

KSOU: Empowering Education across farthest corners of India Illustrious history



In a country like India where millions live, education is something which requires a stronger medium to reach the masses. While this noble profession has taken a rather commercial route, there are still those entities who believe in integrity and spreading education to its maximum. The name of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) stands tall in that list.

With more than two decades of strong presence, KSOU is the only university permitted by government of Karnataka to give open education in Karnataka. With exclusive faculty trained for open education, this is the first Open University to be recognized by AICTE and offering approved management and science programs. The main motto of KSOU is to reach out to the unreached and be the go-to destination to those who aspire for higher education.

Having its headquarters at Mysore, KSOU has streamlined open education in a big way by setting up 21 regional centres across the state and study centres at Taluk level. With direct involvement of the University, students from across India



can join, opt for courses ranging from graduation to Ph.D and can take the examinations in cities like Bengaluru or Mysore.

AUTHENTIC CHOICE

To those who are hesitant about the concept of open education, here are two cents of wisdom. The idea of open education began way back during the British era and it is followed

extensively across many countries across the globe even today. So, a degree from KSOU is equivalent to any regular college and also qualifies for students who wish to pursue higher education abroad.

What makes KSOU a sought after name is the quality of syllabus, the robust study material preferred by even KAS and IAS aspirants. Incidentally, many students from KSOU have gotten into academic roles such as professors at renowned educational institutions and as



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government employees including IAS officers. The icing on the cake is the new policy introduced by UGC wherein students can now take up double degree programs. The University has also implemented the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) targeting overall academic growth of students.

EXTENSIVE REACH

Education has become a costly affair in India and there are thousands who dread to come to the cities though they crave to study. KSOU has become a boon to all such aspirants and is catering to many across rural areas especially women. In fact, seventy percent of the students at KSOU are women and after earning degrees from this university have taken up jobs. That way, KSOU has been empowering women in a big way.

Added to that, enrolment drives are conducted across the remote areas. Regional directors of the University visit the rural areas, conduct awareness camps, advertisements are

given about enrolment drives in local newspapers. Similarly, there are working professionals who want to study further and those who discontinue their education for various reasons. To all of them, KSOU has emerged as the solution.

By having a dedicated call centre for students, organizing job fairs, introducing skill development courses, creating awareness through YouTube channel, online radio, Prasaranga (university publications), automatically answering bot chatting, KSOU and its programs have become quite accessible.

INTERNATIONAL & INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION

With focus on giving international exposure to its students, KSOU is taking an ambitious step. It is gearing up to sign an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the world renowned New York University (NYU), USA. The objective is to offer skill development training.

Not just that, the University has also signed MoUs with noted industrial entities such as Brakes India Limited, Keynes Technology and others in an effort to create employable workforce. In another step to encourage visually challenged students, the University has signed an understanding with JK Global Academy for exchange of expertise and MICA College for producing audio lessons.

SETTING THE RIGHT FUTURE

Times have changed post the Covid era and under the new normal, remote and online mediums have become the trend. In a way, KSOU was the pioneer in online courses because they took the visual route for education almost ten years back. With this route becoming the most in-demand thing now, KSOU is certainly setting the right and bright future for students. At the same time, with their extensive efforts and initiatives in-person, they are empowering education across farthest corners of India.

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