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Joining of the New Vice-Chancellor



Hon'ble Governor and the Chancellor of Odisha State Open University Prof. Ganeshi Lal appointed Prof. Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra as the Vice-Chancellor of Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur for a period of three years. Prof. Das Mohapatra has rich academic and administrative experience. He was the Professor and Dean of Management and Business Administration in Sambalpur University.

He was the Vice-Chancellor Incharge of Sambalpur University and Chairman P.G. Council. He also served as Director of DDCE and Comptroller of Finance at Sambalpur University. He is the Member of the statutory bodies of Sambalpur University like Syndicate, Senate, Academic Council, Examination Committee, Research Degree Committee, Finance Committee etc. Prof Das Mohapatra has wide research experience. He has published 112 Research Paper in journals like Scopus, UGC Care and SCI. He has published 7 books including International Accounting by PHI. Under his guidance 16 Ph.Ds were awarded and 9 are continuing. Prof Das Mohapatra has delivered talk in more than 200 conferences as invitee, attended more than 135 conferences and chaired more than 40 technical sessions. He has filled more than eight patents for his academic work. Prof Das Mohapatra is an active member of various Professional Bodies and Institution of importance such as Royal Society of Arts, London, World Business Institute, Australia, Indian Society for Training and Development, Indian Social Science Congress, AICTE, ICSSR. Prof Das Mohapatra has received MTC Global Award for Excellence 2018 (Distinguished Teacher Award: Management). We take it as a privilege to congratulate and welcome the new Vice-Chancellor of OSOU, Prof. Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra and shall give our best efforts for the growth and success of the University under his guidance.





Completion of tenure of the Founder Vice-Chancellor of OSOU



Dr. Srikant Mohapatra was the Founder Vice-Chancellor of OSOU and served the University from its inception June 2015 i.e from 2015 till date. He has worked as Officer on Special Duty (OSD), First Vice-Chancellor (18 months) and was subsequently appointed as regular Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years and completed his tenure on 31st December 2020. Before joining OSOU, Dr. Mohapatra has worked at IGNOU headquarters in high administrative positions. Dr. Mohapatra was a member of the UGC committee responsible for formulating UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 and a Member of the National Task Force constituted for preparing guidelines for NAAC assessment and accreditation of ODL institutions in the country. He has also served as the Controller of Examination and Registrar of Sikkim Central University, Gangtok (2009-10). He was awarded IGNOU gold medal for providing the best services to the students by the former President of India, late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in the year 2004.

Odisha State Open University has achieved many milestones during his tenure. Under his leadership OSOU has made its presence felt both at National as well as International levels. From the day of inception Dr. Mohapatra emphasised on the use of digital technology and ICT for the growth and development of University and led the entire team in the same direction. He could successfully make the University digitally sound and efficient with exclusive use of open source software for programme design, delivery and learner support. He also encouraged both web and mobile access to all staff as well as learners of the University. In this digital era amalgamation of academics with ICT was his vision as a result of which provision of student support services and efficient operations became convenient for the University even during the Pandemic. He has left a permanent mark in the minds of the employees, stakeholders, learners and visitors of the University. The man with a golden heart had a vision of development in his eyes and an undying attitude to succeed in every possible way. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra one of his kind among the academicians and administrations in the whole country. His commanding voice has always rang a bell of attention and devotion towards work among his employees and has been a constant support to his students. He has been the other name for the university in these past years and he has brought the university to a position from where it can only look to move forward and progress in its vision big dream. We the staff members of OSOU wish him all the best on the road ahead and much more success in life.






National Webinar on National Education Policy

NATIONAL WEBINAR


NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

2020


Implications for ODL and Online Learning



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OCTOBER 15th 2020

03:00 pm - 05:00 pm



A National Webinar on National Education Policy was held on 15th October 2020 by OSOU under the banner of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan . The aim of the Webinar was to discuss the implications in the National Education Policy to facilitate learning for all students, with special emphasis on Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), broadening the scope of conventional education to facilitate multiple pathways to learning with the help of Open and Distance Learning Programmes. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra , Vice-Chancellor, OSOU, Prof. Ami U. Upadhyay, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University; Dr. Shakila Shamsu Former OSD (NEP) , Secretary to the Committee of Draft National Education Policy, Department of Higher Education, MHRD, New-Delhi were the panelists of the Webinar. Around 1000 participants participated in the webinar in the YouTube live platform including Board Members, study center coordinators, academicians, counsellors, course writers, course editors and students.

