



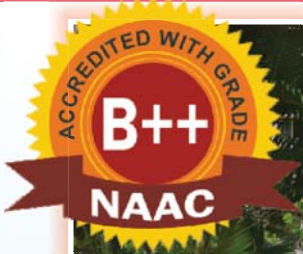
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NAAC PEER Team visited BRAOU on July 24, 2023



Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, Chairperson, NAAC PEER Team and Vice-Chancellor, Usha Martin University, Ranchi addressing at Exit Meeting. Other Team Members also present.

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(July - September, 2023)

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The periodicity of the present Issue 'Opvarsity News' is July - September, 2023. Readers may kindly note this.

- Editor



Recognition to BRAOU Programmes

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) Hyderabad initially known as Andhra Pradesh Open University was established through an Act of A.P. State Legislature (APOU Act 1982).

It was inaugurated by the then President of India, Late Sri Giani Zail Singh on August 26, 1982. Subsequently, the University was renamed as "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University" by the Government of Andhra Pradesh during Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations in the year 1991. The University Grants Commission (UGC) New Delhi also admitted this University for assistance under Section 12-B of the U.G.C. Act Vide UGC Letter no. F5-7/82 (CPP) Dt. 12-05-1986.

Further, the University has received recognition

A) For offering Programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode for the Academic Year 2018-19 onwards (F.No.1-6/2018 (DEB-I) Dt. 03-10-2018 for 27 Programmes.

B) Permission to start M.Phil/Ph.D Programmes from 2017-18 (F.No.2-1/2017-DEB-III, Dt.21-3-2017)

The University is also a Member of the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi; Asian Association of Open Universities, Association of Commonwealth Universities and International Council for Open and Distance Education.

Registrar

From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

Dear Learners

I am happy to address you through the University Newsletter "Opvarsity News" that the Academic Calendar of the University for the academic year 2023-24 is published in this News Letter along with other information and activities of the University. We that the Academic Calendar will be of immense help and guidance for the students to plan their studies and other activities.



Prof. K. Seetharama Rao
Vice Chancellor

The Silvers Jubilee (25th) Convocation of the University is scheduled on 28th December, 2023 and all the candidates, who have been declared eligible for the award of degrees from September, 2021 to February, 2023 for UG/PG/Diploma/ Certificate courses including M.Phil. & Ph.D Programmes are informed to apply through online www.braou.ac.in or www.braouonline.in on or before 30th November. We are sure that the students who are going to be graduated will have a fruitful and rewarding experience from this issue that covers the receipt of State Government awards by our teachers. It is a proud moment to share with you that the Faculty are rewarded for their work and dedication to teaching. As usual, this newsletter also contains the calendar of academic events and other activities of the University, which I feel would be our immense help to the student community.

The NAAC Peer team visited the university during July 23 to 26, 2023. In the process of assessment, the team visited all the branches and interacted with the teaching, non-teaching staff and also other stake holders of the University. All the employees maintained the collective discipline of the University and impressed the team during the interaction. While appreciating the efforts made by the University, the Peer Team also suggested certain measures for maintaining better standards to further improve the quality of academic programmes and learners supports services. I am happy to share that **the University has awarded B++ Grade on its first cycle itself by NAAC on August 2, 2023, but still efforts are on to improve the score and Grade.**

The activities that took place from July 2023 to September, 2023 which includes Memorial Lectures, Seminars, workshops i.e., floral tributes to Founder Vice-Chancellor, Prof.G.Ram Reddy, Prof.K.Jayashankar Memorial lecture on August 11, the 77th Independence Day celebrations etc. are covered in this issue. Further, Prof.G.Ram Reddy Centre for Research and Development (GRCR&D) organized a two days workshop on "Exploring the Contributions of the Unsung Warriors in Freedom Struggle – Contemporary Relevance" on August 23 to 24; The University also celebrated 42nd Foundation Day Lecture on "Internationalisation of Higher Education- Issues and Challenges" delivered by Prof.(Dr.) Vidya Yeravdekar of Symbiosis, Pune and Sri Kaloji Narayana Rao Memorial lecture on September 20, 2023, also find a place in this issue.

I also take this opportunity to request all the students, current and earlier batches, to keep us informed about your career and professional advancements so that this can also be published in our newsletter, which we feel motivate other students to follow suit. We value your suggestions, responses, comments and which will help us to serve you better in future.



