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5.1.8: Special Learner Support Centers

The University is mandated to reach the unreached and marginalized sections of the society. To address the varied needs of different target groups, the University extends its outreach by opening Learner Support Centers in rural and tribal areas in Maharashtra.

- YCMOU has established 59 LSC especially for the practicing farmers, farm women and rural youth in rural Maharashtra catering to the needs of more than 19000 distance learners every year.
- YCMOU Recognized Learner support centers in the Artillery School in Nashik for various 18 Trades like Gunner, Bombers, stewards, canteen men, security men, service men etc. The center is catering to the need of 1563 soldiers / learners. University has established recognized center for the Persons with Disability (PwD) students in association with NAB, Nashik. The PwD learners are exempted from tuition fees. Currently there are 507 teachers for the persons with disabilities are enrolled on 10 Learner support centers in Maharashtra.
- YCMOU established 8 Learner support centers in 8 central jails for providing educational opportunities to jail inmates. Currently 385 jail inmates are enrolled for various academic programs in Maharashtra. University exempts admission fee and facilitates learning by providing study materials and academic counseling support to jail inmates.
- Fee reimbursement / fee exemption to learners from SC / ST category under GOI Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme of Government of Maharashtra.;
- Awareness camps for weavers' community were organized by the Regional Center Nashik. Many of them have taken admission in the YCMOU Bachelor's Preparatory Program. Regional Center, Nashik enrolled more than 300 weavers as students in various academic programs from Malegaon and Yeola.

The University caters to the academic needs of the people who are differently abled. The University has provided all the concessions as per the government rule to these differently abled people and also provided easy to use infrastructure facilities at the Headquarter, Regional Centers and Study Centers. Special arrangements are made for their convenience. The University has launched B.Ed. program in special education for the blind students and transformed the printed study material into brail language so as to enable them to read and understand. The University has reserved seats for disabled people in the admission of certain professional programs.

The University has taken care of those learners of certain area who are deprived of educational facilities due to some social issues and constraints like Naxalite affected area. The University has opened study centers in such area and made educational facilities available to them. The University with the help of government scheme sanctioned them concession in fees.

The educational opportunities are provided to prison inmates to complete their education. They are also provided with counseling facilities inside the jail.

The University has signed an MOU with the Indian Army for offering educational programs to army men and their officers. The army persons have found these programs very useful as they open up new employment opportunities for employment after their retirement.

Provide web-link to

1) List of Special Learner Support Centers:

<http://ycmou.digitaluniversity.ac/Content.aspx?ID=28291>

2) Any other relevant information: Army Program Prospectus:

https://ycmou.digitaluniversity.ac/WebFiles/NB15-16-11%20Prospectus%20for%20Indian%20Army_docx.pdf




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