

**Message from Prof. Sanjeev Sonawane, Vice Chancellor, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU)**



"As the nodal university for the MAHASWAYAM platform, YCMOU is proud to lead this transformative initiative in collaboration with other esteemed institutions across Maharashtra. Our goal is to leverage the enabling provisions of the UGC, allowing students to complete 40% of their degree credit requirements online. By offering curated, localized, and affordable courses—especially in Marathi—we are committed to providing accessible and high-quality education that aligns with Maharashtra's academic calendar.

Recognizing the critical need for low-cost, high-quality content, MAHASWAYAM will ensure that students, regardless of geographical or socio-economic barriers, can pursue their educational aspirations. Digital technology will play a crucial role in democratizing education, expanding its reach to all corners of our state.

Our consortium is driven by the shared vision of fostering interdisciplinary and cross-institutional collaboration. By pooling our expertise, resources, and infrastructure, we aim to build a robust curriculum that meets the diverse needs of Maharashtra's students, while promoting Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). Together, we are committed to shaping the future of higher education in Maharashtra and beyond, ensuring that our students receive an education that is not only affordable but also deeply relevant to their personal and professional growth.

We look forward to the active participation of learners and educators alike, as we embark on this innovative journey to make education more inclusive, flexible, and accessible through MAHASWAYAM."

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