Prof. K. Seetharama Rao

NAAC PEER Team visited BRAOU

The CIQA Branch coordinated the NAAC Peer Team visit during 24th to 26th July 2023. The following are the members of the NAAC Peer Team:

1. **Prof. Madhulika Kaushik** Chairperson
Vice-Chancellor,
Usha Martin University, Ranchi
2. **Prof. Meera Shanker** Member-
Director I/c JDBIMS, SHDT
Co-ordinator
Women University, Mumbai
3. **Prof. Arumugam Sonachalam** Member
Vice-Chancellor, Tamilnadu
Open University, Chennai
4. **Prof. Ajitava Raychaudhuri** Member
Prof. of Economics, Adamas
University, Kolkata
5. **Prof. Pravakar Rath** Member
Prof. of Lib. Management &
Information Science,
Mizoram University
6. **Prof. Nawal Kishore Dubey** Member
Prof. of Botany, Banaras
Hindu University, Varanas.

The Reception Committee performed their role by receiving the Peer Team Members from the Airport, made arrangement for welcoming them at the University campus and were with the team till their departure. The Logistic Committee had over-seen all the physical materials of their visit. The Hospitality Committee made the necessary arrangement Lunch and Snacks for the team. The Cultural Committee put efforts to organize a Cultural programme on the 23rd July evening. The Alumni, Parents, Students and Prisoners interaction arrangements committee arranged the necessary meetings. The Campus Beautification Committee maintained the cleanliness and beautification of the campus.

The team visited the all the branches and interacted with the teaching and non-teaching staff of the University. All the employees maintained the discipline of the University and impressed the team during the interaction.

The Peer Team Visit concluded by organizing the Exist meeting on the 26th July 2023 evening





chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. BRAOU in the CSTD Mini Auditorium. While appreciating the efforts made by the University the Peer Team also suggested some improvements for better standards of the University. The Chairman of the Peer Team Committee submitted a sealed cover to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. BRAOU. The Director, CIQA proposed the Vote of Thanks. On the 2nd August 2023 the University received B++ grade awarded by NAAC.

Prof.K.Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU Launched House journal Vol. No.2 January- June 2023 issue of Distance Learning, of GRCR&D. Prof Ghanta Chakrapani, Director (Academic), Prof.A.V.R.N Reddy, Registrar, Prof E.Sudha Rani, Director (GRCR&D), Prof P.Madhusudhana Reddy, Director, CIQA and Prof .V.Sreenivas, Dean, Social Sciences also seen on July 20, 2023.

BRAOU OFFERED FLORAL TRIBUTES TO SRI KALOJI

BRAOU News, September 9, 2023:

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized Sri. Kaloji Narayana Rao Birth Anniversary Celebrations at its campus and offered floral tributes as part of 109th Jayanthi on September 9, 2023.

Dr.A.V.R.N. Reddy, Registrar, Prof.I.Anmand Pawar, Director (CSTD); Sri N.C.Venugopal, Finance Officer; Sri Lakshmi Prasad, University Engineer; Directors, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff members, Representatives of service associations garlanded to Sri. Kaloji Narayana Rao Portrait and rich offered floral tributes.



BRAOU V.C INAUGURATED IN-HOUSE SMART CERTIFICATE PRINTING SYSTEM

BRAOU News, September 29, 2023:

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) today Inaugurated In-house printing of smart certificates facility at the Controller of Examinations (COE) at the university campus, Jubilee Hills. Prof Rao said the in- house printing facility is equipped with latest technology high speed printers for faster issuing of certificates to under graduate/ Post Graduate and other courses programmes certificates to the students. The certificates are printed on a special paper which is tear-resistant, water proof and has long life. The certificates also have many security features with online verification system for avoiding duplication with digital QR codes.

Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani, Director Academic, Dr. A. V. R. N. Reddy, Registrar, Dr.P.Venkataramana, Controller of Examinations, Prof.Gunti Ravinder, Directorate Materials & Publications, Additional Controllers of Examinations and S Mahesh, CEO, VM Technologies were present.



