

TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY

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TNOU செய்திமடல் NEWSLETTER



TNOU Recognition from UGC –DEB, New Delhi

Tamil Nadu Open University applied on the UGC webportal for obtaining Recognition for the 83 UG and PG Programmes to be offered from AY 2018-2019 and the team of experts attended the first Interface Meeting on 05th July, 2018 at UGC Office, New Delhi. Based on the Interface meeting the TNOU was given recognition to offer 38 UG and PG Programmes vide the UGC notification dated 09th August, 2018. TNOU in the next phase submitted a Compliance report to UGC for obtaining Recognition for the left out Programmes. Based on the Compliance report and other prescribed forms prepared and submitted by the Planning and Development Division, TNOU, the UGC called for the Review meeting on 07th September, 2018. A two member team attended the Review meeting and based on UGC's 535th Meeting held on 27th September, 2018, TNOU was given Recognition to offer another 44 UG and PG Programmes in addition to the 38 Programmes.

Hence Tamil Nadu Open University is the pioneer in offering Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programmes with recognition to offer highest number of Under-graduate and Postgraduate Programme in India.

Information Centre

The information centre in the first floor of administrative block of TNOU helps the students obtain information from university without delay. The Information Centre is the main Information Services enquiry point, TNOU can therefore answer questions concerned with helping



students to make use of the various facilities and services provided by Information Services. It is also functioning from 8.00 a.m to 8.00 p.m in all working days with a view to facilitating the stakeholders of TNOU to resolve the academic issues.

Academic Counselling Centre

The demands of academic life are considered to be increasingly stressful for students in higher education, but there is limited research about the extent to which those attending student counselling services experience difficulties relating to academic issues and how effective counselling is for them. Tamil Nadu Open University has strong Academic Counselling Centre in the first floor of administrative block for providing adequate information relating to the selection of programmes and its features, resolving academic issues of the students and clarification in all academic oriented activities of TNOU.



Student Grievances Redressal Camp at Eight Regional Centres

The University organized Student Grievances Redressal Camp at Eight Regional Centres (Chennai, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Ooty, Trichy, Trinelveli & Villupuram) at 22nd and 23rd September 2018. Purpose of the camp is to enhance the enrolment and to rectify the students' grievances. Each two Assistant Professors along with the Regional Centre Coordinators and secretarial assistance were conducted the camp at all the regional centres and issues, shortcomings were identified and shorted out in successive manner.





Spot Admission Campaign

The spot admission campaign is being 1. conducted by Spot Admission Campaign Cell in each Regional Centres with a view to create awareness and enhancement of enrolment of TNOU programmes. As a part of the conducting the events, the International Association of Lions Clubs had organised a "Family Meet Function" held on 26th August 2018, at Kalaivanar Arangam, Wallajah Road, Chennai-05. The spot admission campaign team has actively taken part in lions club family get together function organised by Lions Club in the above said venue. In this function, nearly 1000 Lions club members were participated. Lions Club had facilitated to put an exclusively stall for TNOU to display our prospectus, distributing pamphlet and admission forms.

Dr. M. V. Sudhakaran, Professor SOSS, Convenor, Spot Admission Campaign, Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi, Associate Professor, SOHTS, Dr. C. Barathi, Assistant Professor cum Coordinator i/c, Chennai Regional Centre, Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor, SOH, Mr. R. Ravi, Record Clerk, MPDD and Mr. R. Murali, (outsourced staff) took part in the event for popularising the programmes of TNOU. At the stall, all doubts raised by the visitors were clarified.

Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Professor SOSS, Convenor, Spot Admission Campaign, delivered a short speech on road map of



TNOU and its features of programmes among the participants. It seems that the participants of Lions Club members have known about TNOU academic activities.

2. The spot admission campaign is being conducted by Spot Admission Campaign Cell in each Regional Centres with a view to create of awareness and enhancement of enrolment of TNOU programmes. As a part of the conducting the event of self help group meeting for Swach Bharath organised by the Pallavan Grammiya Bank on 29th September 2018, at Maduravoyal, Chennai-95. The spot admission campaign team has actively taken part in the above said meeting. In this function, nearly 200 self help group members were participated.

