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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) For offering Master of Business Administration (MBA) two years, and MBA Hospital & Health Care Management for the Academic Year 2018-19 (F.No.1-6/2018(DEB-I) Dt.03-10-2018.

C) For offering B.Ed and B.Ed(SE) Programmes in Open and Distance Learning Mode for the Academic Year 2018-19 (F.SRC/NCTE/APSO6242/B.Ed (DE)/AP/2018 90290, Dt.06/10/2018 & F.No.10-4/Policy/2012/RCI, dt. 15-10-2018.

D) 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



Prof. K. Seetharama Rao
Vice Chancellor

Dear Learners,

I am happy to address you through the University Newsletter, "Opvarsity News".

As you all know the 24th Convocation of BRAOU was held on August 6, 2022.

I am particularly happy to have, at this convocation, the gracious presence of our Honourable Chancellor, Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, a doctor and scholar of eminence, who is known for her excellence in State administration. The eminent Chief Guest of the Convocation, is Prof. Asha Singh Kanwar, one of the world's leading advocates of learning for sustainable development, who is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Learning.

I congratulate all the graduate and post-graduate learners and research scholars of the University who received their Degrees and Awards at this convocation. At this

Convocation, 74,488 candidates, who have qualified during the years 2019 to 2022, have received their Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates. Out of these 57,717 are undergraduate candidates who have qualified to receive their degrees, among which 29,638 are women. 193 inmates from various prisons of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States have also received their degrees. As many as 20 Research Scholars will be awarded M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees. Of these, one scholar has received an M.Phil Degrees and 19 Research Scholars have received Ph.D Degrees. The University has awarded a total of 128 Gold Medals for the 2019-2022 (U.G - 85 and P.G - 43) and 13 Book Prizes (U.G - 03 and P.G - 02) at this Convocation.

The university has always been a pioneer in technology use. It has a well-equipped EMR & RC Centre [formerly known as Audio-Visual Production and Research Centre] Unit, with state-of-the-art studios, where audio-video lessons are recorded and transmitted via AIR, and T-SAT channels. Shortly they will be uploaded in the Institutional Repository (IR) & Open Educational Resources Repository (OERR.)

Today, change is the buzzword and reinvent or perish is the new mantra. Educational delivery systems the world over have undergone a sea change and stakeholders are now faced with the task of reinventing themselves to suit these delivery systems. As a pioneering distance education institution in making inclusive education available to the masses within its geographical jurisdiction, Dr. BRAOU has been constantly making efforts to break down barriers and kept the lamp of intellectual curiosity burning. The University has chalked out pathways to reinvent itself and reach out to its learners. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, online learning and teaching has gradually become the new normal at almost all levels of education.

BRAOU proposes to go in for NAAC accreditation soon. The Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) has coordinated the compilation of the Self-Study Report (SSR) with the cooperation and inputs from the teaching and non-teaching staff. With a view to enhance internal quality and for preparing the SSR for NAAC accreditation. I request all learners, to kindly upload their contact details and email ids on the university website www.braou.ac.in for the feedback process. The emails ids are essential for the NAAC assessment and accreditation process. Learners will get the emails directly from NAAC office asking for their feedback. They are expected to send back their comments and responses to NAAC again. Your comments will help the entire system to improve itself and continue its dedicated service to society.

Further, as this is the time for finalization of admissions to various programmes offered by University, I take this opportunity to welcome new learners to the UG, PG, PG Diplomas and Certificates programmes for the academic year 2022-23. I should also congratulate the learners who have successfully completed their courses and those who are pursuing their studies so earnestly.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao

24th Convocation of BRAOU



BRAOU News,
August 6, 2022:
Distinguished Chief Guest of the Twenty Fourth Convocation of Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY, Hyderabad

Prof. Asha Singh Kanwar, President and Chief Executive Officer of

the Commonwealth of Learning, Canada

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Members of the Executive Council, Directors and Deans, Members of the Faculty and Staff, Donors of Endowment Gold Medals, Invitees, Learned Colleagues, Recipients of Degrees, Gold Medals and their Proud Parents, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, My greetings to you all...

It gives me great pleasure to be with you today for the Twenty Fourth Convocation of the First Open University in India, Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY, Hyderabad. I take this opportunity to

congratulate each and every one of you on the occasion of BRAOU celebrating its expertise in distance learning for over 40 years.

Graduation marks a significant turning point in the learning path of a university. At this ceremony, I would like to remind you that "Wisdom.... comes not from age, but from education and learning." Dr. BRAOU's mission had always been to make learning accessible to all and provide inclusive and quality education. This University has already helped over 2 million students to realise their ambitions.

Let me remind you that you have graduated from a university that provides education to those who missed the opportunity of studying in conventional system by taking education to the doorstep of the marginalized sections of the society, viz., women and socially backward classes.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar said, students should believe in self-help which is the best help to lead a respectable life. He also says that "We may forego material benefits of civilization, but we cannot forego our right and opportunities to reap the benefit of the highest education to the fullest extent...."

The teaching of 'Human Values' is one of the essential components of the NEP. This aspect will assist students in discovering who they are and the joy of studying, resisting peer pressure, making courageous decisions,

Education is a powerful tool which can be used to change the world. And, the change you can bring through your education in the society is remarkable. Every student should acquire knowledge in his/her own area of studies. Remember, 'Knowledge is power' and 'Wisdom is the right use of knowledge'. A.P.J. Kalam says, 'If you learn for a purpose, creativity will blossom. As your creativity unfolds, your thought process will radiate and the knowledge you possess will be fully lit'. Finally, as your knowledge is lit, the country will see a major transformation and an outstanding progress.

Change is inevitable. But, let not the modern technological changes in the global village compel the individual to lose faith in humanity. Institutions of higher learning like BRAOU should advocate and promote a sense of duty towards humanity.

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji while talking to the most technologically advanced people in the world - the Japanese, mentions "However advanced the technology may become, life is impossible without humanity, and that's why we need a combination of science of thinking and art of living!".

It is heartening to learn that BRAOU is at the forefront in introducing blended learning, CBCS and offering new skill-based courses that help distance education learners to seek self-employment.

It may be presumed that the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan and NEP will infuse multi-disciplinary subjects in modes that will escalate the standards of education, livelihood, metamorphize the facet of employment and technology and represent India as one among the powerful economic countries at global level.

The number of higher education applicants is increasing every year and the last two years, in particular, have noticed a bigger shift away from traditional methods of building curricula and programmes and toward online teaching and learning. The development of multi-skilled graduates

that possess holistic knowledge comprised of core professional knowledge, soft skills, and universal values has been prioritised.

I am happy that BRAOU uses various methods for teaching, viz., written and audio materials, the Internet, radio and television programmes apart from the Self-Learning Materials.

I will conclude by congratulating the holders of degrees and gold medals once more. I commend all the proud parents for working hard and making sacrifices for their children's achievement.

They, as well as this University, have a very promising future.

In the genuine spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav festivities, let us all recommit to making our nation strong and a global guide in imparting education.

I wish you all the best of luck in anything you do.

Jai Hind



The Hon'ble Governor, Telangana; Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry and Chancellor of the University; Respected Vice-Chancellor; Members of the Executive Council; Deans, Directors and Heads; Registrar; Graduands; Media persons, Distinguished Guests

Thank you for the honour which I am proud to accept. This award would not have been possible without the unwavering support I get from the wonderful team at the Commonwealth of Learning and friends from around the Commonwealth. This honour also belongs to them.

It is a privilege to become an alumnus of Dr. BRAOU, the oldest open university in the country which became a model for some of the state open universities that followed. Dr. BRAOU is a mega university which enrolled over 113000 in 2021, 46% being female. COL has been a partner of this university over the years, with the most recent collaboration being on the development of an OER policy and implementation plan. I have another connection with BRAOU—Prof G Ram Reddy the

founding VC of this university was my VC at IGNOU from where he joined COL as its first Vice President. Prof Ram Reddy was a visionary academic leader who developed open and distance learning within India and around the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth of Learning, is an intergovernmental organisation established by the Commonwealth Heads of Government, with headquarters in Vancouver and a regional office for Asia in New Delhi. We are very grateful to India for providing regular and consistent support, both financial and intellectual.

