

National Conference

on

Student Support in Higher Education

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CALL for PAPERS

Organized by

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About the Conference:

Student Support Services play a very significant role in the effective and efficient delivery of educational programmes in general and in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in particular. Moreover, with the manifold increase in the educational and professional choices for the current generation digitally literate students, the role of higher educational institutions adopting student-centric support services becomes all the more relevant. This is particularly so in terms of counseling, advising and right selection of the programme for the student and entire student life cycle management in ODL. Efforts are also being undertaken by the higher education institutions to integrate their support services with the latest advancement in ICT. The present national conference on “Student Support in Higher Education” is an attempt to showcase the research and experiences including the case studies undertaken in the domain of student support in higher education. It is expected that deliberations in the national conference will help to develop a user friendly multimodal student support framework which can be adopted by the colleges, universities, and by professional, technical, vocational and extension education institutions. In this backdrop, there is a need to deliberate upon the various gamut of the activities related to student support for the current age student especially in the light of increasing penetration and diffusion of digital technology in the country. It is hoped that the Conference will open discussions on harnessing the potential of technology enabled learner support at the tertiary education level thereby fostering inclusive learning environments both in ODL and Conventional mode.

Objectives of the National Conference:

- a. To create a platform for deliberations on different dimensions of student support services in Higher Education;
- b. To identify issues and challenges confronting effective and efficient delivery of student support services offered by the ODL and Conventional Higher Education Institutions and;
- c. To showcase Case Studies/ Success Stories / Student Centric Support Services model in ODL and Conventional institutions; and
- d. To develop a framework for Inclusive Support Services with technological interface in Higher Education

Theme and Sub-Themes of the Conference:

Overarching Theme: Student Support in Higher Education

Sub-Themes:

- a. Student Admission and Counseling
- b. Conventional Learning and Support
- c. Learning Environment and Technological Interface
- d. Learning Resources and their delivery
- e. Assessment and Evaluation of Performance
- f. Technology-enabled Learner Support for Inclusive Learning
- g. Student Life Cycle Management
- h. Retention and Placement
- i. Skill Development and Competency Enhancement
- j. Vocational Education and Support Services

Expected Outcomes of the National Conference

The expected outcomes of the proposed National Conference could be:

1. Development of Support Services Framework in Higher Education;
2. Enrichment of existing support services and its strategies
3. Development of Case Studies on Student Support and its optimal utilization in training and development.
4. Technology enabled Support Support Services Model for Open and Distance Learning (ODL)

Participants

The Participants in the Conference may include (but not limited to) Teachers, Academics, Researchers, other Professionals / Practitioners including Academic Administrators of conventional as well as open and distance learning higher education institutions besides Technical, Vocational, Extension and Professional Institutions.

Registration Details:	
Delegates	Registration Fee
Registration Fee till 20th September 2018	
Teachers, Academics, Researchers, other Professionals / Practitioners	Rs. 3000/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 2000/-
Registration Fee after 20th September 2018	
Teachers, Academics, Researchers, other Professionals / Practitioners	Rs. 4000/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 2500/-

The Registration fee includes Conference Kits, Conference Participation Certificates, entry to all Conference Sessions, Morning and Evening Tea and Lunch. Payment mode of the Registration fee shall be informed separately to all such participants after acceptance notice of the Abstract.

Guidelines for Submission of Abstract:

The interested authors/ co-authors should submit their abstracts online only at the link: <https://goo.gl/YDaAmU>
The Abstract has a maximum limit of 500 words. Authors should keep ready details of their mail id, mobile numbers, institutional affiliation, key words, details of co-authors while submitting the abstract through online form. The guidelines for submitting the full-length papers shall be communicated separately to the participants whose abstracts are accepted for the National Conference.

Important Dates:

Conference Dates:	6, 7 October 2018
Abstract Submission Deadline	22 nd July 2018
Acceptance of the Abstract	27 th July 2018
Full Length Paper Submission Deadline	15 th September 2018
Registration to the Conference	20 th September 2018
Final acceptance of the Paper and Invitation	25 th September 2018
Registration to the Conference with late fee	5 th October 2018

Conference Proceeding Publication:

Selected papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings with ISBN number.

Conference Secretariat

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