

Two-day National Conference  
On  
**Distance Education in India:  
Emerging Challenges and Prospect**

(Sept. 8 - 9, 2016)

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## INTRODUCTION

Distance mode of education is an alternate or second possible option for a large number of students to go for higher education, especially those who did not get the opportunity for higher education immediately after completion of bachelor's degrees for various reasons. It is also an opportunity for working people to acquire additional qualification for career growth. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for a large number of students to take up higher education. This opportunity helps an individual in life in fulfilling their thirst and desire for higher education. Thus it leads to higher self-esteem and dignity, and finally shapes their future and enable them to gain and enjoy better quality of life.

Some of the advantages of distance mode of education are flexible admission process, lack age limit like regular educational programs, flexibility in terms of course completion, timings of class, and less cost. Thus distance education gives an option both for study and gain the desirable employment for their qualifications.

However, there are some constraints and challenges in running distance mode of education courses. First, getting approval for new courses. Second, developing quality educational materials. Third, distribution of study materials, and maintaining overall quality of the programs/courses. Also, updating the curricula from time to time, lack of direct contact with the students, conducting examinations on time, evaluation of answer scripts and declaration of results on time, answering queries of the students and maintaining contact with partner organizations for ensuring smooth and effective implementation of the programs.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

Given the above situation, a need is felt to discuss about the prospect, opportunities and challenges in distance mode of education among the stake holders, by mutually exchanging the views about various 'pros and cons' and come out with reasonably better understanding for addressing the challenges and issues more effectively for the benefits of a large number of students community. Hence holding the conference is of paramount importance and rather the need of the hour.

## SUB-THEMES

1. Distance Education: A comprehensive analysis across the globe and in India
2. Globalization of distance education and distance Education on line
3. Present status of distance education in India, the needs and challenges: A diagnostic perspective
4. The problems and challenges in starting distance education programme by a university
5. Improving the quality and standards of distance education programme in India
6. The problems and challenges to introduce professional courses as part of distance education programme
7. Role of State and Central Govt. in promoting distance learning education and online use by distance education
8. Procedural issues in conducting Distance Education Programs including coordination between MHRD, UGC, DEB and other educational institutions and Universities concerning.
9. Challenges in maintaining quality and standards in distance education
10. Subject preference, job prospects, opportunities for career growth and barriers in job market and challenges
11. Challenges on the part of students
12. Prospects for collaboration among educational institutions
13. Success and failure of distance education
14. Miscellaneous

## PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Pondicherry University established under an Act of Parliament in the year 1985 is located in Puducherry. The university has 15 Schools, 37 Departments and 10 Centres offering 175 Post Graduate and Research programs. The university has all the state-of-the-art facilities in all the Schools and Departments paving the way for the students to have a student-friendly, result-oriented academic environment with green ambience. The University has four campuses. The Main Campus is located at Puducherry and the other three off-campus are located at Mahe, Karaikal and Port Blair. The University has made a giant leap in promoting usage of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) products/ services in the areas of teaching / learning, research and administration. The Ananda Rangapillai Library at the University has a collection of more than 2-lakh books and over 25,084 e-journals, 7,455 e-books, 36 e-databases and 620 e-thesis.

It offers rent-free accommodation to all girl students and provides totally-free education to all the differently-abled students. The campus has 100% power back-up to all the Departments and Hostels of the University. A 24-hour-hospital with fully-equipped Ambulance is yet another facility on the campus. The University has over 450 faculty and 5000 students from across the country in addition to about 45,000 students in its 87 affiliated colleges.

## DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

The University entered in the field of Distance Education in the academic year 1995 – 96 to cater to the needs of the aspirant students who otherwise could not pursue higher education in the on campus academic programs. To reach out to all those sections of students who are away from the main stream academics, the University has conceived several innovative and job oriented academic programs. To be precise, the prime motto of the university is to 'reach the unreached' and thus taking higher education to the door steps of all the citizens of the nation.

Broadly three types of courses offered

1. Conventional Mode with Online Admission
2. Online Mode
3. Twinning Mode

It has been the approach and policy of the University to focus on sector specific need based and job oriented professional programs. The Masters Programs in Management (MBA), among others, offered by the Directorate of Distance Education have made a mark of their own among the quality conscious of unemployed youth and working people in the corporate India across the country. Thus, the Pondicherry University 'DDE' has made a mark in the field of higher education.



## VISION OF DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION, PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

To attain leadership in sphere heading qualitative and responsible academic programs relevant to the society through cost effective off-campus distance mode of education. Another mission is to produce the quality and skilled manpower in the fields concerned with a view to bridge the gap of 'demand supply' of manpower by imparting quality education, hassle free and with affordable cost and with supreme quality of students support services.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The organizing committee invites papers for the scientific and technical sessions based on themes outlined for the conference. The paper should be original and should not have been published or presented previously. Interested participants must submit an abstract (within 200 - 250 words) in the MS Word Format, by soft copy or hard copy to the Organizing Secretary not later than August 10, 2016. The e-mail ID for communicating soft copy is ddeconference2016@gmail.com. Short listed abstracts will be published in the form of a proceedings.

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE?

- Past and present students of the Distance Mode of Education
- Prospective students
- Employees (Teaching and non-teaching)
- Administrators and policy makers
- Prospective employers
- Professionals from NGOs
- PhD scholars

## THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

❖ Past and Present Students Scholars (Unemployed)	Rs. 2,000
❖ Employed Persons	Rs. 2,500
❖ Locals who does not require accommodation	Rs. 1,000

Last Date for Abstract Submission:	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
Last Date for Registration :	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2016

