day 44th All India Public Relations Conference held from 25th-27, December, 2022 at Bhopal on the theme "Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Role of Public Relations".

6. Department Of Library and Information Science

Activities

1. Prepared Department Brochure & Profile.
2. Prepared Department Profile booklet for the purpose of NAAC peer team visit
3. PhD & M.Phil. scholars presented Progress Seminar (ppt) of their respective research studies on 10 May 2023.

Achievements

Introduced One Month Internship (Training) Facility for BLISc. & MLISc. Students in the esteemed University, Degree and PG College Libraries throughout the State in the Academic Year 2022-23 and the facility is provided for more than 200 students.

Published 2 Research papers in Journals / Books.

7. Department of Political Science

Activities

1. Prepared Department Brochure & Profile
2. Prepared Department Profile booklet for the purpose of NAAC peer team visit

3. Conducted Course Development Committee Meeting for new programme on Diploma in International Relations on 06-05-2023
4. Ph.D. & M.Phil. (2020 batch) scholars presented Progress Seminar (ppt) of their respective research studies on 10 May 2023.

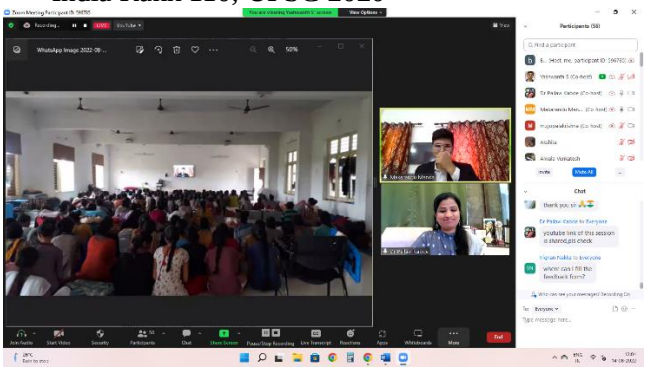
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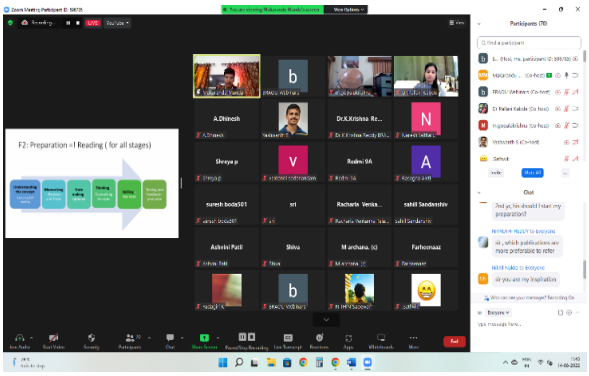
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Symposium

National Symposium on Continuity and change in Indian Administration during Last 75 years on 1st September, 2022in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Telangana Regional Branch.





Achievements

- Published 3 Book Chapters in M.A of Odisha Open University
- Awarded 2 Ph.D Degrees
- Published 3 Research papers in Journals.

Development of e-content for MOOCS

Mentor in MOOCs on Gender Sensitisation offered from 20th May 2022 to 15th July, 2022

1. Video Lecture on the Concept of Human Rights

2. Video Lecture on Women & Human Rights

3. Video Lecture on Violation of Human Rights

4. Video Lecture on Human Rights & Indian Law

5. Video Lecture on Human Rights Monitoring Bodies

6. LIVE Interactive Lecture on Overview of Women and Human Rights.

Workshops

1. Participated in Workshop on Integrating OER in ODL from 24-12-2022 to 26-12-2022

Awards/Recognitions

1. Excellence Award by Forum of Public Administration, Maharashtra, 2022-2023

2. Participated in Blood Donation Camp organised by Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad on 26th January, 2023.

3. "Citizen Participation, Empowerment and Development – An Analysis", Education and Society, UGC CARE Listed Periodical, ISSN: 2278 – 6864, Vol-47, Issue-1, No.5, January – March: 2023, (Pp: 158-165). I.F. 6.7
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8. Presented a paper on "An Outline on India's Concerns and Opportunities to Emerge As World Leader" in a Members' Annual Conference-2022. Organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi, on 1st November, 2022.

7. Department of Psychology

Activities

- Approval was accorded to the Department of Psychology for offering Diploma in Psychological Counselling by the 187th Executive Council meeting and 169th Finance committee meeting at the meeting held on 10.03.2023
- Expert Committee meeting was conducted on 21.03.2023 to design course structure and to frame syllabus for Diploma in Psychological Counselling
- Board of Studies meeting was conducted on 01-02-2023 to review course structure and syllabus of P.G and U.G programs of Psychology
- As a part of professional development program, webinar was conducted on 12-01-2023 on Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) for the benefit of Alumni to improve their professional skills. Dr. SriKrishna, National Institute of Mental Health, Hyderabad was the Resource Person
- Software was developed to conduct experiments through online with the help of technical experts. Initially, four experiments namely Recall and recognition, Immediate memory span, Mnemonic technique and Stroop effect were identified for digitalization
- Drug de-addiction campaign program.

Faculty Activities

Attested Syllabus Restructuring Committee meeting held at the Department of Health Psychology, Hyderabad University as an Expert

Attended screening committee meeting (Online) held to select a candidate for Gold Medal Award instituted for best student researcher in the Department of Health Psychology, Hyderabad University.

7. Department of Sociology

1. Conducted BOS meetings in Sociology for the Academic year 2022-23.
2. Prepared and compiled reports as mandated for NAAC Accreditation.

3. Research guidance provided to Students registered in the Department and conducted Research Design seminars and pre-submission seminars.
4. Identified the experts and moved the note file related to Expert Committee constitution for PG (MA Sociology) English and Telugu medium Semester System.
5. Prepared the Draft Program Structure for the proposed MA Sociology semester system.
6. Coordinated with EMR&RC for recording of Audio/Video Lessons pertaining to the Department of Sociology.
7. Coordinated with the LSSB to conduct contact-cum-counseling classes for the 2022-23 batches of B.A and M.A Sociology students.
8. Coordinated with the Examinations Branch to prepare confidential examination material for the 2022-23 batches.
9. Ms. Angela David was awarded Ph.D from the Department of Sociology on 26.06.2023.
10. Published 4 Research papers in Journals
11. Participated in 10 Workshops / Seminars / Conferences.

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Activities of Department of Physics (July 2022- June 2023)

Sl. No	Activity	Title of activity	Dates	Resource person / Chairman / Participants
1	**Student Seminar**	Weight lessness& Zero gravity	26 Jul,2022	55 students participated
2	**Student Seminar**	Multiplucture & Demultiplucture	26-07-2022	57 students participated
3	**Extension lecture**	waves and Oscillations	14 Oct ,2022	Dr.M. Purnanadam 62 participated
4	**Viva-Voce Exam**	Ph.D Final Submission	9th Dec 2022	Prof.B.Venkata Ram Reddy 15 Participated
5	**Essay writing**	Science and Technology for Sustainable future	20 Dec,2022	10 students participated
6	**Viva-Voce Exam**	Ph.D Final Submission	27th Dec 2022	Prof.K. Madhukar 11 Participated
7	**Extension lecture**	Mechanics	27 Jan 2023	Dr.TSPLN Prasad
8	**Viva-Voce Exam**	Ph.D Final Submission	8th Feb 2023	Prof. K. Madhukar 15 Participated
9	**Extension lecture**	Basic Electronics	13March2023	Dr.Abdul Hameed 59 Participated
10	**Webinar**	Quantum mechanics & Statistical mechanics with applications	21 March 2023	Dr. N. V. Prasad 48 Participated
11	**Webinar**	Advances in Physics	27 March 2023	Dr.G.Giridhar 162 Participated
12	**Student Seminar**	Oscillators	5 May 2023	45 students participated
13	**Student Seminar**	Ensemble	2 Jun ,2023	56students participated
14	**Second Review Seminar**	Ph. D Seminar	31 May 2023	12 participated

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Activities of Department of Chemistry
(July 2022- June 2023)

S.No	Activity	Title of Activity	Dates	Resource Person
1.	**Essay writing competition**	Independence in Independent India	19-07-2022	60 Students Participated
2.	**Organizing Members**	National Seminar on Science and Technology and sustainable development	02 & 03-09-2023	Four resource persons and 63 participants
3.	**Presented Chemistry lab equipment's**	Science Exhibition conducted	06-03-2023	UG 5^{th} semester students
4.	**Pre-submission seminar**	Ph.D Seminar	16-05-2023.	Ph.D Student

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Activities of Department of Botany (July 2022- June 2023)

Sl. No.	Activity	Title of the Activity	Dates	Resource person
1.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 6th sem students	29th July, 2022	03
2.	**NATIONAL SEMINAR**	National Seminar on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development	2-3rd Sept. 22	150 participants
3.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 3rd sem students	18th Sept, 2022	03
4.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 2nd sem students	27th Oct, 2022	04
5.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 1st sem students	31th Jan, 2023	03
6.	**NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY**	National Science Day	6th March, 2023	200 participants
7.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 5th sem students	15th March, 2023	04
8.	**WEBINAR**	"Conservation of Biodiversity"	24th September 2022 11.30am	Prof T. Pullaiah (Retd) Sri krishna Devaraya University, Anantapur.
9.	**FIELD VISIT**	Visit to Medicinal Garden and Nursery	24thApril, 2023	6th Sem students. (Around 40 students)
10.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by PG-Botany second year students	13th May, 2023	06
11.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by PG-Botany first year students	2nd June, 2023	05

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Activities of Department of Statistics (July 2022- June 2023)

Sl. No.	Activity	Title of the Activity	Dates	Resource person
1.	**Student Seminar**	Correlation	8th July 2022	30 participants
2.	**Student Seminar**	Design of Experiments	13th July 2022	30 participants
3.	**NATIONAL SEMINAR**	National Seminar on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development	2-3rd Sept. 2022	150 participants
4.	**Student Seminar**	Discrete Distributions	18th Sep 2022	49 participants
5.	**Student Seminar**	Harmonic Mean, Geometric Mean	12th Oct 2022	49 participants
6.	**Student Seminar**	Continuous Distributions	30th Nov 2022	34 participants
7.	**Student Seminar**	Mean, Mode, Median	19th Jan 2023	123 participants
8.	**NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY**	National Science Day	6th March, 2023	200 participants
9.	**Student Seminar**	Poisson Distribution	5th April 2023	51 participants
10.	**Student Seminar**	Central Moments	9th Aug 2023	52 participants
11.	**Student Seminar**	Normal Distributions	22nd sep 2023	56 participants
12.	**EXTENSION ACTIVITY**	BOS Meeting	19th jan, 2023 3.00am	Dr.K.Vijaya Kumar as a member attended the meeting at Samsukruthi Eng.College,Hyd.

