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From the Director's Desk

DDCE, Utkal University has been an alternate window for education since last 46 years. Our cherished motto “ **Education For All**” is a living ideal. Education for ‘anyone, anytime and any where ‘ is increasingly becoming the new *mantra* of the Open and Distance Learning family. ICT applications have changed the contours of ODL. Notwithstanding inherent difficulties of access and cost we have introduced limited E-Learning Modules ; provide courseware on CDs, maintain digital data base and have state of the art networked computer labs. DDCE, Utkal University has been taking a number of initiatives to inch towards national and international goals. In the last two years we have taken a number of innovative initiatives to work towards our vision. Industry Academia collaboration have been carried forward with the offering of P.G. Diploma in Banking and Insurance Management in collaborative arrangement with ICICI Bank; coordination of Placement drive of Infosys and TCS for graduate students of Orissa and training a number of batches in Soft Skill Development. DDCE has also forayed into corporate training. We have conducted few executive training programme in marketing and network software for executives of India Post. The University Grants Commission has also sanctioned the establishment of “ **Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Studies** ” (SEIPS) at DDCE, Utkal University. Last year several students have also been placed with reputed companies like Infosys, RBS , Capital IQ, ICICI, SBI and LIC etc. DDCE hosted 13th Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) Conference in 2007 with participation and support from Indira Gandhi National Open University, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation and Common Wealth of Learning etc. Regional session of Orissa History Congress was hosted in DEC 2009. We have conducted two Workshops on Research Methodology for doctoral students of English Literature & Language. We are committed to quality network, infrastructure, learning resources and teaching learning process. DDCE would continue to strive for quality and excellence. We are launching Certificate / Diploma & PG Diploma Courses in NGO Management with assistance UNAIDS.

We welcome all the delegates of IACLALS 2010 to our family.

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THE UTKAL UNIVERSITY



The ship in the crest symbolizes maritime activities, stalk of grain emphasizes the role of agriculture. The mount stands for mineral resources and the fort for the past military glory. The lamp and the book symbolize spread of light and learning and removal of ignorance. The motto of the University is **Satyam Param Dheemahi** (seek the highest truth).

The Utkal University founded in 1943 is the 17th University of the country and the first of Orissa province. Pandit Nilakantha Dash, Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati, Pandit Godavarish Mishra, amongst other doyens of modern Orissa, played a leading role in the establishment of the University. On the 27th Nov. 1943, the Utkal University started functioning at Ravenshaw College (now University), Cuttack. It was originally an affiliating and examining body only. The University shifted to its present campus spread over 400 acres of land at Vanivihar in Bhubaneswar in 1962.

A number of Post-Graduate Departments and other centers were established in the University Campus. There are more than two hundred general affiliated colleges under the University. The University has eleven Autonomous Colleges under its jurisdiction. It has 28 constituent Post-Graduate Departments, 2 Constituent Law Colleges, a Directorate of Distance & Continuing Education and a number of centers like Population Studies, School of Women's Studies, Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Study Centre, Academic Staff College, a Pre-School and a High School etc. The University offers number of Self Financing Courses. The University also offers innovative teaching programmes in Yoga, Tourism and Journalism under UGC assistance.

The Utkal University is NAAC Accredited since 2004 with B++ status with a score little over 80%.Utkal University is recognised by the UGC. It is a member of the Indian Association of Universities and Commonwealth Association of Universities.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Directorate of Distance & Continuing Education is a constituent institution of the Utkal University established with the objective of providing quality education to the vast majority of working and adult learners and continuing education to all sections of the society through Distance and/or Continuing Education Mode. We aspire to create a learning society and fulfill the national objectives of education for all.

DDCE has grown out of The **UNIVERSITY EVENING COLLEGE** established in 1962. As the Evening College, it played an important role in providing higher education to a large section of the State and the Central Government Employees. As per UGC guidelines the University Evening College was converted to **DIRECTORATE OF CORRESPONDENCE COURSES (DCC)**. It worked as such from 1974 to 1996. As DCC, it offered courses leading to I.A./I.Com./B.A./B.Com. With the establishment of Council of Higher Secondary Education in the mid eighties, I.A./I.Com. programme was abolished. DCC offered B.Ed. Course for a brief period from 1987 to 1990. In the year 1996, in pursuance of the UGC guidelines, the DCC was converted into **DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE & CONTINUING EDUCATION (DDCE)**. Since then DDCE has started moving in a new direction with vigour and dynamism. It is now committed to provide need based professional and employment oriented innovative courses along with the traditional ones.