A Convocation ceremony is a very important milestone in the life of an institution and I am delighted to be a part of this happy occasion. I thank the Vice Chancellor, Prof Seetharama Rao and the Executive Council for the invitation. Let me congratulate you dear students on your well-deserved success. In my view, the students who graduate from a distance learning institution, as you have done, are any employer's dream. Instead of studying full time, you have often balanced the requirements of study with your family responsibilities and job requirements. It is because of your motivation, discipline and commitment that you are here today to receive your hard-won qualifications. Let us not forget the support and sacrifices made by your families, especially during the pandemic.

It is a pleasure to be here in person after the several lockdowns and restrictions that we experienced. Covid 19 caused the biggest disruption of education in human history wherever 95% students worldwide were impacted. The closure of campuses affected more than 220 million higher education students worldwide (UNESCO, 2021). Most institutions had to pivot to emergency remote teaching. Many did not have adequate technology infrastructure. But the 33 open universities in the Commonwealth, including the 17 in India, were able



Prof. Asha S. Kanwar receiving Honoris Causa from the Chancellor and VC

to remain open, catering to over 5 million students annually.

Some of you are already in employment while others will be seeking it. What are the options? In 2021, a Manpower Group survey found that 69 % of employers had trouble finding qualified graduates to hire. A higher education system that responds to market needs and future requirements, must integrate employability pathways by re-imagining policies and practices. There seems to be a disconnect between what we teach and what is required by the job market. And with advances in technology, the future becomes even more uncertain.

According to a McKinsey report, the future of work will require foundational skills along four dimensions: cognitive, interpersonal, self-leadership and digital. People with employable skills, will be individuals i) who can add value beyond what can be done by automated systems, (ii) who work efficiently in a digital environment, and (iii) can demonstrate resilience to adapt to new ways of working and new occupations.

Since the future is difficult to predict, let us ensure that our graduates have three literacies. First, human literacy, prepares students to perform jobs that only human beings can do. Human literacy will help them to make ethical choices, equip them for social engagement through effective communication. Second, data literacy is essential in a world driven by data. Learners must be able to find meaning in the flood of information around us. Third, technological

literacy is essential if we are to understand machines and their uses. Learners must be able to deploy software and hardware in order to maximize their powers to achieve and create. If we can equip our learners with these three literacies, we will be preparing them for the jobs that do not yet exist.

Governments are looking for ways in which young people can be skilled for employment and entrepreneurship. In order to reach large numbers, policy makers around the developing world have realized that traditional brick and mortar solutions are not enough. One of the silver linings of the pandemic

has been the global acceptance of distance and technology enabled learning.

As you graduate today, you are expected to contribute to your family, your community and your country. In addition, you are also global citizens who must contribute to the sustainability and well-being of our planet. Access to decent livelihoods and a life of dignity is fundamental to our future.

Let me congratulate you dear students on your well-deserved success. The world awaits and the future beckons. Each one of us can make a difference. And as Mahatma Gandhi said, 'In a gentle way, you can shake the world'.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION: - Dr.Mohan Rao

BRAOU News, September 2, 2022: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Faculty of Sciences organized the two National symposium on **“Sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development”** on Friday at the university campus.

Dr. Ch.Mohan Rao, CSIR - Distinguished Scientist and Former Director, Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB) was the Chief guest for the program. Dr. Rao spoke on **“Sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development”**. Dr.Mohan said that science and technology is crucial for the long term economic development of a nation, and for the future of its scientific enterprise, encompassing sectors such as industry, health, agriculture, civil infrastructure, and the researchers and technical workforce of the next generation. He assures that will boost the GDP of the nation. The private sector has an interest in training multi tasking workers for the skills needed in particular industries.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao said Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, which introduced Science courses in distance mode first in the country, has become a pioneer for many distance learning universities. He said there was a need for changes in the teaching methods in the education system to suit the current trends. He believes that



information technology needs to be widely used in higher education. The university was committed to NAAC remembrance and focused on further expanding student services.

Prof.E.Sudha Rani, Director (Academic) attended as Guests of Honour spoke on the occasion. Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar attend as a Special invitee for the program.

Prof.Pushpa Chakrapani, Seminar Director, explain the aims and purpose of Symposium. All Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching staff members, Representatives of various services Associations and Students were participated in the program.

COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TELANGANA IS OUR GOAL: - MINISTER K.T.R

- Launched the competitive examinations study material designed by Ambedkar University
- We have shown the development in Telangana that did not happen in 70 years in eight years
- CM KCR's effort for innovative changes in the education sector: education Minister Sabita Indra Reddy
- Telangana Industrialists Federation bought the books worth of Rs 11 Lakhs



BRAOU News, August 27, 2022: Ministers KT Rama Rao and Sabita Indra Reddy have released the study material for competitive exams specially designed for the convenience of Telangana students under the auspices of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad.

The title of the books are Telangana Movement - Statehood, Economy - Development, Indian Society - Constitution Administration, Indian History - Culture. On this occasion, Sri. K.T. Rama Rao, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics & Communication, Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Industries & Commerce Departments, Government of Telangana, spoke and hailed Dr. B.R Ambedkar Open University as a good effort to make these books available at low cost for the benefit of the unemployed people of Telangana region. He said that the job seekers should use this opportunity to try for jobs, if possible, all these books should be made available in digital format, and he assured the government will provide the necessary financial and technical support. I participated in the Vanta Varpu program in this university during the Telangana agitation movement, the Telangana movement continued with the tag line of Water, Finances and appointments.

Everyone knows the development that has taken place in eight years in Telangana, someone comes and talks about something. Some people are questioning what has been done in eight years, why a cylinder of 400 has become 1000 rupees, but they do not raise their voice, they can waive the corporate tax of 12 lakh crore rupees to the business corporate people but they don't give pensions to the poor with 2, 3 lakh crore rupees. They are blaming us and naming as freebies and making people lazy. We are for the poor always and we are committed for welfare schemes.

KTR lashed out that many people are struggling for food in this country and why are they focusing on unnecessary things instead of thinking about such things. Those who forget the development of the people and talk about what they should wear, what they should eat, and which god they should pray, have ignored the well-being of the people, he said. He mentioned that Telangana has made a lot of progress during the tenure of Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao and many obstacles are being overcome and appointments are being made. We have provided government jobs to 2.22 lakh people in last eight years. It is not possible to give jobs to everyone in the government sector. In eight years, the Center has not allocated a single educational institution to Telangana. It's a shame.

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PROF. K. SEETHARAMA RAO, VICE-CHANCELLOR PRESENTED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES AT 24TH CONVOCATION

Honourable Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Distinguished Chief Guest Prof. Asha S Kanwar, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Learning; Members of the Executive Council, Distinguished Invitees; Representatives from the Print and Electronic Media; Faculty and Staff of the University; Recipients of various Awards, Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates; Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Members of the Executive Council, Teaching and Non-Teaching staff of the University and on my own behalf, it is a great honour and privilege to welcome each one of you on this momentous occasion of the Twenty-Fourth Convocation of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University. At the outset, I offer my wholehearted greetings to all our learners who are about to graduate who are present at this venue, and to those who could not attend but will be getting degrees in absentia. Special congratulations to all the Medal winners and their families.

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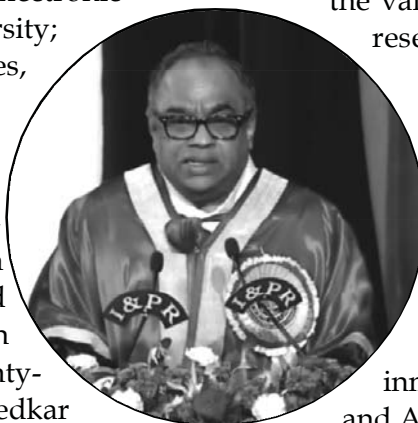
It is a great honour and privilege to welcome the eminent Chief Guest of the day, Professor Asha Singh Kanwar, one of the world's leading advocates of learning for sustainable development, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth of Learning. Throughout a career spanning over 35 years, she has made outstanding contributions in the areas of teaching, research and expansion of Open, Distance and Flexible learning.

