



## IDEA MONTHLY ONLINE VIRTUAL MEETING - 03

**Theme: Bridging the 'Gap' in Higher Education:  
Case of International Collaboration**

*Organised by*

**Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA)**

Date: 31st March 2023

Time: 11.00 am

Guest Speaker

**Prof. K. Seetharama Rao\***  
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**Presiding**

**Prof. S. Jeelani**  
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\*K. Seetharama Rao is a highly qualified and accomplished professor of Public Administration and Human Resource Management. He has published numerous papers and books and has undertaken several research projects in the field of administrative theory, public policy studies, and rural and tribal development. He has held various administrative positions, including Vice-Chancellor of Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University, where he initiated various academic and administrative reform measures. He is also an active member of various academic and social service organizations and has participated in Human Rights and Telangana Statehood Movement.

### ABOUT IDEA

Indian Distance Education Association (IDEA) is the leading national professional body of academicians, policymakers, administrators and all other stakeholders of distance and open learning institutions. Members are drawn from National & State Open Universities and Conventional Dual Mode Universities offering courses in ODL, Agriculture Universities, Extended Educational Institutions and other Academic Institutions. IDEA's annual conferences provide a platform for academia, professionals, policymakers, distance educators, activists and others interested in Open and Distance Learning to meet, exchange views, and share research findings related to ODL. IDEA is also been working for the growth, development and research of ODL over the years. IDEA has attracted international attention and participation. IDEA has organised ten Vice-Chancellors and Directors Round Table Conferences and has brought out Newsletters entitled OPEN IDEAS to act as a communicative instrument between the members, DE functionaries and institutions. Till date, IDEA in association with different Institutions organized 24 National / International Conferences throughout the country. IDEA has also initiated monthly online Virtual Meetings.

### Previous Monthly Virtual Meeting

1. "National Education Policy - 2020 with special reference to ODL and Digitisation of Education" - Prof. CRK Murthy, IGNOU, New Delhi (January 2023)
2. "Education at Crossroads with special reference to ODL" - Prof. M. Aslam, Former VC, IGNOU, New Delhi (February 2023)

### Objectives of the monthly Virtual Meeting

- To remain engaged with the current/latest developments in the field of ODL and its development.
- To appraise the policy makers/stakeholders about the potential of ODL in reaching the unreached and increasing the GER.
- To get the benefits of expert lectures from the practitioners in the field of ODL.
- To understand the perspectives of ODL from different angles.

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Please fill in the [Registration form](#) to ensure your attendance.

**All the educators and distance educators are requested to participate in the programme.**

**Prof. K. Murali Manohar, President, IDEA**  
**Prof Romesh Verma, Secretary-General, IDEA**