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Activities of Department of Mathematics (July 2022- June 2023)

S. No	Activity	Title of Activity	Date	Resource Person
1.	**Webinar**	Visualization Tools in Mathematics	8th July 2022	Dr. C. Govardhan
2.	**National Seminar**	National Seminar on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development	2,3rd September 2022	150 Participants
3.	**Webinar**	Srinivasa Ramanujan- His Contribution to Number Theory	22nd December 2022	Dr. C. Govardhan
4.	**Pre-Submission Seminar**	Ph.D. Seminar	27.12.2022	Ph. D. Student
5.	**National Science Day**	National Science Day	6th March 2023	200 Participants
6.	**Ph.D. Viva Voce Examination**	Ph.D. Programme	18th May 2023	Ph.D. Student
7.	**2nd Review Seminar**	Ph.D. Programme	18th May 2023	Ph.D. Student
8	**Ph.D. Awarded**	A study of one of the Diophantine equations $x^n + y^n = Z^n$ and Triangular Numbers	18th May 2023	
9	**M.Phil. Awarded**	Hormonic univalent functions with negative coefficients	26th July 2023	

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Activities of Department of Zoology (July 2022- June 2023)

Sl. No.	Activity	Title of the Activity	Dates	Resource person
1.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 6th sem students	29th July, 2022	03
2.	**NATIONAL SEMINAR**	National Seminar on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development	2-3rd Sept. 22	150 participants
3.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 3rd sem students	18th Sept, 2022	03
4.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 2nd sem students	27th Oct, 2022	04
5.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 1st sem students	31th Jan, 2023	03
6.	**NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY**	National Science Day	6th March, 2023	200 participants
7.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by 5th sem students	15th March, 2023	04
8.	**WEBINAR**	Energy and Glucose Homeostasis & Consequences of its failure	20th March, 23 11.30am	Prof.N.Vijai Kumar, (Retd) Dept. of Zoology, Kakatiya Universiry, Warangal.
9.	**WEBINAR**	Recent Trends in Cancer Biology	21th March, 23 11.30am	Dr.G.Sridhar, Assit Prof (C), Nizam College, Osmania University, Hydrabad.
10.	**WEBINAR**	Arthropod Borne Diseases	23th March, 23 1.30pm	Prof.M.Madhavi, HOD, Dept. of Zoology, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
11.	**WEBINAR**	3 UTR of HLA-G gene: A Potential Region for Maternal Predisposition to Recurrent Pregnancy Loss (RPL)	24th March, 23 11.30am	Mrs.M.Dhatri, Osmania University, Hyderabad.
12.	**WEBINAR**	Antigen Antibody Interaction	25th March, 23 11.30am	Prof.G.Raghuramulu, (Retd) Dept. of Zoology, Kakatiya Universiry, Warangal.
13.		Visit to Vermi compost unit in	28th April, 2023	6th Sem students.

	FIELD VISIT	our campus		
14.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by PG-Zoology second year students	13th May, 2023	06
15.	**STUDENT SEMINAR**	Seminar by PG-Zoology first year students	2nd June, 2023	05

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Activities of Department of Geology
(July 2022- June 2023)

1. Ph.D awarded-2
   I. Mr. K Vinay Chand, Ad.No-18124002 Awarded Ph.D on the topic "Biological Reclamation of Coal Mine Overburden In Godavari Valley Field". On 17-03-2023.
   II. Ms. Shruthi Devulapalli, Ad.No 18124001 Awarded Ph.D on the topic "A Study on the Air Quality in Hyderabad- Pre COVID , During COVID Lockdown and post COVID Conditions", on 04-07-2023.
2. Research Publications- Seven (7) Research Papers –ISSN Generals were published.
3. PG M.Sc Environmental Science revision initiated.

7. Prof. G. RAM REDDY CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (GRCR&D)

Objectives

- To carry our system-based research in distance education in India, the Asian Region and beyond;
- To conduct workshops, seminars and training programmes on the evolving trends in Distance Education;
- To collaborate with institutions and agencies to undertake research in Distance Education in India and abroad for undertaking research inn distance education and its systems, methodologies and practices;
- To undertake consultancy services and commission projects related to the distance education systems to generate income;
- To promote and coordinate funding and sponsoring research projects in the areas of distance education;
- To disseminate knowledge through publication of research studies and other works in the field of Distance Education
- To establish, maintain and preserve all the important data, studies, research works in the form of data bank, electronic media etc., in the field of Distance Education and making accessible to the researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders;
- To organize exchange fellowships among Distance Education Institutions in the world; and
- To conduct education studies on academic and operational aspects of teaching programmes and study materials and on the systems of evaluation of student performance of the University.

functions

- Monitoring the admissions of BCs students in various courses
- Guiding the staff of Learner Support Services Division about rules of reservation and fee
- concessions.
- Maintaining liaison with the Social and Backward Welfare Officers in the 23 Districts where RCs of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University are located.
- Preparation and furnishing detailed enrolment lists' of BCs students to Government of Telangana, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of HRD and TSCHE and AP State Council of Higher education, Every Year (APSCHE)
- Conduction of Counselling classes for BC students.
- Conduction of remedial classes for BC Cell students.

The Centre for Evaluation established in 1987 has been upgraded as G.Ram Reddy Academy for Distance Education (GRADE) in 2007. Its nomenclature is changed to G.Ram Reddy Centre for Research and Development (GRCR&D) in the light of guidelines as suggested in NEP 2020 As mandated by UGC, it was separated from CIQA, with which it was integrated earlier in 2017. (187th Special E.C. meeting dated 12/07/2022).

As per the Resolutions of the 187th E.C. Committee, as per the changed nomenclature, G.Ram Reddy Centre for Research and Development (GRCR&D) came in to existence vide university circular No. 458/Estt./A-IV/2022-23 dated 09/01/2023.

The Director of CIQA Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy, took additional charge of the newly formed Centre of GRCR&D from August to November 2022. Prof. E. Sudha Rani took charge as full time Director of GRCR&D on November 10, 2022.

Events held by GRCR&D from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023:

1. Inauguration of Prof. G. Ram Reddy Centre for Research & Development by Prof.B.S.Murty, Director IIT, Hyderabad, Prof. K. Seetha Rama Rao chaired the occasion and Prof.E.Sudha Rani, Director, GRCR&D enumerated on the proposed activities of the Cell.

2. Advisory Committee meeting of GRCR&D has held on 4th May 2023 where in it was resolved to adopt new UGC guidelines (March, 2022) with regard to vision, mission functions of structure. Further, it was resolved to identify the thrust areas of Research and funding from external agencies and it was also resolved that different committees for monitoring different aspects of R&D will be finalised.

   A 3-day workshop on 'Academic Research and Research Support' was conducted for teaching staff and research scholars in the E-Classroom, STML Building of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University, Prof.K.Seetha Rama Rao was the President of the function and Prof.G.Chakrapani, Director, Academic was the Guest of Honour for the inaugural session. Prof.B.Sudhakar Reddy, Honourary Director, ICSSR-SRC, Osmania University was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Eleven sessions were conducted where in eminent resource persons like MrudulJ.Nile, Dept. of Science, Mumbai University, Prof. Murugan & Prof. I. Loknath Reddy, Prof. K. Siva Prasad (Retd.), Prof.B.Rajasekhar, Prof. Samrat Sabat from University of Hyderabad, Prof.A.Patric, Osmania University, Prof. ARD Prasad (Retd.) from I&T, Bangalore presented topics of relevance to Academic Research. Nearly 60 Research Scholars and staff participated in this Workshop which has conducted both Online and Offline. The valedictory session was graced by presence of Prof.V.Venkaiah, Retd. Vice-Chancellor, Krishna University and Director, GRCR&D Prof. E. Sudha Rani.

3. The Editorial Board meeting for launching vol. 1 No.2 of House Journal of Dr.BRAOU "Journal of Distance Learning (JODL) has held in July 10th 2023. As per the resolutions undertaken in the meeting, the house journal has launched in July 2023.
4. GRCR&D prepared the brochure highlighting the activities of the Cell, right from its inception till date, for presentation to NAAC peer team visit which was scheduled in July 2023.

8. CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (CIQA)

8.1 Establishment of CIQA

The University has established a Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) on 31.12.2009 based on the recommendations of the Distance Education Council, New Delhi vide its letter F.No. DEC/SOU/01/09-10/3815, dated 05.10.2009. Prof. C. Pushpa Ramakrishna, retired Professor of English was appointed as Senior Consultant to CIQA. Later, Prof. M.S. Hayat, Professor of Urdu was appointed as full-time Director on 11-07-2012. On his superannuation, Prof. S. V. Rajasekhara Reddy, Professor of Geology was appointed as Director, CIQA on 01-09-2015. Prof. Y.S. Kiranmayi, Professor of Business Management was appointed as Director, CIQA on 14-11-16.

The University merged CIQA with Prof. G. Ram Reddy Research Academy of Distance Education (GRADE) on 13-04-2017 and appointed Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, Professor of Physics as Director, CIQA. As the matters stood thus, the University Grants Commission-Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB) issued detailed guidelines and regulations governing the operationalization of the CIQA as a part of ODL Regulations-2017 and communicated the same to the University, mandating the establishment of CIQA and for observance of its guidelines vide reference to F.No. 2-4/2015 (DEB-III) dated 23rd June, 2017 ODL Regulations-2017, wherein the activities in detail are to be carried out by CIQA as specified. As already mentioned, the University has created CIQA in 2010 itself, much before the issuance of guidelines, but the same had to be strengthened as per the objectives and functions, as stipulated in the UGC ODL Regulations-2017. Upon completion of the term of Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani, on 01-02-2020, Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy, Prof of Geology has taken over as the Director CIQA and continuing his services till date. Dr. K. Sridevi, Associate Professor of Mathematics is serving as Deputy Director of CIQA since 02-12-2022.

CIQA plays a pivotal role in infusing new rigor and dynamism into the system by development pathways for research and development, innovation and entrepreneurship that would facilitate the reshaping and modernization of the ODL system. CIQA caters to the needs of the 21st Century and ultimately brings about seamless transfer of knowledge from theory to practice.

8.2 Objectives of CIQA

- To develop and put in place a comprehensive and dynamic internal quality assurance system.
- To ensure that programmes of Dr. BRAOU are of acceptable quality and to further improve them on continuous basis.
- To record the institutional activities of various branches of the university.
- To submit periodical reports to UGC on internal quality assurance.

8.3 Composition of CIQA

The CIQA is headed by a full-time director who is a senior academician working in the university at the level of a professor. It also has other senior staff of the level of Associate Professor / Deputy Director and support staff for secretarial assistance.

8.4 CIQA Committe

1	Prof. K. Seetharama Rao	Vice-Chancellor	Chairman
2	Prof. G. Chakrapani	Director (Academic) & Dean, Faculty of Education	Member
3	Prof. E. Sudha Rani	Director, GRCR&D	Member
4	Prof. I. AnandPawar	Director, CSTD & Dean, Faculty of Commerce Head, Dept. of Business Management	Member
5	Prof.G. Pushpa Chakrapani	Director, COEL, Dean, Faculty of Sciences & Head, Dept. of Physics	Member
6	Prof. Shakeela Khanam	Dean, Faculty of Arts & Head, Dept. of Hindi	Member
7	Prof. V. Srinivasa Rao	Director, EMR&RC & Dean Faculty of Social Sciences	Member
8	Prof. G. Ravinder	Director, Materials & Publications	Member
9	Dr. L V K Reddy	Director, Learner Support Services Division	Member
10	Dr. A V N Reddy	Registrar	Member
11	Dr. P. VenkataRamana	Controller of Examinations	Member
12	Dr. K. Sridevi	Dy. Director, CIQA & Head, Dept. of Mathematics	Member
13	Smt. N. HemaBhanu	Finance Officer	Member
14	Prof. S. Jeelani	Director, Centre for Distance and Virtual Learning, University of Hyderabad	External Member
15	Prof. G. B. Reddy	Director, Prof. G. Ram Reddy Centre for Distance Education, Osmania University	External Member
16	Prof.P.Madhusudhan Reddy	Director, CIQA & Head, Dept. of Geology	Convenor

8.5 Activities / Functions of CIQA

- Maintain quality in the services provided to the learners by Dr. BRAOU.
- Devise mechanisms for obtaining feedback from all stakeholders.
- Co-ordinate with UGC-DEB for course permissions and comply with UGC-DEB regulations.
- Interact periodically with faculty and administration on best practices, quality assurance mechanisms and UGC-DEB guidelines.
- To ensure that Programme Project Reports are prepared for all programmes.
- To maintain records of Annual Plans and Annual Reports of Dr. BRAOU.
- To coordinate between Dr. BRAOU and UGC-DEB for various quality related initiatives or guidelines.
- To submit Annual Reports to the Statutory Authorities or Bodies of the Higher Educational Institution at the end of each academic session.

Workshops / Seminars Conducted

1. Conducted the second special lecture under the Quality Assurance Lecture series on 4th July 2022 on "Imparting Quality Skill Education through Open Universities-Issues and Challenges" by Prof. Rajan M Welukar.

2. Conducted one day symposium under the Quality Assurance Series on the theme "Bridging Educational Divide" on 23rd August 2022.

