

## **BRAOU Inviting papers/articles to publish in its upcoming Bi-Annual Journal-JODL.**

Dear sirs,

I feel it my pleasure to inform you that the Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University has decided to bring out its academic journal by name “Journal of Open Distance Learning (JODL)” for interacting with the stake holders of ODL system in the country and abroad. Dr. BRAOU is a premier ODL Institution in the country started through an Act of Andhra Pradesh State Legislature in August, 1982. Though Andhra Pradesh is its confines, the institution is catering to the Higher Education needs of about 1.8 lakh students every year and since its inception and it has added lakhs of students to the pool of Higher Education stream of the country. The University is offering undergraduate (B.A/B.Com/B.Sc), post-graduate (MA/M.Com/MSc) programmes, Diploma/PG Diploma Programmes and programmes leading to research, such as M.Phil/ Ph.D programmes. In addition to these the University is offering professional and job oriented programmes like B.Ed/M.Ed/M.B.A etc. For ensuring better quality of the programmes there is a need to update the programmes based on the experience of others in the field of ODL system.

You are also aware that the concept of ODL system is growing and there is a growing quality consciousness among the institutions offering programmes through ODL system. The Government of India also envisaged a greater role for ODL system in the country in expansion of the opportunities of higher education to the remotest areas. In this context, it is to note that the society is passing through the learning stage where the institutions as partners in it are bound to learn from the experience of others and hence the emergence of the concept of **learning institutions**. The concept is also applicable equally to the educational institutions offering programmes through distance mode. It is also the time to disseminate knowledge, sharing of information as well as experience on the major issues in the field of ODL for the benefit of academicians, researchers, policy makers and institutions engaged in the field of ODL systems. With this objective in view, our University is contemplating to launch a journal titled “Journal of Open Distance Learning (JODL)” to interact with the academicians and intellectuals in the field and contribute for the development of ODL institutions. The first issue of the journal will focus on “**Fifty Years of ODL in India- Perspectives and Practices**”. It is in this context requested to contribute articles appropriate to captioned title to publish in the ensuing journal of the University. The paper should be neatly typed in Times New Roman in 12 font size and send to the email ID [directorgrade@braou.ac.in](mailto:directorgrade@braou.ac.in) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

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