



# MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF TNOU FROM

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## Specific Activities

- The website of TNOU was modernized and inaugurated on 05 February, 2021.
- A total of 10,646 candidates got admitted in AY 2020-21 session for various programmes of study ended on December 31, 2020 as per the UGC.
- TNOU degrees are valid for the recruitment of TNPSC, as per the verdict of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, dated 31-03-2021.
- TNOU associated with the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), ISRO, Dehradun, as nodal centre to organize online training programme.
- Mini Auditorium named Tiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium was created and equipped with 100 seats at the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Academic Block.
- Students' grievances meeting for all enrolled students was organized.
- New Building for Regional Centre, villupuram, was declared open on Sep. 9, 2020
- 1.5 acrs and .05 acrs of lands are allotted by the District Collectors of Dharmapuri and The Nilgris at Periyannahalli, Karimangalam Taluk and Kothagiri respectively for construction of TNOU's buildings for its Regional centres.

## Conducted Orientation Programmes

- A total of 264 Members of various Boards of Studies and 41 programme coordinators were oriented for preparing updated curricula.
- The Coordinators of Learning Resource Centres, Community Colleges, Learner Support Centres were oriented for enhancing admission, and student support service.
- Functionaries of Collegiate Education were oriented regarding establishment and effective functioning of 91 Government Colleges of Arts and Science across Tamilnadu as the Learner Support Centres (LSCs) and Exam Centres of TNOU, on 10.11.2020.

## Curriculum Development

- All Schools of Study revamped the entire curricula based on UGC/TANSCHE/RCI/NCTE norms.
- New Board of Studies (BoS) were constituted and conducted a meeting for 28 disciplines including 264 academicians as members of BoS.
- A total of 38 existing Programmes of study was converted into Semester Pattern; 57 existing programmes were updated; and 27 new Programmes were introduced.
- Meetings for Programme Coordinators have been periodically conducted to implement new curricula through preparation of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs), and conduct of Academic Counselling Classes.
- The PPRs with detailed Curricula for 120 Diploma, Vocational Diploma, UG, and PG Programmes were brought out, as multicoloured documents and the same were uploaded in the University Website, as first of its kind in TNOU.

## MoUs Signed with:

- Learning Matters, Bengaluru to offer Short-Term, and Certificate Programmes.
- Directorate of Public Libraries, Tamilnadu for providing copies of Self-Learning Materials to all Central Libraries in District Headquarters.
- Eight new Community Colleges to offer TNOU Vocational Education Programmes.
- Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam for organising “Vazhviyal Arangam” in every fortnight.

## Statuary Meetings through Virtual Mode

- ◆ The 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meetings took place.
- ◆ The first Research Council Meeting was held 12-10-2020.
- ◆ The Second Meeting of the Research Council was conducted on 24 March 2021.
- ◆ The 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting was held on 14-10-2020, in which new UGC-DEB Regulations on Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) published in Gazette Dt. 04-09-2020 were discussed for implementation.

## TNOU - Learning Support Centres (LSCs) in Govt.

### Colleges – Established

- By Govt. approval, TNOU's LSCs were established in all Govt. Colleges under Directorate of Collegiate Education and inaugurated on November 23, 2020.

### B.Ed. Programme Recognition

- TNOU obtained B.Ed. (General) recognition from Distance Education Bureau (DEB) of University Grants Commission (UGC), to offer through distance mode. However, the NCTE's permission is expected to start.

### UGC – DEB Grants received

- After a gap of three years, the TNOU received the UGC-DEB Grants of Rs.1.16 Crore for its developmental activities.

### Created Policy Documents and Manuals

- Prepared 21 Policy Documents and Manuals essential for effective functioning of the University and submitting to the NAAC Accreditation.
- Three issues of The TNOU'S biannual Newsletters and seven issues of the TNOU's monthly e-Bulletins were brought out by University for wider dissemination of University's activities and programmes among the public and stakeholders.

### Online Term End Examinations – Conducted

- Conducted Term End Examinations – June 2020, December 2020 and June 2021 through On-line. All arrear students since 2003 were accommodated as one-time and final chance.

## Induction programme

- ◆ Induction programme for all learners of first year including B.Ed (Spl.Edu.) was conducted through virtual mode using Zoom, i-Radio and YouTube.

## Centre/Cell Activities

- ◆ Organizing programme on Vazhviyal Arangam in association with Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam – MTS in every fortnight. So far, 7 programmes were conducted.

## Academic Counselling Classes (ACC)

### Organise

- ◆ As a first time, due to COVID 19 pandemic situation, the Academic Counselling Classes for CY 2020 were conducted through virtual platform.
- ◆ Online Academic Counselling Sessions for Vocational Diploma, Degree and Master Degree students of Academic Year 2020-2021 were conducted through virtual platform.

## E-Quiz programmes – Conducted

- ◆ The series of e-quiz programmes were conducted:  
Life and Events of Swami Vivekananda (14000 participants from 33 countries);  
Educational Research (4011 participants);  
தமிழ் இலக்கண இலக்கிய திறனாய்வு (3012 participants);  
and COVID-19 Vaccination (2254 participants).

## National and International Days – Celebrated

- ◆ National Education Day,
- ◆ Translation Day,
- ◆ International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD),
- ◆ World Radio Day,
- ◆ Safer Internet Day,
- ◆ International Women's Day,
- ◆ World Day for Social Justice,
- ◆ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday,
- ◆ World Health Day,
- ◆ National Science Day,
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga,
- ◆ National Youth Day were celebrated.

## Activities of Student Placement Cell

The Student Placement Cell, TNOU with the support of the District Employment and Career Counselling Centre conducted six job fairs at Chennai, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Villupuram, Coimbatore and Madurai.

In Madurai, 5,678 Graduates and Diploma holders attended the Job Fair. Of which, 855 candidates including 25 Graduates of TNOU obtained their appointment orders.

In Viluppuram, 86 employers camped in the job fair. Out of 2,973 job seekers who attended the job fair, 478 persons obtained job placement order.

In Coimbatore, 14,799 Graduates and Diploma holders participated. Of which, 1140 candidates obtained job placement order.

## Activities of Regional Centres and Constituent Community Colleges

- The Regional centres and Constituent Community Colleges of TNOU conducted admission campaign in the LSCs.
- Orientation Programmes on Academic Promotional Activities for the Coordinators of LSCs, CCs, and LRCs coming under the Regional Centres of TNOU were conducted in each Region.

## Activities of Schools of Study

- The various Schools of Study have conducted 22 National Level Webinars, one International Level Webinar, one panel discussion and one Training Programmes.
- A total of 12 New Short-Term, and Certificate Programmes has been introduced.
- The faculty members of TNOU have published 105 articles in National and International Journals.



## First Ph.D public Viva-Voce Examination

As first time, Ph.D. public Viva-Voce Examination for two research scholars (one from School of History and Tourism Studies, and another from School of Management Studies) was held on 04-11-2020 both in person and through virtual platform.

## Appreciation and Awards

- The Commonwealth of Learning (COL) invited inputs and comments for its "Draft Strategic Plan 2021-2027" on 10 November 2020. The University had submitted its inputs for which the COL appreciated largely.
- The Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) presidency under Universitas Terbuka offered the Membership Certificate and E-Badge for TNOU for its remarkable contributions in Open and Distance Education.
- Ms. E.Nagaveni, Research Scholar, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences received Two Best Paper Awards.
- Mr. TV Balakrishnan, Research Scholar, School of Computer Science, TNOU received Best Paper Award.