Mr.R.Vasudevan, Deputy Registrar MPDD, Dr.K.S.Ramakrishnan, Assitant Professor, SOE, Dr.C.Barathi, Assistant Professor cum Co-ordinator i/c, Chennai Regional



Centre, and Mr.R.Ravi, Record Clerk, MPDD took part in the event for popularising the programmes of TNOU. At the meeting, all doubts raised by the members of self help group were clarified and distributed pamphlet and admission forms.

3. The spot admission campaign is being conducted by Spot Admission Campaign Cell in each Regional Centres with a view to create awareness and enhancement of enrolment of TNOU programmes. As a part of the conducting the events, the Pachaiyappa's College had organised a international conference held on 27-02-2018 at E.V.R.Periyar High Road, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai - 600 030.

The spot admission campaign team has actively taken part in International Conference organised by the college in the above said venue. Pachaiyappa's College had facilitated to put an exclusively stall for TNOU to display our prospectus, distributing pamphlet and admission forms on 27-02-2018, 28-02-2018 & 01-03-2018.

Dr.M.Murugan, Professor and Head, SOS, Dr.R.Tamilmaran, Associate Professor, SOMS and DDi/c, SSSD, Dr.R.Ravimanikkam, Associate Professor, SOS, Dr.C.Barathi, Assistant Professor cum Co-ordinator i/c, Chennai Regional Centre, Dr.S.Vinod kanna, Assistant Professor, SOS, Dr.P.Shanmugavelan Assistant Professor, SOS, Dr.E.Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOS, Mr.R.Ravi, Record Clerk, MPDD and Mr.R.Murali, (outsourced staff) took part in the event for popularising the programmes of TNOU. At the stall, all doubts raised by the visitors were clarified.



Placement Camp for the TNOU students

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU), Chennai organised the Placement Camp for its students for the first time on 18.07.2018 at the University premises. The candidates started the registration for participation in the camp from 9 AM onwards. About 150 TNOU students from across the state attended the interview conducted by 50 leading corporate companies including Paytm, SBI Cards, BATA, Bajaj Insurance and other sectors of the Team Lease, a well known Employment Consultancy in India. 23 candidates have been selected by various recruiters who participated in the placement camp.



Prof.Dr.M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU interacted and motivated the students at the beginning to perform well and be successful in their entire endeavour.

Shri. M. Rathnaswamy I.R.S, Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai gave away the Letters of Intent to the successful candidates during the Distribution Ceremony of Placement Orders. While Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor delivered the Presidential Address, Dr. K. M. Subramaniam, Registrar i/c, Dr. K. Murugan, Director (Academics) and Mr. V. Madhukar, Vice President (Operations), School Guru delivered the felicitation address.

Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student welfare and Placement Cell welcomed the gathering, Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The Placement Camp was organised by the Student welfare and Placement Cell in association with Schoolguru Eduserve Private Ltd. Mumbai.

MoUs

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) in collaboration with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL) is offering innovative degree programme called B.Sc. – Computer System Administration from Academic Year 2018 – 2019.



TNOU and MKCL have signed a MoU to implement the B.Sc. - Computer System Administration which is a work based learning programme. These Work-based Learning programmes are implemented in the real-life work environment of the industry. These programmes are in the form of eLearning supported Work Lab wherein the learners get an intensive exposure, expertise and experience practical skills under the guidance of mentor. It's an innovative learning through working paradigm through an attempt to seek a blend of the work environment and learning environment.

B.Sc – Computer System Administration is the three year programme which is divided into six

semesters. Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL) is a Public Limited Company promoted by the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, India in 2001 to create new paradigm in education and development through universalization and integration of Information Technology in teaching, learning and educational management processes in particular and socio-economic transformative processes in general.

B.B.A. –Bachelor of Business Administration (Work Based) Programme is also Offered through Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL). It is three year programme which is divided into six semesters which is offered by School of Management Studies.

