

7.3.1 Area of distinctiveness:

Penetration into the Remote, Tribal and Disturbed Areas:

In academic session 2021-22, the University has a total of 138 LSCs and 7 RC spread throughout the State of Chhattisgarh. The university headquarters is situated in the Bilaspur district of the state. One of the regional centers of the university is located at Raipur, which is State Capital. It connects the state with other states of the country by air and rail transport. Durg, Raipur, Kanker, Jagdalpur and Bilaspur regions are most irrigated areas and located on the shores of rivers. Many LSCs are in the rural/remote areas of the State. This is a conscious effort by the institution to live the expectation of its tag line 'Uchcha Shiksha, Aapke Dwar'.

- 1) **Policy to establish study centers in rural/tribal areas:** Establishment of LSCs involves decisions to open centers across various locations of Chhattisgarh. In order to Open LCS at remote area the minimum learner's requirement is 30 as against 50 set criteria for the urban LSCs. The LSCs are located in the rural segment spread across the geography of the state, especially in the backward areas. Some of these are located in the Naxalite affected tribal areas i.e., Dantewada, Bastar, Narayanpur etc. 57 Learner Support Centers (LSCs) are located in the tribal belt of the state. Four Learners study centers are identified and recommended as Naxalite affected special learner study centers by the university in the year 2022. Four Learners study centers are identified and marked as Tribal area special learner study centers by the university in the year 2022.
- 2) **Establishment of regional centers in the tribal areas:** Besides, the University has established six regional centres in Ambikapur, Bilaspur, Durg, Jagdalpur, Jashpur, Raipur and one sub regional centre at Kanker. Kanker and Jagdapur Regional Centers are Naxalite affected tribal areas and located in the southern region of the state. Many LSCs in southern remote areas are under these regional centers. Ambikapur and Jashpur Regional Centers are also tribal area and located in the northern region of the state. Many LSCs in northern remote areas are under these regional centers.
- 3) **Recognition of special study centers:** The University has also recognized 10 LSCs for the Women, Tribals and Naxal affected (disturbed) area in the state as special LSCs. This facilitates enrollment of women and tribal learners in the state.

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4) **Distribution of students:** In the academic session 2021-22, total 28421 learners were enrolled in the university out of which, 8441 learners were from the urban areas and 19980 learners were from the rural areas. In the academic session 2020-21, total 30014 learners were enrolled in the university out of which, 9211 learners were from the urban areas and 20803 learners were from the rural areas. In the academic session 2019-20, total 25281 learners were enrolled in the university out of which, 7341 learners were enrolled from the urban areas and 17940 learners were from the rural areas. In the academic session 2018-19, total 23371 learners were enrolled in the university out of which, 6502 learners were from the urban areas and 16869 learners were from the rural areas. In the academic session 2017-18, total 27888 learners were enrolled in the university out of which, 7420 learners were from the urban areas and 20468 learners were from the rural areas.

Accordingly, the percentage of learner enrollment in the academic session 2021-22 was 70.30 % from the rural areas and 29.70 % from the urban areas. Accordingly, the percentage of learner enrollment in the academic session 2020-21 was 69.31 % from the rural areas and 30.69 % from the urban areas. Percentage of learner enrollment in the academic session 2019-20 was 70.96 % from the rural areas and 29.04 % from the urban areas. Percentage of learners enrolled in the academic session 2018-19 was 72.18 % from the rural areas and 27.82 % from the urban areas. Percentage of learners enrolled in the academic session 2017-18 was 73.39 % from the rural areas and 26.61 % from the urban areas.

5) **Facilities for SC and ST Students:** In order to give privilege to the weaker section of the society i.e. SC and ST students scholarship scheme is provided, which is aligned through the initiative of the state government.

6) **Facilities for BPL students:** In order to facilitate and promote the learners of below poverty level category the institution has provisions for fee return of 80% of total programme fee.

7) **Facilities for handicap students:** Learners belonging to the disable category are also provided with fee of Rs. 1000(only).

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