Staff News

- **Prof. K. Seetharama Rao**, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU attended the State Open University Vice-Chancellor's Forum "National Education Policy-2022: Opportunities and Challenges for Open and Distance Learning Universities at Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad on August 4 to 6, 2023.
- **Prof. K. Seetharama Rao**, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU also attended One Day Orientation programme on Learner Support Centre (Regional centre) Administration at S.V. Arts College, Tirupati on August 28, 2023.
- **Sri.N.C.Venu Gopal**, Deputy Registrar, Finance Branch appointed as Finance Incharge until further orders w.e.f on 20-07-2023.
- **Dr.K. Rani Rajitha Madhuri**, Associate Professor of English, appointed as Head Department of English until further orders w.e.f on 19-09-2023.
- **Prof.Shakeela Khanam**, Professor of Hindi (Academic Level-14) is Promoted as Senior Professor of Hindi (Academic Level-15) under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) w.e.f on 30-09-2023.
- **Dr.A.Venkatram Narsimha Reddy**, Associate Professor of Public Administration is Promoted as Professor Public Administration w.e.f on 30-09-23.
- **Dr.Pallavi Kabde**, Associate Professor of Public Administration is Promoted as Professor Public Administration w.e.f on 30-09-2023.
- **Dr.Chandrakala**, Associate Professor of Education is Promoted as Professor of Education w.e.f on 30-09-2023.
- **Dr.D.Udayani**, Producer has been awarded Senior scale (Academic Level-11) under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) w.e.f on 30-09-2023.
- **Dr.M.Ajantha Kumar**, Assistant Director (Student Services) is Promoted as Deputy Director w.e.f on 30-09-2023.

There is a need to develop a strong and globally relevant Indian Higher Education Ecosystem

- Prof. Vidya Yeravdekar

BRAOU Celebrated Foundation Day Lecture



BRAOU News, August 26, 2023: Prof.(Dr.). Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, Principal Director, Symbiosis, Pune, Maharashtra was the chief guest & keynote Speaker at the 42nd Foundation Day Lecture at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad. Prof.(Dr.) Vidya Yeravdekar, delivered a Lecture on “Internationalisation of Higher Education- Issues and Challenges”. She said 2023 for India represents 73 years of constitutional democracy, 32 years of economic liberalisation, and concentrated reforms in our educational system. Each one of these achievements is significant as India moves toward becoming not only a strong and prosperous economy, but also a nation known for its academic excellence globally. The recent National Education Policy of 2020 however, has taken the need to offer a globally strong and relevant Indian Higher education ecosystem, to new heights. The National Education Policy - 2020, let me step back and talk a bit about the reforms of 1991 which paved the way for this new policy to be imagined and more specifically paved the way for Internationalisation of Higher Education. Widely regarded as an all-

encompassing and innovative vision document for 21st-century India and its educational ecosystem, NEP 2020 addresses pivotal dimensions of education, ranging from Multidisciplinary and Holistic Education, Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship, to Governance and Teacher Capacity Building, Quality, Ranking, and Accreditation, Digital Empowerment and Online Education, Equitable and Inclusive Education, Promotion of Indian Languages.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof.Rao said the Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University completed 4 decades of services to cause of Distance Education in this movement of retrospection, it would be not out of place to recall with pride some of the achievement of the university during its educational annals of the both States. It has been revealed that efforts are being made to strengthen student services and steps have been taken to ensure that all opportunities are available to students who have studied through distance education.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Director (Academic), Dr. BRAOU was welcomed and introduced about the program and Chief Guest.

Dr.A.V.R.N.Reddy, Registrar also spoke on the occasion. All the Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff members and representatives of various service associations also participated in the program.

Earlier, the book of essays written by the students in the Essay Competition organized on the occasion of the 42nd Foundation Day of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University was unveiled. The Prize distributed to the student winners in easy writing competition with certificates of appreciation.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BRAOU

BRAOU News, August 15, 2023: Hyderabad August 15, 2023: Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University today hoisted the tri-colour National Flag on the occasion of 77th Independence Day at the campus. He remembered the sacrifices of Indian freedom fighters and National leaders. He also called upon the staff to serve its clientele (Students) with greater dedication and discipline. He extended independence day greeting to the Staff. He also said the University got good recognition from NAAC and it has given more responsibility to the staff.

Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar, BRAOU also addressed the Staff after unfurling the National Flag at BRAOU Non-Teaching Employees' Association premises at the campus. University Directors Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Prof. Prof.E.Sudha Rani, Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Prof. P. Madhusudan Reddy, Dr. LVK Reddy, Dr. Banoth Lal, Prof. Shakeela Khanam, Prof. Vaddanam Srinivas, Prof.I. Anand Pawar, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, Mahesh Goud, Sharma, N. C. Venu Gopal and others participated.



