

Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik – 422 222

5.3.3: Contribution of the Alumni Association

The Alumni related activities of the University are conducted at YCMOU Headquarter at Nashik including placements for its heterogeneous and dispersed learner population who have successfully completed their programs of studies. The alumni of the University are registered through, an Alumni Registration Form on the university portal. Currently, the University has a network of 3,03,470 alumni (2020-21) and the number is continuously growing.

Contribution of Alumni to the development of the Institution

The alumni of the University significantly contributed in the following ways:

- Helping our learners to find opportunities in their working organization.
- Facilitating placement drives by coordinating with different agencies and industries;
- Acting as an interface between the industry and the students / alumni;
- Brand Ambassadors of the University propagating ODL philosophy in society;
- Conducting counseling sessions on the LSCs and participating in the evaluation process.

Action Taken for Strengthening Alumni Association and Network

The University is further strengthening the Alumni Association of the University so that the resourceful alumnus and their affiliating companies are identified for helping the students for their suitable placement. Some of the significant activities undertaken by the University in this direction are:

- Dedicated web portal for YCMOU Alumni Association;
- Collaboration with Alumni for skill development & competency enhancement.

The Alumni of the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University is an important partner in the development of the University in achieving its goal of **Taking Education to the Doorstep of the People**. Every member of the Alumni as well as every student of the University in one or other way contributes to the development of the University either by way of making others take admission to the educational program best suited to his educational needs or providing them valuable information about the University and how they can complete their further education and progress in their life. Alumni functions with certain objectives. The main objectives of the Alumni are:

1. To assist in various activities undertaken by the University at the local level through learner support centers and Regional Centers.

- **2.** To undertake activities leading to the creation of educational, awareness, eradication of superstitions through learner support centers.
- **3.** To undertake activities for the benefit of Poor, Specially Abled Persons and Women.
- **4.** To help the learners of the University by providing them information and assistance of various Government welfare schemes and employment opportunities.
- **5.** To provide skill based educational opportunities through the University to Specially Abled Persons and activities for woman empowerment like Self Help Group, Skill Development Programs etc.
- **6.** To provide training to students in new skill sets and guide them about competitive exams conducted for recruitment of Government Jobs.
- **7.** To provide training for self-employment to women, to implement employment welfare scheme and projects for them.
- **8.** To create awareness among people about superstitions and their impact on their life, to make efforts about the eradication of superstitions.
- **9.** To write, publish and distribute articles, news about the Alumni with the purpose of achieving the objective of the Organization.
- **10.** To approach the State Government, Public Organisation, Corporation, Municipality and Government Officers to get grant, donations, subscription, land and other infrastructures facilities for the university.

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