I congratulate all the graduate and post-graduate learners and research scholars of the University who receive Degrees and Awards at this convocation. Ladies and Gentlemen, due to the pandemic we could not conduct the convocations for our successful graduates in the years 2020 and 2021. However, I

am proud that we have organised this convocation at the earliest possible time. Today, with a sense of pride, I am happy to report to you the progress of our university which is consistent in its efforts to provide equal opportunities for education and has received recognition as an institution that upholds the values of inclusive quality education and research.

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QUALITY ASSURANCE

Extending the quest for quality BRAOU proposes to go in for NAAC accreditation soon. The Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) has coordinated the compilation of the Self-Study Report (SSR) with the cooperation and inputs from the teaching and non-teaching staff. With a view to enhance internal quality and for preparing the SSR for NAAC accreditation, CIQA also organised lectures by two eminent distance educators, Prof. V.S. Prasad and Prof. Rajan Welukar under its "Special Lecture Series" in 2022.

Another important development is that the G Ram Reddy Academy for Distance Education (GRADE) has now been made into a separate division, and renamed as "G Ram Reddy Centre for Research & Development" (GRCR&D) so as to extend its work from research and development, to innovation and entrepreneurship that would facilitate the reshaping and modernization of the ODL system.

The University has also established the "Centre for Skill Development and Career Planning" to facilitate launching of skill-based programmes of short duration and impart employability skills.

In keeping with the UGC guidelines to make education relevant and application-oriented, our university had the distinction of being one of the first to adopt the 'Choice Based Credit System', which provides a convenient and effective teaching-learning platform so that learners have the flexibility to make a choice from a list of elective, core, and soft skill courses. Now, the first batch of UG learners of the CBCS have successfully passed out during the academic year 2020-21. In addition to B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.Li.Sc., and M.B.A., M.Sc. (Environmental Sciences), Psychology, and M.A. in Sociology, Journalism & Mass Communication, PG Diploma programmes are offered in Human Rights, Applied Economics, and Library Sciences. At the UG level, new programmes and alternatives, like Computer Applications and Statistics, have been added. Geography as an optional subject at Degree level from Faculty of Social Sciences, is also launched from the academic year 2022-23.

Research Programmes that were previously offered in the disciplines of Social Sciences and Commerce & Management, have now been

introduced in the disciplines of Science, Arts and Education, as well. I am delighted to report that 75 students have enrolled in the research programmes during 2019 - 2022.

During the pandemic the Learner Support Services Division (LSSD), previously called Student Services Branch, adopted online services providing admission facilities such as filling applications, uploading the certificates and sending timely SMS alerts in addition to ensuring smooth functioning of Learner Support Centres (LSCs) and regional centres and study centres located in both the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. As a result, the enrolment figures spanning different segments of society, have continued to be encouraging.

COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Dr BRAOU has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with various Universities and institutions across India during the past three years to expand its outreach and qualitatively enhance its services. While some are for extending our services to sister institutions like Uttarakhand Open University, YCMOU, Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat; others are for training and employability with organisations like Apollo Hospitals Educational and Research Foundation, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Limited and Deccan School of Management Darussalam Educational Trust (DET), Hyderabad, National Academy of Construction (NAC), Hyderabad.

For Skill Development Training Programmes an MoU was signed with Swamy Ramananda Thirtha Rural Institute (SRTRI), Hyderabad in 2022 and an MoU was signed with the Council for Green Revolution in 2021 for facilitating green building technologies and restoration of damaged ecosystems in the university campus.

The MoU with Army Ordnance Corps Centre (AOC), Secunderabad in 2019 provides various UG and Diploma programmes to Army personnel.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

During 2021-2022 the university organised a series of memorial lectures, both in physical and virtual mode. These included the P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Lectures, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial

Lectures, the Prof. S. Basheeruddin Memorial Lectures; Kaloji Narayana Rao Memorial Lectures; Prof. K. Jayashankar Memorial Lectures and the Narla Memorial Lectures.

External experts were also invited to deliver lectures. Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur delivered a lecture on "Technology-Enabled Education in Next Generation" and Prof. P. Krishna Deva Rao delivered a lecture on "Constitution and Common man: Some Reflections" on the occasion of the Indian Constitution Day.

Extension activities have not been ignored even during the pandemic. The university organized COVID-19 Awareness and Prevention Activities in the remote tribal areas, rural areas and the urban slums with participation of the alumni under the supervision and guidance of the faculty. Voluntary tele-counselling services addressing mental health issues were conducted in association with Support for Emotional Rehabilitation of the Virus Victims (SERV), a joint initiative of The Association of Health Psychologists (AHP) of University of Hyderabad, ASHA Hospital, Dr. Reddy's Foundation, APTS Social Service Forum, and Action Aid under the aegis of UNICEF, Hyderabad.

As a part of capacity-building for the university teachers, Dr. BRAOU's HRD and training division – the Centre for Staff Training and Development, CSTD for short -- conducted a flash virtual workshop on "Online Teaching Tools and Content Management" for the faculty and academic Counsellors across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and in collaboration with the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi the CSTD conducted a 2-week MOOC on, "Online Course Development for SWAYAM". Yet another CEMCA-CSTD collaborative training programme was held on "Blended Learning in Higher Education Institutions" for teachers working in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

In 2021 a Centre for Online Education Learning was set up to facilitate the University's digital initiatives and online courses. It took up a CEMCA collaborative project to offer two MOOCs-- One on 'Stress Management' and the other on 'Gender Sensitization'.

An accomplishment worth mention is the launch of dissemination and deliberation Forums by the

Faculties, such as a forum of language and literature by faculty of Arts; 'Vanijya Vahini' by the Faculty of Commerce; 'Vidya Vignana Vedika' by the Department of Education; Forum for Science Awareness & Extension by the Faculty of Science; "Open Social Forum" or "Sarvatrika Samajika Vedika by the Faculty of Social Sciences to commemorate 40 years of Dr. BRAOU.

The PRATIBHA webinar series organised by the Department of Public Administration in collaboration with IIPA and Department of History conducted the International Seminars on Ambedkar Democracy and Nationalism and a Webinar on Freedom Movement in Telangana to commemorate 40 years of BRAOU and Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, 75 years of Indian Independence was extremely well- received. The Department of Library Science organized a two- day National Seminar on "Changing Contours of Research in LIS in the Information Age" and the Department of Economics and Telangana Economic Association organized a one-day pre-conference symposium on "New Farm Laws 2020: Impact on Farmers and Food Security with Special Reference to Telangana".

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION AND NEW INITIATIVES

The university has always been a pioneer in technology use. It has a well-equipped EMR & RC Centre [formerly known as Audio-Visual Production and Research Centre] Unit, with state-of-the-art-studios, where Audio-Video lessons are recorded and transmitted via AIR, T-SAT channels. The campus is equipped with Wi-Fi and inter-linked with its RCCs and Study Centre through BSNL Local Area Network with 100 mbps internet speed. The EMR&RC has prepared a web portal, vidyagani.braou.ac.in and uploaded a playlist of Audio/Video lessons for the students to download on demand. At present, 1432 Audio Lessons, 880 Video Lessons, and 77 Teleconference lessons are available in the University web portal for on-demand viewing and download.

All the Self- Learning Materials of UG-level CBCS course materials have been hosted on the university website along with a separate Repository of all recorded Audio-Video lessons. The subject-wise information is made available on the

university online services portal. All operations related to examination and evaluation are computerised, and BRAOU has led the way in the conduct of digital On-screen Evaluation for all UG and PG course examinations.

UNIVERSITY FINANCES

The base-line for resource mobilization by the university is “self-generated” funds. The main sources of finances include Grants released from Government of Telangana, and collections from learners’ tuition/ admission fees and examination fees and sharing of learning materials.

Further, the university focusses on conservation and judicious use of resources. For instance, on account of utilisation of solar power and use of energy-efficient lamps with LED lighting that have been installed in the interiors of all the buildings and exterior locations including street lighting all along the roads within the University campus the expenditure on power has been reduced resulting in savings of Rs.30,19,124/- for the year 2019-20 and Rs.32,06,392/- for the year 2020-21. The cumulative savings on power consumption for the last three years has been assessed as Rs.96, 18,927/-

ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES

I am happy to share some of the significant achievements of the University:

The steps taken for sustainable and resilient infrastructure development are worthy of special mention. A Medicinal Plant Garden was inaugurated at the University campus by Member of the Telangana Legislative Council, Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi. The Miyawaki form of plantation has been developed at three locations of the campus during the year 2021-22 by planting more than 2000 plant species of different varieties.