Systemic Research Studies Initiated

1. A study on "Expectation and Perception of UG students of Dr. BRAOU".
2. A feedback study report is proposed to conduct on the user friendliness of the revised University Website.
3. A study on impact of Socio-Economic factor on student's progression in Dr. BRAOU.

Research Reports Published

1. Published Quality Assurance lecture series - Second lecture "on Imparting Quality Skill Education through Open Universities-Issues and Challenges" by Prof. Rajan M Welukar.

2. Prepared CIQA annual report for the academic years 2020-21, 2021-22.

3. Published a Quality Assurance series book entitled: “Open Distance Learning in India – Reflections on Practices and Future Perspectives” by Prof. V.S Prasad formerly V.C Dr. BRAOU and formerly Director NAAC.

4. Published a report on “Reaching the unreached - Education for Social Justice” in Dr. BRAOU

Assessment and Accreditation

1. Conducted various Orientation/Awareness programmes to the employees about NAAC Assessment and Accreditation process.
2. Organised a series of meetings with the Chair Persons of the criteria.
3. Prepared and submitted Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) report to the NAAC on 03-11-2023.
4. Prepared a Self-Study Report (SSR) with the help of Administrators, Teachers and Non-Teachers and submitted to NAAC on 07-01-2023.
5. Data Verification and Validation (DVV) clarifications submitted on 10-04-2023.
6. The NAAC Peer Team visited the University from 24th to 26th July, 2023.
7. The University received NAAC certification for its first cycle and awarded GRADE B++ with 2.96 CGPA.
8. The University applied for reassessment on 16-09-2023.

9. CENTER FOR ONLINE EDUCATION AND LEARNING (COEL)

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, a pioneer in Distance Education has realised the need of intervention of new technologies in teaching, learning process, and hence poised to venture into online learning. Keeping in view the recommendations of the New Education Policy 2020, for improving the access, equity and quality in higher education by integrating and use of technology, the University established "Centre for Online Education & Learning (COEL) in July, 2022, aligns with the National Digital initiatives to provide affordable and quality education for anyone anywhere and anytime access. The Centre was inaugurated by Prof. Asha Kanwar, President of Common Wealth of Learning, Vanocur, Canada on 5th August, 2022.

Objectives / Functions

Within a short span of its establishment, the COEL has got a very prestigious project on 'Implementation of Open Educational Resources (OER)at BRAOU" from Commonwealth Education Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi. Under this project several Capacity Building programmes were conducted by COEL and trained the faculty in developing OER based courses on Moodle LMS. Also trained on establishing the D-Space and created OER Repository and Institutional Repository. The faculty also trained on developing the Micro Credential courses with Moodle.

The significant outcome of this project is 7 OER based courses for online/ blended learning are developed on Moodle LMS by the faculty across the disciples and also in multiple languages. Also 8 Micro credential courses are developed in regional languages, like Telugu, Hind and Urdu apart from English. This is the first Open University to develop these courses in 4 different languages.

The Centre for Online Education & Learning (COEL), BRAOU has its own LMS Moodle where the online courses can offer on this LMS. D-Space has also been established and all the learning material also the Audio, Video lessons developed before are now available as OER at Repository. All the Memorial lectures, Convocation addresses, University foundation day lectures and other academic activities done by different faculties are now available in IR.

10.LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH

Learner Support Services Branch (LSSB) is one of the important branches of the University. The Branch is responsible for the admissions to all the programmes offered by the University (except research programmes); management of Regional Centres (RCs) and Learner Support Centres (LSCs) scheduling and monitoring the conduct of contact-cum-counselling classes, preparation of the academic calendar, and coordination with other branches for smooth functioning of the system, etc.

Objectives / Functions

Orientation Programmes : Learner Support Services Branch conducted a one day orientation Programme on Learner Support Centre Administration and Services for Coordinators and JACTs of all Regional and Learner Support Centres at Five Zonal Centres i.e at Mini Auditorium, CSTD Building, University Campus, Hyderabad on 03-09-2022 covering 55 centres, Regional Centre, SRR & CVR Govt.College, Machavaram, Vijawada on10-09-2022 covering 17 centres, Regional Centre, Dr.VS Krishna Govt. College, Visakhapatnam on 12-09-2022 covering 19 Centres, Regional Centre, University Arts & Science College, Warangal on 16-09-2022 covering 58 centres and Regional Centre, SV Arts College, Tirupati on 19-09-2022 covering 39 centres totally interacting with all the 179 centres under the University jurisdiction.

10.1. Enrolment To Different Programmes

The total enrolment of learners in different programmes of the University for the academic year 2022-23 was 120020, showing the unstinting confidence that the general public has in Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University.

The majority of learners hails from the rural background. The total numbers of rural learners in the academic year 2022-23 were 69641 learners compared to 50379 urban learners. This shows predominately that the University has a rural base (58%). Out of 120020 learners enrolled for the year 2022-23, 55582 were **women learners** accounting to nearly 41% of total learners.

1257 learners with **disabilities** enrolled in the University Programmes for the academic year 2022-23 and 23 learners who admitted were Transgender.

120 Prisoners were admitted in the University Porgrammes for the academic year 2022-23.

Amongst the 120020 learners enrolled in the academic year 2022-23, 61196 belong to **Backward Caste**, 28896 to **scheduled castes** and 14044 to the **scheduled Tribes**. The above figures point out to the access and affordability of the University Programmes to the distant Learners.

Active learning was made possible through "**Blended mode of Learning"** from University Head Quarters from the academic year 2020-21, and this mode of learning continuing for the academic year

2022-23. Further, in addition to the regular Radio and Video lessons through T-SAT Channel on week days, the You Tube Channel of the University also makes it possible for the learners to make use of available lessons 24X7, seeking anywhere.

A few contact-cum-counselling classes are conducted at learner Support Centres and some contact-cum-counselling classes are conducted through online from University Head Quarters. The schedule of online classes and offline classes are uploaded on the University web-site regularly.

The Learner Support Centre at **Army Ordinance Corps Centre, Tirmulgiry, Secunderabad**, offers all the academic Programmes of the University for the Defence Personnel and their family members have enrolled in the year 2022-23 in different programmes of the University thus serving those who serve the nation.

LSSB has entered an agreement with TCS for conducting online admissions and successfully conducted online admissions into B.Ed., B.Ed.(Spl) and MBA Programmes.

PARTICULARS OF LEARNERS ADMITTED STRENGTH IN 2022-23

remarks	**Course**	**1st Year**	**2nd Year**	**3rd Year**	**Total**
1 UG	BEd	500			500
	BA	26220	17209	16564	59993
	BCom	9985	5508	4538	20031
	BLISC	2301			2301
	BSc	4692	3603	3008	11303
	Bed Special	500			500
2 PG	M.A ECONOMICS	431	250		681
	M.A ENGLISH	2458	1744		4202
	M.A HINDI	361	288		649
	M.A HISTORY	347	307		654
	M.A JOURNALISM AND MASSCOM	251	212		463
	M.A POLITICAL SCIENCE	956	730		1686
	M.A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	394	333		727
	M.A SOCIOLOGY	1188	770		1958
	M.A TELUGU	2336	1787		4123
	M.A URDU	154	124		278
	M.Sc BOTONY	303	214		517
	M.Sc CHEMISTRY	407	311		718
	M.Sc ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	180	168		348
	M.Sc MATHEMATICS	1495	1440		2935
	M.Sc PHYSICS	244	183		427

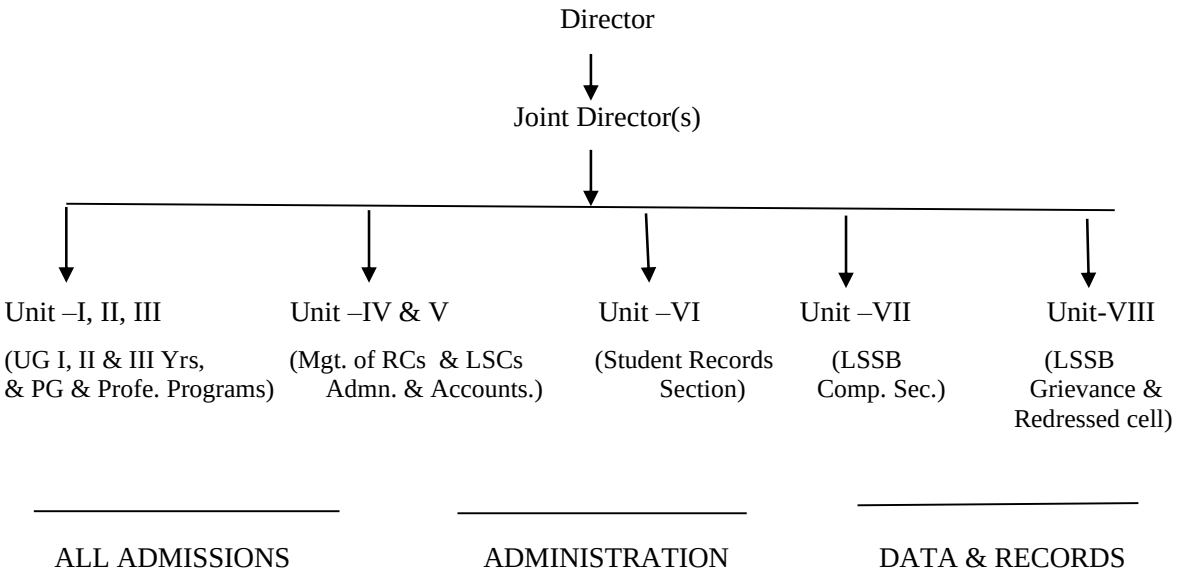
	M.Sc PSYCHOLOGY	875	1105		1980
	M.Sc ZOOLOGY	425	254		679
	MBA	368	204		572
	MCOM	453	374		827
3 DOPLOMA	MLISc	460			460
	PGDBF	5			5
	PGDCHT	17			17
	PGDES	50			50
	PGDHR	58			58
	PGDMM	1			1
	PGDWMMT	31			31
	PGDWS	16			16
4 CERTIFICATE	C.P.Lit.C.D	5			5
	CECE	42			42
	CPFN	249			249
	CPNGOM	34			34
		58792	37118	24110	120020

The total enrolment of learners in different programmes of the University for the Academic Year 2022-23 was 120020, showing the unstinting confidence that the general public had in Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University. Amongst the popular courses, were B.L.I.Sc. with 2301, M.A. English with 4202, M.A.Telugu with 4123, M.Sc. Mathematics with 2935 and M.Sc. Psychology with 1980 admissions. For the academic year 2022-23, M.A. Political Science with 1686, M.A. Sociology with 1958 are the other Programmes that have captured students interest. Amongst the undergraduate Programmes, Bachelor of Arts has 26220 admissions for the Academic Year 2022-23.

The majority of learners are consistently from the rural background. The total numbers of rural learners in the Academic Year 2022-23 were 69641 learners compared to 50379 of the total numbers of urban learners. This shows predominately that the University has a rural base. Out of 120020 total learners enrolled for 2022-23 Academic Year 55582 were women learners and 23 learners who admitted were Transgenders.

Nearly 120 Prisoners were admitted in the University Porgrammes for the Academic Year 2022-23. Amongst the 120020 learners enrolled in the Academic Year 2022-23, 61196 belong to Backward Caste, 28896 to scheduled castes and 14044 to the Scheduled Tribes. The above figures point out to the access and affordability of the University Programmes to the distant Learners.

10.2. Organogram of Learner Support Services Branch



10.3. Functions Of Learner Support Services Branch

Functions of Learner Support Services Branch are many and they are conducted yearly. LSSB provides active interaction with the Learners and the University. The Functions of LSSB are:

(i) **Preparation and implementation of the Academic Calendar:** It is essential to manage an educational institution successfully and this is one of the most important functions of LSSB. The Branch prepares the Academic Calendar every year in coordination with the Director (Academic), Director (Materials & Publications), Controller of Examinations, Finance Officer and other heads of the branches concerned, uploads the same on the University Website. The deadlines for all important activities like commencement and closing of admissions, dispatch of course material, conduct of counselling classes, examinations, etc., are spelt out in the Academic Calendar.