WOMEN FIGHTERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE, RESEARCH SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO THE FUTURE GENERATIONS: Surabhi Vanidevi, MLC

BRAOU organized two days National Seminar



BRAOU News, August 23, 2023: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Prof.G.Ram Reddy Centre for Research and Development (GRCR&D) in collaborations with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR-SRC) Hyderabad organized a two day national seminar on “Exploring the Contributions of the Unsung Warriors in Freedom Struggle – Contemporary Relevance” on August 23, 2023 at the University Campus.

Smt.Surabhi Vani Devi, MLC, attended as chief guest for the program, she said that the research

conducted in the universities should be useful to the society, especially to bring out the struggles of the women fighters who participated in the freedom struggle, and hoped that the research should be an inspiration to the future generations of the female power of those days. The fighters who participated in the freedom struggle should be invited and speak in the universities and they should be honored, She also said that such things give the youth a great feeling. She explained that Swami Ramananda Theertha is one of the greatest freedom fighters in history.





Prof. Rama Melkote, Former Head, Department of Political Science, Osmania University, Educator and renowned writer, Keynote speaker of the program said that many people hear about Indian freedom fighters but do not find them in

books. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the author of the Constitution, was not widely publicized until the 1980s, and his great way of thinking was widely known to the people of the country with the struggle of the Dalit communities. Telugu female heroes like Chakali Ailamma and Mallu Swarajyam have not received enough recognition, historians and writers want to focus on their struggles.

The Guests of Honour Dr. Ayachitam Sreedhar, Chairman, Telangana Grandhalaya Parishad said that if foreigners wrote the stories of Indian freedom struggle, the situation would be unknown. He said that there is a lot of history that we don't know and researchers need to uncover it and save it in books.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao wished to continue research in universities to uncover the history, culture and war stories of the fighters. Historians should continue research to eradicate the social ills in the society, remove superstitions and make people aware.

Dr. A.V.R.N Reddy, Registrar also spoke on the occasion. Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Seminar Director, explain the aims, objectives of the program. She explained the need and necessity of organizing this workshop. It has been revealed that many social

science teachers will participate in this two days seminar and guide the research students. All Directors, Deans, Heads of the Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, Representatives of services associations, Research Scholars & Students are participated in the program.

In the sessions held afterwards, Prof. Bhangya Bhukya, Head of Department of History, Central University of Hyderabad, Vedakumar Manikonda, Chairman of Deccan Heritage Hyderabad, Prof. Zareena Parveen, Director of Telangana State Archives Research Institute, Dr. T. Vivek, General Secretary of Telangana Historical Department Council, other expressed their views on various historical issues and the freedom struggle. The struggle and sacrifices of many people who have not been written in history have been brought to the attention of the conference. Prof. Vaddanam Srinivas and Prof. A. R. D. Prasad acted as chairpersons for these sessions.

In the cultural programs the life stories of India's war heroes Manu were presented as art forms. It includes Kuchipudi dance form (Rani Velu Nachiyar) by Alekhya Panjala; Mohini dance (Rani Chennamma) by Aishwarya Wariar; Odissi dance (Rani Avanti Bhai) by Jyoti Srivatsava; Kathak dance (Begum Hazrat Mahal) by Alakananda Das Gupta; Bharatanatyam (Rani Lakshmi Bai) by Padma Shri Pratibha Prahlad; Sattriya (Kanakalata Barua) Sharodisaikiya; contemporary choreographer (Captain Lakshmi Sehgal) Chandana Aggarwal and others impressed the audience by playing their respective roles.



TELANGANA IS A SYMBOL OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY

- Prof. Ismat Mehdi

- Youth need nationalism, not hatred
- BRAOU Two day national conference concluded



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Prof. Ismat Mehdi, Former Head, Department of Arabic, EFLU & Writer was the chief guest for the Valedictory function. Prof.Mehdi stated that Telangana is peaceful without any hatred as the name given to people of different

religions and cultural traditions. She said that the 76 years of independent India, the clash between the rich and the poor and caste religions is not a good outcome. She also suggested that the biographies of many nobles who participated in the freedom movement have not been brought to light and that research should be done in the universities.

Prof. Adapa Satyanarayana, Former Head, Department of History, Osmania University was the keynote speaker of the Valedictory program. He said that the heroic stories of those who sacrificed their lives for freedom need to be known to the future generations and suggested that



historians and researchers should make an effort in that direction.