The panelists recommended that Higher Education Institutions will have the option to run Open Distance Learning (ODL) and online programmes, in order to enhance their offerings, improve access, increase GER, and provide opportunities for lifelong learning (SDG 4). The Webinar also discussed to maintain quality standards in the ODL programs and their components so that top Higher Educational Institutions accredited for ODL will be encouraged and supported to develop high-quality online courses as it can be suitably integrated into curricula of Higher Educational Institutions. As per the feedback received the participants have showed their highest satisfaction for the conduct and content of the Webinar. The deliverables of the Panelists were highly appreciated by the participants.

Reconstitution of Finance Committee and Board of Management Meetings

In exercise of the power conferred by clause 14 (1) of the First Statutes of the Odisha State Open University 2019 the Finance Committee was reconstituted for a period of three years. The Hon'ble Chancellor has nominated Director Finance, Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited, Sambalpur and Deputy Commissioner CT and GST, Circle-1, Sambalpur to the Finance Committee of the University.

The Board of Management of OSOU nominated Prof Kalidas Mishra Member, Board of Management, Prof (Dr.) Rajalakshmi Mishra, Member, Board of Management and Smt Kanak Lata Ekka, Comptroller of Finance, GM University as the Members of the Finance Committee. Hence with the above members and the Vice Chancellor of OSOU as Chairperson and the Comptroller of Finance, Shri Nalini Kumar Sarangi as the Member-Secretary the reconstituted Finance Committee of OSOU was notified on 18th December 2020. The sixth meeting of the Finance Committee with the new members was held on 15th January 2020.





OSOU celebrates its 4th Convocation



OSOU conducted its 4th Convocation on the 29th of December 2020, through virtual mode via YouTube Live. This online convocation was planned keeping in mind the government’s direction during the ongoing pandemic and to avoid large gathering. Prof. Ram Takwale, former Vice Chancellor of IGNOU and the Founder Vice Chancellor of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University; Nasik, Maharashtra graced the Convocation ceremony as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation address through the online platform from Pune. Prof. Takwale, as the Chairman of the Distance Education Council, had prepared the Odisha Open University Act and submitted the same to Govt. Of Odisha long time ago. University invited the medallists along with the members of the Statutory Committee to attend the Convocation physically, rest of the awardees and all other stake holders of the University including the dignitaries were invited to participate through the YouTube Live platform



Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, the then Vice Chancellor of OSOU presided over the convocation and awarded degrees to 1521 students, those who have successfully completed 10 Master’s Degree programs, 7 PG Diploma programs, 11 Diploma programs. The highlight of this convocation was the first batch of Master’s Degree programs in which 894 no. of students received their degrees for the 1st time from OSOU. 26 meritorious students received University gold medals in different programs for which examination was conducted in both offline and online modes as per the directions of the Supreme Court and the guidelines laid by UGC and Higher Education Department.





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Formation of Academic Council of OSOU



FIRST MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF OSOU ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2020



The Academic Council of Odisha State Open University was constituted and notified on 20.10.2020 with eminent academicians across the country. As per the first statute of OSOU ten members were coopted by the Academic Council. The first meeting of the Academic Council was held on 25th November 2020. Prof. Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, OSOU is the Ex-Officio Chairperson, and Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU, Ex-Officio Member- Secretary of the Academic Council. Prof. Surya Narayan Misra, Prof. Prakash Chandra Sarangi, Prof. Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, Prof. Antaryami Panda, Dr. Shyama Charan Acharya, Dr. Kamdeb Sahu, Dr. CK Ghosh, Dr. Prasanna Kumar Mishra, Dr. Pradip Kumar Panda, Dr. Tarapada Das, Er. Sushant Kumar Guru, Sri Nandulal Agarwala, Dr. Girija Shankar Sharma, Prof. Pritish Acharya, Prof. Mrinal Chatterjee, Prof. Biswajit Das, Dr. Manas Ranjan Senapati, Dr. Ashish Dash, Dr. Antaryami Beriha, Dr. Kshirod Chandra Behera, Dr. Ansuman Jena and Ms Prashansa Das are the members of the Academic Council of OSOU.