(ii) **Regional Centre:** The LSSB, as per the policy direction of the University, has established 23 Regional Centres in all the District Headquarters in the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh. At present, of these 23 RCs, 10 are located in Telangana and 13 in Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) **Establishment of LSCs** :After assessing the geographical needs and viability, the LSSB identifies the Government Degree Colleges suitable for the establishment of Learner Support Centre on demand base and social responsibilities.

(iv) **Admissions:** LSSB, as mentioned above, is responsible to take up the admission process relating to all UG, PG, Professional, Diploma, and Certificate Programmes offered by the University, except Research Programmes.

The activities relating LSSB which are carried out in the year 2022-23 are:

- **Prospectus:** Preparation of the Prospectus for various programmes in coordination with the Academic Branch;
- **Dispatch of Prospectus**: Dispatching the Prospectus to the RCs and LSCs to provide the same to the prospective learners for information on **'Free of Cost'**, in addition to placing the same on the University Website and Portal;
- **Admission Notification**: Issue 'Admission Notifications' through print media inviting Online Applications from eligible candidates for admission into various Programmes offered by the University;
- **Support for publicity**: Supporting the RCs and LSCs to take measures to promote and publicise the programmes;
- **Publicity:** Giving wide publicity through print and e-media about the Programmes and other activities relating to the admissions, including information about last dates for payment of tuition fee etc.
- **Admissions:** Admitting the eligible candidates into the various Programmes by following the procedure.

(v) **Sending Address Labels to the Director (M&P):** Addresses for correspondence given by the learners are printed and sent to the Director (Materials and Publications) for dispatch of course material. The Director (Materials and Publications) and the staff at the branch in turn, send the material to the learners through speed post. The learners can track the transit of the course material. However, for Programmes like B.Ed., B.Ed. (S.E.), MBA (HHCM), where admission counselling is conducted at University Headquarters, the material is given at the time of counselling itself.

(vi) **Scheduling the Contact-Cum-Counselling Classes:** The LSSB prepares the schedule of contact-cum-counselling classes to be organised for each programme at Learner Support

Centres. Classes will be conducted through Offline Mode at the Centres and also through Online Mode from the University Headquarters. Besides, the Branch is also responsible to monitoring the conduct of classes for all the programmes, including practical classes

(vii) **Scheduling the Practical Training Sessions:** Attending practical classes is mandatory for the learners wherever the practical component is a part of the curriculum. 75% attendance for the practical sessions is compulsory for a candidate to become eligible to appear for practical examinations.

(viii) **Fee intimations to the Learners:** LSSB prepares **Fee Intimation Letters** at the beginning of the academic year and sends them through post to the learners for payment of II & III year tuition fee and also send SMSs to the learners to pay the tuition fee.

(ix) **Appointment of Coordinators:** LSSB is solely responsible for the management of RCs and LSCs spread over the jurisdiction of the University that are headed by the Coordinators who are full-time teachers of the host colleges in which the Learner Support Centres are located, rendering service to the students of this University on part-time basis.

(x) **Appointment of the Academic Counsellors:** Academic Counsellors are the subject experts who handle both contact-cum-counselling and practical classes at the Centres. LSSB, in coordination with the Academic Branch, appoints the academic counsellors.

(xi) **Undertaking Re-admissions:** Learners, who couldn't complete their studies within the maximum duration prescribed for respective programmes, and wish to continue their studies, may take re-admission. LSSB processes the applications of such learners and give them re-admission as per the University norms in force at that time.

Orientation Programmes : Learner Support Services Branch conducted one day orientation Programme on Learner Support Centre Administration for Coordinators and JACT of all Regional and Learner Support Centres at Five Zonal Centres i.e at Mini Auditorium, CSTD Building, University Campus, Hyderabad on 03-09-2022 covered 55 centres, Regional Centre, SRR & CVR Govt.College, Machavaram, Vijawada on10-09-2022 covered 17 centres, Regional Centre, Dr.VS Krishna Govt. College, Visakhapatnam on 12-09-2022 covered 19 Centres, Regional Centre, University Arts & Science College, Warangal on 16-09-2022 covered 58 centres and Regional Centre, SV Arts College, Tirupati on 19-09-2022 covered 39.

Other Functions

- Updating the personal information and records of the learners like change / correction in the name, father's / mother's name, surname, address, social status, etc., on their request, after examining the documentary evidence.
- Change of Medium of Study, Modern Indian Language, Optional Subjects, and Study Centres as per the request of the learners, after collecting the prescribed fee and updation of the records accordingly.
- Conducting admission counselling for admitting learners into Programmes like B.Ed., B.Ed.(S.E.), and MBA (HHCM), which have limited seats for which the University conducts Entrance Tests duly following the Rule of Reservation.
- Getting Assignments - from the Academic Departments and uploading the same in the University Website for submission by PG, PG Diploma and Certificate Programme Learners.
- Dissemination of information on various activities like admission schedules, admission counselling, theory and practical classes, assignments, workshops, etc., to the stakeholders concerned (Centres, learners, prospective learners, etc.) through SMS, Website, electronic and print media, etc.;

- Providing counselling services:
    - Pre-entry counselling services
    - Exit counselling/placement services
    - Mentoring and
    - Dropout counselling.

Beside admissions, guiding the learners and keeping them informed about the various activities of the University through the University website and giving SMS alerts about the various activities of the University and other functions of the LSSB. Under the aegis of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr.BRAOU adopted **" Blended mode of Learning"** where active learning was made possible from University Head Quarters from the Academic Year 2020-21, and this mode of learning continued. Further, in addition to the regular Radio and Video lessons through T-SAT Channel on week days, the You Tube Channel of the University also makes it possible for the learners to make use of available lessons 24X7.

10.4. Blended Mode of Learning

As per the UGC Regulations, Dr.BRAOU provides flexible learning by using a variety of media, including Print and Electronic media and conducts online counselling and occasional interactive face-to-face. Teaching- learning experiences and practical experience.

The pedagogical use of modern educational practices that support blended learning are also adopted by the University so as to have more sophisticated use of ICT and expertise in e-learning.

There is a shift to blended mode learning by the University with elements of online learning and physical counselling classes at Learner Support Centres.

A few contact-cum-counselling classes are conducted at learner Support Centres and some contact-cum-counselling classes are conducted through online from University Head Quarters. The schedule of online classes and offline classes are uploaded on the University web-site regularly.

The launching of the MOOC courses on SWAYAM platform of the UGC on "Gender Sensitization" and Stress Management" with the idea of making them online elective courses with credits of students at Degree level is another innovative step taken by the University.

LSSB has also contributed in the initiative of the University to have a Learner Support Centre at Army Ordinance Corps Centre, Tirmulagiri, Secunderabad, offering all the academic Programmes of the University for the Defence Personnel and their family members, thus serving those who serve the nation.

LSSB with its network of Learner Support Centres and its Office at the Head Quarters and helpdesk has tries to serve Learners and tried to bridge the University's vision with students aspirations and dreams.

10.5. Dean, Student Affairs & Campus Development

The Office/ Cell of Dean, Student Affairs is an independent cell in the University, established to ensure speedy, timely, quality services to the Learners both at Headquarters, Regional Centers and Learner Support Centers.

Objectives / Functions

It acts as a quality maintainance body and resolves student issues by acting in coordination with different Heads of Branches of the University. This cell helps in providing better services to students of the University.

The Dean, Student Affairs' office provides timely, information to students during their admission and their course of study in association with Learners Support Services Branch, and helps in the

preparation of charts and handouts, their disbursal to study centers, and their appropriate placing at Headquarters etc.

It strives to increase awareness among students and the functionaries of study centers with regard to the programmes offered/activities under-taken/services provided. The grievances of Learners and study centre functionaries are routed through the concerned authorities. Efforts are undertaken to resolve students' concerns by bringing them to the notice of The Director (Academic) and the concerned Deans of the Faculties. The learners doubts are also addressed through the use of technology by taking recourse to Radio-conferencing, Video-conferencing and sometimes telephonically.

Providing ready services to learners at appropriate and rightful time is the underlying principle of the work of Dean, Student Affairs. The office is also associated with pre-admission counselling, Exit Counselling, placement services and dropout counselling of students. Being in close association with Learner Support Services Branch, it tries to strengthen Learner Services, by resolving the grievances, with regard to Contact-cum counselling schedules payment of tuition fee, cancellation issues, distribution of books etc.

The Dean, Student Affairs maintains a Students (grievance Box,' at Headquarters at Learner Support Services Branch, and encourages students to drop their grievances therein, so that the necessary feedback is provided to University authorities to take appropriate action/policy initiatives as required.

The office of Dean, Student Affairs, conducts periodical surveys/interviews with students at both Headquarters and Learner Support Centres, for better understanding of the problems of learners in various stages of their Learning and provides the feedback obtained as to the University authorities. This helps in taking corrective measures and policy initiatives which can enhance quality services of the university, manuals are provided to the Co-ordinators of Learner Support Centres on different functional aspects of University. Thus, the Dean, Student Affairs facilitates smooth functioning of the University and helps the University to have cordial relations with student clientele.

11. PLACEMENT CELL

The placement cell was established in 2022, with a primary goal to guide the students on various careers and competitive opportunities.

11.1 Vision

The main vision of the placement cell is to develop a rapid access to the learners of the university in the government sector and various multinational corporate companies so as to enable the students of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University to get placements. The main Endeavour of placement cell is to get students placed in multinational companies, NGO's Government and Private sector.

The students registered at placement cell are entitled for placement assistance, counselling for employment and even self-employment.

The placement cell acts as an interface between the industry and the students and enables the students to select their career opportunities.

It facilitates the selection process of all the companies, and associates with corporate and organizations to provide suitable jobs for candidates after completion of their degrees from the university.

11.2 Objectives

- To motivate the students to enrich their personality and competitive skills
- To identify students potentiality so as to map their competencies
- To explore new horizons alongside the growing requirement of the corporate world
- To mould the students according to the requirements of corporate world and R&D departments.

11.3 Campus Selection Programme

The placement cell undertakes On-campus Interview Programme, Off-campus Interview Programme and Job Fairs.

Leading Employers in Pharma field like Dr Reddy's Laboratories and Mahindra & Mahindra Automotive manufacturer Pvt. Ltd. have conducted drive in the University campus.

11.4 Future Plans

The placement cell proposes to equip the students with the following programmes:

- To conduct corporate training Programmes for
  -presentation skills
  -interview skills
  -group discussion
- impart employable skills
  -basic computer skills
  -data analysis
- impart language skills

- soft skills & communication skills

- e-Office

12. DIRECTORATE OF MATERIALS & PUBLICATIONS

The Directorate of Materials & Publications Branch is one of the important branches of the University. Basically, this branch is an expense centre and it is engaged in planning the future expenditure. Accordingly, it procures stores in optimal quantities, produces and distributes various supplies to the branches within the University, Regional Coordination Centres and Study Centres of the University spread all over the State of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. This branch is an important and vital segment of the support services wing of the University. It is headed by a Director and consists of three key sections viz. purchase, printing and dispatch of university text books. Further, it provides Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) to the Insurance of university Assets, Computers, Printers, Scanners, & Xerox Machines etc.

12.1 Objectives:

- Directorate of Materials and Publications is an important organ of the university. It aims to equip the university with stationery, Machinery, consumables and other goods and services according to specific requirements of the university.
- The Study Material House is responsible for delivery of the printed course material from various printers and maintenance of the stock of the course materials in systematic way and dispatching same to the students when an Academic year starts.
- To a large extent it has mechanized the process of arranging lifting and dispatching of the course material. There are 179 study centres located the states in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Among these 179 Study Centres, 14 Study Centres are located in Twin Cities i.e. Hyderabad and Secunderabad. To the students of these study centres who got admission to P.G. I Year and U.G.I/II/III years all semester course material is being issued at University Campus only. Out of the remaining 165 study Centres 89 study Centres are located in the state of Telangana and 76 Study Centres are located for the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- To procure the best study material economically.
- To assist students by dispatching the books to their postal address.

