## **Col.** Award of Institutional Excellence

## YCMOU honored with 'CoL Award of Institutional Excellence'

Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), the apex body of open and distance learning universities in the commonwealth countries has honored the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) of Nashik with an Award of Institutional Excellence. The CoL's adjudication panel of experts appreciated YCMOU's impressive record of reaching millions of students and fulfilling the promise of technology and open learning by taking learning opportunities to where students are located. The award was handed over to the Vice chancellor Prof. E. Vayunandan and Registrar Dr. Dinesh Bhonde on September 11, in a Ninth Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning at Edinburgh, Scotland.

The citation appraises YCMOU for Application of modern technology in education for reaching the unreached Innovative use of technology from students' registration to certification Setting goal for sustainable development, skill development and employability of the students

Maintaining consistency in the honest efforts since 2002 when the 'excellence' awarded to this university for the first time.

The Commonwealth of Learning (CoL) is an intergovernmental organisation created by Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1987 to promote the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies. Hosted by the Government of Canada with headquarters in Burnaby, British Columbia, CoL is the world's only intergovernmental organisation solely concerned with the promotion and development of distance education and open learning. CoL's mission is to help governments, institutions and organisations expand the scale, efficiency and quality of learning by using appropriate open, distance and technology-based approaches.



