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Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University on the eve of 22nd Convocation to be held on April 20, 2018 at the University Campus, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.

The Twenty Second Convocation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) will be held on Friday April 20, 2018 at 5.00 pm at the ‘Open Plaza’ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Campus, Prof. G. Ram Reddy Marg, Road No 46, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.

Sri E. S. L. Narasimhan, Hon’ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh /Telangana and Chancellor of the University will grace the occasion and will award M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees, Gold Medals and Book Prizes.

Prof. N.V. VARGHESE, Vice-Chancellor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (Deemed University), New Delhi, will deliver the Convocation Address.

Prof. K. Seetharama Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. BRAOU will preside over the Convocation.

This time as many as 34,387 candidates are eligible for receiving Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates at this Convocation who are qualified during the year 2017.
The Break-up of award of degrees / diplomas/ certificates to be Awarded are as follows:

a) **Bachelor’s Degree Programmes**
   1. B.A  20,759
   2. B.Com  4,307
   3. B.Sc  4,866  29,932

b) **Master’s Degree Programmes**
   4. M.A (Economics)  144
   5. M.A (History) 97
   7. M.A (Pub-Admn) 154
   8. M.A (Sociology) 427
   9. M.A (Mass Communication & PR) 27
  10. M.A(Telugu) 868
  11. M.A(English) 495
  12. M.A(Hindi) 477
  13. M.A (Urdu) 10
  14. M.Sc Psychology 249
  15. M.Sc (Maths) 82
  16. M.Sc(Botany) 23
  17. M.Sc(Chemistry) 38
  18. M.Sc(Environmental Science) 66
  19. M.Sc(Physics) 19
  20. M.Sc(Zoology) 17
  21. M.B.A (Master of Business Administration ) 33
  22. M.B.A (Health Care Management) -
  23. M.Com 103

c) **Professional Programmes (Post Bachelor’s Level)**
   24. M.L.I.Sc (Master of Lib. & Inf..Science) 96
   25. B.L.I.Sc (Bachelor of Lib.& Inf.Science) 224
   26. Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) 430
   27. Bachelor of Education (Special Education) 13
   28. Master of Education (M.Ed) 18

d) **Post Graduate Diploma Programmes**
   29. P.G. Diploma in Writing for Mass Media in Telugu 18
   30. Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Studies 02
   31. Post Graduate Diploma in Business Finance 02
   32. Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management 02
   33. Post Graduate Diploma in Women's Studies 07
   34. Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights 20
   35. Post Graduate Diploma D.C.H.T 03
**e) Certificate Programme**

- Certificate Programme in Food & Nutrition (CPFN) 12
- C.P.N.G.O.M 03
- C.P.L.C.D 02
- C.E.C.E 09

**f) Research Programmes**

- M.Phil 02
- Ph.D 03

**Total Degrees / Diplomas / Certificates to be awarded** 34,387

**106 Prisoners to receive Degrees**: An interesting feature of this year's Convocation is 106 student prisoners will also be receiving their Degrees (Male & Female) i.e. (prisoners from Central Prison, Cherlapalli; prisoners from Central Prison, Rajahmundry, prisoners from Central Prison, Warangal and prisoners Central Prison, Kadapa.


**Award of M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees**: As many as 05 research scholars will be awarded M.Phil and Ph.D Degrees at this Convocation, of which 02 scholars will receive M.Phil Degrees and 03 research scholars will receive Ph.D Degrees.

**GOLD MEDALS AND BOOK PRIZES:**

Gold Medals: The University will award a total of 36 Gold Medals (U.G – 13 and P.G – 23) and 04 Book Prizes (U.G – 03 and P.G – 01) at this Convocation.

1. Smt. Kodali Satitya (Admn. No. 0051467526) is the winner of Three Gold Medals
   “Smt Sushila Narayana Reddy Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in BA/B.Com/ B.Sc. for the year 2017,
   “Sri Thummala Dhananjaya Chowdary Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.Sc for the year 2017,
   “Vasireddy Bangaramma Venkatakistaiah Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in Women's for the year 2017.