Prof. Kousar Jabeen Azaim, Former Head, Department of Political Science (Retd.) Osmania University attended as Guests of Honour for the program. She said that by hiding the history of those who sacrificed their lives for the integrity of the country, they are imposing the history of separatists on the people of the country and spreading hatred between religions, which has undermined the integrity of the country and secularism. The policies adopted by the central government were indirectly criticized.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao said that the two-day national conference has shown the way for future researches and stated that more national conferences will be held in the coming days. It was revealed that the issues raised by the distinguished guests who participated in the conference led to a discussion among the research scholars and there is a possibility of continuing research on these in the coming days.

Dr.A.V.R.N Reddy, Registrar also spoke on the occasion. Prof.E.Sudha Rani, Seminar Director, presented a detailed reported of two days workshop will be useful for research students and teachers. She explained the need and necessity of organizing this workshop. It has been revealed that many social science teachers were participated in this two days national seminar and guide the research students. All Directors,



Deans, Heads of the Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, Representatives of services associations, Research Scholars & Students are participated in the proram.



In the fifth sessions Prof .Shaik Mahboob Basha, Department of History, Maulana Azad National Urdu University spoke on "Retrieving Andhra Women's Participation in National Movement. Dr. A. Raghu Kumar, Senior Advocate, Telangana High Court, Hyderabad spoke on "Darsi Chenchiah- An Unsung Hero of struggle for Independence. Prof. ShakeelaKhanum acted as chairpersons for these sessions.

NEWSLETTER on www.braou.ac.in

"OPVARSITY NEWS", the Newsletter of Dr.BRAOU is made available to its students on its website www.braou.ac.in. All the students of BRAOU are requested to log on to its website for details such as programmes offered, contact classes schedules, Examinations dates, Radio, Audio, Video Schedules, Telephone numbers etc., besides information on the university activities/programmes organized along with the photo news.

BRAOU STUDY CENTRES WORKING HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday: 11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Sundays: 09.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Every Monday and Tuesday after Second Saturday is a Holiday

KALOJI'S MODEST LIFE IS IDEAL FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

-Dr.Ravulapati Sitharama Rao

BRAOU News, September 20, 2023: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized Sri Kaloji Narayana Rao Memorial Lecture as part of 109th Birthday Celebrations on September 20, 2023 at its campus.

The Chief Guest Dr.Ravulapati Sitharama Rao, Associate Professor of Telugu, SR& BGNR Government Degree College, Khammam delivered the lecture on **"Constitutional Morality - Kaloji's Poetry and Personality"**. Dr Ravulapati said that Kaloji's life is full of values. Kaloji fought the development of the society till the end with his straightforward writings. He explained that Kaloji was a public poet, a poet of struggle and passion. He said that Kaloji's poetry used to question the irresponsibility of the people, it used to remind them of responsibility from time to time, and it used to question the mistakes made by leaders in relation to contemporary politics. On the one hand questioning the leaders and on the other hand warning the enforcers of the laws, he used to obey the laws himself as a responsible citizen. He explained that he was very fond of the constitution and wished that the thought processes of the leaders should be within the scope of the state. It is stated that the language used by the people along with the Telangana language and slang are the dialects used in Telangana villages. He said that if he gets angry on any matter, he will criticize your face regardless of whether it is big or small. Kaloji's modest life is ideal for future generations.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program, he said Kaloji stood in the front row among Telangana veterans, and reminded that during his life, he had the philosophy of Telangana language, Telangana accent and the separate statehood for



Telangana. It is stated that Kaloji's writings were the lifeblood of the Telangana movement.

Prof Ghanta Chakrapani, Director Academic, BRAOU introduced about the program and Chief Guest. Dr.A.V.R.N. Reddy, Registrar spoke on the occasion & Proposed vote of thanks. The program was attended by the Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, Teaching and Non-teaching Staff members and representatives of various service associations. Earlier The Chief guest Dr.Ravulapati Sitharam, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Prof Ghanta Chakrapani, Dr.A.V.R.N. Reddy, Directors garlanded the portrait of Sri Kaloji Narayana Rao and offered rich floral tributes.

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TELANGANA STANDING AT THE TOP POSITION IN THE COUNTRY

-Dr.Banda Prakash, Deputy Chairman, Telangana Legislative Council

BRAOU ORGANISED PROF. K. JAYASHANKAR MEMORIAL LECTURE



BRAOU News, August 11, 2023: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized Prof. K. Jayashankar Memorial Lecture at its campus as part of 89th Birthday Celebrations on August 11, 2023 at the university campus.

