

About the University

The University, initially known as Andhra Pradesh Open University, was set up on 26th August 1982 through an Act of the A.P. State Legislature (APOU Act 1982). Subsequently, the University was renamed as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) on 25 October, 1991 by the Govt. of A.P. with a vision of creating an egalitarian society. The establishment of this University, the first of its kind in India, heralded an era of affirmative action on the part of the Government to provide opportunities of higher education to all sections of society with a network of RCC and Study Centres across the State to meet the changing individual and social needs. It takes full advantage of revolutionary changes in the field of educational technology to provide and deliver multi-media course materials.

The motto of the University is EDUCATION FOR ALL. The new experiment in distance education led to the opening of the portals of higher education to a variety of potential learners who would otherwise not be able to acquire new skills and higher qualifications. Thus the University is bridging inequalities between age groups, gender and social groups in terms of educational access allowing learning to take place parallel to work and social obligations.

The Programs offered range from Research Programs to short term Certificate Programs leading to the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificate Programs through five Faculties, such as: (i) Arts, (ii) Commerce, (iii) Social Sciences, (iv) Science, and (v) Education. At present the University offers sixty five short term, long term academic and research programs.

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Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of History

National Symposium on

"Women in Nation Building: Pre and Post Independent India"

on 11th August, 2022 at 11.00 A.M

in Mini Auditorium, CSTD Building, BRAOU Campus



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About the Symposium

During 75yrs of independent India, several provisions were made to improve the situation of women and their well being in the society. Many policies and schemes were formulated with an objective to bring about progress in their education and participation in economic activity and employability. The roots for these developments are sown during the pre - independent era itself. Women question was central to various social reforms of 19th century.

Indian National Movement remains an inspiring, even entrancing, saga, despite the compilation of a vast corpus of literature on the multiple dimensions of India's struggle for freedom; women's role in national endeavor for independence remains a much neglected subject.

Early 20th century saw the launching of major mass movements across the Indian subcontinent, and witnessed women's emergence on the "public space". From the tentative and relatively modest participation to vigorous and dynamic contribution Indian women traversed through a momentous period that constitutes not merely a stirring chapter in the country's saga of 'Freedom from Bondage' but also represents a path-breaking epoch for the women's movement in India.

However their nature of participation and their needs to participate in the movement has not been documented adequately in historical research. The entire historiography of the national freedom struggle focused around the men and their role and participation. The challenges that women have to face to take part in any movement or to enter the public life itself is one of the most neglected area of research.

Revolutionary changes have taken place in the position of women in India after independence. The constitution of India provided for special steps to be taken by the government to improve the condition of women as a result, a quick and effective change in the status of women was contemplated through social

legislations. Inspired by the late 20th century women movements the Indian women's groups also demanded and achieved in getting many legislation's and entitlements. The results of these movements pushed them from welfare to development and later to empowerment.

The main purpose of the symposium is to identify the gaps in the present historiography of women's participation, their role in the movements, pre and post independent era and to articulate the challenges faced by women to enter in to the public life. Further it is to study the enabling factors from both cultural and social systems and the changes that have taken place to facilitate their progress.

This symposium intends to unearth the unexplored areas such as:

- Narratives of enduring resistance offered by the women during nationalist struggle.
- Gendering Indian Nationalism and its impact on different sections women particularly women from the margins.
- Sketches of gendering public policies and the path traversed by women during the 75yrs of independence.

About the Department

The Department of History offers courses leading to BA, MA, PGDCT, M.Phil and Ph.D programmes. Courses designed to provide students with a broad overview of World History, Indian History and Regional History. Since its inception lakhs of learners are obtaining the knowledge as well as Degrees in History with special emphasis on socio-economic and cultural aspects.

Experts Associated

The Department has the guidance of outstanding historians of International fame such as Prof. K.N. Panikker and Prof. Sarvepally Gopal.

The courses have been prepared under the eminent guidance of Prof. Sarojini Regani, Prof. Radha Krishna Sharma, Prof. Vakulabharanam Ramakrishna, Prof. K.S.S. Seshan, Prof. Y. Vaikuntam, Prof. V.M. Roddy, Prof. Somasunder Rao, Prof. V. Kishan Rao, Prof. Alladi Vaidchi, Prof. A. Bobbili, Prof. Adapa Satyanarayana and many other prominent historians. The Department started by Prof. Ramakrishna Reddy and took forward by Prof. Subramanyam, Prof. V. Ramakrishna Reddy and Prof. E. Sudha Rani.

Programmes and Courses offered

BA - The Department is offering three year Bachelor Degree in History since 1984 in English and Telugu Mediums. The Urdu Medium is offered since 1997. The Main objective of the Department is to acquaint the learners with the historical, socio-economical and cultural developments in India as well as the world. The course material has been revising and incorporating recent developments in the course material. Study material prepared by the experts is not only the catering the needs of learners in the University but also most readable study material in history for General Public. It is also acclaimed as the best reference material for those who are preparing competitive examinations such as UPSC, APPSC and other recruitment boards.

2017-18 academic year the University has adopted CBCS pattern where the learner study History. Overall Department of History is offering twelve courses in history for three years. In the view of the political developments such as state bifurcation the Department of History has offered a separate course on the history and culture of Telangana.

M.A-Master's Programme in History has been introduced in the year 1994 in Telugu Medium. PG Diploma in Culture and Heritage Tourism- PG Diploma in Culture and Heritage Tourism has been introduced in the year 2011-12 in English Medium. M.Phil. and Ph.D. - Research programmes leading to the award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. were introduced from the year 2008. The Department conducts several National and International Seminars and Conferences inviting eminent Historians.