2. Smt. M. Vijayalakshmi (Admn. No. 2211437231) is the winner of Three Gold Medals:
   “Kavuri Chalapathi Rao Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.Com (Telugu Medium) for the year 2017
“The Institute of Charted Account of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.Com for the year 2017.
“Savera Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.Com II & III Year for the year 2017

3. Manthapuri Madhavi (Admn.No. 1491412132) is the winner of “V. R. Narla Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.A for the year 2017.


5. Sri.Komakula Mahesh (Admn. No. 0691409543) is the winner of “K.Nagaiah Shetty Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.Sc (Chemistry) for the Academic year 2017.

6. Sri.Nuzath Siddiqui (Admn No.1941451331) is the winner of “DR.REDDY LABS GOLD MEDAL” for securing highest marks in B.Sc (DC & DT) for the year 2017.

7. Shriramula Vijayalakshmi (Admn. No. 1641456538) is the winner of “Malasana Lakshmi Narsamma & Malasana Gangaiah Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in First Division & in UG (Women) in Telugu Medium for the year 2017.


9. Shaik Khaja Mohiuddin (Admn. No. 0901468987) is the winner of “Karnati Mangamma Bhadraiah Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in B.A (Telugu Medium) for the year 2017.
01 & 02. Saritha Tamma (Admn. No. 02313012072)
Is the winner of Two Gold Medal
“State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.B.A for the year 2017.

03. Siva Rama Krishna Anisetti (Admn.No. 00514031071)
Is the winner of “Prof.G.Ram Reddy Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in M.A(P.S/P.A) for the year 2017.

04. Lakshmi Siva Jyothi K (Admn.No. 00514031077)

05. G. Ramya Krishna (Admn. No. 00914092734)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.A. English for the year 2017

06. Nethi Sandhya Rani (Admn. No. 00514101783)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..Com for the year 2017

07. Krishnaiah (Admn. No. 13914051557)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..A Economics for the year 2017

08. Vepuri Sripad Rao (Admn. No. 13914051547)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..A Economics for the year 2017

09. P.Pedda Obulesu (Admn. No. 00314060583)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..A History for the year 2017

10. Jagannadham Karri (Admn. No. 01914041703)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..A Political Science for the year 2017

11. Ch.Sushma (Admn. No. 01514081707)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M..A Sociology for the year 2017
12. S.Tirumala Chaitanya (Admn. No. 01614081743)  
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.A Sociology for the year 2017

13. Shaik Afzalunnisa (Admn. No. 00314021459)  
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.Sc (Maths) & Applied Maths for the year 2017

Is the winner of “Peddyreddy Narayanamma Venkataramireddy Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.Sc. (Environmental Science) for the year 2017

15. A.Srinivas (Admn. No. 02115075604)  
Is the winner of “Prof. AAN Raju Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in M.LiSc for the year 2017.

16. Vydya Swarna (Admn. No. 02315075668)  
Is the winner of “Prof. L. S. Ramaiah Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in M.LiSc (Women) for the year 2017.

17. Shaik Javid (Admn. No. 01815178855)  
Is the winner of “Sri Venkateshwara Traders Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in B.LiSc for the year 2017.

18. Harikrishna Sylada (Admn. No. 90615293897)  
Is the winner of “Sri Sadguru Sainath Maharaj Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in B.Ed for the year 2017.

19. Chukka Neelima Vani (Admn. No. 20814251360)  
Is the winner of “Khandavali Lakshmi Ranjanam & SriSaila Bhramaramba Memorial Gold Medal” for securing highest aggregate marks in M.Sc Physics for the year 2017.