Launch of MOOCs on Academic Counselling for ODL



Inauguration of the MOOCs Programme on "Academic Counselling for ODL Learners" by Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo

On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti State Open University has launched an online training programme for teachers of colleges and universities engaged in teaching through face-to-face, distance and online mode to acquire skills for effective learning by the students. Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Minister Higher Education inaugurated the programme. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Sahoo admired the initiative of the Open University and requested the teachers to participate wholeheartedly so that they can use blended mode of teaching in the pandemic situation. The programme was made available from 2nd November free of cost in the online platform for all teachers in the state and outside the state. Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia has collaborated with the State Open University in the design and development of the programme. There are eight modules to be covered within four weeks with minimum three hours of weekly engagement by the teachers in the online platform. There was a provision for both Certificate of Participation and Certificate of Completion with required hours of engagement in the online platform and securing 50% and 70% marks respectively. More than 2000 college teachers associated with the Open University in Odisha on part time basis were benefitted through this training programme. About 800 people from the state as well as from outside participated in the inaugural ceremony.



Foundation Stone Laid for OSOU in its Permanent Campus



FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN ITS PERMANENT CAMPUS IN BADASINGHARI MOUZA, SAMBALPUR

The foundation stone of the Odisha State Open University for the construction of Boundary Wall was laid on 21st November 2020 at Badasinghari Mouza of Sambalpur District by Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, OSOU, in presence of Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU, Shri Nalini Sarangi, Comptroller of Finance, Dr. Jayant Kar Sharma, Former Registrar, OSOU, Shri S. Bhaskaran, Joint Manager OPHWC, faculty and staff of OSOU and OPHWC. It was a historical and memorable occasion as the construction of the Permanent Campus of OSOU was initiated. Odisha State Open University established by the State Government on 10th June 2015 started operating from a small temporary building inside the GM University Campus with the first batch comprising 250 students. Over a period of less than five years, it has a student strength of over 30000. In 2018 the World Bank under the project Odisha Higher Education Project for Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE) sanctioned Rs 15 Crores for the permanent campus of OSOU. 40 Acres of land has been allotted to the University in Badasinghari Mouza adjacent to the GM University second campus and IIM campus near Goshala, Sambalpur. Meanwhile the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha has entrusted the responsibility for construction of the boundary wall of OSOU to Odisha State Police Housing Welfare Corporation (OPHWC).

In addition to the basic UGC requirements like academic, administrative, warehouse, library buildings the Master Plan will have provisions for Skill Development Centre, Computer Centre, Student Support Service Centre, Campus Development And Maintenance Centre, Guesthouse for the visiting faculty, Convention Centre for organizing Convocation, Foundation day and other functions of the University, Recreation Centre, Health Care Centre, Model Laboratories for science and allied subjects and provisions for accommodation for the statutory authorities, teachers as well as non-teaching staff. Further he said that these construction works will be carried out in three phases as per the provisions in Master Plan. It is proposed to have a green campus with provision for solar energy generation, rainwater harvesting, fire management system, waste management system, proper drainage and electrification along with plantation at the vacant space.



The foundation stone of the Odisha State Open University for the construction of Administrative building of the University was laid on 30th December 2020 at Badasinghari Mouza of Sambalpur District by Dr. Srikant Mohapatra ,Honorable Vice-Chancellor, OSOU, in presence of Dr. N. Ngaraju, Vice-Chancellor,GM University, Prof. Aditya Prasad Padhi, Former Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University, Prof Kalidas Mishra, Member, Board of Management, Prof Prasanna Kumar Mishra, Member, Academic Council, OSOU, Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar, OSOU, Shri Nalini Sarangi, Comptroller of Finance, Dr. Jayant Kar Sharma, Former Registrar, OSOU, Shri S. Bhaskaran, Joint Manager OPHWC, faculty and staff of OSOU and OPHWC.



