

## NEW INITIATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY

- Professional Courses:- From the academic year 2008-09, the University in collaboration with Indian Institute of Hotel and Tourism Management (IHTM), Pune has introduced 28 vocational and professional courses including Hotel Management, Food, Processing, Tourism, Foreign Languages etc. among others to provided employment to the youth of Gujarat State.
- State Level Quality Assurance Cell (SLQAC):- To enhance qualitative education in the State, the Office of the Commissioner, Higher Education, Govt. of Gujarat has assigned the responsibility of the nodal agency for Gujarat State Level Quality Assurance Cell (NAAC Nodal Cell) to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University. In collaboration the office of Commissioner, Higher Education, the drive for accreditation by Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University has been quite successful.
- Mobile Study Van:- For reaching the unreach in the tribal and far flung interior areas the University has prepared Mobile Study Centre with the Distance Education Council grant. The University has received grant for another three Mobile Study Centre during this academic year from the Government of Gujarat.
- English Language Lab Project:- To equip the youth of Gujarat in soft skills, Office of the Commissioner, Higher Education, Govt. of Gujarat has initiated Digital English Language Lab (DELL) Project. The University has already set up 58 State of art lan based labs across Gujarat. In eh next phase around 140 more labs are to be set up during this academic year. All these labs would be converted into resources centers.
- University Building:- For development its own campus and construction of its building, the State Government of Gujarat has sanctioned the grant of Rs.28.7 crores. The University has already received grant of Rs.10 crores from the State Government.
- Student Support Services:- The University has established 'Student Support Service' on campus. The University has provided audio visual equipments and furniture to different centers for strengthening Student Support Services (SSSs).
- Academic Activities:- Teachers and staff members were deputed for Seminars, Workshop and Training Programmes in their subject. They have been very useful to academic and administrative staff. The University has organized more than 25 Workshop, training sessions and Seminars during last academic year in various subjects.
- University Newsletter:- The University regularly published its own Newsletter 'Gyanganga'.
- Annual Lecture Series:- The University instituted Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Annual Lecture. The first lecture in the series of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Annual Lecture was delivered by Pujya Sri Morari Bapu on 'Indian Education: Tradition and Change.'
- Knowledge Portal:- The University with the special grant from Distance Education Council for developing web enabled one stop educational portal has prepared Knowledge Portal.
- Online Gujarat Language Course:- The First of its kind the 'Online Gujarat Language Course' is on the verge of completion.
- International Collaboration:- The University is going for collaboration with the

- Open University, UK for courses e.g World Class Business English.
- The National Knowledge Commission: The Gujarat Initiative:- The University co-ordinates The National Knowledge Commission: The Gujarat Initiative. The report has been submitted for publication.
  - KMPF Project:- The University has been identified as the Nodal Agency for implementing Knowledge Management Project for training of the facultied of colleges and universities of the state.
  - Along with the existing schools i.e the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, School of Education, School of Commerce & Management and SWchool of Computer Science, two new schools i.e. Schools of Science and Schools of Agriculture are to be started. Academic