Since 1997 DDCE is offering courses in Computer Application. In 1999 DDCE forayed into Management education. DDCE has also established Soft Skill Development Cell (SSDC) since 2006 to improve the employability of the students.

Presently DDCE has reoriented itself towards industry academia collaboration. It has collaborated with Genpact , ICICI Bank Ltd., Infosys and TCS etc. for placement and collaborative academic programmes. DDCE is also emphasizing training of the young teachers and authors and research scholars etc. It has also trained India Post Executives.

- ◆ It is located on the **National Highway No.-5 near Vanivihar Traffic Square , Bhubaneswar** spread over 10 Acres of land within the Utkal University Campus. The DDCE and the University Law College are on the South East Corner of the Vanivihar, the University Campus.

- ◆ There are 15 class rooms, three conference rooms and a spacious reading room. The Silver Jubilee Building provides adequate infrastructure.
- ◆ It has its own building with nearly 30,000 sft. of carpet area for Office, Library, Counseling, Class Rooms , Examination Halls , Conference Halls, Publishing House and Computer Labs with all modern facilities . The **Silver Jubilee Building** is also well equipped.
- ◆ Its faculty include a **Professor-cum-Director** and qualified Reader, Lecturers and Academic Consultants. Besides, it utilizes the services of the eminent Professors and other Faculty Members of various Post-Graduate Departments of Utkal University and other Affiliated Colleges and Professional Organizations working with various public / private sector undertakings.
- ◆ Its Library is manned by trained and qualified librarians. The Library has **16205 books** and subscribes to several journals and newspapers related to the course. It has a reading room for the students. There is separate reading room with **2,334 books** for MCA and Management students.
- ◆ DDCE has more than 100 Computers and 9 Servers. It is a part of the Utkal University Campus Wide Network and E Governance Project. There are five LANs.
- ◆ There is a Branch of **Syndicate Bank** and one **ICICI ATM Counter** within DDCE premises.
- ◆ DDCE offers BA, B.Com, MA, MBA, IMBA, BBA, PG Diploma in Management under Distance Mode. It also offers MCA, PG Diploma in Banking & Insurance Management, Certificate / Diploma / PG Diploma Courses in NGO Management, Spoken English and Personality Development Courses under Continuing Education Programme.
- ◆ DDCE stands recognized by Distance Education Council, IGNOU, New Delhi.

IACLALS-- The Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies is the officially recognized Indian chapter of the international ACLALS (Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies). IACLALS started in India in 1974. The objectives of IACLALS are to promote and coordinate Commonwealth Literature Studies in India, organize seminars and workshops, arrange lectures by writers and scholars including those visiting India, publish a newsletter about activities in the field of Commonwealth Literature in India and in other parts of the world, and hold one annual conference. The international ACLALS was started in 1964 with a conference in the University of Leeds.

IACLALS is presently chaired by Prof. Harish Trivedi, Delhi University. Prof. G.J.V. Prasad, J.N.U. and Dr. Brinda Bose, Delhi University respectively are the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. The Association holds an annual conference.

In order to promote the cause of research, exchange of views and sharing of research findings and to provide exposure to students and research scholars, P.G. Department of Utkal University and Department of English, DDCE are co-hosting the 2010 Annual Conference of the Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies from January 4th to 6th, 2010 in the Directorate of Distance & Continuing Education (DDCE), Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

The theme of the Conference is “Word, Image, Music in the age of new media : Post colonial readings”. The sub themes are :

- Defining Culture
- Aesthetics and Politics
- The Verbal and the Visual
- Literature and Film
- Text and Performance
- Technologies of Production and Dissemination
- Purity and Hybridity
- The New Media
- The Culture Industry
- The Image Text
- Sound / Cultures
- Resistance, Identity, Community
- No Subjectivities

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