Vision Document 2030



With great pleasure Dr Srikant Mohapatra, Former and Founder Vice-Chancellor of Odisha State Open University presented the Vision Document 2030 of OSOU to the stake holders and to the general public interested to know about the University and its future growth. The New Education Policy 2020 has provided the platform on which this Vision Document was formulated. As the first Vice-Chancellor of Odisha State Open University, he had the privilege of working and shaping the University from day one. Therefore, it was felt necessary to prepare a Vision Document for the next 10 years aligning the vision and mission of OSOU with that of NEP 2020. The target set before the University is to enhance its Gross Enrolment Ratio from the present 26% to 50% by 2035 shall only be possible if Open Universities and other Universities offering programme through ODL/Online mode are allowed to expand their operations targeting the disadvantage groups in our society by providing quality education at their door step.

It was envisaged by the Founder and Former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Srikant Mohapatra that during the next 10 years OSOU will turn out to be a major provider of Higher Education in the State of Odisha and shall be acclaimed for its contribution to Higher Education in the country.

OSOU extended its operation from a new building

Dr Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar OSOU inaugurated the extension office at Shantinagar, Sambalpur on 18th January 2021. This building is about 2km from headquarter of OSOU. Twenty Academic Consultants and staff from the headquarter have shifted to this new building and have started working from the same day. The extension office will solve the problem of space for seating of the staff and storage of Self-learning Materials (SLM) After GM University campus (Headquarter) and Public Library, Shantinagar would be the third venue where OSOU will function.





Establishment of OSOU Study Centers Inside the Jail Premises



Jails have always been considered as a place for reforming individuals found guilty of committing crime by the judicial system. There are two type of inmates in any jail: the convicts who have been found guilty of committing crime and have been sentenced for the same. The second category are the under trials those who have committed any given crime that is non-bail able in nature but their trial is under process by the court. However, Right to Education of either of the two categories have always been prioritized by both the Central and State Government, including the Human Rights Commission. NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (NAAC). Hence, OSOU took the initiative of establishing study centres in 6 circle jails all over Odisha, i.e. Sambalpur, Chaudwar, Jeypore, Berhampur, Balasore and Bhubaneswar. These study centres were established by mutual signing of a Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between the University and the Jail authorities. As per the guidelines, free education is availed to the convicts as long as they are confined in the jail. Similar facility of free education is also provided to the under trials till the time they are declared as an acquittal by the court or are granted bail. Student support services is provided inside the jail premises and special examination centres shall be established for these inmates, under the observation of regular officers/faculty of the University.

Formation of the Planning Board

The first Planning Board of Odisha State Open University constituted on 28th of December 2020 by the competent authority of the University. Prof Arka Kumar Das Mohapatra, Vice-Chancellor, OSOU is the Ex- officio Chairman and Dr Manas Ranjan Pujari, Registrar is the Member-Secretary of the Planning Board. Prof. Animesh Biswas, Prof. Himanshu Acharya, , Dr. Nirupama Barpanda, Shri Ashok Janan, Industrialist, Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Dr. S.T. Rehman, Dr. Ashish Kumar Dwivedy, Mr. Aseem Kumar Patel, Ms. Sheetal Purnima are the Members of the Planning Board of OSOU. Further, another five members will be added to this Board by Hon'ble Chancellor of OSOU from different fields as prescribed in the First Statutes of OSOU.

