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Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
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UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

A seed of vision planted by Government of Gujarat in 1994 has grown into a lush green 'tree of knowledge' in its fruitful journey of 25 years and counting. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), houses its headquarter in state-of-the-art 'Jyotirmay' Parisar in Ahmedabad city; it is the only Open University of the State of Gujarat and a mighty contributor in the State's higher education with enrolment of 3,87,496 students in the last three years. The University impacts the lives of citizens of Gujarat with easy access to higher education without any barriers of age, time and space; for it offers more than 80 programmes of Regular and Vocational-Professional courses comprising of Ph.D, M.Phil, Post-Graduate, Graduate, PG Diploma, Diploma and Certificate; with more than 250 Study Centres in a number of districts across Gujarat encompassing urban and rural areas.

In the leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ami Upadhyay, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University has achieved milestones in different academic, societal and administrative fields. Sincere and conscious efforts have been initiated towards University's vision and mission, which is that of community development by empowering women, people belonging to Scheduled tribes, Scheduled castes, Nomadic tribes, Socially and Educationally underprivileged classes, physically handicapped and people from all strata of society, either from

periphery or center; through providing inclusive, open, distance and flexible higher education. The University has 250+ Study Centres across Gujarat. With a purpose of coherence, smoother functioning and providing hassle-free services to students across Gujarat; these study centres will now be linked with 06 Regional Centres; namely, Patan, Rajkot, Chhota Udepur, Surat, Kutch and Bhavnagar. With the efforts of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ami Upadhyay, land has been allotted at Bhavnagar, Kutch and Chhota Udepur, where special buildings of regional centres will be built.

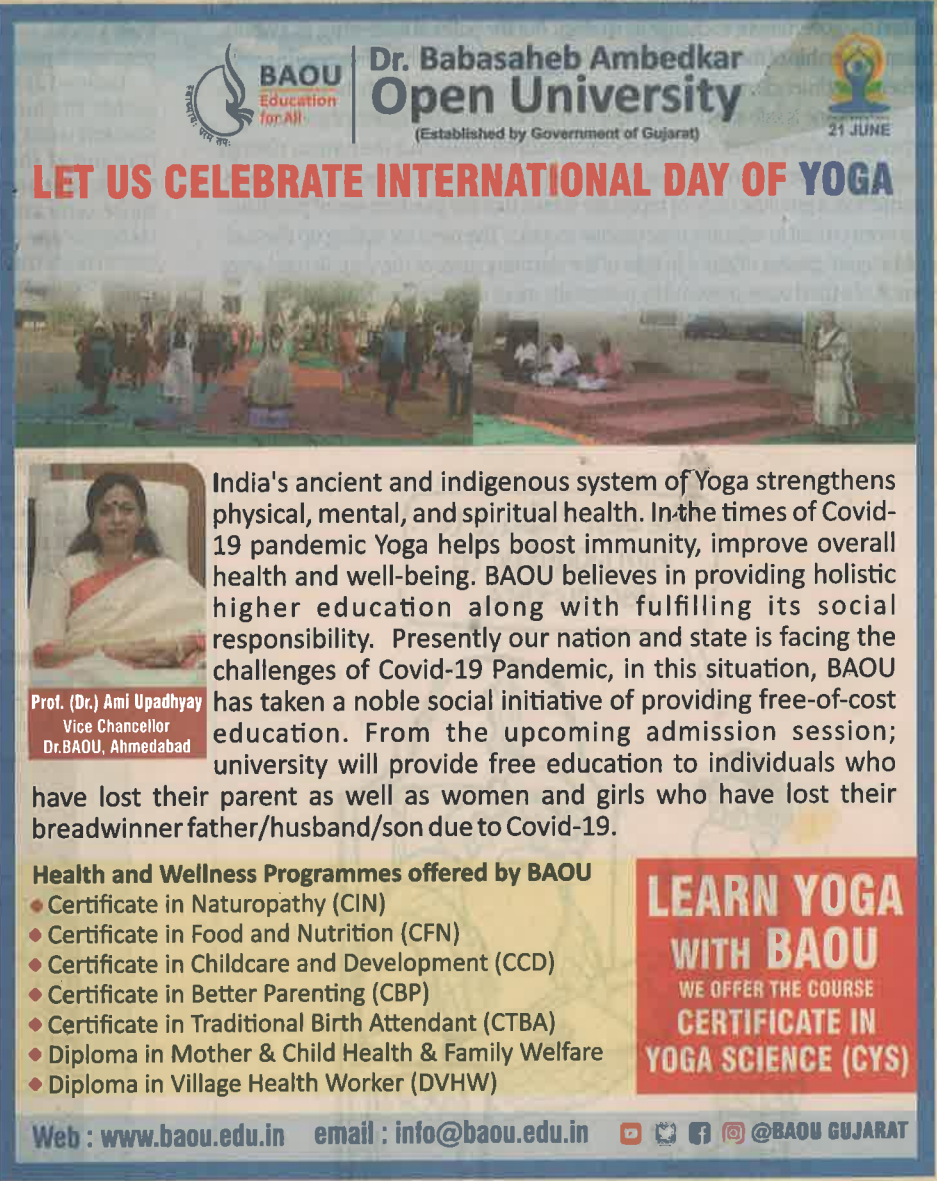
We faced a set of challenges in the form of the global pandemic; but it opened the doors to many newer endeavours. In these times, entire family of the University strived for smoother functioning of the University by optimal utilization of technology and social media platforms; whether it was about conducting more than 1500 online lectures for the students of every nook and corner of the Gujarat state; conducting E-convocation through digital platform or organizing webinar series on relevant and current topics such as National Education Policy 2020 or maintaining mental and physical wellness in "lockdown". In terms of student enrolment, University has crossed its record admissions of last 25 years. The University is privileged to be chosen as a pioneer for India - Country Chapter by the Commonwealth of

