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EMERGING 'NEW' WORLD OF OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION
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About Kakatiya University

Kakatiya University was established in 1976 to fulfill the aspirations of the Telangana people for higher education. It is located in the historical city, Warangal, the erstwhile seat of the Kakatiya rulers. It has crossed 41 years now it has strength of 2.25 lakhs students under its campus, constituent and affiliated colleges.

The development of the University over the years has been gradual but impressive. The University was initially accredited with 'B+' grade by the NAAC in 2003 and reaccredited with 'A' grade in 2009 and 2017. The University, situated in a sprawling area of about 640 acres, has seven colleges on the campus, with a network of 18 constituent, 529 affiliated colleges. The University is now offering 120 programmes in Engineering, Pharmacy, Law, Computer Science, Business Management, Education, Science, Arts, Commerce, Oriental courses within the University, constituent and affiliated colleges.

As many as 15 Departments in 8 faculties have SAP and DRS programmes. It has more than 30 Major Research Projects in Progress. The UGC, DST, DBT, CSIR, ICHR, DEDO, AICTE, ICMR are sponsoring 245 research and academic programmes. It also has collaborative research tie-ups with different foreign universities.

Organisers

The School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (SDLCE) a wing of Kakatiya University was established in the year 1988. The School is located in KU Campus, 135 KMs from Hyderabad City, the capital of Telangana State. The aim of the School is to provide educational opportunities for all adult Indians, in general and residents of Telangana districts in particular. The school focuses its attention mainly on advancing and disseminating learning and knowledge by diversity of means which are generally not observed in formal type of education.

The School aims high towards the spread of education dedicating itself towards removing all barriers that traditionally restrict access to university education, designing strategies resulting in reaching the unreached particularly in Telangana State. The school develops courses based on the needs and requirements of the people of the state and strives for promotion of standards and quality in programmes and activities. The School offers more than 30 programmes which include PG, UG, Diploma and Certificates courses, with more than 44 study centers spread all over the state.

Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) is the leading National Professional Body of academicians, policy makers, administrators and all other stakeholders of distance and open learning system of education. Members are drawn from National, State Open Universities and Conventional Universities offering courses in dual mode, Agriculture Universities, Extended Educational Institutions and other Academic Institutions. IDEA Annual Conferences provide a congenial platform to academia, professionals, policy makers, distance educators, activists and other interested in Distance and Open Learning to meet, exchange views, share research findings and experiences and debate on the aspects of ODL. Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) is also working for the growth, development and research of ODL over the years. IDEA has attracted international attention and participation.

About the Conference

IDEA and SDLCE, KU together extend a warm welcome, bringing together the luminaries among the distance educators in India nation-wide for a purposeful and fruitful meeting to explore the key strategies for Open and Distance Education in the country.

Since we are all engaged in ODL and other related activity, we have many things to share with each other. In the context of emerging National Policy on Education and also in the background of changes that are taking place worldwide in Higher Education, it is now believed that ODL Institutions both single and dual mode should modify their approaches in the fields such as their Curriculum, Teaching, Learning, Training, Use of Media and Technology, Marketability and Employability of their programmes. Higher Education in India need to respond to not only the changing attitudinal and behavioural patterns of learners but also the technological changes affecting the whole gamut of the society. We need new imaginaries to reinvent and new sense of possibilities and a new set of alternatives to create feasible institutions, so that we can develop new methods, new procedures, and build new models to facilitate more learner -friendly environment in the institutions and at the same time achieve the desirable institutional goals.

ODL is a key vehicle to address access to education at all levels. It also addresses the issues relating to quality in curriculum and context, educational resources that match changing behavioural and technological requirements and the flexibility that allows a combination of work and learning. ODL can drive economic emancipation in a way that the traditional system of education has not demonstrated. Further, National Apex bodies also need to address the perceptual challenges of ODL to deconstruct the perception that ODL is inferior. It still remains a perpetual challenge that India is facing.

In the age of technological disruption, learners can be prepared for the future by creating new learning spaces through digital learning as one of the critical paths to move forward as the NEP also propounds. Since learners had many options to learn and seek needed information via various social platforms, Institutions need to plan their media and ICT provisions to reach the learners where they actually engage themselves. Further, in the context of institutions dealing with the challenge of digital transformation over the recent years, it is expected that more personalised approach to learning will **'bound to emerge in the coming years'**. Since the purpose is to reach the unreached sections, digital options will speed up the process and make education work for all the people. In the whole process however **'raising'** the level of state support to public institutions is the critical need of the hour and public ODL Institutions should get required financial and other kinds of assistance so that ODL institutions will be able to compliment and supplement the conventional education system to respond to the emerging behavioural and technological challenges.

In the background of emerging scenario, the present 25th KU - IDEA 2023 Silver Jubilee Conference will provide a common platform to debate and discuss various problems and find suitable solutions. Further, Some issues, concerns and opportunities can be shared between ODL institutions and refine their learning programmes. This can be a stimulating forum for all those academics, administrators and practitioners to explore better understanding and come out with new ideas on issues like such as Learner's characteristics, regional needs, interactive technology, internet government policy and the UGC-DEB's role etc.

