

**Two days National Seminar  
on**

**Distance and Online Education in the Context of NEP 2020**

**Dates: August 5-6, 2023**

**Organizers**

**Directorate of Distance Education**

**Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra**



**and**

**Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas, Haryana**



## **Background**

NEP 2020 is an important landmark in the journey of higher education in India. Being learner-centric, it aims for the holistic development of an individual through education. Distance Education has been playing an immense role in providing quality education to the section of students which faces difficulty in gaining higher education through regular mode due to various socio-economic factors. It works to achieve access, equity and quality in higher education. NEP2020 lays emphasis on distance and online learning as it supports its dream of making India 'Vishwa Guru'. Use of technology has added vital dimension to the distance education system in the recent years. In the current post pandemic scenario ICT has proven itself as an enabler and facilitator for gaining knowledge. Online learning is acknowledged as the future of learning and world over top universities and education platforms are making inroads into it with enabling and immersive media. Govt of India has recognized this as an important component of education and is promoting online learning through platforms such as Swayam etc. These are the times when education is at an inflection point to foray into new territories with Artificial Intelligence gaining key role in every sphere. The proposed conference aims to integrate the key issues related to Open Distance Learning and Online Education for scholarly discussion in the context of NEP2020 and suggest way forward to the young generation of country.

## **Objectives of the Seminar**

The proposed seminar will be organized in blended mode with following specific objectives;

- To provide National-Level platforms for intellectual interaction related to distance education/online learning in the context of NEP2020.
- To brainstorm ideas related to quality higher education.
- To create awareness among the participants regarding the new emerging technologies in the field of higher education.
- To discuss about the latest and innovative pedagogical tools and methods useful for distance and online learning.
- To promote research culture among the participants.

## **Themes of the Seminar**

The seminar will focus on following thematic areas;

- From Distance to ODL-changing approaches.
- Importance of Distance and E-Learning in the national development.
- Status of online and ODL higher education in the post pandemic era.
- Distance Education and gender equity/empowerment.
- Skill Developments and E-Learning.
- NEP2020: Challenges for Distance and ODL.
- Innovative Practices in Distance Learning.
- Distance Learning and Sustainable Development Goals.
- Any other topic related to the topic.

## **About the University**

Kurukshetra University was established in 1956 as a unitary residential University and its foundation stone was laid by Late Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Located in holy city of Kurukshetra, land of the historical battle of 'Mahabharata 'and the great message of Bhagwad Gita, its campus is situated on the western bank of Brahm Sarovar (the holy tank) and extends over an area of over 400 acres. The prestigious university has taken quantum leaps and has emerged as an advanced center of study and research for quality education in conformity with the international standards. It is member of Association of Commonwealth universities. The university offers around 175 courses on the campus in about 47 departments/institutes through highly qualified faculty members. The university also plays a vital role in providing higher education to the youth of the state through its 282 affiliated colleges and institutes in seven districts of Haryana. It offers Open and distance Learning (ODL) and Online Education through its Directorate of Distance Education.

## **Directorate of Distance Education**

The Directorate of Distance Education, Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra was established in 1976 with a motive to provide an opportunity of higher education to larger segment of the society who wanted to study in the physically distant mode. Its persistence in giving service to its learners has been recognized many times.

It has been awarded with CSR Trophy and certificate for Top University of India in 2023. It got CSR Top Institute of India Award in 2019 and 2018. CSR Trophy and certificate for Top Distance Learning Institute of India award was conferred on it in 2016. It also got “Dyandeeep Award” by Yashwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nasik in 2015 for excellence in Distance Education. The Directorate enrolls every year more than 20000 students in about 39 undergraduate and postgraduate conventional and professional courses. It has started its online vertical with four programmes in 2022 and is all set to launch 15 new online programmes from July 2023. The new programmes are designed to cater to the changing market and students’ requirements of the current times.

The Directorate facilitates students interface through its website [www.ddekuk.ac.in](http://www.ddekuk.ac.in). It is well equipped with centrally air-conditioned computer labs and library, spacious lecture halls, common-rooms, teacher-rooms etc for meeting the requirements of its learners.

## **About Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas**

### ***“Save Education Save Country”***

Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas is dedicated to give new dimensions to education in the country and consistently works on the different aspects of holistic education such as Indian narrative on history, technical education, management education, environment education, teacher education, character building, research design, women issues, Indian language platform and vedic mathematics etc. and brings publications. It has worked started work on, “Role of Education Institutions in Self-Reliant India” in more than 100 institutions. It has been working on Education policy through seminars, workshops, discussions etc. It works with the belief that participation of society is essential to bring any changes in the education and to that effect many participative activities have been conducted by it on NEP-2020.

## **Seminar mode and registration**

Seminar will be held in blended mode and all technical sessions will be held online. Inaugural and valedictory sessions will be conducted offline. Registration for the seminar is compulsory to present the papers. Scholarly full papers will be published as Book with ISBN.

The nominal registration fee is as follows;

For Teachers /Others– Rs. 500/-, For Research Scholars – Rs. 300/-, For students – Nil

The scholars desirous to participate shall fill the **Google registration form** and pay above registration fees. The UTR number shall be compulsorily mentioned in the registration form.

The payment shall be made in the VC Collection Account No 10139650221, IFSC Code SBIN0001600, State Bank of India, Kurukshetra University Branch.

**This may be noted that UTR number will be treated as the only proof of registration fee and DDE will not be responsible for verification of fee otherwise.**

## Seminar abstract, paper submission and presentation

Abstracts alongwith full paper for the seminar may be submitted by July 28, 2023 at email id [ddekukseminar2023@gmail.com](mailto:ddekukseminar2023@gmail.com). However papers submitted will be reviewed by the experts and revised full papers will be demanded post seminar for publication.

**Communication for Seminar- Kindly contact Communication Committee head Sh Ravi Prakash at email [ddekukseminar2023@gmail.com](mailto:ddekukseminar2023@gmail.com) and at phone no 9992702999.**

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