Dr. Banda Prakash, Deputy Chairman, Telangana Legislative Council, Govt. of Telanganan attended as Chief guest on the occasion & delivered the lecture on “Telangana Development Trajectory” Dr. Prakash said Telangana state has achieved comprehensive development by standing at the top position in the country in terms of urban and rural progress with Honble Chief Minister KCR. He said that policy decisions play a major role in development. Governance should be appealing to the people, that is, people should be involved in the governance. He said that after the emergence of the separate state of Telangana, the division of large districts and the formation of new districts helped to decentralize governance and bring governance closer to the people, which has become the root cause of development today. He said that the formation of new Revenue

divisions, Mandals, formation of Tandas and Gudas as Gram panchayats, formation of new Municipalities and Corporations have brought the governance of the government closer to the people. No other state in the country has as many welfare schemes as Telangana. He explained that there is no other place in the world where large amounts of funds are deposited directly into the accounts of beneficiaries without any scope for corruption. Welfare programs like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bhima are continuing unabated. He said that projects like Kaleshwaram are widely useful for rural development. He explained that education, medicine, establishment of Gurukulas, Basti Davakanas, waiver of farmers' loans are changing the rural face of Telangana and moving on the path of economic development. A unified Telangana industrial policy has attracted investors. He said revolutionary reforms like Telangana I-pass, industrial development and Dharani have helped the economic development of Telangana.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program, Prof. Rao said that the state of Telangana, which was formed 9

years ago, is at the forefront of the country in the development sector and more than 90 percent of the development awards at the national level are coming to Telangana. Telangana State Chief Minister KCR said that Telangana's foresight, awareness of resource availability, economic discipline training and provision of welfare schemes to the poor have made Telangana top in the country.

Prof Ghanta Chakrapani, Director Academic, BRAOU introduced about the program and Chief Guest. Prof. Chakrapani said that development is a continuous process and comprehensive development is possible only when the rulers are along with the development of the society.



Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar spoke on the occasion & Proposed vote of thanks. Earlier, the Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff members and representatives of various service associations garlanded the portrait of Prof.K.Jayashankar and offered rich floral tributes.

BRAOU FACULTY TEACHERS MET COUNCIL DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

BRAOU News, August 11, 2023: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University Faculty Teachers Association have submitted a representation to Dr. Banda Prakash, Deputy chairman, Telangana State Legislative Council regarding redressal of their grievances release the PRC dues pending for a long time immediately and to increase the retirement age limit from 60 to 65 years of teachers working in universities in Telangana state. He came to the university to participate in a program at Ambedkar Open University on Friday. The teachers met him on this occasion. Dr. Banda Prakash patiently listening the problems of the faculty members and responded positively to the problems. He stated that the government will soon take a key decision to solve the problems of the teachers working in all the universities of the state and these two problems will also be

brought to the attention of the Education Minister and the Chief Minister. Prof.Gunti Ravi, Vice-President; Dr.Rabindranath Solomon, General Secretary; Members Prof. E.Sudha Rani, Prof. G.Pushpa Chakrapani, Prof. Shakila Khanam, Dr. Parankusam Venkata Ramana and Dr. Pallavi Kabde also participated.



FLORAL TRIBUTES TO PROF. G. RAM REDDY AT BRAOU



BRAOU News, July 2, 2023 : Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) paid rich floral tributes to Founder Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU, Prof.G.Ram Reddy on his death anniversary at the campus on Sunday July 02, 2023.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU, Dr.A.V.R.N. Reddy, Registrar Prof. Anand Pawar, Director, CSTD, Dr.Vaddanam Srinivas, Director EMR&RC, Dr.P.Venkataramana, COE, Dr. Banothu Dharma, SC/ST Cell I/c, Dr.Rabindranath Solomon, Sri. Lakshmi Prasad University Engineer, Prof.C.Venkataiah, Former Registrar, Representatives of Service Association Mahesh Goud Pandu, All the Directors, Deans, Heads of Branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, representatives of service associations offered rich floral tributes to Prof.G.Ram Reddy Portrait.

FLORAL TRIBUTES TO PROF. K. JAYASHANKAR AT BRAOU

BRAOU News, August 6, 2023: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University paid rich floral tributes to Prof. K. Jayashankar on his 89th Birthday Anniversary at it's campus on August 6, 2023.

