

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOKSABHA  
UNSTARREDQUESTION NO.1317  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

**DIKSHA**

1317. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ :  
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SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has formulated any plan to reduce the loss of students' education in the recent lock down period and relaxed norms to allow more institutes to offer open and distance learning courses to make-up for the loss due to lock down period;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of new institutes that were allowed to offer to open and distance learning courses across the country during the last 6 months, State-wise;
- (d) the details of courses available on online platform DIKSHA; and
- (e) the fresh steps taken by the Government to avoid loss of education to the students due to lock down?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) and (b) UGC has notified University Grant Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 on 4<sup>th</sup>September, 2020 detailing the norms for providing Open and Distance Learning which can be accessed on <https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/221580.pdf>. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) ranked in top 100 NIRF or NAAC score of 3.01 can offer Open and Distance Learning Programme with the approval of UGC. The provisions of top 100 NIRF institutes and relaxation of NAAC criteria from 3.26 to 3.01 have been included in the new regulations.

(c) The list of Higher Educational Institutions recognized by UGC for offering ODL programmes is Annexed at **Annexure-I**.

(d) The details of courses available on online platform DIKSHA can be accessed on <https://diksha.gov.in/explore-course>.

(e) A comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA has been initiated which unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. The initiative includes: -

- (i) Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) ranked in top 100 NIRF or NAAC score of 3.26 can offer online programme without prior approval of UGC. Institutions with NAAC score of 3.01 to 3.25 can offer online programme with prior approval of UGC.
- (ii) For conventional courses, the online content has been increased from up to 20% to 40% in regular degree programmes.
- (iii) DIKSHA the nation's digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs: and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades (one nation, one digital platform).
- (iv) Study materials have been provided on an experimental basis for 12 channels for classes 1 to 12 on SWAYAM Prabha and actions are expedited to run these channels in a full-fledged manner.
- (v) Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- (vi) Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

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**ANNEXURE I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1317 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020 ASKED BY SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ, SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE, MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK, SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

**List of HEIs recognized by UGC for offering ODL programmes**

S.No.	State	City	Name of HEI	Category of HEI
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	Acharya Nagarjuna University	State University
2.		Anantapur	Sri Krishnadevaraya University	State University
3.		Tirupati	Sri Padmavati Mahila Vishwavidyalayam	State University
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Himalayan University	Private University
5.		Itanagar	Rajiv Gandhi University	Central University
6.	Assam	Guwahati	Assam Don Bosco University	Private University
7.		Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh University	State University
8.		Guwahati	Gauhati University	State University
9.		Guwahati	Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University	State Open University
10.		Tezpur	Tezpur University	Central University
11.	Bihar	Darbhangha	Lalit Narayan Mithila University	State University
12.		Patna	Nalanda Open University	State Open University
13.		Patna	Patna University	State University
14.		Bodh Gaya	Magadh University	State University
15.		Muzaffarpur	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University	State University
16.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Chandigarh University	Private University
17.		Chandigarh	Panjab University	State University
18.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	C.V.Raman University	Private University
19.		Raipur	Kalinga University	Private University
20.		Bilaspur	Pt. Sundarlal Sharma Open University	State Open University
21.		Raipur	MATS University	Private University
22.	Delhi	Delhi	Indira Gandhi National Open University	Central Open University
23.		Delhi	Jamia Hamdard	Deemed to be University
24.		Delhi	Jamia Millia Islamia	Central University
25.		Delhi	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan	Deemed to be University
26.		Delhi	University of Delhi	Central University
27.	Gujarat	Ahemdabad	Calorx Teacher's University	Private University
28.		Ahmedabad	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University	State Open University
29.	Haryana	Sirsa	Chaudhary Devi Lal University	State University
30.		Hisar	Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology	State University
31.		Faridabad	Lingaya's Vidyapeeth	Deemed to be University
32.		Rohtak	Maharshi Dayanand University	State University
33.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh University	State University

34.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	Kashmir University	State University
35.	Karnataka	Bengaluru	Bangalore University	State University
36.		Bengaluru	Jain University	Deemed to be University
37.		Mysore	Karnataka State Open University	State Open University
38.		Shimoga	Kuvempu University	State University
39.		Mangala-gangotri (Konaje)	Mangalore University	State University
40.		Mysore	Mysore University	State University
41.	Kerala	Malappuram	Calicut University	State University
42.		Kerala	Kannur University	State University
43.		Thiruvanthapuram	University of Kerala	State University
44.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Amity University	Private University
45.		Bhopal	Barkatullah University	(State University
46.		Indore	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya	State University
47.		Gwalior	Jiwaji University	State University
48.		Chitrakoot	M.G. Chitrakoot Vishwavidyalaya	State University
49.		Bhopal,	M.P.Bhoj (Open) University	State Open University
50.	Katni	Maharishi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwavidyalaya	Private University	
51.	Bhopal	Rabindranath Tagore University	Private University	
52.	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University	State University
53.		Wardha	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya	Central University
54.		Kolhapur	Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth	Deemed to be University
55.		Kolhapur	Shivaji University	State University
56.		Mumbai	Smt.Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Womens University	State University
57.		Mumbai,	University of Mumbai	State University
58.	Nashik	Yashwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University	State Open University	
59.	Orissa	Balasore	Fakir Mohan University	State University
60.		Sambalpur	Orissa State Open University	State Open University
61.		Baripada	North Orissa University	State University
62.	Pondicherry	Kalapet	Pondicherry University	Central University
63.	Punjab	Kapurthala	I.K.Gujral Punjab Technical University	State University
64.		Jalandhar	Lovely Professional University	Private University
65.		Patiala	Punjabi University	State University
66.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Jagannath University	Private University
67.		Ladnun	Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute	Deemed to be University
68.		Jaipur	Jaipur National University	Private University
69.		Vidhani	J.E.C.R.C. University	Private University
70.		Jaipur	Jayoti Vidyapeeth Women's University	Private University
71.		Jaipur	Suresh Gyan Vihar University	Private University

