

STRUCTURE OF SEMINAR

Seminar in addition to inaugural and valedictory sessions will comprise of paper presentation sessions and invited talks delivered by experts drawn from universities, technology leaders and academicians on latest issues related to open and distance education, information technologies and quality higher education.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

1. The soft copy of extended abstract in about 500 words must be submitted by 1st March, 2023 (English, Hindi & Punjabi).
2. All papers should be submitted in Times New Roman for English, Unicode for Hindi and Punjabi, 12 size, single space and in MS-Word only.
3. Authors are requested to submit the paper to :
email-id: seminarusol2023@gmail.com.
4. All contributors whose papers are approved by the review committee shall be intimated and they must present their paper in the Seminar on 3rd March, 2023 to be eligible for award of Certificate.

REGISTRATION FEE

(No Registration Fees)



One Day National Seminar

on

Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in the Context of NEP-2020: Challenges & Opportunities in Higher Education

3rd March, 2023

Venue : USOL, P.U., Chandigarh

Chief Guest :
Prof. Renu Vig
Vice Chancellor,
Panjab University, Chandigarh

Guest of Honour :
Prof. R.K. Gupta
VC, Maharaja Agarsen University
Baddi, Himachal Pradesh

Presidential Address :
Prof. Arvind Jha
IGNOU, New Delhi

Keynote Address :
Prof. Ramesh Sharma
Ambedkar University, Delhi

Panel Discussion :

Prof. Amit Kauts & **Prof. Manoj Saxena**
GNDU, Amritsar & Central University of Himachal Pradesh,
Dharamshala (H.P.)

Organized by
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ABOUT USOL

University School of Open Learning, formerly known as Directorate of Correspondence Courses, was established by the Panjab University in 1971. The Panjab University has become the seventh university in India and third in the northern region to have taken up the challenge of non-formal education in a situation where thousands of students could not get admission to formal seats of higher learning. Over the years, the University School of Open Learning (USOL) Panjab University has grown from an undergraduate to a full-fledged post-graduate institute housed in its own five-storeyed building. Standing on a mound, the imposing structure of USOL has been specially designed by famous French Architect Pierre Jeanneret to suitably serve the manifold requirements of a growing institute of distance education. It contains spacious halls and several discipline-wise complexes of faculty rooms, library offices and reading halls; and, above all, class-rooms and a large auditorium. In over four decades of its illustrious service, USOL has come to be known as a premier distance learning institute offering high quality education to the highly demanding distance learners of today.

ABOUT SEMINAR

National Education Policy-2020 has the holistic aim of transforming the nation to a “more vibrant, socially engaged, cooperative community and a happier, cohesive, cultured, productive, innovative, progressive and prosperous nation” (NEP,2020). The success of the policy however, depends on its successful implementation. Obviously, new India requires new approaches to shape the higher education system and the policy’s vision, mission and aims must find a ground for its successful implementation through new approaches.

ODL system can play vital role in increasing the Gross Enrolment ratio of in Higher Education from 26.3 percent (2018) to 50 percent by 2035.

The policy lays equal importance on quality teaching and research-intensive universities. In this context ODL institutions can widen their horizon by not only restricting themselves to offering regular graduate and postgraduate programmes, but also be the facilitators in research activities and teaching multidisciplinary and skill-oriented courses.

Holistic Education is one of the key focus areas of this policy. Environment education, value-based education, management of natural resources, sustainable development, etc., can be easily included in the list of subjects in curriculum and even a set of programmes with the same thrust area can be introduced by open universities to gainfully engage the youth and adults of rural and urban areas through study centres and regional centres across respective states.

The seminar will mainly focus on examining the policy’s vision in the purview of the higher education system and how solutions can be provided through interventions with Open and Distance Learning.

SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

Role and Initiatives of ODL institutions in

- *Meeting acute crisis of quality, access, equity, etc., particularly in higher education including vocational education*
- *Acting as facilitators in research activities and teaching multidisciplinary and skill-oriented courses.*
- *Strengthening community engagement.*
- *Providing impetus for promotion of local art and craft, and handicraft skills as envisaged by NEP 2020.*
- *Achieving targets of Sustainable Development Goals.*
- *Initiatives for global competency.*
- *Any other related themes*



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Schedule of Workshop

9:00 - 10:00 AM	: Registration
10:05 AM	: P.U. Anthem
10:10 AM	: Lighting of Lamp
10:15 AM	: Welcome Address by Co-ordinator of Seminar, Prof. Supreet Kaur
10:20 AM	: Floral Welcome of Chief Guests
10:25 AM	: Address by Chairperson, USOL, Prof. Neeru
10:30 AM	: Address by Chief Guest, Prof. Renu Vig, Hon'ble VC, P.U., Chd.
10:40 AM	: Address by Guest of Honour, Prof. R. K. Gupta, VC, Maharaja Agarsen University, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh
11:00 AM	: Keynote Address by Prof. Ramesh Sharma, Ambedkar University, Delhi
11:20 AM	: Presidential Address by Prof. Arvind Jha, IGNOU, New Delhi
11:40 AM	: Vote of Thanks by Prof. Harsh Gandhar
TECHNICAL SESSION - II	
12:00 AM-1:30 PM	: Panel Discussion on Emerging Challenges in Higher Education and Role of ODL in the Context of NEP-2020. Prof. Amit Kauts & Prof. Manoj Saxena GNDU, Amritsar Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala (H.P.)
	Chair: Prof. Madhurima Verma Moderator: Dr. Reena
02:30-04:00	: Paper Presentations
	Chair: Prof. Harsh Gandhar and Prof. Supreet Kaur
04:00 PM	: Valedictory Address by Prof. Y.P. Verma, Registrar, P.U., Chandigarh
04:15 PM	: Report of the Seminar by Prof. Supreet Kaur
04:30 PM	: Vote of thanks by Dr. Kamla