Dr. A. V. R. N. Reddy, Registrar; Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Director CSTD; Prof. Srinivas Vaddanam, Director EMR&RC; Sri B Lakshmi Prasad, University



Engineer; Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Members, Representatives of various service associations offered rich tributes to the Prof. K. Jayashankar's portrait.



దూరవిద్య ద్వారా చదివి.. డిప్లొమా తహసీల్దారుగా ఎదిగి..



ఈమె పేరు చింతల రజిత. స్వగ్రామం రాజుపేట మండలంలోని సింగారం. ఆమె కోని పరిస్థితుల్లో ఎనిమిదో తరగతి వరకు చదివి మానేశారు. కొంత కాలానికి సమీప బార్డుపల్లి గ్రామానికి చెందిన ప్రభుత్వ ఉపాధ్యాయుడు వానరాసి కనకయ్యతో వివాహం జరిపించారు. సతీమణి రజితకు చదువుపట్ల ఉన్న ఆసక్తిని గమనించిన భర్త కనకయ్య తన భార్య రజితను చదువుపట్ల ప్రోత్సహించాలనుకున్నారు. ఓపెన్ స్కూల్లో చదివించారు. ఆ వెంటనే డా. టీఆర్ అంబేద్కర్ ఓపెన్ యూనివర్సిటీ ద్వారా డిగ్రీ పూర్తి చేశారు. హాస్టల్లో అందేద్దిన దూరవిద్య కేంద్రంలో పీజీ (చరిత్ర) పూర్తి చేశారు. ఉపాధ్యాయ వృత్తిపట్ల ఉన్న గౌరవంతో ఎన్ఎస్ఐ రాసి ఉమ్మడి రాష్ట్రంలో 168వ రాష్ట్ర ర్యాంకు సాధించి జనగామంలోని ఎమ్మార్ కాలేజ్ ఆఫ్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్లో టీచింగ్ పూర్తి చేశారు రజిత. పీజీ గురుకుల ఆర్డర్ పరీక్షను రాసి జోనల్స్థాయిలో ట్వెంటీయ ర్యాంకును పొంది, ఓపెన్కోటలోనే మైనార్టీ గురుకుల సంక్షేమ కళాశాలలో అధ్యాపకురాలిగా ఏడాదిపాటు విధులు చేపట్టారు. అంతకు ముందు డిజిటీ రాసి పరిగెందలేని గురుకుల పాఠశాలలో ఉద్యోగం వచ్చినా వదులుకున్నారు. టీఆర్ఎస్ ఎస్పి విభాగంలోనూ మంచి ర్యాంకును పొందడం గమనార్హం. 2020లో నిర్వహించిన గ్రూప్-2 పరీక్షలో ప్రతిభ చూపి డిప్లొమా తహసీల్దారుగా కామారెడ్డిలో చేరారు. ప్రస్తుతం జనగామ కలెక్టరేట్లో డిజిగా విధులు చేపడుతున్న రజిత చదువంతా దూరవిద్యలోనే పూర్తిచేశారు. చదువుతో వాలనుకునే వారికి దూరవిద్య సదుపాయం చక్కని అవకాశమని, భర్త కనకయ్య ప్రోత్సాహంతో ముందుకు సాగుతున్నట్లు రజిత చెప్పారు. గ్రూప్-1 పరిశాల కోసం ఎదురు చూస్తున్నట్లు తెలిపారు.

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Mr.Polugumati Gogaraju, Completed his Mater Arts (Political Science) Qualified in Andhra Pradesh Group I Services Examination and posted as Asst.Treasury Officer in Andhra Pradesh. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Open University officials felicitated in Elocution Competition conducted by Raj Bhavan. He also participated in Stakeholders Meet with NAAC Peer Team.





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TWENTY FIFTH CONVOCATION NOTIFICATION

The Twenty Fifth Convocation of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad will be held in the 2nd week of December, 2023 for conferring Degrees / Diplomas / Certificates of successful candidates. All the candidates who have been declared as eligible for the award of degrees from September, 2021 to February, 2023 for UG Courses, PG / Diploma / Certificate courses including M.Phil. & Ph.D Programmes should apply through online Application Form.