12.2 Functions

1. Receipt of indents from various branches
2. Obtaining the Administrative and Financial Sanctions
3. Observing the Purchase Procedure/Tenders
4. Procuring items
5. Warehousing
6. Issue of Supplies to the indenters
7. Production of university text books
8. Dispatch of university text books
9. Maintenance of Study Material House/Record Keeping/Stock Registers.

12.3. Purchase Section

The University has a centralized purchase system. The Purchase Section takes care of the total requirements of the University. This section is actively engaged in vendor development, procurement, storing and supplying the same to the various branches. This section aims at purchasing machinery, vehicles, computers, audio-visual equipment, furniture, printing paper, stationery, etc., at economical and competitive rates and supplying them in time to the indenting branches.

12.4. Printing Section

The Printing Section produces the university textbooks pertaining to the programmes of the University in English, Telugu and Urdu Mediums as well as other materials like Application Forms, Prospectus, Students Fee intimation letters, Answer Scripts, Convocation Material. "Opvarsity News" Bulletins, Competitive exam course material, Calendars, Diaries, Greeting Cards, etc., to suit the needs of different branches of the University from time to time.

The Directorate of Materials and Publications has arranged printing of about **1,366** different titles of university text books relating to UG, PG, Diploma and Certificate programmes. In all about the no. of copies **61,05,730** lakh books are printed. Details are given below.

Academic year 2022-23

S.No.	Programmes printed	No. of copies Academic year 2022-23
1.	Printing and supply of U.G. Ist, 2nd& 3rd year and P.G. text books & all diplomas and certificate courses.	**10,91,242**
2.	Other than courses materials related to all other branches i.e., LSSB/Exams/academic/PRO & EMR&RC	**3,54,795**
3.	Pre-printed examination confidential material	**44,00,000**
	Total numbers of copies printed➔	**61,05,730**

The Directorate of Materials and Publications has arranged printing of about 1366 different titles of university text books relating to UG,PG, Diploma and certificate programmes. Details are given below.

Academic year 2022-23

S.No.	Programmes printed	No. of copies Academic year 2022-23
1.	Printing and supply of U.G. Ist, 2nd& 3rd year.	**9,46,125**
2.	P.G. Courses and Diplomas and Certificate courses	**1,45,117**
	Total numbers of copies printed➔	**10,91,242**

The Study Material House is responsible for taking delivery of the printed university text books from various printers. This section will maintain the stocks of the university text books in a systematic way and dispatches it as and when programmes are offered. To a large extent, it has mechanized the process of arranging, lifting and dispatching the university text books. The University despatches text books of P.G., P.G.Diplomas, other programmes and U.G. all semesters is being sent by Express Parcel Post directly to the residential addresses of students in States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	**Academic Year**	**Programmes**	**No. of students**	**No. of Books Dispatched**
1	2022-23	UG I year	**24,340**	1,70,380
2	2022-23	UG II year	9,818	68,726
3	2022-23	UG III year	24,110	1,44,660
3	2022-23	PG I, II & Diplomas	27,693	1,94,824

13. THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA RESOURCES & RESEARCH CENTRE (EMR&RC)

The Electronic Media Resources & Research Centre (EMR&RC), formerly known as AVPRC and renamed in 2022, has been instrumental in enhancing the learning experience of distance education students at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (Dr. BRAOU). In this annual report, we outline the activities and accomplishments of EMR&RC for the year 2022.

13.1. Background and Historical Overview: EMR&RC, originally established in 1985 as part of the Material Production Directorate at Dr. BRAOU, achieved full-fledged Directorate status in February 1993. The center's core mission is to produce digital content using television studio facilities and distribute it through various media platforms to benefit distance learners. The renaming of the center in 2022, during the 182nd Executive Council Meeting, underscores the commitment to embrace modern electronic technologies in education.

13.2. Infrastructure: In 2022, the university continued to invest in enhancing the infrastructure of EMR&RC, ensuring the effective execution of its mission. Key infrastructure developments for the year included:

Sl.No	Item Description	Quantity	Date of Purchase
1	Work Stations	2	11/10/2022
2	HP Desktop i7	1	14/10/2022
3	Black Magic D-link Quad	1	18/10/2022
4	Mini BNC to BNC cable	8	18/10/2022
5	V Mix Software	1	20/02/2023

13.3. Broadcast and Distribution: In 2022, EMR&RC expanded its reach through various channels for broadcasting and distributing educational content. Collaborating with T-SAT Vidya and Nipuna channels, the center telecasts video lessons. All India Radio (A.I.R.) broadcasts audio lessons, with designated time slots as follows:

- T-SAT Vidya video lessons: 2:00pm to 3:00pm
- T-SAT Nipuna video lessons: 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- All India Radio audio lessons: 6:25pm to 6:40pm

Moreover, the digitized content is readily accessible to students through the university's YouTube channel and web portal. This flexibility caters to the changing learning trends and accommodates students' busy schedules.

13.4. Post-Production:

The center uses a three-step post-production process for content creation:

1. The first FCP is dedicated to video lessons content editing.

2. The second FCP handles digitization of video lessons, teleconferences conversions, outdoor lectures, and additional editing.

3. The third FCP system is employed to upload digital content to the university's YouTube channel, making it accessible to students.

13.5. The objectives of EMR&RC for 2022 included

- Producing and transmitting audio and video programs.
- Implementing a policy and framework for academic advancement through new technologies.
- Contributing to the university's identity as a learning organization.
- Equipping students with generic skills for lifelong learning, personal development, vocational and professional competence.
- Using new technology to meet the needs and aspirations of current and future students.
- Maintaining study options for students who lack access to new technologies.
- Integrating a minimum level of computer use in all courses to familiarize students with computer-based tools.
- Staying at the forefront of research on technology for teaching, exploring innovative ways to leverage new technologies for students' benefit.

13.6. Major Functions:

The major functions of EMR&RC in 2022 included:

- Preparation of monthly recording schedules for radio and video lessons.
- Production of radio and video lessons.
- Editing of radio and video lessons.
- Broadcast of radio lessons.
- Telecast of video lessons in T-SAT (Vidya&Nipuna).
- Conducting live teleconferencing through T-SAT.

- Launching web radio streaming.
- Uploading all video lessons and teleconferences to the BRAOU YouTube Channel.
- Operating a duplication setup for content distribution.

13.7. Activities:

Throughout 2022, EMRRC engaged in various activities, including:

- Producing educational programs in audio and video formats for students pursuing UG, PG, and other distance education programs offered by the university.
- In this academic year. The EMR&RC has produced 252 Video Lessons and 44 Audio Lessons.
- Telecasting all programs through T-SAT and broadcasting them on AIR.
- Airing Audio lessons on All India Radio from 6:25 pm to 6:40 pm.
- 365 Audio lessons were broadcast through All India Radio, Hyderabad
- Telecasting video lessons on T-SAT Vidya and Nipuna from Monday to Saturday.
- Hosting programs on T-SAT Vidya from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and on T-SAT Nipuna from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
- 626 Video lessons were telecasted through T-Sat Nipuna in the academic year 2022-23
- 1252 Video lessons were telecasted through T-Sat Vidya in the academic year 2022-23
- Web radio streaming was started in 2022 all the radio lessons were uploaded and course wise play lists were created, and are playing in loop continuously.
- Uploading all video and audio lessons on the university's website and video lessons on the university's YouTube channel.
- Initiating YouTube live streaming, allowing live interactions between teachers and distant learners.

Conclusion: In 2022, EMR&RC remained steadfast in its mission to enhance distance education through high-quality educational content. The university's commitment to improving infrastructure, investing in technology, and supporting a dedicated team yielded positive results. EMR&RC is at the forefront of embracing modern electronic technologies in education.

Two new initiatives were taken up in 2023 by the Director to deliver the content to the students through **"SaarvatrikaVidyaaVaani" web radio channel and Dr.BRAOU Mobile App.** was launched on 10-07-2023, in the Executive Committee Meeting Hall, Dr.BRAOU.

EMR&RC produced 3344 radio lessons till now out of which about 2000 radio lessons are available on the university website www.braou.ac.in. Apart from this learning, we have launched the web radio

channel **"SarvatrikaVidyaaVaani"** to make use of the facility by the distance learners as per their convenience.

Faculty wise channels are created in **"SarvatrikaVidyaaVaani" web radio channel.** The students who are connected to their Desktops/ Laptops with internet facility and mobile handsets with internet data, they can search for **Zeno mediaSarvatrikaVidyaaVaani"** channel and listen the course content.

EMR&RC Social Media Handle:

- ✓ BRAOU YouTube channel is effectively used by the distance learners to access the course video content
- ✓ All the departments videos are live streaming:

Social Media Handles	
YouTube Channel	
Subscribers	38580
Views	1240956
Video lessons	1436
Other	
Facebook handle	emrrcbraou, followers 500+
Twitter	@emrrcbraou
Mobile App	BRAOU

EMR&RC is at the front runner in utilising the modern digital technologies and social media platforms to reach out the students effectively for providing digital video and audio content to the higher education students.

14.CENTRE FOR STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (CSTD)

The Centre for Staff Training and Development (CSTD) is devoted to the task of providing need-based in-service training programs for the staff of the University and other personnel supporting the system from outside. The University set up the Centre for Staff Training and Development (CSTD) in April 1993, as a Human Resource Development and Training Division of Dr. B. R Ambedkar Open University. Its envisions creation of an egalitarian society by using emerging technologies in teaching-learning processes as well as in administrative and support services. To realize this vision, the University has adopted staff training and Staff development as one of the key strategies in this mission. The CSTD is a Human Resource Training Division of the university, which provides in-service training to all its employees and functionaries.

Apart from the staff training, CSTD adapts the innovations in the field of Distance Education and updates the understanding of the staff working in the university. The activities of CSTD range from short-duration workshops to in-depth orientation, refresher course, faculty development programs etc. The objective of CSTD program is to increase personnel efficiency, professional development, and effective organization performance. It empowers the employees by updating their knowledge, skills, aptitudes and attitudes.

The focus of the training programs of CSTD is not only limited to the work and workplace but also the overall development of the system CSTD organizes workshops, seminars, conferences, faculty development programs, and other academic interactions in this fields of human resource development, office administration, education technologies, and research methodologies in higher education, particularly in distance education.

14.1 Objectives

The main aim of the CSTD is to provide the staff working in the University with a framework that supports and encourages the development of all staff, both teaching and non-teaching, by updating their knowledge, skills, and individual performance. The University has assigned the following objectives to the CSTD.

- To assess the training needs of different categories of distance education and distance education functionaries;
- To arrange for skill development and application of new technologies;
- To provide opportunities for professional growth through wide exposure to development and innovation;
- To plan and organize a variety of training activities (Orientation/Refresher Sources/Faculty Development Programmes, etc);

- To develop training materials/manuals; and
- To collaborate with agencies having similar objectives.

14.2 Functions

To meet the needs of the University and the staff working in different sections, cadres, and departments, the CSTD has designed and executed programs for creating awareness, giving orientation, enhancing skills, applying new technologies, and adapting new strategies for better performance of the system.

14.3 Themes of Major Programs

The following are the major Training Programs:

- Administration in the Open University System
- Study Centre Management
- Systems' maintenance and management
- Accounts & Auditing
- Academic Counselling
- Tele-mediated, Audio and Visual Program Development
- Course material Development, Writing, Editing
- OER Material Development, e-learning Programs
- Technology-based, online and blended Teaching and Learning
- Computer Training for e-Office implementation.
- Workshops/Seminars/Conferences/FDP, etc.

14.4 Need & Approach

Keeping in view the changing needs, the CSTD designs training programs for its staff, both Teaching and Non-teaching, to upgrade their skills, knowledge, and competencies. Dr.BRAOU recognizes that a strategic professional approach to staff development helps the University to attract and retain high-calibre staff with the skills and competencies required in the realization of its objectives.

