

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik – 422 222 (NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade)

Institutional Values and Best Practices

YCMOU supports high institutional values and carries out social responsibilities effectively for inclusive learning through the following initiatives:

- Access to higher education to the vulnerable and weaker sections of the society;
- Fee exemption to SC/ST learners, Jail inmates, Person with disabilities and Transgender;
- Customized programs for farming and rural communities in backward and remote areas;
- Socio-economic empowerment through extension activities for vulnerable, weaker and deprived sections of the society like farmers, village artisan, tribal and labors;
- Safe environment for women employees and learners providing various logistic facilities;
- Workplace and residential complex ensured through 24 hours Security Services;
- Accessible environment with disable-friendly amenities for PwD person on the campus;
- Code of Conduct and work ethics for teachers, non-academic staff, LSCs and learners;
- Plagiarism rules are applicable for all academic work including research and publication of the teachers and learners.
- Periodic seminars and workshops are conducted to promote social values among the teachers and learners;
- Celebration of National festivals, birth and death anniversaries of great Indian souls with the staff and students at university head quarter, Regional Centers and LSCs.

Distinctive features and best practices of the University are as follows:

- Quality learning material in local language relevant to local condition with global standard;
- Network of RCs and LSCs in rural and remote locations in hilly regions, tribal areas and coastal areas;
- Technology enabled learner support services for admission, payment of fees, hall-ticket, examination timetable, model question papers, learning material, etc.;
- Lush green, clean and eco-friendly campus, horticulture plantation, food production following environment friendly practices;
- Modern office infrastructure with ICT facilities at head quarter, regional centers and learner support centers;
- Recognition Award of Institutional Excellence for Distance Education by COL Canada in 2002 and 2019;
- Ranked 4th in Swachh Campus Competition Ranking in 2019 under non-residential universities in India.