Nearly 1378 persons with disabilities have been enrolled in the university’s programmes and the number of rural learners during the three academic years is now at 74,216 making them the majority as compared with the urban learners who are at 46,570.

Dr. BRAOU is imparting Education through the Semester system on par with regular universities and a YouTube channel --“braouchannel” has been started to provide online lessons to the students.

I once again, thank our distinguished guests and wish our graduands all success in their future endeavours.

రాజ్యాంగం దృక్పథం ప్రకారం రిజర్వేషన్లు ప్రజాస్వామ్యానికి మూలమైనవి : ప్రొ. చెన్న బసవయ్య

అంబేద్కర్ వర్సిటీ న్యూస్, సెప్టెంబర్ 28, 2022: డాక్టర్ బీఆర్ అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయం ఫ్యాకల్టీ ఆఫ్ సోషల్ సైన్సెస్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో సార్వత్రిక సామాజిక వేదిక (ఓపెన్ టాక్) ద్వారా వర్తమాన అంశాలపై సెప్టెంబర్ 28, 2022న జరిగిన సమావేశంలో “రిజర్వేషన్లు : రాజ్యాంగం, వైరుధ్యాలు” అనే అంశంపై ఉస్మానియా యూనివర్సిటీ రాజనీతి శాస్త్రం విభాగ మాజీ ప్రొఫెసర్ చెన్న బసవయ్య ప్రసంగించారు.

ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ రిజర్వేషన్లు సంక్షేమ పథకాలేనా? రిజర్వేషన్లు రాజ్యాంగ దృక్పథం ఏమిటి అనే ప్రశ్నలకు జవాబు ఇవ్వాలంటే రాజ్యాంగ ప్రవేశికలో పొందుపరిచినటువంటి రాజ్యాంగ తత్వాన్ని అర్థం చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. రాజ్యాంగ ప్రవేశికలోని ముఖ్యంగా ప్రజాస్వామ్యం అనేటువంటి పదం న్యాయం, సాంఘిక, ఆర్థిక, రాజకీయ అనేటువంటి పదాల సారాన్ని అవగతం చేసుకోవాలన్నారు. అప్పుడే రిజర్వేషన్లు తాత్వికత, వాటి పునాది మనకు అర్థమౌతుంది. ప్రాతినిధ్యం ద్వారానే సామాజిక న్యాయం చేకూరుతుందన్నారు. రాజ్యాంగం దృక్పథం ప్రకారం రిజర్వేషన్లు ప్రజాస్వామ్యానికి మూలమైన ప్రాతినిధ్యానికి సంబంధించినవి. సామాజిక, రాజకీయ, ఆర్థిక, న్యాయానికి సంబంధించినటువంటివి. అంతేగాని ఇవి సంక్షేమ పథకాలలో భాగం కాదన్నారు. రిజర్వేషన్లను ఇన్క్లూజివ్ కోణంలో చూడాలి. ఈ కోణంలో చూసినప్పుడు మాత్రమే రిజర్వేషన్లు సారాంశం అర్థమౌతుందని ప్రొఫెసర్ చెన్న బసవయ్య అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. ప్రస్తుతం కేంద్రం ప్రభుత్వం ఈ డబ్ల్యూఎస్ కోటా కింద తెచ్చిన 10 శాతం రిజర్వేషన్లు



రాజ్యాంగ తత్వానికి విరుద్ధమని గతంలో రిజర్వేషన్లపై వచ్చిన తీర్పులను బట్టి స్పష్టమౌతుందన్నారు.

కార్యక్రమానికి అధ్యక్షత వహించిన సామాజిక శాస్త్రాల విభాగ డీన్ ప్రొఫెసర్ ఘంటా చక్రపాణి మాట్లాడుతూ.. ఇటీవల వెల్లడైన యూపీఎస్సీ, నీట్ లాంటి ఫలితాల్లో ఎస్సీ, ఎస్టీ, బీసీల కంటే ఈడబ్ల్యూఎస్ కోటా లో వచ్చిన వారికి తక్కువ మార్కులు రావడం మనకు ఆశ్చర్యం కలిగించే విషయం అన్నారు. రాజకీయ విధానాలు ప్రభావితం చేసేది ప్రజా ఉద్యమాలు, ప్రజా సంఘాలు, పౌర సమాజం నుంచి వచ్చే ఒత్తిడి మాత్రమే అన్నారు. ఇవేవి లేకుంటే రిజర్వేషన్స్ అమలుకే ప్రమాదం పొంచి ఉందన్నారు. కార్యక్రమ ఆవశ్యకతను, ప్రస్తుత పరిస్థితుల గురించి పొలిటికల్ సైన్సు ప్రొ. గుంటి రవి వివరించారు. కార్యక్రమం లో పలు విభాగాల అధిపతులు, అధ్యాపక, అధ్యాపకేతర సిబ్బంది, పరిశోధక విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



Smt. Sabitha Indra Reddy, Education Minister said that Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Rao is trying to bring many changes in the higher education sector. CM has been doing many programs for the last eight years, CM has decided to take up job vacancies, for this one

constituency. He said that it has already started in some constituencies. Arrangements should be made to provide the study material to all the coaching centers and also steps will be taken to provide the material to all the libraries and necessary steps will be taken shortly.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao said that lakhs of students have got jobs after reading their university material and explained that these four books have been specially designed to help the students of Telangana region in the context of Telangana Government releasing many notifications. They said that this material, which was to be sold for five thousand rupees in the open market, was made available only for the cost of printing (i.e., Rs. 1100/-).

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, former, Chairman of TSPSC and chairman of the material Preparation committee, who participated in the program, said that after the formation of Telangana state, KCR government came to power, so many appointments were made in the state in a short time. It is explained that keeping in view the current competitive

conditions, these special books have been designed to be useful for the students in the coming days. Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi, MLC Dr. Ayachitham Sridhar, Chairman, Telangana Grandhalaya Parishath, Dr. A. V. N. Reddy, Registrar and others spoke on the occasion.

Sri. K. Sudhir Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Industrialists Federation, on behalf of the organization bought the books worth of Rs: 11 lakhs and presented the cheque to Dr. A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar of the university. These books will be made available to students in Telangana government libraries. The University Executive members Sri R Shailesh Reddy, CEO, T-SAT, Prof. D. Ravinder, Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University, Dr Banoth Lal, Sri Diddi srinivas, Prof Venkataramana in-charge Vice-Chancellor, RJUKT (Basara) participated in the programme. Prof. Vaddanam Srinivas, Director, Directorate Materials & Publications 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

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

CM KCR IS STRENGTHENING HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH DIGITAL MEDIA :- B. Vinod Kumar

- CIQA One Day Symposium At BRAOU
- Prof. R. Limbadri, Navin Mittal, IAS., MLC Surabhi Vani Devi, R. Shailesh Reddy, Prof. T. Papi Reddy were spoke



BRAOU News, August 23, 2022: Shri B Vinod Kumar, Vice Chairman, Telangana Planning Board stated that Chief Minister, KCR is strengthening higher education in Telangana through digital media. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Center for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) and Excel India Media Group organized One Day Symposium on “Bridging Educational Divide (Through ODFL and Technology Integration)” program on Tuesday.

Many education sector experts and government leaders participated in this program and extensively discussed the current situation of the education system, the changes that will come in the education sector in the coming days, the measures to be taken by the governments and educational institutions, etc. It is suggested that the available technology should be widely used in the field of education. The Telangana Government is keeping a close eye on the changes coming in the education sector all over the world and making the available technology available to the government educational institutions, Sri. B. Vinod Kumar, Vice Chairman, Telangana Planning Board, Prof. R. Limbadri, Chairman, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Sri. Naveen Mittal, IAS, Commissioner of Technical and Collegiate Education, Telangana State, Commissioner Prof. T. Papi Reddy,

former Chairman of Higher Education Council and others.

