

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT OF 1982

As amended by Andhra Pradesh University Acts
(Second Amendment) Act, 1995
(Act. No. 13 of 1995)



CHAPTER - II : THE UNIVERSITY

The University

3. (1) There shall be constituted in and for the State of Andhra Pradesh, a University by the name of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University which shall consist of a Chancellor, a Vice-Chancellor, Directors, an Executive Council, *an Academic Council and a Planning Board.

Substituted Vide Sec. 5 of A.P. Open University (Amendment) Act 1991.

*(Inserted Vide Section 8(2) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985)

- (2) It shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and common seal and shall sue and be sued by the said corporate name.

- (3) In all suits and other legal proceedings by or against the University, the pleadings shall be signed and verified by the Registrar and all process in such suits and proceedings shall be issued to, and served on, the Registrar.

- (4) The headquarters of the University shall be located at such place within the State as the Government may, by notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, specify.

Objects

4. The objects of the University shall be :-

- *(a) to provide educational opportunities to those students who could not take advantage of institutions of higher learning;

*(Substituted vide Section 8(3) (i) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985;

- (b) to realise equality of educational opportunities for higher education for a large segment of the population including those in employment, women including housewives and adults, who wish to upgrade their education or acquire knowledge and studies in various fields through * ()
**distance education;

*(Omitted vide Section 8(3) (ii) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985)

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- (c) to provide flexibility with regard to eligibility for enrollment, age of entry, choice of courses, methods of learning, conduct of examinations and operation of the programmes;

- (d) complementary to 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 in the Country;
- (e) to promote integration within the State through its policies and programmes;
- (f) 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 by studying subjects of cultural and aesthetic values;
- (g) to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.

5. The University shall have the following powers and functions, namely :-

Powers and Functions of the University

- *(a) to provide for instructions and training through distance education;
- *(Substituted vide Section 8(4) (i) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985)
- *(b) to provide for instruction in such branches of learning, technology or vocations as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine;
- “(Substituted vide Section 8(4) (i) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985)
- (c) to hold examinations and to confer degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions on persons who have pursued a course of study in the University and its study centres;
- (d) to confer degrees and other academic distinctions on persons who have carried on research under conditions prescribed;
- (e) to confer honorary degrees or other academic distinctions on approved persons under conditions prescribed;
- *(f) to create posts, with the prior sanction of the Government, for teaching, research, extension service, administration and other related purposes and to appoint persons thereto;

“(Substituted vide Section 8(4) (ii) of A.P. University Acts (Second Amendment) Act, 1985)