



REPORT

On

ODL SENSITISATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Dates of Programme: 10th – 17th February 2026

Locations: Various Degree Colleges across Mayurbhanj District, Odisha

Organized by,

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Introduction:

The Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), MSCB University, organized a series of Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Sensitisation and Awareness Programmes across multiple colleges in Mayurbhanj district between 10th to 17th February, 2026. The primary objective of these outreach initiatives was to create awareness among students and faculty members regarding the opportunities, flexibility, and academic advantages offered through the ODL mode of education. These programmes aimed to encourage students, particularly those unable to pursue regular courses, to consider higher education through distance learning.

Institutions Covered:

The sensitisation programmes were conducted across the following institutions:

- UBS Mahavidyalaya, Chakasuliapada
- Kalinga Degree College, Manada
- A.P. College, Raruan
- Karanjia Autonomous College, Karanjia
- Panchapira Women's College, Karanjia
- Rairangpur College, Rairangpur
- Dhiraj Lal College, Bhalada
- Technoworld College, Rairangpur
- MPC College, Baripada
- Sri Maa Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Baripada
- Betnoti Mahavidyalaya, Betnoti
- Baripada Mahavidyalaya, Baripada
- Luipa Degree Mahavidyalaya, Radgo
- R.D.S. Mahavidyalaya, Kundabai
- Meghasan College, Nudadiha
- Sriram Chandra Bhanja Degree Mahavidyalaya, Ragdha
- Government Women's College, Baripada
- Udala college, Udala
- I.G Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Udala

Faculty Members Involved:

The programmes were conducted and facilitated by several faculty members of CDOE, including:

- Dr. Bindeshwari Kalia
- Dr. Dhananjay Nayak
- Dr. Debabrata Panda
- Dr. Himanshu Parida
- Dr. Sujata Panda
- Ms. Santana Maity
- Mr. Pranabkanti Dutta
- Ms. Anjana Mohanty
- Mr. Biswajit Das
- Ms. Abhipsa Pattanayak
- Ms. Pritilagna S. Mahakud
- Ms. Diksha Kumari Shaw
- Ms. Nangi Marandi
- Ms. Sujata Mohakud
- Mr. Satyanarayan Mandal
- Mr. Hrushikesh Mohanta
- Ms. Sasmita Nayak
- Mr. Subhajit Sen

Programme Objectives:

The key objectives of the ODL Awareness Programmes were:

- To introduce the concept and significance of Open and Distance Learning (ODL)
- To inform students about postgraduate and certificate programmes offered by CDOE, MSCB University
- To promote flexible learning opportunities for students unable to attend regular classes
- To provide clarity regarding admission procedures, eligibility, course duration, and evaluation systems
- To motivate students towards skill development and career advancement

Programme Activities:

Across all institutions, the programmes followed a structured and interactive format. Activities included:

- **Presentations and Lectures:** Faculty members delivered detailed presentations, often supported by PowerPoint, explaining the ODL system, University Learning Mission Scheme, and available programmes.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Students engaged actively in question-and-answer sessions, raising queries about admissions, course structure, career scope, and certification.
- **Awareness on Certificate Courses:** Special emphasis was placed on short-term certificate programmes (including 6-month courses) and their role in skill development and employability.
- **Guidance on Academic Support:** Information was shared about study materials, digital learning platforms, faculty guidance, and technological support systems.
- **Discussion with Faculty:** Institutional faculty members participated in discussions, supporting the initiative and facilitating student interaction.

Participation:

The programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members:

- Around 100 students at UBS Mahavidyalaya
- Approximately 150 students each at Kalinga Degree College and A.P. College
- Around 150 students each at Karanjia Autonomous College and Panchapira Women's College
- Nearly 600 students participated in the two-day intensive programme (10th–11th February)
- Additional participation across other colleges ranged from 40 to 100 students per institution

Students from diverse disciplines such as Odia, Economics, History, Education, and Home Science actively participated.

Key Highlights:

- Students showed keen interest in pursuing postgraduate education through distance mode.
- The flexibility of ODL especially for those managing financial, personal, or geographical constraints was widely appreciated.

- Awareness about new and emerging programmes like Yoga, Library Science was successfully initiated.
- Special sessions emphasized women empowerment through flexible education at Panchapira Women's College.
- The programmes also highlighted the green campus, infrastructure, and academic achievements of MSCB University.
- The highlight of University Learning Mission (free seat for ST, SC, Transgender, and PWD candidates) was highlighted.

Response from Participants:

The response from students and faculty members was overwhelmingly positive:

- Students expressed enthusiasm and curiosity about ODL programmes and certificate courses.
- Many participants showed interest in enrolling in postgraduate and short-term courses.
- Faculty members appreciated the University's initiative and requested more such outreach programmes.
- Institutional authorities acknowledged the relevance of ODL for students unable to pursue regular education.

Challenges Observed:

Some challenges were identified during the programmes:

- Limited availability of audio-visual facilities in certain colleges
- Scheduling difficulties due to ongoing examinations
- Limited reach to students from certain disciplines
- Need for additional awareness regarding newly introduced programmes

Conclusion:

The ODL Sensitisation and Awareness Programmes conducted across various colleges in Mayurbhanj district were highly successful in achieving their objectives. The initiatives significantly enhanced awareness about Open and Distance Learning, encouraged students to explore flexible higher education opportunities, and strengthened the outreach of MSCB University's academic programmes. Such programmes play a crucial role in democratizing education and ensuring inclusive access to learning for all sections of society.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Based on observations, the following suggestions were proposed:

- Use of portable projectors and digital tools for better presentation
- Advance coordination with colleges to avoid scheduling conflicts
- Extending programmes to alumni and wider student groups
- Organizing special orientation sessions for new and emerging courses
- Distribution of leaflets, brochures, and contact details for continued engagement

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Gallery:





