



## **Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik – 422 222**

**(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade)**

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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 20 LSC especially for the farmers, farm women and rural youth in Maharashtra catering to the needs of more than 18000 distance learners every year.
- Recognized Learner support centers are established in the Artillery School in Nashik for B.A. and B.Com. Program for the soldiers. The center is catering to the need of more than 400 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.
- Educational opportunities to jail inmates in the district jails have been provided. Beginning with the LSC in Central Jail Nashik, Presently there are 8 LSC located in jails 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.;

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.



  
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