MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Innovation and Best Practices

i) Innovation introduced during academic year

- Student admission process, which comprises the receipt of applications, scrutiny and validation of applications by the authorities, approval of admissions and issue of identity card was done through an online automated platform, an ICT initiative powered by PROJECT SAMARTH eGov, MoE, New Delhi (https://mkuniversityadmission.samarth.edu.in/)
- Paperless and eco-benign student e-identity card was introduced thus facilitating immediate and multiple times downloading of all admission related documents (application form, id card and fee paid receipts)by providing separate login id for each registered learner of MKU
- Payment of fees (application fee, tuition fee and certificate fee) was done through online via a secured payment gateway
- Online teaching and virtual learning platforms and social media like zoom, google meet, WhatsApp etc are employed (during COVID-19 pandemic)
- Novel assignments are given where a student gets introduced to updated ideas and also get a deeper understanding of the subjects/concepts
- Registered learners are introduced to work in ICT based environment
- Students' seminars are based on current innovative topics
- PCPs are handled by efficient and well experienced FULL-TIME faculties members of DDE and other renowned educational institutions
- Both practical sessions as well as theory, are conducted under one-roof for all arts and science programmes at Head Quarters only
- Initiated steps to provide e-contents in association with CER, New Deli and EMMRC, MKU
- Implementation of CBCS in the course curriculum
- E-Journal and e-books facility
- Use of Online Teaching and Learning resources (INFLIBNET)
- Encourage learners to participate in various conferences and seminars conducted by various Departments of DDE

ii) Best Practices of Institution

- Best practices of an Institution are the benchmark it wishes to set for itself and citizens in the society
- Being an Institute of higher learning, the unstinted role lies in building-up of a society free-of-discrimination and -deprivation in education and to realize and promote employable citizens. So, we engage in various Best Practices byfostering community

responsibility skill development program promoting Gender Equality spreading Legal Awareness

- Instilling a sense of social responsibility in the minds of the learnersis one of the few of the best practices of the Institution
- Provides concession in tuition fee to the employees of Defence Services (as Indian Army, India Air Force, Indian Navy), military, ex-service men, physically challenged, SC/ST students as per the norms of Government of Tamil Nadu
- Further to state, installation of Water Harvesting System, Waste Management System, Installation of Solar Energy Conversion system in the campus
- 24X7 Wi-Fi enabled Campus with full-fledged library of books, e-books and digital books
- 24x7 health care centre facility
- A Grievance Cell to address the grievances of the students
- A committee to ensure safe and secure environment, free from sexual harassment for all women
- Established facilities such as women rest room, mother feeding centre and other essential women-centred amenities, which counts as Gender Sensitive Campus
- Well established computer and language lab with 300 computers
- Uninterrupted electricity and water supply (RO with levels of TDS/mineralsas recommended by ISO/WHO)
- Clean and Green Campus - Swachttha Ranking (To conserve green forestry resources, the university has established 50 acres of land of neem trees)
- Energy saving campus (Installed **1MW solar power** plant sponsored by Rural Electrification Corporation, ever first of its kind among HEIs in India)
- Established 200 acres for Tidel park in association with ELCOT
- Internal annual academic and administrative audits for monitoring quality and financial attributes

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