

3.3.1: INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES OF THE INSTITUTE

Pandit Sundarlal Sharma Open University is continuously involved in various innovative initiatives. Apart from reaching the unreached, it provides skill oriented education to its learners. The University Conducts research activities through its doctoral research program. Apart from these learning activities, the University has various cells/centers which are actively involved in innovative practices. Innovations are carried out through different constituents, which are as under:

1. Center for Innovation Startup and Entrepreneurship Development :

Center for Innovation Startup and Entrepreneurship Development has been established for students and faculty to evolve and leverage corporate partnership in the development and growth of Chhattisgarh's startup ecosystem. With end-to-end support at a single platform, the cell aims at the efficient transformation of business ideas into successful ventures which impact social and economic development coupled with employment generation and wealth creation. It strengthens start-up ecosystem in the state through its policy on research and recommendations to Govt. of India and to state government to ensure ease of starting-doing-closing of new businesses.

2. Student Support Portal:

Student support is the heart of open education system. With the help of this support portal, learners can access all information related to their academic needs. It comprises academic information like admission, programme details, fee details, list of study learning centers, list of regional centers, contact classes, practical examination, term and examination, result declaration as well as student helpdesk.

3. Center for Social Reform and Extension: The center help in developing skills of employees and it also provides the opportunity to show their talent apart from their regular work. The vision of the center is to be self dependent, promote, inculcate knowledge, understanding, and remain conscious towards nature. Similarly, it aims to contribute and to achieve social justice, encourage healthy community life, create belongingness for university and environment alike.

4. Women Holistic Development Centers:

Women's empowerment is one of the most important factors in the progress of a developing country like India. A group of teachers, employees and officers of the University came together to operate this development center. This center will organize educational, technical, social and cultural programmes for women. These kinds of functions promote employee engagement, happiness, productivity, retention rate, etc.

5. Eco-friendly Development Cell:

The eco-friendly development cell has been established for the benefit of teachers, learners and other employees. To develop an eco-friendly environment in the university, regional center and other centers, this cell has been working continuously since 2020. From time to time, various functions like education camps, seminars, workshops, conferences etc. were organized by the university.

6. Modal Learners/Study Centers.

Model Learner Centers were established to promote self-learning and develop the career of students of PSSOU. The Online learning model comprises e-books of various subjects designed to increase student engagement, retention and overall satisfaction. It promotes digital study material for the learners so that they don't have to depend on the printed books. The E-books help learners to prepare for examination from anywhere and at any given time. E-contents are available free of cost. Their study materials are available on the website and can be accessed by anyone across India and elsewhere. It is also useful for preparation of competitive exams like CGPSC, PSC, VYAPAM, etc.

7. Swami AtmanandPeeth.

Swami AtmanandPeeth proposes to make Swami Atmanand's holy love last for ever. In the divine spirit of Chhattisgarh, this Peeth furthers the thoughts and works of Swami Atmanandji through teaching, training, etc. The Peeth works for education, culture, promote backward classes of the society, and it also organizes welfare programme and workshops for learner belonging to scheduled Tribes.

8. Equal Opportunities Cell.

Equal Opportunities Cell has been established for supporting ST, SC, OBC, minority groups and physically challenged students. No person shall be discriminated on the basis of caste, creed, religion or their disability. The cell provides library facility, newspapers, magazines and training center and also provides personal guidance and career counselling. The main objectives of Equal Opportunity Cell are to provide financial aid as well as other resources, individually or collectively with social service group, to deprived students. It also organises conference, seminars workshops to educate and empower students.

Web Link Provided:

<https://www.pssou.ac.in/index?page=element&id=INNOVATIVE>