Sri.B. Vinod Kumar said that there have been many changes in the old teaching methods in the education system and there is a need to adopt modern teaching methods. It is said that India has more youth and the number of people going to school and college in our country is equal to the total population of America 33 crores. He explained that there is a need to increase the

number of people pursuing higher education and the Telangana government will take all measures for that.

Sri. Navin Mittal, Commissioner of Technical and Collegiate Education, Government of Telangana, said that in the backdrop of technological revolution, the classroom environment has completely changed and online education teaching will bring innovative changes. He said that the system of black board and green board has disappeared and digital



board has come. Explain the need for classroom instruction while inviting change. He said that since the students are in the classroom, they have the opportunity to be available to the teacher and have fun with their fellow students. He said that the online



system has also turned the teachers into students

Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi, MLC, said that the government will try to make higher education available to all the students of Telangana state and all the universities should cooperate in this. He said that

education and teaching should be done according to the conditions of Marina and all the classrooms should be integrated online so that there will be a possibility to change the classrooms according to the convenience of the students.



Prof. R. Limbadri, Chairman, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, Limbadri said that the new education system will give a boost to the spread of distance education and organizations like NITI Aayog are suggesting to provide quality education. Online mode is termed as medium of life

long learning. On the one hand, talking about 5G and network, on the other hand, students are facing difficulties in electricity supply and broadband in some areas. Ambedkar Open University has announced that if the university wants to spread higher education, it will provide a digital platform for the Higher Education Council across the state of Telangana.

Sri R Shailesh Reddy, CEO, T-SAT, said that after the formation of Telangana state, the government has focused on digital classrooms and as part of it, minister KTR has focused on T-SAT. He said that since 2016, T-



SAT programs have been expanded, and in the time of pandemic like Corona, we have digitally provided the classroom from KG to PG through T-SAT and got the appreciation of all.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao said that there is a need to make extensive use of information technology in distance education and higher education in the country. He said that there is a wide discussion on the new education system across the country and it will soon be implemented in all universities.

Prof.P.Madhusudhana Reddy, Director, CIQA initiated about the program and explain the aims, objectives of the program. Sri Ramakrishna Sangem, Chief Editor, Excel India Media Group proposed vote of thanks. Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar, Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani, Dean, Social Sciences, Dr. Banoth Lal, Dean, Students Affairs and Directors, Heads of the Branches, Deans, Teaching staff members, Representatives of various services Associations were participated.

కాళోజీ జీవితం ఆదర్శనీయం - అంబేద్కర్ వర్సిటీలో కాళోజీ స్మారకోపన్యాసం

అంబేద్కర్ వర్సిటీ న్యూస్, సెప్టెంబర్ 7, 2022 : తెలంగాణ వైతాళికులు కాళోజీ నారాయణరావు 108వ జయంతిని పురస్కరించుకుని అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో బుధవారం స్మారకోపన్యాసం నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ప్రముఖ కవి, రచయిత శ్రీ దర్భాశయనం శ్రీనివాసాచార్య “కాళోజీ కవిత్వం - మానవ విలువలు” అనే అంశంపై మాట్లాడుతూ కాళోజీతో సమాజాభివృద్ధికి పాటుపడ్డారని, తాను నమ్ముకున్న సిద్ధాంతం కోసమే చివరి వరకు పరితపించారన్నారు. తన ముక్కు సూటి రచనలతో సమాజాన్ని చైతన్య పర్చారన్నారు. తెలంగాణ బాష, యాసతో పాటు ప్రజలు వాడే మాండలికాలనే ఉపయోగించేవారని పేర్కొన్నారు. తనకు ఏ విషయంపైనా అయినా కోపం వస్తే పెద్ద చిన్న అనే తేడా లేకుండా విమర్శలు చేసేవారని వివరించారు. కాళోజీ నిరాడంబర జీవితం భవిష్యత్ తరాలకు ఆదర్శనీయంగా పేర్కొన్నారు.

ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి అధ్యక్షత వహించిన విశ్వవిద్యాలయ ఉపకులపతి ప్రొ.కే.సీతారామ రావు మాట్లాడుతూ తెలంగాణ వైతాళికుల్లో కాళోజీ ముందు వరసలో నిలుస్తారని, తనజీవిత కాలం తెలంగాణ భాష, తెలంగాణ యాస, ప్రత్యేక రాష్ట్ర ఆవిర్భావం అనే ధ్యాసనే ఉండేదని గుర్తు చేశారు. కాళోజీ రచనలు తెలంగాణ



ఉద్యమానికి ఊపిరిగా నిలిచాయని పేర్కొన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఆత్మీయ అతిథిగా పాల్గొన్న విశ్వవిద్యాలయ అకాడమిక్ డైరెక్టర్ ప్రొ. ఇ. సుధారాణి మాట్లాడుతూ విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో తెలంగాణ వైతాళికుల జయంతి సందర్భంగా డా.బి.ఆర్. అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో స్మారకోపన్యాసాలు ఏర్పాటు చేస్తూ వారి జీవిత విశేషాలు భవిష్యత్ తరాలకు పరిచయం అయ్యేలా, పరిశోధకులకు, చరిత్రకారులకు ఉపయోగపడేలా నిర్వహిస్తున్నామని పేర్కొంటూ ముఖ్య అతిథిని పరిచయం చేశారు. అంతకు ముందు కాళోజీ చిత్ర పటానికి పూలమాల వేసి నివాళి అర్పించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో పలువురు డీన్స్, డైరెక్టర్స్, పలు సంఘాల నాయకులు, అధ్యాపక, అధ్యాపకేతర సిబ్బంది తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

GANDHIJI WAS A GREAT JOURNALIST : Prof. K. Seetharama Rao

* BRAOU Inaugurated "Vidya Vigyan Vedika"



Gandhi was explained as a message to the society. It is said that he was interested in science and research during his studying days in South Africa. He said that in those days, Gandhiji thought that society would develop if researches in science were carried out widely, and this shows his vision. Dr. AVRN Reddy, Registrar, Dr. BRAOU attended as Guests of Honor spoke on the occasion.

BRAOU News, September 5, 2022:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Department of Education organized a "Vidya Vigyan Vedika" National Symposium on "Gandhian Concept of Education in the Context of NEP-2020" at the university campus.

The Chief Guest Prof.K.Seetharama Rao, Vice - Chancellor, BRAOU said that Gandhiji's life and ideals will guide future generations. He explained that Ambedkar Open University has been adopting many aspects of the New National Education Policy since the beginning and those policies are in line with Gandhiji's ideas.

Dr.W.G. Prasanna Kumar, Chairman, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, spoke on the topic of technical, vocational education and employment opportunities. The topics included in the National New Education Policy - 2020, Technical Education, Vocational Education skill, requirement and available opportunities have been comprehensively explained.

Dr.Nagasuri Venugopal, Director (Retd), Regional Academy of Broadcasting and Multimedia, All India Radio, said that Father of the Nation Gandhiji was a great journalist and his life was a great example. Respect for women and respect for his wife Kasturiba

Prof.E.Sudha Rani,

Director (Academic) and Symposium Chairperson, presided over the function. Dr.Chandrakala, Symposium Director introduced about the program and Guests. Dr.Mary Sunanda, Symposium Co-Director, All the Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, research scholars and other universities students, Teaching and Non-teaching staff, Representatives of various services association also participated.

Felicitations to Best Teacher Awardee:

Prof. I. Anand Pawar, Dean of Commerce, who received the State Best Teachers Award for the year 2022, felicitated by Prof.K. Seetharama Rao, Vice Chancellor, Dr. A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar and Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Academic Director. Teaching and Faculty members also felicitated to Prof I. Anand pawar.



అంబేద్కర్ వర్సిటీలో ఘనంగా బతుకమ్మ సంబరాలు

అంబేద్కర్ వర్సిటీ న్యూస్, సెప్టెంబర్ 29, 2022: డా.బి.ఆర్. అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో బతుకమ్మ పండగా సంబరాలు ఘనంగా జరిగాయి. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో విశ్వవిద్యాలయ రిజిస్ట్రార్ డా. ఎ.వి.ఎన్.రెడ్డి, మహిళా విభాగ ఇంచార్జి డా. ఎన్. రజని ప్రారంభించారు. అనంతరం మహిళా ఉద్యోగులకు శుభాకాంక్షలు తెలిపారు.

విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో ప్రత్యేకంగా ఏర్పాటు చేసిన బతుకమ్మ కార్యక్రమంలో

ఈ ఆఫీస్ ఇంచార్జ్ డా. పల్లవి కాబడే, మంజుల, సులోచన, సుహాసిని, మణి, కామాక్షి, విశ్వవిద్యాలయ మహిళలు ఉద్యోగులు బతుకమ్మ ఆడారు.



కార్యక్రమంలో అన్ని విభాగాల అధిపతులు, డీన్స్, అధ్యాపక, అధ్యపకేతర సిబ్బంది, అన్ని ఉద్యోగ సంఘాల నాయకులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BRAOU

BRAOU News, August 15, 2022: Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University today hoisted the tri-colour National Flag on the occasion of 76th 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. 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.

Earlier the university staff make march for remembered Indian freedom fighters and participated in a rally with tri colour flags on the eve of 76th independence day. The Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff members, Directors, Deans and representatives of University various Service Associations attended the Independence Day Celebrations.



LATE E.SUDHAKAR, Senior Assistant, Academic Branch passed away on 15-09-2022. A condolence meeting was held at the campus to mourn the death of E. Sudhakar.

OBITUARY

LATE C. CHENCHU RAMAIAH, Office Subordinate, Finance Branch, passed away on 20-09-2022. A condolence meeting was held at the campus to mourn the death of C. Chenchu Ramaiah.



PROGRAMMES OFFERED

S. No	Name of the Programme	Eligibility	Prog. Duration (in years)		Tuition Fee (Per Annum)	Medium of Instruction
			Min.	Max.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
I. Bachelor's Degree Programmes						
1.	Bachelor of Arts (B.A)	Pass in Intermediate or its equivalent Course	3	6	I Year Rs.2700/- II Year Rs.2500/- III Year Rs.2500/-	English, Telugu & Urdu
2.	Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)		-do-	3	6	2700/-
3.	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc)	a). Intermediate with Science (OR) b). One year work experience in any Science & Technology Organization	3	6	2700/- -Plus- (Science Practical Fee) For each Subject Rs. 1600/-	English, Telugu & Urdu (Botany, Zoology & Chem. only)
II. Master's Programmes						
4.	Master of Arts M.A. (Economics)	Bachelor's Degree with Eco./ B.Com/B.B.A./B.B.M.	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
5.	Master of Arts M.A. (History)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
6.	Master of Arts M.A. (Political Science)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
7.	Master of Arts M.A. (Public Admin)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
8.	Master of Arts M.A.(Sociology)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
9.	Master of Arts M.A.(English)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	English
10.	Master of Arts M.A.(Hindi)	Graduate with Hindi as Second Language /Optional subject/Equivalent Hindi Exam	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Hindi
11.	Master of Arts M.A.(Telugu)	Graduate with Telugu Second Language/ Optional Subject /Equivalent Telugu Exam	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Telugu
12.	Master of Arts M.A.(Urdu)	Graduate with Urdu Second Language/ Optional Subject/ Equivalent or Urdu Exam	2	6	I - Rs. 5,300/- II - Rs. 5,000/-	Urdu
13.	M.A. (Journalism and Mass Communication)	Bachelor's Degree in any Discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 7,800/- II - Rs. 7,500/-	English
14.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Mathematics)	Bachelor's Degree with Mathematics	2	6	I - Rs. 7,800/- II - Rs. 7,500/-	English
15.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Applied Mathematics)	Bachelor's Degree with Mathematics	2	6	I - Rs. 7,800/- II - Rs. 7,500/-	English

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

S. No	Name of the Programme	Eligibility	Prog. Duration (in years)		Tuition Fee (Per Annum)	Medium of Instruction
			Min.	Max.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
16.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Botany)	B.Sc Degree with Botany	2	6	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
17.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Chemistry)	B.Sc Degree with Chemistry	2	6	I - Rs. 18,300/- II - Rs. 18,000/-	English
18.	Master of Science M.Sc. (Environmental Science)	B.Sc.Degree with Science Subjects in any Discipline of Science OR its equivalent. Admissions on Merit basis	2	6	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
19.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Psychology)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	2	6	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
20.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Physics)	B.Sc Degree with Physics and Mathematics	2	6	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
21.	Master of Science M.Sc.(Zoology)	B.Sc Degree with Zoology as one of the Subject or its equivalent	2	6	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
22.	Master of Commerce (M.Com)	Bachelor's Degree in Commerce/ BBA/BBM/B.A. (Commerce)	2	6	I - Rs. 7,800/- II - Rs. 7,500/-	English

III. Professional Programmes (Post Bachelor's Level)

23.	Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) (New Syllabus)	1) 50% marks in Graduation 45% marks for Reserved Categories 2) Admission through TS/APCET (Common Entrance Test)	2 4	6 Seme- sters	I - Rs. 15,300/- II - Rs. 15,000/-	English
24.	MBA (Hospital & Health Care Management) with AHERF, Hyderabad	1) Any Graduate- Medical/ Non Medical other than Oriental Languages & Fine Arts from a recognized University with 50% marks. 2) Entrance Test	2 years over 4 semesters of Theory & Practicals		Rs. 1.20 lakh payable in two installment of Rs. 70,000 and Rs. 50,000 in	English
25.	Master's Degree in Library & Information Science (MLISc)	BLISc Degree (40% and above) OR (35% for SC/ST)	1	3	Rs. 10,300/-	English
26.	Bachelor's Degree in Library & Info. Science (BLISc)	a). Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with Work Experience in Library (Min 1 year) OR b) Graduate with Diploma OR Certificate in Lib. Science OR c) Law/Pharmacy/Engg. graduates OR d) Graduates with 50% aggregate Marks	1	3	Rs. 5,300/-	English & Telugu

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

S. No	Name of the Programme	Eligibility	Prog. Duration (in years)		Tuition Fee (Per Annum)	Medium of Instruction
			Min.	Max.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
27.	Bachelor of Education (B.Ed)	1. 50% marks in B.A/B.Sc/ B.Com/B.Sc. Home Sci./BCA/BBM/BBA (55% in BE/B.Tech.) (40% for SC/ST/BC/PH Candidates) 2. Trained In-Service Teachers working in Govt. Aided/MPP/ZPP Recognized School 3. Candidates with TTC/DEd./ DE&Ed/TPT/HPT/UPT/BP.Ed/ D.Ped qualification necessary	2	5	Rs. 25,000/- at the time of Admission in one instalment	Telugu
28.	Bachelor of Education B.Ed (Special Education)	1. 50% marks in BA/B.Sc/ B.Com/B.Sc.(Home Sci.)/ BCA/BBA/B.O.L. (55% marks in BE/B.Tech.) (40% for SC/ST/BC/PH candidates) 2. Admission by Entrance Test	2	5 Semesters	Rs. 30,000/- at the time of Admission in one /two instalments	English & Telugu
IV. Post Graduate Diploma Programmes						
29.	PG. Diploma in Marketing Management (PGDMM)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 5,200/-	English
30.	PG. Diploma in Business Finance (PGDBF)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 5,200/-	English
31	PG. Diploma in Writing for Mass Media in Telugu (PGDWMMT)	a). Bachelor's Degree in any discipline (OR) b).Intermediate with 3 years experience in Mass Media	1	3	Rs. 5,200/-	Telugu
32.	PG. Diploma in Environmental Studies (PGDES)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 5,200/-	Telugu
33.	PG. Diploma in Human Rights (PGDHR)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 4,000/-	English
34.	PG. Diploma in Women's Studies (PGDWS)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 4,000/-	English
35.	PG. Diploma in Culture & Heritage Tourism(PGDCHT)	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline	1	3	Rs. 5,200/-	English
VI. Certificate Programmes						
36.	Certificate Prog. in Food & Nutrition (CPFN)	a). No formal academic qualif. required b). Minimum age : 18 years	6 Months	18 Mths	Rs. 1600/-	Telugu
37.	Certificate Program in Literacy & Community Development (CPLCD)	SSC or Intermediate	6 Months	18 Mths	Rs. 2,100/-	Telugu
38.	Certificate Program in NGO's Management (CNGOM)	Inter or 10th with 3 years experience in any private organization	6 Months	18 Mths	Rs. 2,100/-	Telugu
39.	Certificate Program in Early Childhood & Education (CECE)	Intermediate	1 Year	3 Years	Rs. 5,400/-	English

BRAOU ORGANISED PROF. K. JAYASHANKAR MEMORIAL LECTURE



BRAOU News, August 30, 2022: Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University organized Prof. K. Jayashankar Memorial Lecture at its campus as part of 88th Birthday Celebrations on August 30, 2022 at the university campus.

