

## VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all!

On the completion of 100 glorious years of University of Delhi, it's a matter of pride to be also celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Department of Distance and Continuing Education, School of Open Learning under the aegis of Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi. It is my privilege to welcome you to the new academic session 2022-23. The Department/School has been extremely successful in catering to the educational needs of students across the nation by providing them with affordable and accessible education. It has played a pivotal role in aiding the lives of students coming from a plethora of backgrounds.

This year marks a renaissance in Distance Education and Open Learning, wherein six new job-oriented professional programmes have been introduced. The new programmes are launched with an aim of meeting different challenges in the globalised world through holistic development, so as to make them able professionals, service providers, policy-makers, managers, librarians and entrepreneurs. The contemporary world demands individuals to be global citizens, and I am sure that these programmes will harness the potential of the human resources of the nation and generate nation-builders of the future.

I extend a warm welcome the upcoming batch to this institute of great excellence and wish them success in their academic and professional lives. All the very best to the Department/School for a new beginning. I am completely assured of the enthused participation of all stakeholders at the Department of Distance and Continuing Education.

**Prof. Yogesh Singh**  
Vice Chancellor  
University of Delhi

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Students and all Stakeholders,

I heartily welcome you all to the Department of Distance and Continuing Education under the aegis of the Campus of Open Learning (COL), University of Delhi. In its 60-year-long history, the Department has become a great enabler in the process of “Education for All”. The programs available here are independent of any location and are flexible enough to allow students to learn and obtain a recognised and quality degree to advance their career prospects. The courses offered here are tailored as per the needs of the NEP, which will impart experiential learning to students with the aim of enhancing their employability on the job front. The Department allows self-paced learning for the students without compromising on the pedagogy. The Department ensures innovative and updated curricula at par with the standards set in the best universities across India. All this will be done with a nominal fee, which makes it easily affordable to the economically weaker section of students as well. We follow a purely student-centric policy and provide student support by facilitating self-learning materials as well as personal contact programme (PCP) classes. This has aided significantly in enhancing our distance learning programmes. The recent pandemic posed multiple challenges, but we were able to overcome them all by staying up-to-date with the latest developments in technological and pedagogical skills. For a long time, we have been running traditional courses on par with the best curriculum available. But now, in the wake of the latest market-oriented challenges, I introduce you to Library and Information Science as a discipline under the Department of Distance & Continuing Education. Library is one such place which disseminates knowledge in all fields and is the heart of every educational institution. It plays a significant role in shaping the future of every individual by making them information literate. A trained library professional can mentor knowledge seekers by providing the right kind of authentic resources. The present times demand good library professionals who can be the disseminators of information and powerhouses of knowledge.

This new programme is being introduced to meet the challenges of an emerging corporate world and to provide inclusive, accessible and affordable education to students coming from all sections of society.

I welcome you all to the Department and I assure you of a fulfilling experience here.

Best Wishes!  
**Prof. Payal Mago**  
Director

## OSD (COL) MESSAGE



Dear Aspiring Students,

I am delighted to welcome you all to the Department of Distance and Continuing Education (DDCE), under the aegis of the Campus of Open Learning (COL), University of Delhi, a pioneering institution in the field of Open and Distance Education. It has remained committed to the pursuit of excellence in distance learning since its inception. The DDCE is a renowned higher-learning institution known for its distinctive strengths in providing superior and relevant learning programmes to its learners, keeping in view the demand for the education of the learners in tune with the requirements of the twenty-first century. The DDCE has been at the forefront in providing wings to the aspirations of the economically and socially disadvantaged sections of our society who are unable to access higher education for a variety of reasons. Since its establishment, the DDCE has grown from strength to strength and successfully fulfilled its mandate of providing high-quality educational opportunities, along with a focus on character building, to a large number of students. The DDCE has been dedicated to meeting the aspirations of society, acting as a torchbearer by inculcating basic moral values, community development, and providing fair access to all in the light of changing economic, social and cultural development.

With our top running courses, I now introduce you to our newly launched Library and Information Science program under DDCE. Information plays a significant role in our lives. Looking into today's world of Infodemic, where getting authentic and accurate information is a huge challenge and requires special skill and awareness. Library and Information Science is such a profession that inculcates in our students the ability to find, evaluate, organize, use and communicate information in different forms for themselves and also, being Library and Information professionals, they assist in disseminating the right information to the right user at the right time. Our Library and Information Science program will increase the scope of employability in different sectors by making our students Library and Information experts. I wholeheartedly welcome you to our Library and Information Science program, DDCE and assure you that you will have a wonderful learning experience with us that you will cherish forever.

Best Wishes!

**Prof. Uma Shankar Pandey**  
Principal  
School of Open Learning  
University of Delhi