Learning for a mentoring project 'Commonwealth Wise Women' for empowering young girls and women from the underserved communities. The establishment of two distinct centres; 'Droncharya - Centre for Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurship' under the Government of Gujarat's Student Startup and Innovation Policy and 'Gargi - Centre for the Holistic Development of Women' has been a matter of pride and gratitude for being able to 'give-back' to the society. The university has also established 'Atri - Special Learner Support Centre' for providing higher education opportunities to jail-inmates, physically handicapped persons, persons with special needs, HIV/AIDS positive persons, trans-genders, sex-workers, and other weaker and marginalized sections of the society. The university has also established 'Gurukul - Model Learner Support Centre', it is an attempt to facilitate academic counselling of students in their respective subjects. It is well said that "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." As the journey continues, many ventures like Gujarat Asmita Museum and Research Centre, SC-ST Research Centre, Mobile Van Project for skill development, Online Teaching and Learning Centre, and more international / national collaborations with academic institutions of repute are into consideration.

In past 2 years, University has taken initiative such as introduction of Lateral Entry, Credit Transfer, admission in SY and TY by adding the credits earned from other University and Flexible Exit, after the completion of the first six months of the degree, student can earn 'Certificate'; after one year, 'Diploma'; after second year 'Advanced Diploma'; and after completing the third year, 'Degree'. We have implemented Choice Based Credit System in its true spirit with variety of courses on offer; On-Demand Exams and Round the year admissions, flexibility in the choice of language in exams, adoption of Open Educational resource policy in order to reach to


keen learners at global level. The university sponsors the wives and children of Indian Army martyrs by exempting their fees for any of the courses of the University; we are the first Open University in India to commence 'Tej-Trusha'- 36 different arts-cultural-literary competitions for over-all development of distance learners; since last 13 years University publishes its own newsletter - 'Gyanganga' and has its own refereed and peer-reviewed E-Journal 'Chaitanya'. University regularly organizes International conferences, National Seminars/Webinar, National workshops / Training Programmes. For the first time since

the University's establishment in 1994, new and indigenous syllabus is being prepared for entire degree programmes and it has also been implemented systematically. We have launched many new Courses as per NEP 2020. University has launched 'Eklavya - Student Support Portal', a one-stop destination for students to access and download their information. We are going to launch 'Namaste BAOU' for learners. In all its capacities, **Dr. BAOU strives to fulfill its motto of 'Education for All'**.



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LET US CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA



India's ancient and indigenous system of Yoga strengthens physical, mental, and spiritual health. In the times of Covid-19 pandemic Yoga helps boost immunity, improve overall health and well-being. BAOU believes in providing holistic higher education along with fulfilling its social responsibility. Presently our nation and state is facing the challenges of Covid-19 Pandemic, in this situation, BAOU has taken a noble social initiative of providing free-of-cost education. From the upcoming admission session; university will provide free education to individuals who have lost their parent as well as women and girls who have lost their breadwinner father/husband/son due to Covid-19.

Health and Wellness Programmes offered by BAOU

- Certificate in Naturopathy (CIN)
- Certificate in Food and Nutrition (CFN)
- Certificate in Childcare and Development (CCD)
- Certificate in Better Parenting (CBP)
- Certificate in Traditional Birth Attendant (CTBA)
- Diploma in Mother & Child Health & Family Welfare
- Diploma in Village Health Worker (DVHW)

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