14.5 Collaboration with External Agencies - CEMCA & COL

The CSTD used to design and conduct training programs for internal staff members in a limited way. With the support of external agencies, the CSTD expanded its focus and scope from 2021 onwards.

Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA) has recognized CSTD as one of the potential training centres and extended financial support to CSTD to conduct programs on skill development related to Online and Blended mode of teaching for the teachers working in the field of Higher Education. CSTD is also collaborating with several National & International Agencies in the field of education Technology embracing innovative Teaching & Learning Methodologies. Commonwealth of Learning (COL) also recognized CSTD as one of the collaborative units and entered an MoU with Dr.BRAOU, for organizing training programs, and thus, Dr.BRAOU became a member of "Collective Commons" an initiative of COL.

14.6 E-Learning Initiatives

The Pandemic situation forced us to look for alternatives and to pay widespread attention to e-learning, Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs), and Online Learning Technologies. Dr.BRAOU as a pioneer in Distance Education initiated necessary steps in the direction of introducing e-learning programmes in the University. The details of the Training activities organized at Centre for Staff Training and Development (CSTD) from the year 1st July, 2022 to 30th June, 2023 are as follows:

14.7 Training Activities/Programmes Organised By The CSTD During 2022-23 (1st July, 2022 to 30th June, 2023)

Sl. No	Date	Title of the programme	Particulars of the participants
1	07th to 29th July. 2022.	Orientation workshop on Library Automation-Digitalization and Maintenance of Libraries	Library Science Faculty and Librarians working in Universities/Degree/Govt Polytechnic colleges & Other Institutions of both Telugu States
2	Spell-I: 20th &, 22nd, 23rd Sep 2022. Spell-II: 31st Oct to 04th Nov, 2022	Training Classes on e-office implementation for all the staff of Teaching /Non-Teaching/Technical conducted in two spells.	Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, Dr. BRAOU.
3	23rd Nov.2022	One day workshop on SPSS v.28.0 Software for usage of Faculty Members	Teaching Staff of Dr. BRAOU.
4	20th& 21st Feb.2023	Outcome Based Teaching & Learning (OBTL)	Faculty Teachers and Academic Consultants of BRAOU
5	19th May, 2023	Implementation of National Education Policy – 2020: A Way Forward.	Faculty Teachers and Academic Consultants of BRAOU through Online and Offline.

15. CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND CAREER PLANNING (CSD&CP)

Objectives

- To introduce market relevant training programmes.
- To recognize prior learning.
- To align curriculum skill courses with conventional education and vocational education.
- To adopt National Certification Framework for all the skill courses.
- To strengthen employability skills.
- To make placements by inviting neighbouring institutions.
- To align all formal and vocational education including skill training with National Skill Qualifications Framework (NSQF)
- To teach language, life skills, basic IT and Financial literacy which are integral part of most job roles in the economy today.
- To ensure that all skill training programs include modules of basic computer literacy, language and soft skills etiquette, appreciating gender diversity in workplace, building positive health attitudes and social and life skills to enable the youth to be employable and market ready.

Functions

The University embraced choice-based credit system from the Academic Year 2017-18 onwards. In order to give semblance to the objectives, the University has introduced skill-based course within the curriculum of the Degree Programs like Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Sciences. The Centre will liaison with the Academic Branches to offer Skill and Employment based courses to the students enrolled with the University and also to the students who are interested in pursuing standalone skill-based Certificate or Diploma Courses.

The University believes in Reimagining the vocational education and strives to bring the industry and academics together. The fact that there is a need for seamless interoperability between academia and vocational streams is the basic premise on which it operates. A radical shift from conventional thought process in the field of vocational education, demolishing the Social stigma attached to vocational education/skill subjects by Integrating vocational education with higher education, designing Socially meaningful and aspirational courses, imparting outcome based education by offering Job/labour market oriented skill Education courses enhancing Employability and Employment which also inculcate Entrepreneurial capacities yet all the while providing Multiple entry-exit and flexibility is the core propeller of activities at the Centre for Skill Development and Career Planning (CSD&CP) of the University. Building competencies of its learners is in the forefront of its thought processes.

Moving from idealism to realism, from policy to practice the following are the identified deliverables of the CSD&CP:

- To impart Soft Skills, Practical Industry Specific skills livelihood earning skills and self-employability skills to learners of Dr. B.R. A.O. U

- To fill the lacunae in terms of skills required for the industry by imparting industry specific training to the learners instilling in them the necessary skills duly synchronizing with stakeholders.

- To organize skill-oriented workshops by entrepreneurs and industrial experts looking for specific skill sets among their prospective workforce.

- To act a catalyst for collaboration with Industry in designing job oriented and skill-based courses.

- To be projected as a Centre for career guidance that provides a micro view of the job market

- To coordinate and liaison with Industries with the aim of providing them employment ready workforce and nurturing such a workforce.

The year 2022-23 has been a year of creating pathways for integrating the Skill Courses into the academic courses, towards this end, the Centre for Skill development and Career Planning has taken the following initiatives.

Organised a placement drive with Mahindra & Mahindra to provide placements to the undergraduate students of the University.

Entered into an MOU with Swami Ramananda Tirta Rural Institutes (Pochampally Village) to provide practical training in courses that lead to employment in the handloom, electrical, mechanical and garment industries.

Entered into an MOU with National Academy of Construction (NAC) to impart skills in the construction Industry.

Completion of preliminaries to enter into an MOU with Institute of Management and Foreign Studies (IMFS) to provide English and other foreign language training in addition to overseas education counselling to its students.

Preparing tentative preliminary documents to adopt curriculum and guidelines for life skills under Jeevan Kushal yogana 2.0

The initiatives undertaken include coordinating with the Academic Departments to offer Certificate Programs in skill based and vocational courses.

16. UGC-DEB AFFAIRS

UGC-DEB Affairs was initially known as the Development Cell. It was established in the year 1993. The nomenclature of the Development Cell has been changed to UGC DEB Affairs & Campus Development in 2018. Since 2022, Campus Development has been separated from UGC DEB Affairs. This branch is headed by a Director/Officer assisted by an Assistant Registrar and other support staff. With resource management as its chief objective, it coordinates with various other branches of the University, institutions, and organizations to prepare development proposals seeking grants from various funding agencies.

16.1 Functions

The functions of the UGC-DEB Affairs are:

- To liaise with funding agencies
- To mobilize resources
- To maintain the development plan
- To monitor research projects, fellowships, and grants
- To disburse development funds including seminar travel and publication grants
- To settle accounts and
- To submit audited statements.

The UGC DEB Affairs has been playing a key role in the process of recognition of the UG & PG Programmes by the UGC, RCI, AICTE, and other regulating bodies. It coordinates the Interface meetings of the regulations with the University. Within the University, this branch has the responsibility of facilitating staff development activities such as participation in national & and international seminars. It also collates development proposals and monitors the disbursement of development grants. It maintains records of expenditure and details of utilization to be audited and forwarded to the funding bodies.

16.2 The UGC-DEB Affairs Have An Interface With:

- The Commonwealth of Learning
- Indira Gandhi National Open University
- The Distance Education Council
- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia
- Government of India
- Ministry of Human Resource Development
- Department of Science and Technology
- Telangana State Council of Higher Education
- Government of Andhra Pradesh

- All other Open Universities and Conventional Universities

17. FINANCE BRANCH - UNIVERSITY FINANCES

The baseline for Resource Mobilization by the University is "Self-generated" funds by way of collecting the Tuition Fee, Exams Fee and other Fee from the Learners with a nominal fee structure. The University basically focuses upon the self-sustainability model to generate the required physical and financial resources. The main source of the Finances for the University includes Grants to be released from the Government of Telangana, Learners Tuition/Exam Fee and sharing of Learning Material with other Universities in India. The University's financial statement for the past two years and present status of the University as follows:

- During the Financial Year 2021-22, the University received Block Grant (Grant-in-Aid) of Rs.10.06 Crores and there is no sanction of Development Grant from the Government of Telangana.

  The Receipts and Payments of the University for the F.Y. 2021-22 were Rs.86.95 Crores and Rs.93.57 Crores respectively.

- During the Financial Year 2022-23, the Government of Telangana sanctioned Block Grants (Grant-in-Aid) for Rs.17.53 Crores to the University and released only Rs.5.43 Crores only and there is no sanction of Development Grant from the Government of Telangana.

  The Receipts and Payments of the University for the F.Y. 2022-23 were Rs.107.35 Crores and Rs.116.24 Crores respectively.

- During the Financial Year 2023-24, the Government of Telangana released Budget Release Order (BRO) for Rs.18.96 Crores as Block Grant (Grant-in-Aid) and released only 1st and 2nd Quarters total amounting to Rs.7.40 Crores and remaining 3rd and 4th Quarters are yet to be released from the Government of Telangana for this Financial Year. Further, there is no sanction of Development Grant to the University for this Financial Year.

18. LIBRARY BRANCH

The objectives of the Library are:

- To develop an appropriate collection in various disciplines to support the faculty in preparation of course material.
- To help the self learning process of distance learning.
- To support research.
- To provide reading, lending, reference, information services to the staff, researchers and students.
- To develop a special collection of distance education books and journals.
- To develop IT enabled library & Information services to reach out the distance learner community.

The University, initially known as Andhra Pradesh Open University, was set up on 26th August 1982 through on Act of the A.P.State Legislature (APOU Act 1982). Subsequently, the University was renamed as Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University on 26 October, 1991 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The Open University Library was started in the year 1983. The Central Library is located in the main campus of the University at Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. Library serves the needs of the teaching, non-teaching, research scholars and students of the University.

18.1 Budget Committee Recommendations

The Library Budget committee meeting was held on 19-09-2023. A total of 30. Lakh rupees were allocated for the purchase of books including Journals. Out of this 26.50 Lakh rupees is allocated for subscription of E- Journals (J-Gate plus & Project Muse) Journals and the remaining 3. 50 Lakhs for purchase of books.

18.2 Collection Development

The Library has a total collection of 1, 51,287 books including Non-Book Material as on 31.03.2023. Out of which the recent additions to the collection for the year 2018-2019 include approximately 281 volumes in various subjects.

18.3 Endowment Sections

1. Narla Endowment Library (The library has acquired a gift of over 18,000 rare and valuable books from the Late Sri Narla Venkateswara Rao, an Eminent Journalist and Parliamentarian).
2. 1765 books on Distance Education were gifted of the late Prof. G. Ram Reddy Eminent Educationist, founder Vice-Chancellor of the University.

3. Prof. V. S. Prasad Former Vice-Chancellor of the University donated his Personal Collection of 1400 books (approximately) to Dr. BRAOU Library.

18.4 Library Services

In addition to the services presently being offered, such as lending of books; reference; reading; OPAC etc, recently the Library has initiated to build up a competitive exam cell. Valuable collection consisting of Manorama Year book, India Year Book, Indian Polity, General Knowledge, Competitive Success Review etc, are acquired and placed in the reading section for the benefit of the student community.

18.5 Future Plans

1. Planning to organize outreach programs to increase awareness of Library among the students, researchers and faculty.
2. Creation of repository where all previous years Question papers, Narla Memorial lectures, copyright free digitized books from Narla Collection will be made available for online reading.
3. Provide digital network stations with latest educational videos, Wi-Fi facility for Internet browsing, statistical packages required for research scholars and faculty.

18. ENGINEERING BRANCH

Detailed information about the progress of the activities carried out during the Academic Year 2022-23 – Brief report on the activities of Engineering Branch

The infrastructure development activities of Dr.BRAOU from August, 2022 to November, 2023 (till date) are as under :

1. 300 KWH capacity roof top solar plant has been installed on the Terrace of the main Administrative building during the year 2018-19 at an estimated cost of Rs.1,49,62,860/- and Govt. of India released subsidy amount of Rs.24,23,415/- on successful implementation of the project. During the first three years, the cumulative savings on power consumption has been assessed as Rs.92,01,742/-.

   On account of utilization of solar plant, the savings generated in the subsequent two years of 2021-22 and 2022-23 comes to Rs.61,79,772/-.

2. Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance system has been introduced for all the Teachings and Non-teaching employees working in the University. RFID cards have been issued to all the employees of the University.

3. IP based CCTV surveillance systems have been installed at critical locations in the internal and external areas of all the University buildings to ensure public safety and security in the University campus.

4. Lifts and ramps along with wash room facilities have been provided in all the University buildings at important locations for the convenience of the physical challenged and disabled student learners / staff / visitors coming to the University campus.

5. Internal roads of the Campus have been provided with B.T. carpet and cement concrete pavements during the year 2022-23 at an estimated expenditure of Rs.50 lakhs.

6. New Examinations building has been provided with all facilities like network cabling, telephone cabling, security surveillance, in-house printing facilities and On-screen evaluation mechanism with security features.

7. ISO certifications for Green Audit, Environmental Management Systems and Energy Audit apart from Quality Management System Audit certifications have been received from the statutory bodies during the year 2022-23.

8. Water conservation facilities have been developed in the Campus by constructing Rainwater harvesting structures and Solid Waste Management is being implemented effectively by

constructing Vermi Compost units, NADEP compost pits, Primary and Secondary farming units with galvanized steel structure with green shade nets and maintenance of water bodies for ecological improvement of the ambient conditions in the University campus.

9. Fully automatic Boom barrier gate facilities have been installed at important entry and exist locations of the University campus.

10. Conference facilities have been provided in various meeting halls, e-class rooms, computer labs and smart class rooms located in different buildings of the University campus.

11. Digital model class rooms have been developed in CSTD and Academic buildings equipping with e-podium, interactive display screens, i-cam facilities for imparting teaching learning interaction between the faculty and student learners.

12. Photo gallery and Mementos / Shield gallery has been established in the entrance double height hall of the main Administrative building highlighting the salient features / important events depicting the History & Growth of the University during the 40 year journey of the University.

13. Automatic and manual fire extinguishers along with Smoke detection and addressable fire alarm systems have been installed in all the buildings to prevent any untoward incidents and fire hazards in the Campus.

14. Acrylic Digital Display boards and LED scrolling display signages have been installed at exterior and interior locations of the University campus for the convenience of the student learners.

15. High mast LED lighting systems have been installed in the exterior locations of the University campus for better illumination facilities during night times in the Campus. This will help effective security surveillance of the Campus.

16. In connection with NAAC Peer Team visit held during the month of July, 2023, the University has taken up various infrastructure development activities including External and internal painting works to University buildings, Renovation of wash rooms and CC Roads, 24x7 Call Centre connectivity, e-learning class rooms, Digital Sign boards, CC Cameras security surveillance, Retiring rooms, Women Waiting halls and Wi-Fi Campus at an estimated expenditure of Rs.5.00 crores during the year 2022-23.

20. COMPUTER CENTER

Objectives

1. IT based infrastructural support to university
2. Automation of processes
3. Maintenance of IT based services

The Computer Centre of the University is handling online student services including online admissions, online examinations registration, result processing, result hosting, online payment collection, etc., The Computer Centre is also responsible for maintaining IT infrastructure in the University (LAN, Internet, Servers. etc.,).

Further, the Computer Center is also developing and maintaining in-house software for student services with the help of Technical Advisor, System Engineer, Programmer and Computer Programming Assistants (CPA).

The daily activity of the Computer Center team is to update software applications as per the requirements of the University. Major software application changes occur in Examination registration forms throughout the year for UG/PG semesters & year-wise Exams, Entrance Test registration forms and other online software applications for the urgent needs of the University.

During the pandemic time of 2020 and 2021 major changes in the software applications were made to accommodate the current requirements of the University.

The Major Activities of the Computer Center are:

1) In 2022

- The Computer Center has prepared in-house software for Competitive book sales and dispatch. From August-2022
- The Computer Center has prepared in-house software for Online Grievance Redressal System for the University to resolve student grievances. All the branch officers and branch heads access this application to resolve the grievances.
- The University has introduced new dynamic website in the month of December 2022 for braou.ac.in by outsourcing. And also introduced sub-portals for OER, library, and IR with the help of Prof. ARD Prasad and CIQA with the help of Director CIQA and LMS site with the help of director COEL

  braou.ac.in

  ciqa.braou.ac.in

  oer.braou.ac.in

  ir.braou.ac.in

lib.braou.ac.in
lms.braou.ac.in

- The Computer Center has provided Technical Support for e-Office implementation in the University.

- The Computer Center has developed separate admission forms for AOC centre for Army Candidates registration for Admissions into various programmes.

- The Center has developed applications for Certificates dispatch and tracking the Certificates.

2) In 2023

- The Center has revised Online Admission portal to accommodate student requirements
  - Prepared separate admission forms for AOC students
  - Provided facility to the students to re-register for Practical classes, if they missed their practical classes during last year
  - Existing Online forms are updated according to the University requirement like changes in Fee collection and new registration forms for newly introduced Diploma Programmes.

- Redesigned the EMR&RC website vidyagani.braou.ac.in to display Programme wise support course materials (Audio/Video) lessons.

- The Center has developed in-house application for Course Material dispatch and tracking the consignment.

- Online Application developed for Registration of Guest house and allocation facility.
- The Computer Center has released new Mobile App for the University students to view their Personal, Academic, Examinations details on the App.
- The Computer Center in co-ordination with Telangana State Technological Services (TSTS) has replaced the University LAN with Campus-wide Wi-Fi along with the replacement of high-end LAN switches to support up to 10 Gbps speed.
- The Computer Center is providing technical support to the Call Center, which was established in the month of January 2023. Allocated dedicated toll free number 18005990101. Call centre works from 8 AM to 8 PM and records student queries and

provides information to the student after consulting with the appropriate branch for the right information.

- The Computer Center has redesigned Alumni Association Applications in coordination with the Nodal officer to allow the alumni to participate in Alumni matters.
- The Computer Center is providing technical support for Certificate printing. In May 2023, the University outsourced the certificate printing work to the vendors to print Non-tearable certificates.
- Technical support is provided to the Examination branch for introducing Online Examination attendance to capture students' attendance while they are writing exams. This will be the branch to analyse Programme wise, course wise, center wise examination attendance and to prepare evaluation plan for answer scripts.
- The Computer Center has started Digital Locker implementation and uploaded 15000+ certificates to NAD Digi Locker and processed the students records to upload the remaining result data to Digi Locker in a phased manner. This work is continuous.
- The Computer Center is also processing data for the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). The Center has prepared ABC IDs for the Students and uploaded Credits data to the ABC portal.

The following is the summary information on ABC work:

Academic Year	**Name of the Programme**	**Total Students**	**Number of Students with ABC IDs**	**Number of Students whose credits uploaded to ABC**
2021-22	UG (B.A, B.Com,B.Sc)	41,228	26,363	16,734
2022-23	UG (B.A, B.Com,B.Sc)	40,929	25,815	20,953
2023-24	UG (B.A, B.Com,B.Sc)	11,015	6,448	0

ABC is Govt of India initiation started in 2021 for sharing student credits across Educational institutions.

21. SC/ST CELL

Objectives

- To implement the reservation policy for SC/ST students and employees in this university.
- To collect data regarding the implementation of policies in respect of admissions, appointment to teaching and non-teaching positions in this university and analysis of the data showing the trends and changes towards fulfilling the required quota.
- To take up such follow up measures for achieving the objectives and targets laid down for the purpose by Govt. of India, Govt, Of A.P. and UGC.
- To implement, monitor continuously and evaluate the reservation policy in the university and suggest measures for ensuring the effective implementation of the policy and programmes of the Govt. of India.

Functions

- Monitoring the admissions of SC/ST students in various courses.
- Guiding the staff of student services branch about the rules of reservation and the fee concession
- Maintaining liaison with the social and Tribal Welfare Officers in the 23 Districts in the State for obtaining are imbursement of fee concessions extended to the SC/ST students
- Preparation and furnishing of the detailed enrolment list of SC/ST students to the Govt. of A.P.
- Ministry of HRD and A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad every year.
- Settlement of undisbursed amounts and sending the Utilization Certificates to the sanctioning agencies.
- Conduct of pre-enrolment Counseling classes fro SC/ST students
- Conduct of remedial classes fro SC/ST students
- Dealing with the representations from the SC/ST candidates
- Functioning as a Grievances Redressal Cell
- Maintaining a register of details of employment of SC/ST candidates in various posts in this University.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE PARTICULARS OF SC/ST STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES FROM 1ST JULY, 2022 TO 30TH JUNE 2023.

Name of the Programme	Caste	strength	Total Strength
Under Graduate	SC	22658	34007
	ST	11349	
B.Ed.	SC	--	--
	ST	--	--
B.Ed. (spl)	SC	--	--
	ST	--	--
Certificate Programme	SC	99	123
	ST	24	--
DIPLOMAS	SC	687	1142
	ST	455	--
POST GRADUATION	SC	5452	7668
	ST	2216	--
M.PHIL	SC	--	--
	ST	--	--
PH.D	SC	--	--
	ST	--	--

22.WOMENS' DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION CENTRE

Objectives:

- To critically study problems, aspirations and needs of the women learners
- To promote incorporation of womens studies perspective in course offerings.
- To encourage research on socially relevant areas within womens development and status.
- To generate source material by building documentation on women specific issues in the region.
- To provide information, knowledge and skills for economic independence of women.
- To enhance access to legal literacy and information on womens rights and entitlements in the society.
- To organize extensive activity in the areas of literacy, health, nutrition, environment, entrepreneurship, etc.,
- To sensitize our teachers and administraters and all women employees to become agents of womens empowerment.
- To establish strong networking with in and outside the university.

Report: 1st July, 2022 to 30th June 2023

- After the formation of Telangana state we have been celebrating Batukamma (Telangana State Festival) every year with our university employees in the campus. In 2022 October we celebrated Batukamma in the campus on the eve of the celebration, all women employees participated.
- Jyothi Bai Phule jayanthi was celebrated on 03.01.23, this is the second consequent time we celebrated this event. A renowned person, Kendriya Sahitya Puraskar awardee, Braou Alumni, Mrs, Sajaya was invited to deliver a lecture on topic' Kranthi Jyothi Jyothiba Phule'
- Celebration of Mother Language Day was observed in the month of February, on 22 nd 2023, on the topic: Matrubhasha Kamaneeyam- Vidyasadhana Ramaneeyam- Dr.S. Sangana bhatla Narasiah, Principal, Degree college. was the chief guest – delivered a lecture. This was organized online, hybrid mode,
- International Womes' day was celebrated on 15.3.2023 in the prescient's of Dr.BRAOU.

Satyavathi Rathod , honourable minister for ST welfare, Women and Child welfare , Govt of Telangana was the chief guest .Prof.M .Vijjulatha V.C I/C, Telangana Mahila University was the distinguished guest., Smt .Kondaveeti Satyavathi, Editor, Bhumika was the guest of honour. Prof K.Seetharama Rao V.C presided the function. Prof. G. Mary Sunanda read out the progress of WDEC as I/C. All these guests shared their experiences about this day.

23.TOWARDS PAPERLESS BRAOU

- E-office is a step forward towards paperless and automated administration. With an aim to significantly improve operational efficiency, bring transparency and better visibility in overall processes, DRBRAOU has initiated the process of e-office implementation across all the branches of the universities. In order to functionalize the e-Office Project, DRBRAOU has deployed and strengthened the hardware requirements and software requirements at the University and has initiated the task of training all the employees of DRBRAOU in e-Office through the Centre for Staff Training and Development. The University has made the e-Office implementation mandatory since November 2022 and all the files of all the branches are moved online successfully.

- For this purpose, all the employees of Dr.Braou are trained in e-Office in eight batches in two spells with 20 to 25 members in each batch. The resource persons for this programme were Mr.Laxmi Kanth Samantra Senior Project Manager, NIC, Mr Adityakanth, Project Manager, Mr.M.Vikram, Project Manager, Mr.Kishore. Project Engineer, Mr.Sreekanth Project Engineer, and Ms Sarita, Project Engineer from IT &EC Dept, Govt of Telangana and coordinated by Dr.Pallavi Kabde, Nodal Officer, e Office Implementation.