Infrastructural facilities at TNOU

In the month of July, 2018 Tamil Nadu Open University had another milestone event with regard to the expansion and de-centralization of its Student Support activities by providing the Enter upon permission to the Public Works Department (PWD), Vellore Division for the construction of the TNOU Regional Centre at Salamedu Village in Villupuram. The construction of the 1348 sq.mt. of building which comprises of ground and first floor is in full swing.

Awareness about Plastic Ban

As a part of social responsibility and as per the initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu to ban the use of plastics with effect from 01-01-2019 on manufacture, storage, supply, sale and use of throw away plastics such as Plastic Sheets, Plastic plates, Plastic tea/ water cups, water pouches/ packets, Plastic straw, Plastic Carry bas and Plastic Flags, Tamil Nadu Open University has taken a lead to make the campus PLASTIC FREE. An awareness circular about the ill effects of non-disposable plastics which add up to the land-fill and cause mortality of sea animals was circulated among the staff and faculties of the University and large size posters regarding the ban of plastics in TNOU Campus has been placed all around the University campus.

Planning Board Meeting



The third Planning Board Meeting of the Tamil Nadu Open University which is one of the Statutory body meeting of the University was held on 06th August, 2018 at the Syndicate hall, TNOU. The Honourable Vice Chancellor of TNOU presented a brief holistic view of the University and its activities to the members of the Planning Board. The new members of the Planning Board highly appreciated the University for its enormous work done for the upliftment of the people belonging to economically weaker section of the society. The various activities that happened during the past years and the plan of action for the future activities was placed before the members of the Planning Board for ratification and approval.

Seminars and Conferences

1. A one day Conference on Startup skills was organized by the Governor's Secretariat, Government of Tamil Nadu at Anna University on 10-07-2017. TNOU took an active part in the event and was the facilitator for the Startup skills for Non-Formal Sector. The Vice Chancellor along with 5 faculties and 20 Community College students participated in the conference. The Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Vice Chancellors of all the State Universities in Tamil Nadu participated in the conference.



Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu along with all the Vice Chancellors of State Universities Tamil Nadu during the one day Conference on Startup skills at Anna University held on 10-07-2017

 Two day Southern Tribal Writers Meet of Was Organized in Tamil Nadu Open University by Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with School of Tamil and Cultural Studies from 27-07-2018 to 28-07-2018 at the Conference hall of TNOU.



 A three days Workshop supported by Kalki Magazine was organized by the School of Tamil and Cultural Studies from 07-09-2018 to 09-09-2018. 'fy;fp FOk tpoh - ,jopay;gapw;rp Kfhk;" was conducted for the young and aspiring journalist. The application were invited from students pursuing Journalism and Media related courses in various Colleges all over the State of Tamil Nadu. 75 participants were selected and provided training by leading journalist. A notable point is that a book with ISBN number was released by TNOU on the topic ',jopay; fiy'' on 07th September at the inauguration and the same was provided as guide for the trainees.



Independence Day Celebration



The Independence Day was celebrated by Tamil Nadu Open University. The National Flag has been hoisted by Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU & delivered Independence day speech.

Functions – Vice-Chancellor, TNOU as Chief Guest

- Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU was the Chief guest for the "12th Electrochemistry & Corrosion Camp (ECC-2018)" Organized by NACE International Gateway India Section (South Zone) at Kalpakkam on 11/08/2018.
- Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU was the Chief guest for the 42nd Graduation Day of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty (DRBCCC) Hindu College, Pattabiram, Chennai on 08/09/2018.

- Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU was the Chief guest for the Valedictory Programme of the Cultural events of D.G. Vaishnav College, Department of Management studies on 19/09/2018.
- Prof. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU was the Chief guest for the Convocation of Sri Vidhya Mandhir Arts and Science College, Uthangarai, Krishnagiri which was held on 06/10/2018.



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The Principal Secretary and other Syndicate members felicitating the Vice-Chancellor of TNOU during the 47th Syndicate meeting held on 27-02-2019