The Conference will also be open to discuss the trends in ODL at the global level not only in view of achieving the sustainable development goals concerned but also reach the goals of government policies of both developed and under developing countries to get into unexplored zones with regard to expansion, provision of access and equity and cost-effectiveness. It is therefore, imperative to examine such issues in the context of socio, economic, cultural, academic and technological aspects more specifically to match the status and requirements of developing countries. Against this background, this Conference shall be a forum to deliberate and focus what is needed and what can be done to be successful in the changing ODL environment.

All those interested are invited to submit papers based on theoretical models, comparative studies of Cross Cultural and Cross-institutional nature related to the main theme and sub-themes of the Conference. Empirical and case studies are most welcome.

Objectives of the Conference

- ✖ To bring together difference institutions and academicians engaged in various activities relating to ODL within and outside the country and also to share their idea, information and experiences on quality assurance and sustenance of open distance education.
- ✖ To reflect on different issues, concerns, challenges, strategies, methodologies for development of quality assurance and sustenance of open distance education.
- ✖ To examine the feasibility and applicability of various approaches, models, practices available towards quality assurance and sustenance of open distance education and to workout future perspectives for the development of ODL.
- ✖ To focus the areas of concern and to create appropriate environment for regular interaction and feedback of the participants to achieve objectives of ODL.

Special Features of the Conference

It is proposed to organise :

1. It is a Silver Jubilee Conference and Twenty Five years of IDEA event will be celebrated in a fitting manner.
2. Prof. G. Ram Reddy memorial Lecture
3. WIDEN MEET : Special session on 'Women in Education & Training.
4. ODL Learner's Meet : Debates, Poetry, Writing Slogan, Writing Competition and Sharing of Innovative Ideas relating to strengthening of ODL and Learners Support Services.
5. Silver Jubilee Cultural Meet.
6. Silver Jubilee Photo exhibition
7. Documentary on 25 years of IDEA.
8. Anthology of Impressions / opinions / experience of IDEA members and faculty members and ODL Researchers IDEA and its Conferences.

IDEA Executive and General Body Meeting

1. Executing Meeting & General Body Meeting
2. Election of New Body

Main Theme

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SUB THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Changing Learning Environment - Learner options and Perceptions: Reinventing the concept - "Open to people, Open to Places, Open to Methods, Open to Ideas and Institutional Openness"- Present status of the concept.
2. Transforming and Empowering Higher Education through Open and Distance Education - Efficacy of Processes and paradigms Re-examining New Developments including MOOC/ Open Badges (OBs) , Mobile Devices (MDs), social Media strategy Frame work (SMSF) Learning Analytics (LA), Integrated Talent Management Systems (ITMS) etc., Impact of these innovations.
3. Role of UGC and other Apex bodies in strengthening the ODL Systems including dual role Universities Implication of NEP -2020 on ODL and Need for a National Policy on ODL-Are we serious about what we have proposed in the introductory part of NEP Document what is to be done ?
4. Theorizing the 'Indian Context' of ODL - The debate of What- Why and How?
5. Digitization of education and the proposal of creating a National Digital University- Where we are heading to?
6. Innovations and Best Practices in ODL - Case studies and Real life projects: The Indian Experience.

Special Session on G20 Agenda on Education

Major Sub-themes for discussion include:

1. Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numbering
2. The Role of Digital Technology in Education
3. Building capacities and life long learning for the future of work.
4. Strengthening Research Collaboration.

Submission of Papers

Participants intending to submit papers for the Conference are required to submit soft copy of the abstract typed in MS Word with 1.5 lines spacing with font size 12 New times Roman in A-4 size paper. The Abstract should not exceed more than 350 and should reflect the scope the full version of the paper. The details of the author(s) should be given at the end of the abstract/paper with name, designation, Institution, mobile and E-mail address. Only electronic submission should be sent to: kuidea2023@gmail.com. The full version of the complete paper should be of maximum 3500 word count. The accepted abstract will be published in the conference pre-proceedings. All submitted manuscripts(s) will be subjected to Double blind review by experts. A few selected full papers would be published in the blind reviewed journal with ISSN and all other papers will be published in a Book form with ISDN member.

Poster Presentations on Learnd Themes are also welcome

Important Dates

Conference Dates : 30th June to 2nd July 2023

Last date for submission of Abstract : 30th April 2023

Acceptance will be sent within ten days of the Receipt of the Abstracts, in case approved by the Academic Committee.

Last date for submission of Full Papers : 12th June 2023

Last Date for Registration : 15th June 2023

Abstracts(s) and full paper(s) should be sent through E-mail attachment to: kuidea2023@ gmail.com

Registration Fee

(Registration fee includes conference kit, high Tea, lunch and dinner and shared accommodation. The participants shall make their own arrangements for special or separate accommodation. A list of Hotels are provided)

Note: Authors and Co-authors (s) of accepted papers should register and pay registration fee separately.