OSOU Celebrates National Constitution Day

ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY organizes a talk on
"CONSTITUTION OF INDIA: IN RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT"
Eminent speaker Prof. Surya Narayan Mishra
Time : 4.00 Pm to 5.30 Pm
Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/TRNIT25QLqI>

Odisha State Open University celebrated the 71st Constitution Day on 26th November 2020 entirely through online mode. Dr. Surya Narayan Mishra, Former Professor and Head; Department of Political Science, Utkal University was invited as the Chief Guest on this auspicious day. 71 years ago on this day, the Constitution of India was not only officially adopted but was also acted upon. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Srikant Mohapatra delivered the welcome note and introduced Dr. S.N. Mishra as his teacher and also an excellent orator and veteran educator in the field of Political Science. The revered guest speaker, Prof. Mishra further prolifically elaborated few of the most vital information about the Indian Constitution like, its nascence, its modus operandi and how the Indian Constitution was established to safeguard the equality, liberty and freedom of the people of India. Prof Mishra; a Fulbright scholar is well-known for holding a lot of reputable posts within his veteran career over the years, some of which are 'Former President of Odisha Political Science Association', 'Vice chairman for IIPA Odisha' an eminent 'Emeritus Professor for KIIT University Bhubaneswar' and a lot more. Lastly, Dr. Manas Ranjan Pujari, Esteemed Registrar, OSOU concluded the event with a formal vote of thanks.



National and International Webinars attended by the Vice-Chancellor OSOU

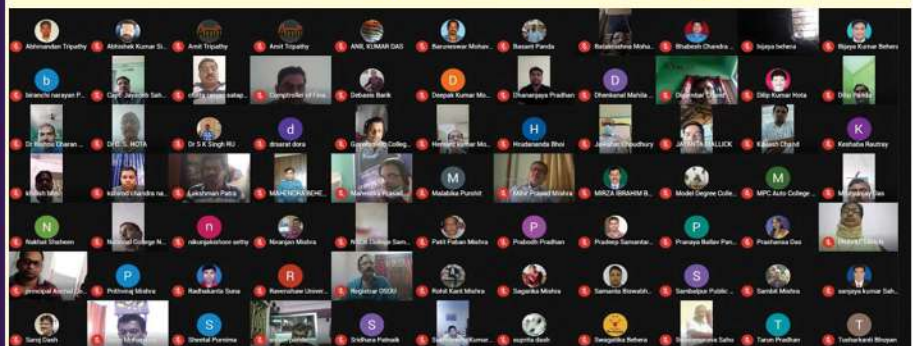
1. Online Meeting is scheduled on 9th October 2020 from 3pm till 5.30pm to discuss the development of the National Repository. CEMCA will invite officials from MHRD, Vice Chancellors of all Open Universities in India and the NDL Team.
2. National Webinar on NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020: Implications for ODL and Online to be held on 15th October 2020 at 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
3. Webinar at 3.30 pm on 16th October to deliver a talk on 'Distance and online learning: Gateway to a knowledge society'. Organised by Ravenshaw University.
4. National Level panel discussion on NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY-2020 with special reference to pen Educational Resources (OER) on 31.10.2020. Key Note address on Open educational Resources by Dr. Srikant Mohapatra.
5. International Webinar on Significance of Open University System: realization of the Vision of Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Ji on 29th November 2020. Panel discussion on Challenges and Opportunities for Open University in Higher Education.
6. Academic Council for Open and Distance Learners Programme lecture on 26th November 2020 Topic: Assessment for ODL: Role of Academic Counsellor.
7. Topic: NEP 2020: Opportunities for ODL Date: 24.12.2020 organised by Yashwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University.

University Conducted Online Project Viva

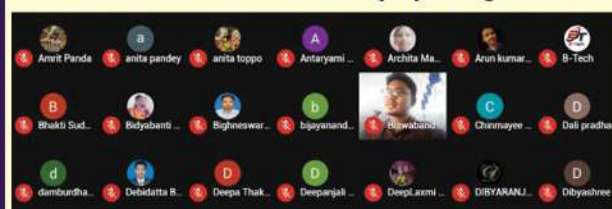
The lockdown has taught us how to create opportunities out of adversities. The conduct of online viva for 890 learners for various Master's Degree Programs were initiated by the University in September 2020 and in November 2020, there were online project viva conducted for 49 learners for various diploma programs. These viva were conducted for the learners who have registered themselves in the Post Graduate degree programs of Odia, Rural Development, Journalism, Mass communication, Public Administration, and Sociology. The viva was done in groups by an external expert of the said subject and the subject experts of the University. Moreover, University has several such Diploma Programs that includes Project work and viva hence, the same was also conducted for those programs via Google Meet platform.