72.		Kota	Vardhman Mahaveer Open University	State Open University	
73.		Jaipur	Amity University, Jaipur	Private University	
74.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Anna University	State University	
75.		Salem	Periyar University	State University	
76.		Chennai	Tamil Nadu Open University	State Open University	
77.		Chennai	Tamil Nadu Physical Education And Sports University	State University	
78.		Thanjavur	Tamil University	State University	
79.		Chennai	University of Madras	State University	
80.		Tirunelveli	Manonmaniam Sundarnar University	State University	
81.		Madurai	Madurai Kamaraj University	State University	
82.		Telangana	Telangana	Dr. B.R. Ambedker Open University	State Open University
83.			Warangal,	Kakatiya University	State University
84.	Hyderabad		Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Central University	
85.	Hyderabad		The English and Foreign Languages University	Central University	
86.	Tripura	Mohanpur, Agartala	Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India	Private University	
87.		Suryamani nagar	Tripura University	Central University	
88.	Uttar Pradesh	Aligarh	Aligarh Muslim University	Central University	
89.		Agra	Dayalbagh Educational Institute	Deemed to be University	
90.		Lucknow	Integral University	Private University	
91.		Gajraula	Shri Venkateshwara University	Private University	
92.		Meerut	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University	Private University	
93.		Allahabad	U. P. Rajarshi Tandon Open University	State Open University	
94.		Noida	Amity University, Noida	Private University	
95.		Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Graphic Era University	Deemed to be University
96.	Dehradun		University of Petroleum and Energy Studies	Private University	
97.	Haldwani		Uttarakhand Open University	State Open University	
98.	West Bengal	Bardhaman	Burdwan University	State University	
99.		Salt Lake City, Kolkata	Netaji Subhash Open University	State Open University	
100.		Jorasanko, Kolkata	Rabindra Bharati University	State University	
101.		Nadia	University of Kalyani	State University	
102.		Darjeeling	University of North Bengal	State University	
103.		Midnapur	Vidyasagar University	State University	

CATEGORY - I HEIs\*

S.No.	State	City	Name Of HEI	Type
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Vishkhapatnam	Andhra University	State University
2.		Vaddeswaram	Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation	Deemed to be University
3.		Tirupati	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha	Deemed to be University
4.		Vishkhapatnam	Gandhi Institute of Technology And Management (GITAM)	Deemed to be University
5.		Tirupati	Sri Venkateswara University	State University
6.	Delhi	Delhi	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade	Deemed to be University
7.	Haryana	Kurukshetra	Kurukshetra University	State University
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu	University of Jammu	State University
9.	Karnataka	Jigani	Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana	Deemed to be University
10.		Mysuru	JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	Deemed to be University
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior	Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education	Deemed to be University
12.	Maharashtra	Pune	Bharati Vidyapeeth	Deemed to be University
13.		Pune	Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth	Deemed to be University
14.		Ville Parle (W), Mumbai	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies	Deemed to be University
15.		Wardha	Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences	Deemed to be University
16.		Pune	Savitribai Phule Pune University	State University
17.	Orissa	Bhubneswar	Utkal University	State University
18.	Punjab	Amritsar	Guru Nanak Dev University	State University
19.	Tamil Nadu	Thanjavur	Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (SASTRA)	Deemed to be University
20.		Karaikudi	Alagappa University	State University
21.		Kattankulathur	SRM Institute of Science and Technology	Deemed to be University
22.		Chennai	Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research	Deemed to be University
23.	Telangana	Hyderabad	Nalsar University of Law	State University
24.		Hyderabad	Osmania University	State University
25.		Telangana	University of Hyderabad	Central University

**\*Category-I University**

University shall be in category-I if

- It has been accredited by NAAC with a score of 3.51 or above; or
- It has received a corresponding accreditation grade/score from a reputed accreditation agency empanelled by the UGC; or
- It has been ranked among top **500** of reputed world rankings, such as Times Higher Education or QS.

The updated list of Category-I HEIs is available on UGC website [www.ugc.ac.in/deb](http://www.ugc.ac.in/deb) at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6073014\\_DEB-HEIs-category-1-updatedlist\\_20-11-19.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/6073014_DEB-HEIs-category-1-updatedlist_20-11-19.pdf)