	Indian	Foreign
Academics / Faculty	Rs. 1000	US \$ 100
Other Functionaries on ODL	Rs. 1000	US \$ 75
Research Scholars	Rs. 500	US \$ 50
Corporate / Consultants	Rs. 2000	US \$ 200
Participants (without Presentations)	Rs. 750	US \$ 50

Payment Mode

Demand draft (DD) to be drawn in favour of "Conference Director, SDLCE, Kakatiya University", and payable at Warangal from any Nationalized Bank

Registration Fee Details

Current Account Number : 41771907888
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REGISTRATION FORM

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 - b. The content is not plagiarized beyond the permissible limits of 20%.
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How to reach Warangal

The city of Warangal is well connected by rail and road. The University campus stands at a distance of about 10 kms from both railway stations of Kazipet and Warangal. The delegates can get down at any of these railway stations.

Warangal City is 140 Kms from Hyderabad, the state capital of Telangana. The nearest airport is Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad in Hyderabad. It is about 170 kms towards Warangal by road. Luxury buses will be available from Uppal Centre to Warangal which is 30 Kms away from the Airport.

The conference organizers will guide the delegates for any information they seek regarding their travel.

GPS location of the University will be sent to all registered participants.

IMPORTANT TOURIST PLACES IN WARANGAL

Thousand Pillars Temple



The famous "Thousand Pillars Temple" built in 1163 A.D. by Rudra Deva is situated between Hanamkonda and Warangal town. As an excellent example of Kakatiya architecture, built in the style of Chalukya temples- a star shaped and triple - shrine, with preformatted screens, exquisite icons and rock cut elephants. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Located in Warangal, Telangana it is known to be one of the oldest temples for Goddess Bhadrakali in India. This temple is located on the bank of the Bhadrakali Lake, a picturesque location between Hanamkonda and Warangal. The temple's main Deity Goddess Bhadrakali's image here unlike other images of the mother goddess is with pleasant looking eyes holding weapons in her eight hands. A statue of a lion, on which the Goddess is said to ride, sits grandly opposite the sanctum sanctorum. As per the writings on the temple wall this temple is believed to be constructed by the King Pulakesi II of Chalukya dynasty around 625 A.D. The lake was built later by Ganapathi Deva, a King in Kakatiya Dynasty. A road leading to the temple was also added during that period. The deity and temple are renowned to be powerful and the Goddess fulfils the wishes of her devotees who come to seek blessings from far and wide.



Bhadrakali Temple:

Warangal Fort



The Warangal Fort existed in its full glory during the 13th century A.D. Historians and archaeologists generally accept that an earlier brick-walled structure was replaced with stone by Ganapathi Deva before 1262 A.D. and that his successors- Rudramadevi and Prataparudra - added to its height and added gateways, square bastions and additional circular earthen walls prior to 1323.

The construction of the fort was completed towards the end of the Kakatiya period. There were later modifications between the 15th and 17th centuries, comprising principally the addition of barbicans to the four gates in the stone wall and the creation of gates in the outer earthen wall. Remnants of the structure can be seen today near to the town of Warangal, the Kakatiya Capital. The Archaeological Survey of India has listed the remains as a Monument of National importance.

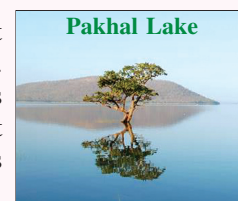
The Ramalingeswara Temple is popularly known as the Ramappa Temple an engineering marvel of the 13th Century A.D. It is built on Ramappa Lake an ingeniously designed tank where a 2000 ft long earthen dam connects a semi circular chain of hills to form a lake. To-day the lake offers boating facilities. The temple and with its spectacular lake has been described as a glowing star in the galaxy of medieval temples in the Deccan. The UNESCO has recognized Ramappa Temple as World Heritage Monument.



Laknavaram Lake

In and around the bustling town of Warangal are various lakes and temples that offer respite. Laknavaram Lake is situated about 80 Kms from Warangal. Spread over an area of 10000 acres and as one approaches it is the imaginary of a seeming endless lake fills the horizon. The huge natural lake was discovered by Kakatiya rulers who constructed a sluice gate to monitor the water flow. The lake has about 13 small islands scattered amidst the forests. There is a suspension bridge that connects the island of the lake and is a great attraction to the tourists. One can have a relaxing picnic event at the lake, away from the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy moments alone with nature.

The sanctuary around the beautiful Pakhal Lake lies 60 Kms from Warangal. A guest house run by the Forest Department is located on the shores of the lake surrounded by hills. Moonlit nights are a heavenly experience. The lake itself was excavated in the 13th century. The sanctuary is home to the tigers, leopards and panthers and sambhars apart from a large number of migratory birds that arrive in winter. The Forest Department has put up "machaans" in the sanctuary which afford a good view of the scenery around. The nearest rail head is Warangal, 144 Kms from Hyderabad and the best time the area is between November and June.



Pakhal Lake