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Online Counselling at OSOU

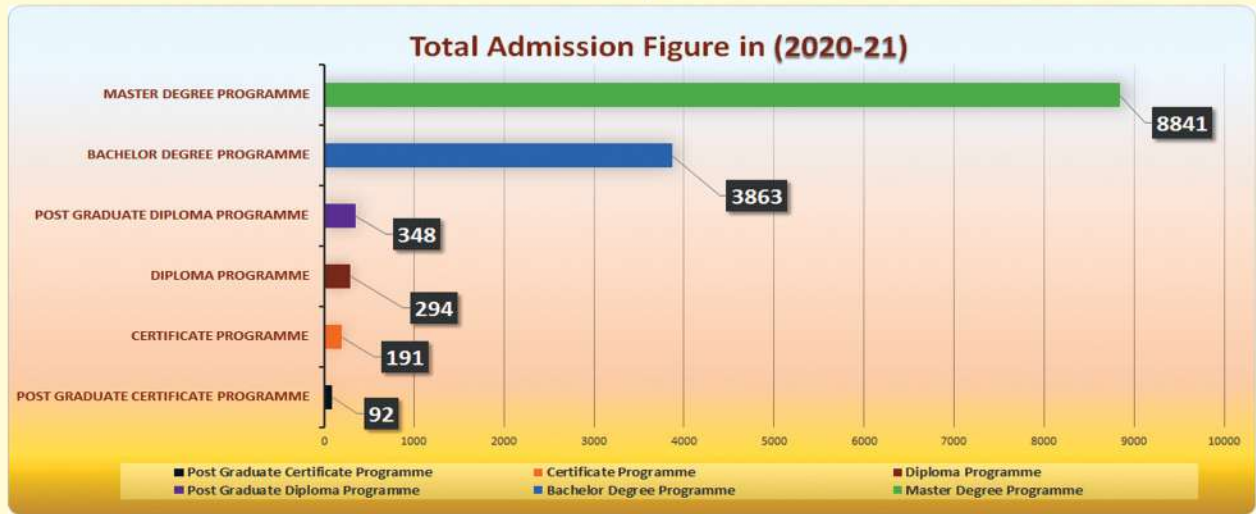


Online Classes has become now a everyday affair for all of us. This system in Odisha State Open University began from April 2020 and is continuing till now with the only idea that learning should not stop. And the University has decided that it will continue till the end of this semester. Every Sunday in the week there are online classes for all the programmes that are offered by the University. So that if the learners are not able to go to the study centre they are not deprived from education. This time the link for the sessions is uploaded in the official website well in advance so that the learners can access it at ease. And after the completion of the session the recordings of the same are also provided in the same link. Over a hundred of these sessions are scheduled in the website and counselling is conducted to ensure access and equity in higher education.

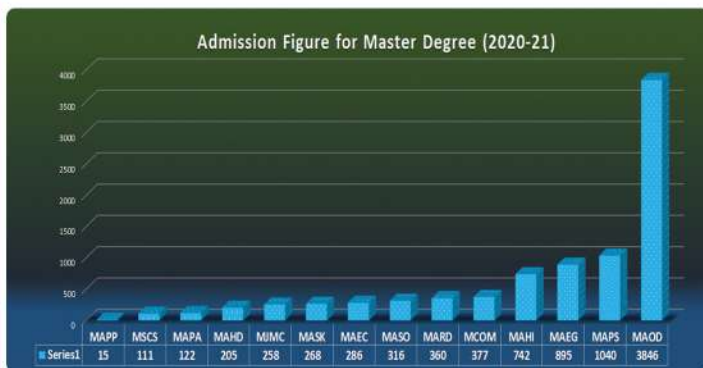




Online Admission 2020-21



State Open Universities caters the need of those students who thrive for Higher Education but fail to get admission on regular Universities due to the limitation of seats. As per the SAMS Portal Odisha had conducted CPET-2020 for the first time for admission into 14,401 PG seats offered by 70 state public universities and colleges. Around 75106 students have registered for admission. Almost 50000 students could not get admission due to unavailability of seats in the State of Odisha. For these students State Open Universities are one of the institution which shall help them to pursue and continue their higher studies without any gap across the country.

