



National Conference on Value Education through ODL

A Collaborative Undertaking of
Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University's
School of Education , Nashik, and the
Bahá'í Academy, Panchgani



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29 Feb.- 1 March 2020

Venue: Bahá'í Academy, Shivajinagar, Panchgani-41805,
Dist. Satara, Maharashtra

Introduction/Background:

Open and Distance Learning offers great potentiality to reach out to millions of youth and others who remain out of reach of conventional higher education every year. It provides the opportunity to them to pursue the courses of their choice in a flexible manner while meeting their other responsibilities towards their work, family, or additional academic commitments. Learners set their own pace of study, and schedule to complete their education, achieve their academic goals more economically, and establish a wider network with their co-learners.

The Universities Acts have underscored the need for education in values and ethics, as well as promoting practices based on human values. Among the values are promoting fearless academic community, freedom, secularism, equality and social justice as enshrined in the Constitution of India basic attitudes and values of essence to national development, social harmony, co-existence, integral humanism, national integration and preserving cultural heritage, gender equality and sensitivity, dignity of labour, developing work culture encouraging individuality and diversity, tolerance and mutual understanding, generating self-respect and dignity. They also emphasize that learning should go beyond bookish knowledge, and include real-life application of the content of education. It's therefore an opportune time to draw our attention on this vital aspect of higher education. The Conference will provide insights about the need for promoting value education and ethics as an interdisciplinary subject in all faculties and schools of open and distance learning universities and institutions.

About YCMOU:

YCMOU, established in July 1989, is the fifth Open University in India. Recognised under section 12 (B) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, it is a member of Association of Indian Universities, Association of Commonwealth Universities, Asian Association of Open Universities, and Commonwealth of Learning, Canada. YCMOU is the first university in India to receive the Excellence Award of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) twice for overall performance amongst the Commonwealth Countries. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yashwantrao_Chavan_Maharashtra_Open_University - cite note-1) The University offers over 1000 courses through Distance Mode and online initiatives. The YCMOU situated in Nashik, has its Study Centres all over Maharashtra to support its learners who come from all walks and life, and indeed reaches out to the unreached.

The university awards academic certifications such as certificates, diplomas, graduate degrees, post-graduate degrees, and Ph.D.s.

About the Bahá'í Academy:

The Bahá'í Academy (established in 1982), a Recognized Institution of Shivaji University, is an educational institution engaged in research and action in the field of value education for institutions of higher learning. The Academy is also an approved Study Centre of Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University for Value Education: Fundamentals. The Academy offers a collaborative programme on Education in Universal Human Values comprising a number of university approved courses and international developed module to the interested Institutions of Higher Learning. The objective of this programme is to build moral capabilities in the youth and develop their skills, noble qualities, healthy attitudes and a strong sense of purpose, enhance their personal development and contribute to social progress. Since year 2004, the Academy and Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University have been collaborating in offering various modules and courses on value education to thousands of students and counsellors across Maharashtra. Both the Institutions are also among the founding members of the Indian Consortium for Educational Transformation (I-Consent), developing and offering innovative courses such as e-B.Ed. and Post Graduate Diploma in E-Education for Digital Society.





“ Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.”
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theme of the National Conference:
“Value Education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL)”

SUB-THEMES

1. Need for offering Value Education through ODL
2. A Study of the existing Value Education programmes offered through ODL
3. Challenges of offering Value Education programmes through ODL
4. Opportunities and future prospects
5. Impact of Value Education and ethical training
6. Policies and practices pertaining to Value and Ethical Education
7. A comparison of the objectives of open universities in relation to Value Education
8. Practical issues related to policy matters pertaining to implementing Value Education
9. Most widespread moral/ ethical issues in institutions of open and distance learning and the manner in which they are being/have been handled/neglected.
 - From students' perspective
 - From teachers' perspective
 - From employees' perspective
 - From the perspective of the management
 - From the perspective of the students' families and Communities

The papers may include:

1. Case studies
2. Comparative Studies
3. Prevailing issues



Submission of Abstracts:

Interested candidates should submit the abstracts of their papers in 300 words latest by 20 Jan. 2020.

Please Note- Papers in Marathi/Hindi language should preferably be typed in 'Shri lipi'.

Format of the Papers:

Full papers should be within 2500 to 3000 words, excluding the bibliography. Fonts: Times New Roman, Title: 16 font size, sub-titles 14 font size the body 12 font size, line spacing 1.5. Electronic copy (in M.S. Word) of the paper should be sent to the Conference Coordinator and two hard copies should be submitted on A4 size paper. For more guidelines on the format of your paper please visit the Bahá'í Academy website: www.bahaiacademy.org (Guidelines on National Conference Paper Writing)

Participants:

Directors, Counsellors and Study Centre Coordinators from various universities / university departments that offer courses and programmes through Open and Distance Learning Mode from across the Country. A few P.G./M.Phil./Ph.D. students can also apply.

Conference Date & Venue:

29 Feb. to 1 March 2020 at the Bahá'í Academy, Panchgani Hill Station, Tal. Mahableshwar, Dist. Satara, Maharashtra

Awarding Certificates:

Certificates will be awarded by the organizing institutions to the participants who attend all the sessions of the Conference.

Conference Souvenir:

Research-based papers presented at the Conference will be published (in digital and print formats) in the Conference Souvenir with ISSN Number and disseminated among various Open Universities.

Important Dates:

- Conference dates: **29th Feb. - 1st March 2020**
- Submission of Abstracts: **20th Jan. 2020 (in 300 words)**
- Last date for submission of the complete papers: **15th Feb. 2020**

Registration Process:

Register online <https://forms.gle/H3fXh1SsG7YbqRQ8A>

Conference Fee:

Paper Presenter and Participants :Rs. 2500/- that includes conference kit, food and stay at Deluxe dormitories

P.G./ M.Phil./ Ph.D. Students: Rs. 1500/-

Note: Interested participants can opt to stay at double/triple occupancy rooms by paying an additional charges, subject to availability of rooms.

Applications should be accompanied by payment details through bank transfer/RTGS:

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