Prof. G.Ram Reddy, Professor Political Science, Central University Andhra Pradesh, Ananthapuramu, delivered the lecture on the theme **“Unionization of State and Federalisation of Polity: Assumptions, Assertions and Aspiration”** Prof. Reddy said federalism is not about the states or centre’s right, it’s about the balance between both the powers. Federalism spirit is essentially desgined to ensure the personal liberty of individual. He pointed out that the fight between centre and states making us to forget what are the rights of individuals.

Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program, Prof. Rao explained about the importance of memorial

lectures, the university regularly conducts memorial lectures with the aim of providing the life stories of Telangana Intellectuals and their services to the society for future generations. He recalled his memories with Prof. Jayashankar.

Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic), Dr. BRAOU introduced about the program and Chief Guest. Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar spoke on the occasion. The program was attended by the Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, Teaching and Non-teaching Staff members.

Earlier Prof. G.Ram Reddy, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Prof E. Sudha Rani, Dr.A.V.N. Reddy, all 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.

అంబేద్కర్ వర్షివార్షికోత్సవం ఘనంగా తెలంగాణ జాతీయ సమైక్యతా దినోత్సవం

అంబేద్కర్ వర్షివార్షికోత్సవం, సెప్టెంబర్ 17, 2022 : డా. బి. ఆర్. అంబేద్కర్ సార్వత్రిక విశ్వవిద్యాలయంలో తెలంగాణ జాతీయ సమైక్యతా దినోత్సవ వేడుకలు ఘనంగా జరిగాయి. విశ్వవిద్యాలయ రిజిస్ట్రార్, డా. ఎ.వి.ఎన్. రెడ్డి విశ్వవిద్యాలయ ప్రాంగణంలో జాతీయ పతాకాన్ని ఆవిష్కరించారు. అనంతరం అయన విశ్వవిద్యాలయ, అధికారులు, సిబ్బందికి జాతీయ సమైక్యతా దినోత్సవ శుభాకాంక్షలు తెలిపారు. కార్యక్రమంలో విశ్వవిద్యాలయ అన్ని విభాగాల డైరెక్టర్స్, డీన్స్, బోధన మరియు భోదనేతర సిబ్బంది, ఉద్యోగ సంఘాల నాయకులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



NEW NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 IS THE COMPASS FOR THE COUNTRY'S EDUCATION SECTOR: - Dr.Pankaj Mittal

- BRAOU Celebrated Foundation Day
- Released a Special Postal Cover on the Completion of the 40 Years of the university
- Inauguration of postal parcel services for better services to students
- MoU Signed between BRAOU and Telangana Postal Department



BRAOU News, August 26, 2022: National Education Policy - 2020 will become a new compass for the new generation said Dr.Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi, was the chief guest & keynote Speaker at the 41st Foundation Day Lecture at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad. Dr.Pankaj Mittal, delivered a Lecture on “Road Map to Sustainable Higher Education” Dr. Mittal said that sustainable higher education is given priority in the current situation. She said that this decision is going to be to provide quality education to the youth of the country to make the curriculum easier at the national level. She explained that the road map for quality higher education has been laid out very well in the new National Education Policy 2020. However, to overcome the challenges, it is suggested to take steps to achieve financial self-sufficiency for the educational institutions. She explained that the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) system will be useful for students.

Academic Bank Credit is a Digital / Virtual / Online entity intended to function like a commercial bank, with bank credit availing of students as customers. Various services including credit

verification and credit transfer are said to be offered. Academic Bank Credit will be credited to the account of all students studying in any recognized institution of higher learning or those who wish to study as a freelancer even if they are not currently students. It was explained that top 100 universities of the world have sought permission to open their campuses in India and it will be realized soon. She said that while 10 lakh people from our country go abroad for higher education every year, the fees they pay is more than the budget allocated for higher education in the country, while the students coming to our country from other countries are only 48 thousand, and that too only from small countries. She expressed hope that the new education system will help spread higher education and provide quality education in the country.



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. This university will work to provide quality higher education as envisioned in the National Education Policy 2020 and the employees should rededicate towards better services to the learners.

Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic), Dr. BRAOU was welcomed and introduced about the program and Chief Guest. Dr.A.V.N.Reddy, Registrar also spoke on the occasion. The University Executive members Sri R Shailesh Reddy, CEO, T-SAT, and Dr.Banoth Lal, Dean, Student Affairs also spoke on the occasion.

BRAOU MoU with Postal Department and inaugurated bulk postal parcel service Centre.

On the occasion of the completion of 40 years of the university Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Prof. K Seetharama Rao and postal department officials Mr. K. Deva raj and



Mr. K. Prakash released a special postal cover designed by the postal department. And also started a exclusive postal parcel service center in the university. Prof.Vaddanam Srinivas, Director, Directorate Materials & Publications and Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Dean, Social Sciences 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.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMED IN AMBEDKAR OPEN UNIVERSITY

BRAOU News, July 30, 2022: Alumni Association of Ambedkar Open University (AAAOU), Nodal Officer Dr. Pallavi Kabde introduced the new executive committee members of the Alumni Association to the Vice Chancellor Prof.K Seetharama Rao on Saturday. On this occasion, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU said that the former students are the link between the university and the society. Although the university has had an Alumni Association for the past few years, it is a good sign that the current members have completed the registration process, drafted bylaws and elected an adhoc committee.

Dr. A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar, Prof.P. Madhususana Reddy, Director (CIQA), Dr. P. Venu Gopal Reddy, Public Relations Officer participated



and congratulated the new team members. The office bearers are, President –S. Venkateswara Rao; Vice-President – Sajida Khan; General Secretary – D. Udayani; Joint Secretary - Sri. N. Yadagiri ; Treasurer - Sri. N.C.Venu Gopal. Executive Members –Dr.K. Chandrakala, Md Habeebuddin, Smt.M. Rushendramani, Smt.K.Manjula, Sri V.Chandra Kumar and Md Hamza Ali.

NEED OF MORE WOMEN JUDGES IN INDIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM

TELANGANA HIGH COURT JUDGE JUSTICE NANDA

BRAOU organised A National Symposium on "Women In Nation Building: Pre And Post Independent India"



BRAOU News, 11 August 2022: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Department of History organized a National Symposium on "Women in Nation Building: Pre and Post Independent India" to commemorate "Azadika Amrit Mahotsav" and 40th anniversary of Dr. BRAOU. Organized through offline and blended mode.

Chief Guest of the Inaugural session of the Symposium, Smt. Geethanjali Manral, Chairperson, FWO, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area, in her address, spoke about the supreme services of the Indian Army and the challenges that confront the war-widows. Prof K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU who presided over the program, spoke about the significance of the symposium concept to highlight the role of women in pre and post-independent India.

Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi, Member of Telangana Legislative Council, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. BRAOU; Dr. AVRN Reddy, Registrar, Dr. BRAOU attended as Guests of Honor spoke on the occasion. Prof. Uma Chakravathy, Former head department of history, Delhi University, Feminist Historian and Film Maker, was the Keynote speaker of the symposium. In her Address, she spoke about women participation in independence movement. She has mentioned popular women freedom fighters names and explained their contribution for the independence movement.

Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic) and Symposium Director explained the theme of the Symposium. She stated that the main purpose of Symposium is to unearth women's narratives in Indian nationalist struggle, gendering Indian nationalism and public policies in 75 years of Indian independence.