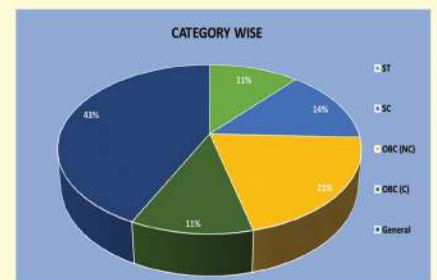
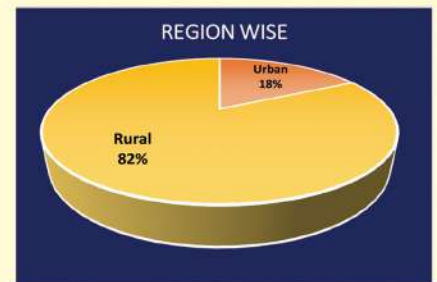
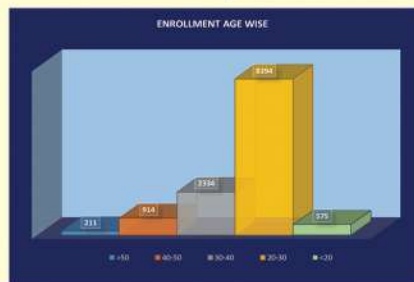
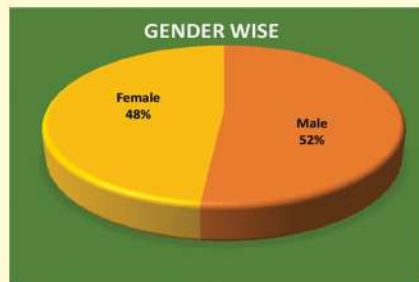


Amidst the Pandemic the online admission portal of Odisha State Open University was opened on July 1st 2020. As per UGC guidelines the admission was extended till 31st December 2020. 19866 students registered themselves for admission in to 64 Academic programmes offered at Postgraduate, Undergraduate, Postgraduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate levels. Around 20000 students were enrolled in to different academic programmes of the University that also includes reregistration's. Out of this more than 80% students were enrolled in the Postgraduate and Undergraduate programmes. 82% of the students are from the rural belt of the State and 48% of them are female. Around 70% of the students are unemployed, unmarried and belongs to the age group of 20-30 years.

For the first time traditional admission pattern was not followed in this admission cycle. As there was minimal involvement of the study centers. No leaflets, no banners, no postures were circulated or publicized for spreading the admission awareness. The digital platform such as facebook, instagram, email, and other social media were the Medias used to disseminate the information for admission among the public. Online preadmission counselling was conducted by the Head of the University every week for counselling the students. More than 15000 learners have participated in the online live preadmission counsellings. The videos of the preadmission counselling were uploaded in the official website of the University for the prospective learners in both English as well as in Odia language. These videos have grabbed the attention of more than 5000 learners.