The candidates, who are desirous to attend the convocation in person, may apply through online besides payment of fee for Rs.500/- from the websites **www.braou.ac.in** or **www.braouonline.in** on or before **30th November, 2023.**

The candidates, who are unable to attend the convocation personally, may also apply for their Degree in ABSENTIA through online by paying the necessary fee of Rs.600/-. The certificates of these students will be sent to their respective addresses by speed post after the Convocation.

Applications received after the last date and incomplete applications shall be rejected.

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Prof. V.S. Prasad, Former Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU & Director, NAAC and Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, VC, BRAOU inaugurated University Photo Gallery in Administrative Block.

Staff News

- ◆ Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director, GRCD&D Participated in the one-day National Seminar organised by Department of History, MANUU on 18th July 2023, on the theme “Integrating the 18th and 19th Centuries in Indian History” and presented a paper “Caste and Gender – Women’s Voices in 19th Century India”.
- ◆ Participated in the two-day Library Festival on 05/08/2023 and 06/08/2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi as part of the second phase of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahostrav organised by Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.
- ◆ Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director, GRCD&D Nominated as External Member of the Board of Studies, Department of History, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad for a period of two (02) years with effect from Opvarsity News

29/08/2023 and also Member, Board of Studies for CSSEIP, University of Hyderabad for two (02) years with effect from 01/09/2023.

- ◆ She attended and chaired the Panel on “Women Empowerment: Perspectives and Challenges” at the World History Congress held at Pondicherry University, Pondicherry from 08/09/2023 to 11/09/2023.
- ◆ She also attended as Resource Person on 13th September, 2023 and as Evaluator for the Group Presentation by participants on 14th September, 2023 for the UGC Refresher Course conducted by UGC-HRDC, Osmania University, Hyderabad, from 4th September to 20th September 2023.

CSTD Six Days Training Program on “SERVICE RULES AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES”

BRAOU News, August 7, 2023: The Centre for Staff Training and Development has organized five days of Six (half) day Training Program on “SERVICE RULES AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES” for Deputy Registrars, Assistant Registrars, and Superintendents of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Open University from 7th to 10th August, 2023 half day and on 11th August, 2023 & full day 7 to 14 Aug.2023.

Inaugural Session: Prof.V.Viswanadham, a veteran teacher, Professor of Commerce (Retd), Osmania University, and a well known motivational speaker was the Chief Guest.

In the Session-I Prof V. Viswanadham dealt with the topic “Interpersonal & Intrapersonal Communication Skills for effective office administration”.

In the first session, Shri P. Seshagiri Rao, Deputy Registrar (Retd.) and former Finance Officer, BRAOU dealt with the topic “Forms of Correspondence, Maintenance of Files, Noting and Drafting Skills”. He mentioned that different forms of correspondence are given in Administrative and Accounts Manual and maintenance of files in page numbers 27 and 39 respectively.

In the second session, Prof Y.S. Kiranmayi has dealt with the subject “Drafting of Agenda Items and Minutes for FC/EC approval”. At the outset, she has narrated the great importance of agenda items prepared for statutory body meetings.

Shri Ch.V. Sai Prasad, Director, INDT, AG Office, has dealt with different aspects. He narrated various types of audits and the audit procedure and seek dropping of audit objections. In the second session, he explained the necessary inputs that are required for preparing budget and maintaining budget control registers. With his vast experience, and gave a number of



Dr. M. Surender, Finance Officer, JNTU. explained the importance of various rules incorporated in the Financial Code.

Prof. A. Patrick, Professor of Commerce Osmania University was the resource person for two sessions. In the first session he dealt with Preparation and maintenance of cash book imprest account.

Dr. Venu Gopal Reddy, PRO has made an attempt to appraise the grievances and appeals under RTI Act-2005 and the number of RTI cases received and addressed by the University.

Sri T L.N. Swamy, Jt. Registrar (Retd.) as resource person. He has given an understanding of Maintenance of Advance Registers and settlement of advances. He explained implications involved in disposing the applications as per RTI Act.

Prof.Anand Pawar, Director, CSTD delivered the welcome address and report on the Training Program.



Prof. Gunti Ravinder, professor of Political Sciences and Director, Materials Publications received the State Meritorious Teachers Award for the year 2023. The award conferred by Government of Telangana on the occasion of Teachers' Day at Ravindra Bharati, Hyd.



Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU Released Bio-Diversity (Floral Fauna) Book along with Prof. V. Venkaiah, Chairman, Mock Team and others members of Mock Team and University Officials on July 16, 2023.