24. BC CELL

Functions:

- Monitoring the admissions of BCs students in various courses
- Guiding the staff of Learner Support Services Division about rules of reservation and fee
- concessions.
- Maintaining liaison with the Social and Backward Welfare Officers in the 23 Districts where
- RCs of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University are located.
- Preparation and furnishing detailed enrolment lists' of BCs students to Government of
- Telangana, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of HRD and TSCHE and AP State
- Council of Higher education, Every Year (APSCHE)
- Conduction of Counselling classes for BC students.

Conduction of remedial classes for BC Cell students

Conducted the Birth Anniversary celebration of Mahatma Jyothi Rao Phule on 11-04-2023 and paid floral tributes to his portrait at Administrative Building.

25. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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2022 – 2023

TO BE PLACED BEFORE 171st FINANCE COMMITTEE /
189th EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 30-01-2024

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUDIT

From:
The Audit Officer,
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To:
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Letter No.27/State Audit/Dr.BRAOU/2023-24 Dated: 29-01-2024

Sir,

SUB : STATE AUDIT – DR.BRAOU - Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2022-23 - Verified and Certified with reference to the ledgers –Reg

REF: 01) Lr. No. 454/Dr.BRAOU/Accts/2023-24 Dtd:17-11-2023 of the Finance Officer, Dr.BRAOU,Hyd

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With reference to the letter cited, the Annual Accounts of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University for the Financial Year 2022-23 are duly verified with the opening and closing balances of the ledgers concerned and found to be in order.

Further, it is informed that the receipts and payments noted in the annual accounts of FY 2022-23 are to be verified with the vouchers concerned, on receipt of the same from the executive authority. Further, if any discrepancies are found after completion of Audit, the same shall be incorporated in the annual accounts and revised annual accounts to be furnished to Audit for certification.

Encls: Annual Accounts 2022-23

Yours faithfully,

Audit Officer 29/1/'24

Dr.B.R.AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY - HYDERABAD
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022 - 23
ABSTRACT OF OPENING AND CLOSING BALANCES

(Amount in Rupees)

	HEAD OF ACCOUNT	Revised Estimate 2022-23	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23
	OPENING BALANCE	**₹ 51,06,15,000.00**	**₹ 51,06,15,085.82**
	RECEIPTS	₹ 1,16,54,80,000.00	₹ 1,05,97,58,230.98
	TOTAL	**₹ 1,67,60,95,000.00**	**₹ 1,57,03,73,316.80**
	PAYMENTS	₹ 1,41,33,33,000.00	₹ 1,14,26,13,350.20
	CLOSING BALANCE	**₹ 26,27,62,000.00**	**₹ 42,77,59,966.60**

Dr. B. R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022 - 23

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

(Amount in Rupees)

CODE	HEAD OF ACCOUNT	Revised Estimate 2022-23	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23
	RECEIPTS		
	GENERAL FUND (28)		
	(A) REVENUE	₹ 1,04,74,76,000.00	₹ 94,95,79,236.98
	(B) CAPITAL	₹ 1,20,00,000.00	₹ 45,00,000.00
	(C) DEP./ ADVANCE & REMITTANCES	₹ 10,60,00,000.00	₹ 10,56,07,119.00
	TTL - 28 - GENERAL FUND	**₹ 1,16,54,76,000.00**	**₹ 1,05,96,86,355.98**
	DEC/GOI/COL FUND (13)		
	(A) REVENUE	₹ 4,000.00	₹ 71,875.00
	(B) CAPITAL	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	TTL - 13 - DEC FUND	**₹ 4,000.00**	**₹ 71,875.00**
	TTL - 28 + 13 GENERAL + DEC FUND	**₹ 1,16,54,80,000.00**	**₹ 1,05,97,58,230.98**
	PAYMENTS		
	GENERAL FUND (28)		
	(A) REVENUE	₹ 1,01,14,58,000.00	₹ 80,74,61,240.20
	(B) CAPITAL	₹ 28,64,10,000.00	₹ 23,71,16,646.00
	(C) DEP./ ADVANCE & REMITANCE	₹ 11,54,30,000.00	₹ 9,79,86,815.00
	TTL - 28 - GENERAL FUND	**₹ 1,41,32,98,000.00**	**₹ 1,14,25,64,701.20**
	DEC/GOI/COL FUND (13)		
	(A) REVENUE	₹ 35,000.00	₹ 48,649.00
	(B) CAPITAL	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	TTL - 13 - DEC FUND	**₹ 35,000.00**	**₹ 48,649.00**
	TTL - 28 + 13 GENERAL + DEC FUND	**₹ 1,41,33,33,000.00**	**₹ 1,14,26,13,350.20**

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ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

			(Amount in Rupees)
CODE	HEAD OF ACCOUNT	Revised Estimate 2022-23	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23
(A)	**REVENUE**		
28	**GENERAL FUND**		
15	GRANTS	₹ 17,90,86,000.00	₹ 5,44,05,083.00
16	FEES	₹ 84,02,45,000.00	₹ 87,09,19,510.77
17	OTHERS REVENUE RECEIPTS	₹ 2,81,45,000.00	₹ 2,42,54,643.21
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**₹ 1,04,74,76,000.00**	**₹ 94,95,79,236.98**
13	DEC/ GOI/ COL	₹ 4,000.00	₹ 71,875.00
	TOTAL (28 + 13)	**₹ 1,04,74,80,000.00**	**₹ 94,96,51,111.98**
	GRANTS		
101	GRANT FROM GOVT. OF TELANGANA	₹ 17,90,86,000.00	₹ 5,44,05,083.00
	GRANT FROM GOVERNMENT OF A.P.	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	TOTAL GRANT:	**₹ 17,90,86,000.00**	**₹ 5,44,05,083.00**
109	GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	TOTAL GRANTS(15) ⇒	**₹ 17,90,86,000.00**	**₹ 5,44,05,083.00**
	FEES		
111	TUITION FEES (SS)	₹ 53,51,00,000.00	₹ 80,65,01,159.75
	Less :Payments (MOUs)	₹ 0.00	₹ 38,90,067.00
	Less: Refund of Tuition Fee	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	Total Payments	₹ 0.00	₹ 38,90,067.00
	Net	₹ 53,51,00,000.00	₹ 80,26,11,092.75
120	OTHER FEES (SS)	₹ 47,00,000.00	₹ 4,94,105.00
120	OTHER FEES (Exams) Misc.	₹ 6,26,32,000.00	₹ 33,53,970.00
121	ELIGIBILITY TEST FEES (EXAM)	₹ 4,64,000.00	₹ 0.00
122	OTHER EXAMS (EXAM)	₹ 23,73,49,000.00	₹ 6,44,60,343.02
	CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT & CAREER PLANING	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	CENTRE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION AND LEARNING (COEL)	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
	TOTAL FEES(16) ⇒	**₹ 84,02,45,000.00**	**₹ 87,09,19,510.77**
	MISCELLANEOUS		
141	SALE OF UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS	₹ 1,49,45,000.00	₹ 46,59,531.00
161	INTEREST	₹ 70,00,000.00	₹ 92,64,790.00
166	INTEREST ON ADVANCES	₹ 2,00,000.00	₹ 3,72,852.00
171	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	₹ 60,00,000.00	₹ 99,57,470.21
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS(17) ⇒	**₹ 2,81,45,000.00**	**₹ 2,42,54,643.21**
	A. REVENUE (15+16+17) ⇒	**₹ 1,04,74,76,000.00**	**₹ 94,95,79,236.98**

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ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS

(Amount in Rupees)

CODE	HEAD OF ACCOUNT	Revised Estimate 2022-23	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23
	DISTANCE EDUCATION BUREAU (DEB)		
106	DEVELOPMENT GRANT	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
108	UNASSIGNED GRANT	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
114	RESEARCH GRANT	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
115	Others (SEMINARS)	₹ 0.00	₹ 0.00
172	Miscéllaneous	₹ 4,000.00	₹ 71,875.00
	TTL (13)	**₹ 4,000.00**	**₹ 71,875.00**

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ABSTRACT OF PAYMENTS

(Amount in Rupees)

CODE	HEAD OF ACCOUNT	Revised Estimate 2022-23	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23
SUMMARY OF REVENUE EXPENSES			
	SALARY	Rs.7,91,31,000.00	Rs.6,59,28,750.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.17,28,10,000.00	Rs.15,57,57,143.20
	TOTAL (1) ADMN.	**Rs.25,19,41,000.00**	**Rs.22,16,85,893.20**
	SALARY	Rs.5,48,63,000.00	Rs.5,22,19,043.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.3,75,00,000.00	Rs.1,10,92,808.00
	TOTAL (2) ACD	**Rs.9,23,63,000.00**	**Rs.6,33,11,851.00**
	SALARY	Rs.6,29,78,000.00	Rs.5,41,92,262.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.15,37,00,000.00	Rs.6,62,72,273.00
	TOTAL (3) SSB + SC	**Rs.21,66,78,000.00**	**Rs.12,04,64,535.00**
	SALARY	Rs.2,72,82,000.00	Rs.3,55,14,069.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.14,79,50,000.00	Rs.13,47,73,142.00
	TOTAL (4) MP + CC	**Rs.17,52,32,000.00**	**Rs.17,02,87,211.00**
	SALARY	Rs.79,82,000.00	Rs.1,20,08,496.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.62,55,000.00	Rs.13,60,074.00
	TOTAL (5) GRADE	**Rs.1,42,37,000.00**	**Rs.1,33,68,570.00**
	SALARY	Rs.81,40,000.00	Rs.85,69,570.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.42,00,000.00	Rs.15,42,991.00
	TOTAL (6) CSTD	**Rs.1,23,40,000.00**	**Rs.1,01,12,561.00**
	SALARY	Rs.1,95,08,000.00	Rs.2,20,22,935.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.65,00,000.00	Rs.30,15,555.00
	TOTAL (7) AVPRC	**Rs.2,60,08,000.00**	**Rs.2,50,38,490.00**
	SALARY	Rs.74,62,000.00	Rs.1,01,36,003.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.51,50,000.00	Rs.28,73,599.00
	TOTAL (8) LIBRARY	**Rs.1,26,12,000.00**	**Rs.1,30,09,602.00**
	SALARY	Rs.3,35,39,000.00	Rs.3,62,57,580.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.12,25,00,000.00	Rs.9,45,20,894.00
	TOTAL (9) EXAMINATION	**Rs.15,60,39,000.00**	**Rs.13,07,78,474.00**
	SALARY	Rs.1,22,03,000.00	Rs.1,55,07,286.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.2,39,00,000.00	Rs.2,35,66,216.00
	TOTAL (10) ENGINEERING	**Rs.3,61,03,000.00**	**Rs.3,90,73,502.00**
	SALARY	Rs.81,40,000.00	Rs.0.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.1,25,000.00	Rs.37,000.00
	TOTAL (13) CSD&CP	**Rs.82,65,000.00**	**Rs.37,000.00**
	SALARY	Rs.81,40,000.00	Rs.0.00
	OTHER EXPENDITURE	Rs.15,00,000.00	Rs.2,93,551.00
	TOTAL (14) CENTRE FOR ONLINE LEARNING	**Rs.96,40,000.00**	**Rs.2,93,551.00**
	TOTAL (1TO14 SALARIES GNL.FUND) (28)	**Rs.32,93,68,000.00**	**Rs.31,23,55,994.00**
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	**Rs.68,20,90,000.00**	**Rs.49,51,05,246.20**
	TOTAL GENERAL EXP. (SALARIES+OE)	**Rs.1,01,14,58,000.00**	**Rs.80,74,61,240.20**
	TOTAL DEC FUND (13)	**Rs.35,000.00**	**Rs.48,649.00**
	TOTAL REVENUE EXP. (GENERAL+DEB)	**Rs.1,01,14,93,000.00**	**Rs.80,75,09,889.20**