The Symposium deliberations were conducted in two sessions. Panel-I was on the broad theme of "Women in Nation Building: Pre Independent India" which were covered by three Resource Persons. Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director of Symposium was the lead Discussant for the panel. Prof. S. Anandi of Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai spoke on the topic "Gender and the Critique of Nationalism: Perspectives from the Dravidian Movement"; Prof. K. Suneetha Rani, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad spoke on the topic "Envisioning the Nation: Women's Narratives from Pre-independence India"; and Dr. Zareena Parveen, Director, State Archives, Govt. of Telangana spoke on the topic "Muslim Women's Participation in National Movement".

Panel -2 on "Women in Nation Building-Post Independent India", was covered by three Resource Persons, and Jupaka Subadra was the Lead Discussant of the panel. In this panel, Prof. Challapalli Swaroopa Rani, Department of History, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur spoke on the Topic "Role of Women in Nation Building during Pre-Independence Period in India- Socio-Cultural Spheres". Dr. Abhinaya Kamble, Head, Department of Political Science, K.J. Somiah College, Mumbai also Spoke on the symposium. Dr. Sarala, Department of Economics, Central University of Gujarat spoke on the Topic "Public Policy and Women Empowerment in 75 years of Independence".

In the valedictory session, Justice S Nanda, Judge, High Court of Telangana attended as Chief Guest. Justice Nanda pointed out that "Need of more women judges in Indian Judicial System". She has explained that women judges contribution and commitment to the Indian Judicial System. Justice Nanda also mentioned that the quality of justice will

be delivered when more women judges are chaired in Indian judicial system. she also mentioned in coming days governments should think to give 50% representation for women as judges in Indian Judicial System. The valedictory address was given by Dr Sivakami, former IAS and feminist activist Chennai. Dr AVRN Reddy, Registrar, Dr. BRAOU were Guest of Honor for the valedictory session. Prof E

Sudha Rani, Symposium Director, presented the symposium deliberations and detailed report.

All the Directors, Deans, Heads of the branches, research scholars and other universities students, Teaching and Non-teaching staff, Representatives of various services association also participated.

Ambedkar the Greatest Nationalist

* Speakers at Ambedkar Varsity International Conference

* Conference as part of Azadi Ka Amrit celebrations

BRAOU News, July 11, 2022: Many speakers opined that there is no greater nationalist in the world than Dr.B.R. Ambedkar.

Dr. Raja Shekhar Vundru, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Government, IAS, was present as the Chief Guest in the international conference on "Ambedkar, Democracy, Nationalism" organized under the auspices of Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University Department of History. Ambedkar, the maker of the constitution, said that during the writing of the constitution, he studied the economic, social and geographical conditions of the country and wished for the progress of all communities and saw many states to be merged in the country. It is said that since 1931, he has supported the country's integrity even before Patel.

Prof K Seetharama Rao, Vice-chancellor of the University presided over the program. Prof Rao said that Dr. BR Ambedkar wished for the progress of all sections of the country and said that the formation of a separate state of Telangana was possible due to the freedom given by Article 3 incorporated in the Constitution. Prof Limbadhri, Chairman, Telangana State Council of Higher Education, also participated and he mentioned that importance of the Indian Constitution and relevance of Democracy. Prof. Adapa Satyanarayana, former professor of history department of Osmania University, Ambedkar university Registrar Dr AVN Reddy, Registrar and others who participated as guests of honor in this program praised Ambedkar's foresight.

Professor Laxman D., Department of History, Lock



Haven University, Pennsylvania, United States of America. Prof. Satya was the keynote speaker. Speaking, he explained the role of Dr BR Ambedkar in forming the different states into a united nation after the struggle for independence. He said that Ambedkar gave many important suggestions to the ruling department to prevent any public war between castes and religions.

Prof. E. Sudharani, Academic Director and Organizer of the program explained the necessity of conducting the conference. She explained about the organization of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava program for Spurnana who participated in the national movement struggle. Prof. Vaddanam Srinivas, Conference Co-Director Dr. G. Dayakar, Associate Professor of History, participated and spoke.

In the subsequent sessions, Dr. Gajendran Ayyathurai, renowned historians, Gottingen University, Germany, Prof. Yasadatta Alone, Professor, Department of Visual Studies, J.N.U. (New Delhi), Prof. Narender Kumar, J.N.U. (New Delhi), Prof. M. Dasan, Professor of Central University of Kerala and others participated and gave a speech. All the Director, Deans, teaching and non-teaching staff, research students and various service association members participated in the programme.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT COURSES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED IN UNIVERSITIES

: Prof. Rajan M. Welukar

BRAOU News, July 4, 2022: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Center for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) organized the second lecture program as part of a special lectures series on Monday. Prof. Rajan M. Welukar, Vice - Chancellor, G H Raisoni University, and Former Vice-Chancellor University of Mumbai and Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU), Maharashtra was the Chief guest for the program. Prof. Rajan M. Welukar was present and spoke on "Imparting Quality Skill Education through Open Universities: Issues and Challenges". Prof. Welukar said that according to the changing conditions, the universities should focus on the courses that are in demand in the market and in that direction the time has come for the regulatory bodies to change their policies in granting permissions. He said that universities are necessary to develop skills among students but there is also a need to make courses available to school students. As a part of globalization, modern knowledge has come into use more after Covid-19. Keeping these in mind, it is suggested to create courses that provide employment to students and are in demand in the market. They want to increase the brand value of their respective organizations by entering into MoUs with



organizations that provide skill and vocational training courses.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU presided over the program. Prof. Rao said Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, which introduced distance education policy in the country, has become a pioneer for many distance learning universities.

Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic) attended as Guest of Honour spoke on the occasion. Dr. A. V. N. Reddy, Registrar attend as a Special invitee for the program. Prof. P. Madhusudhana Reddy, Director, CIQA initiated the Special Lecture Series and explain the aims, objectives of the program.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, VC, BRAOU attended the International Conference at Athabasca National Open Online University at Canada.

BRAOU News, September 16, 2022: The PCF-10 conference on "Innovations for Educational Resilience". Prof. Rao chaired a parallel Session. "Innovations for Educational Resilience" and mainly focused sub themes are 1) Building Resilience, 2) Inspiring Innovations, 3) promoting equity and inclusivity and 4) Fostering Life Long Learning. Each sub theme presented by a keynote speaker besides parallel sessions and panel discussions, work shops, poster presentations, country show casing and round table meets. For three days (14-16 September) it was a busy schedule increasing the enthusiasm and curiosity of participants to know and learn more new things and entertainment with new ideas. Prof. Rao chaired two parallel sessions on 15th and 16th of September on sub theme of Building Resilient HEI through ODFL. The main hosts of this world class and international academic event are COL,



Vancouver and Athabasca National Open Online University, Canada and supported by various Educational organisations of common wealth countries including ACU as Partners. All together more than 435 attendees in person more than 50 virtual participants from more than 40 countries. The prime minister of Canada sent his valuable message wishing it's grand success and emphasising the importance of transformative Education for climate action.

The Glimpses of Dr. BRAOU 24th Convocation:

Chancellor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan presenting the Degrees and Gold Medals to Students at 24th Convocation
Chief Guest Prof. Asha S Kanwar and Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Seetharama Rao also present





BRAOU 24th Convocation Grace Committee

Chancellor Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Seetharama Rao and Chief Guest Prof. Asha S. Kanwar



**Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU
meet Chancellor Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan.
Other officials also present**

Farewell & Felicitations to Retired Employee



**Prof V Srinivas,
Professor of Mathematics, Academic Branch
31-08-2022**



CENTRE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION AND LEARNING (COEL) INAUGURATED

The Centre for Online Learning has been established in 2021 and it has been renamed as Centre for Online Education and Learning (COEL) in 2022. The centre was inaugurated on 5th August 2022 by Prof. Asha Kanwar, President, Commonwealth of Learning, Vancouver, Canada. She attended as a Special invitee for the OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES(OER) Advisory committee meeting when she visited Dr BRAOU as a Chief guest to address the Convocation of BRAOU. In this programme, Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, VC, BRAOU, Prof. V. Venkaiah, Former Rector, Dr. A.V.N. Reddy, Registrar, Prof. E. Sudha Rani, Director (Academic) and Prof. Pushpa Chakrapani, Director (COEL) and other officials were present.