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UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY

Uttarakhand Open University was established by an Act of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly in 2005. It uses novel educational programmes, various modes of communication technology and contact sessions. Vinay

K Pathak, vice chancellor of the university, says, "The fee structure is very reasonable, keeping in view the paying capacity of different sections. The courses offered by the university have been tailor-made to ensure multifaceted growth of the learners."



WHAT'S ON OFFER

**CONTACT PROGRAMMES**  
Uttarakhand Open University conducts personal contact programmes, counselling sessions through study centres. It also conducts special workshops of one week at regional centres on each subject, where experts from related fields are invited to deliver lectures. The website also has video lectures of the faculty and field experts.

**MATERIAL AVAILABLE**  
The university provides self learning material in print and digital formats.

**PROGRAMMES OFFERED**  
Besides traditional courses like BA, B.Com, BBA and B.Sc., there are various programmes offered in the fields of journalism and mass communication, social work,

tourism and hotel management, agriculture, management, computer science and education. Special focus programmes include certificate in technical excellence, BSc (Biotech), BA (IT), and many more. Several certificate and diploma courses have been developed for the people of Uttarakhand. The university is going to start online admission process for students who don't have access to the regional centres for collection of prospectus

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEAD

There is particular stress on practical exposure. Agriculture, journalism, social work, panchkarma and jyotish vigyan are some fields where students get professional training



VINAY K PATHAK  
Vice Chancellor, UOU

KOLKATA

NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

Established by the West Bengal Act XIX of 1997, Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), was set up with an objective to spread higher education throughout the state and "reach the unreached" with quality education in the open distance learning (ODL) mode.

It is the sole state open university of West Bengal and the largest one in India recognised by the University Grants Commission and Distance Education Council of India. In 2006, the University received the Excellence in Distance Education Award (EDEA) for

institutional achievement conferred by Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Vancouver, Canada.

The University is also a member of the Association of India Universities (AIU), New Delhi, The Association of Asian Open University (AAOU), Malaysia and The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), United Kingdom. With nearly 2,50,000 students enrolled, NSOU has achieved a mega university status.

The university provides higher education through the distance learning mode in the language of the state, ie



Bengali, and makes education affordable to the disadvantaged. Netaji Subhas Open University offers various programmes like undergraduate (three years), postgraduate (two years), postgraduate diploma (one year), diploma (one year), certificate (six months) and vocational programmes (six months, one year and two years).

At present the university conducts 77 programmes.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEAD

The digital information revolution has opened up new vistas, altering how knowledge is shared. In this scenario, ODL is one of the rapidly growing medium of imparting education



SS SARKAR  
NSOU, Kolkata

WHAT'S ON OFFER

**CONTACT PROGRAMMES**  
Under the ODL system, it is not mandatory to attend face-to-face classroom sessions for students. The University organises contact programme for all the courses at the designated study centres for the benefit of the students. For the vocational courses, the University has made it compulsory to attend practical classes.

**MATERIAL AVAILABLE**  
The University is headquartered at 1, Woodburn Park, Kolkata, and has a regional centre at Kalyani. It has a wide network of 120 study centres located all over West Bengal. The students can get admitted at the study centre nearest to their residence. The self-learning course material is

distributed to students through the study centres of their choice. The university also organises counselling programmes (face-to-face teaching) for the students at these study centres. The evaluation process is in dual mode, one is continuous evaluation and the other is term-end examination. The students are awarded degrees on the basis of these two examinations.

**PROGRAMMES**  
Number of undergraduate programmes - 13 (Bengali, English, history, political science, sociology, public administration, commerce, mathematics, geography, botany, zoology, physics and chemistry) professional courses: Undergraduate and postgraduate level - three (BCA, BLIS, special-

sation in Bed for the physically challenged) Vocational courses: Number of courses - 30. These include both certificate, diploma and postgraduate diploma courses. These are pre-primary teachers training, tailoring and dress designing, psychological counselling, travel and tourism, hospital front office management, taxation etc The university has also launched job-oriented and skilling programmes in the current session. These include diploma in safety skills and security management, diploma/certificate in automobiles, diploma in refrigeration and air-conditioning, diploma/certificate in plastic moulding and post diploma programmes in export-import management and operational skills and disaster management. The study centres are the exami-

nation centres of the university. The students of one study centre write their final exam in other centres and not their regular one.

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The University publishes the admission notification in reputed dailies before the admission process begins. All the relevant information is made available on the University's website: www.wbnsou.ac.in. Students can submit their admission form online. The fees are moderate. Being a state-sponsored open university, it cannot charge high fees. The degree holders of the university get jobs in both the government as well as in the private sector.

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