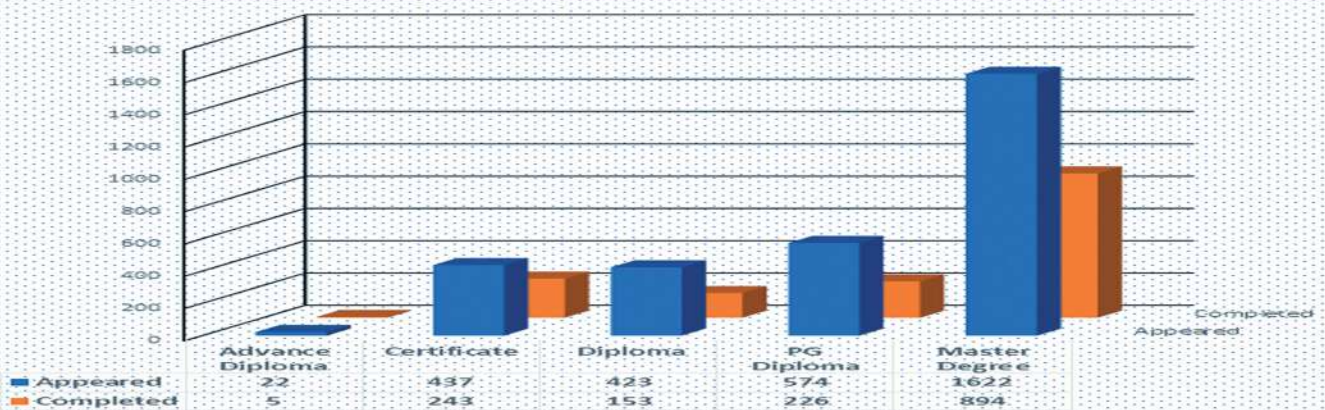


Online Admission 2020-21



Besides this the enrollment especially in the Undergraduate Programme was increased twice and there was almost 25% to 30% rise in postgraduate admissions. The reregistration in this year is more than 80% to 85% which is a very unique feature in ODL. The increase in reregistration depicts high student satisfaction for services rendered to them by the Headquarters, Regional Centers, and Study Centers.

University Examination and Result Publications



Includes the Results of Following Term End Examinations:
1. December-2019
2. September 2020
3. November 2020

In September, 2020 the University conducted its first ever online examination. In this examination, 1622 learners of the first batch of Master's degree program of the University appeared, out of which a total of 829 were qualified to earn a degree. There were also 226 out of 576 Post Graduate Diploma learners who appeared the exam and passed through online mode. Added to it, there were 423 Diploma learners out of which 153 were awarded University certificates. A total of 437 learners from various Certificate programs appeared the online examination out of which, 243 passed the exam. There were also learners from Advanced Certificate programs who have appeared for the same in the online examination that was conducted in the month of December, 2020, the learners who could not appear the previous semester examination due to the pandemic, got the opportunity to appear the examination and get their respective degrees.



OSOU awards Degree to the First batch of Master Degree Students

On the auspicious occasion of the 4th Convocation of OSOU, 829 learners of the first batch of Master's Degree students were adorned with their degrees and certificate by the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor. There were 26 gold medallists and they were awarded for scoring the highest marks consistently throughout the programme. The first batch of Master degree students were from various disciplines which includes Odia, Journalism, Political Science, Public Administration, Rural Development, Hindi, and History were awarded. And more 239 learners were awarded their degrees in all other PG Diploma, Diploma, Advance Diploma and Certificate programmes. They had appeared their final semester via online mode which was held in the month of September, 2020.



Osou releases its Third Issue of Muktapatra

Odisha State Open University inaugurated its 3rd edition of its newsletter Muktapatra on the pious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti i.e. on the 2nd of October 2020. It was a matter of great privilege and honour that this 3rd edition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Agriculture and Farmers' empowerment, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development, Govt. of Odisha "Dr Arun Kumar Sahoo" through online mode via zoom platform. This program was also streamed live on the YouTube and Facebook platforms. Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Dr Sahoo, not only inaugurated the Newsletter but also conveyed his warm wishes for the same. The third issue of the Newsletter made grounds for various noteworthy events like the Celebration of the 4th Foundation Day of the University entirely through online mode, Award of 1.75 lakhs from the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for its excellent Community Outreach programs under the UBA (Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan) banner, Inauguration of Study Centres in 5 different jails of Odisha and a lot more. The event was hence, fruitful and memorable due to the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education; Dr Arun Kumar Sahoo. The program was concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Shri Nalini Ranjan Sarangi, Respected Comptroller of Finance, Odisha State Open University.



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