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## CHALLENGES IN OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

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### **ABSTRACT :**

*Distance and open education system started firstly at England as UK Open University in 1970. Having the knowledge and wisdom of knowledge and transforming it into a self-taught and self-study process has given importance to open and distance education. The Open University is free in all sense. There are no restrictions in it. This education program has provided the opportunity to all those who feel disgusted with higher education. Formal education, Postal learning and Informal education. The facility of open and distance education is available in large scale today using good utility techniques. It includes the use of latest technology, education based on needs, flexibility of education and respect for self. Foundation of open and distance education has been established by adopting the principles. For the time being and due to many reasons, it is difficult to get traditional education in a traditional way; they have got a very good opportunity for open education and distance education. In this system, many researchers and educationalist have stated some principles.*

**Key Words :** *Open and Distance Learning, Informal education, Flexibility, self study*

### **Introduction :**

A popular method for learning is distance education. This method created revolution in the field of education. Everyone has a higher education and open education. In this study method, the student has got a lot of freedom. This is called paradigm shift. Ex.,

1. Students have the freedom to learn,
2. Where to learn,
3. When to learn,
4. Which teacher's guidance to be taken to learn
5. How to test them.

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1. Charles Vedmeyer - Education through a self study method.
2. Borje Homberg - Communicative education approach through Guidance.
3. Auto Peters - Open and Distance Learning is an Industrial Process.
4. Michael Moore - Academic autonomy of scholars.

**Features of open and distance education:**

1. Self speedy approach education
2. Stress on self study.
3. Need based courses and programmes.
4. Use of latest communication and information technology.
5. Operational methods like industry
6. Use of many educational media
7. Flexibility in education.

**Learner based Principles:**

**1. Support to students:**

Provide support services to the students through departmental centers, study centers, work centers, experimental labs, etc. by establishing a student service department to provide educational and human support.

**2. Emotional attachment:**

A sense of belonging is created for the student and he is encouraged to take positive inspiration.

**3. Faith:**

The teacher is guided by creating faith towards the student, along with their educational problems as well as paying attention to personal problems.

**4. Textbook based education:**

The study system that makes the student self-reliant is developed. This is the goal of open education. Practical textbooks that focus on self-study have been created for this. Self study is self-motivated, self-motivated and self-centered. Therefore, today's important system of education has become popular in recent times.

Today, in India there is one Central Open University and 13 State Open Universities are playing an important role in open and distance learning system. In this, out stream people, women, people from industry and business, who are out of education flow in large numbers are taking advantage and the benefits of this system. But the system has some drawbacks and challenges to implement it effectively and students friendly.

**Challenges of open and distance learning :**

1. Students do not get the information properly in order to get into the open education system.
2. The problem of updating time-bound content in curriculum.

3. Effective academic reciprocity and lack of operational
4. Problems in Frequent Communication Systems
5. Lack of trained and skilled manpower
6. Lack of equivalence and social dignity
7. Blindness for the Open Learning System
8. Lack of examination and Evaluation Method
9. Lack of updating the time schedule.

**Suggestions for Effective Implementation :**

1. Positive attitude of the Monitoring Institution
2. Availability of adequate human resource and infrastructure
3. Organizing training and orientation programs for councilors regularly
4. Academic and administrative audits need to be done
5. Empowerment of Divisional and Study Centers
6. Improvement in Examination system
7. Need of Research and Innovation
8. Developing the Work culture system
9. Inclusion of Skill development programmes
10. To Start open and distance education centers at district headquarters.
11. Generate sufficient corpus fund for development
12. To promote online and open resource learning tools

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