20. Shabana (Admn. No. 20814221370)  
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.Sc Botany for the year 2017

21. Faria Sultana (Admn. No. 20814231370)  
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing highest marks in M.Sc Chemistry for the year 2017
22. Afshan Begum  (Admn. No. 20814261360)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing
highest marks in M.Sc Zoology for the year 2017

23. N.Vishnu Priya  (Admn. No. 01114283994)
Is the winner of “State Bank of India Gold Medal” for securing
highest marks in M.A Telugu for the year 2017

Book Prizes: A total of 04 Book Prizes are being awarded at this Convocation,
of which 3 Book Prizes are bagged by U.G Students and 01 Book Prize by P.G
Students.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, the first Open University in India was
established in 1982. Prof. G. Ram Reddy, the doyen of Distance Education in India
was the Founder Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1982 to 1985 has been a
‘Role Model’ for many Open Universities in India. There are at present 15 Open
Universities in India including BRAOU and IGNOU. About 4,16,387 Degrees
have been awarded to the Students during 35 years of its existence.

Started with a modest strength of 6,321 and 26 Study Centres in 1983, the
University has now 214 (T.S 122 & A.P 92) Study Centres including 23 RCCs in
Telangana & Andhra Pradesh with an annual strength of over 1,68,929 Students on
roll for various Programmes offered by the University. The University has exclusive Study Centres at Central Prison- Cherlapalli, Warangal, Rajahmundry, Nellore and Kadapa to cater the educational needs of prison inmates both the States.

PROGRAMME CENTRES: The University has exclusive 5 Programme Centres each for B.Ed and 6 Programme Centres for B.Ed (Special Education); 13 MBA (Health Care Management) with Apollo Hospitals.

The University at present offers 38 Programmes, which includes U.G (B.A/B.Com/B.Sc); P.G-M.A; M.Com; M.Sc, Professional Programmes like MBA, MBA (Health Care Management), BLISc, MLISc, B.Ed, B.Ed (Special Education); P.G. Diplomas and Certificate Programmes. Dr. BRAOU learners are from different walks of life, from diversified social groups, particularly disadvantaged, marginalized and weaker sections of society and from remote places of this state. The university offers Second Chance to those who have missed on earlier opportunity and develops multiple competencies through life long and continuing learning. Its aims at expanding education beyond the barriers of space and time, bridging inequalities between age groups, gender and social groups.
Future Initiatives

1) The University introduced Choice Based Credit System at UG level from 2017-18 Academic Year.

2) Notification for admission into Research Programmes (2018-19) leading to M.Phil./Ph.D. will be released shortly, within a week.

3) As part of reforms in Examination System the University is introducing Digital On-Screen Evaluation System (DOES) for PG Programmes, on experimental basis. Later it will be extended to UG and all other examinations.

4) The University is planning to offer Computer Applications, Statistics and Geography subjects as new Optionals for Under-graduate students from 2018-19 Academic Year.

5) The University is taking measures to keep the Certificates available in National Academic Depository (NAD) to facilitate the students to download their Certificates and also to the other Educational Institutions & employers for verification purpose.

6) The University is taking measures to establish ten (10) new Regional Coordination Centres (RCCs) in new Districts of Telangana State.

7) The University is also taking measures to strengthen the functioning of Study Centres and Regional Coordination Centres by establishing a network between the Head-quarters and Study Centres.

8) The University is planning to collaborate with Commissionerate of Collegiate Education (CCE) in both Academic as well as Administrative aspects for effective integration of Regular and Distance Modes of Higher Education in Telangana to provide quality and employable education to students.

9) The University also introduced On-line Services for the benefits of the students, for taking Admissions, Applying for Examinations, Certificates, change of Centres etc.,
10) As part of the Skill Enhancement/Skill Development Courses the University is launching a Certificate Programme on Job Readiness called as (TSCIT) which consist the areas like Digital Skills, Language and Communication Skills and Soft/Personality Development Skills in collaborations with Telangana Academy of Skills and Knowledge (TASK) and Maharastra Knowledge Cooperation Ltd. (MKCL).