

## INFORMATION CONSOLIDATION ON LIS COURSES THROUGH OPEN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN INDIA

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**ABSTRACT:** - *Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system is a system wherein teachers and learners need not necessarily be present either at same place or same time and is flexible in regard to modalities and timing of teaching and learning as also the admission criteria without compromising necessary quality consideration.*

*Open and distance learning has gained momentum over the period of time. The objective of open and distance learning (ODL) is to provide access to education. Many universities and open universities in India are offering a number of courses in open distance learning method.*

**KEY WORDS** – *Open and Distance Learning (ODL), LIS Courses, Need of Distance Education.*

### 1) INTRODUCTION

A developing country like India can not afford that a large segment of its population be deprived of higher education only because its colleges and universities have no place for them. The introduction of education through open distance learning (ODL) helped some extent to reach the students who could not be afforded regular courses. It needed a long term and effective strategy. Thus it was at the right juncture of time that the open learning system entered the scenario.

The first open university was established in India in 1982 at Hyderabad. It is now called Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University. In India there

are 26 universities provided LIS courses through open distance learning (ODL) system.

ODL system of the country consists of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), State Open Universities (SOUs). Institutions and Universities offering education and includes correspondence course institutes (CCIs) in conventional dual mode universities. This is becoming more and more significant for continuing education, skill updation of in service personnel and for quality education of relevance to learners located at educationally disadvantageous locations.

## 2. NEED OF LIS EDUCATION THROUGH OPEN DISTANCE

### LEARNING (ODL) SYSTEM:

Open distance learning provides courses starting from certificate to Ph. D. in order to provide higher professional degree.

Following are the advantages of LIS education through Open Distance Learning (ODL) system

- ❖ The demand of flexible scheduling by potential students whose daily routines are complex and do not mesh with rhythm of the traditional educational day.
- ❖ Provides opportunities for career advancement.
- ❖ The growing market for personal fulfillment courses driven by increased personal income in some sectors of society.
- ❖ Acquire the new technology of library system and services.

## 3. LIST OF UNIVERSITIES PROVIDED LIS COURSES THROUGH OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) SYSTEM

Sl. No.	Name of University	Courses Offered
1	Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh	BLIS
2	Magadh University, Bihar	BLIS, MLIS
3	Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Bihar	BLIS, MLIS
4	Nalanda Open University, Bihar	CLIS, BLIS, MLIS
5	Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Open University, Chhattisgarh	BLIS

6	Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi	BLIS, LMIS, PGDLAN
7	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Gujarat	BLIS
8	Kurukshetra University, Hariyana	DLIS, BLIS, MLIS
9	Maharshi Dayanand University, Hariyana	BLIS, MLIS
10	Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Maharashtra	BLIS, MLIS
11	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Maharashtra	P. G. Diploma in Digital Library and Information Management
12	Bharti Vidyapeeth, Maharashtra	BLIS, MLIS
13	Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Maharashtra	BLIS, MLIS
14	Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Madhya Pradesh	BLIS, MLIS
15	Jiwaji University, Madhya Pradesh	BLIS, MLIS
16	Mahatma Gandhi Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh	BLIS, MLIS
17	Lovely Professional University, Punjab	DLIS, BLIS, MLIS
18	Punjab University, Punjab	PGDLAN, BLIS
19	Punjabi University, Patiala	DLIS, BLIS, MLIS
20	Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Rajasthan	BLIS, MLIS, DLIS
21	Tamil University, Tamil Nadu	CLIS, BLIS, MLIS
22	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	PGDLAN
23	Rajarshi Tondon	BLIS, MLIS

	Open University Utter Pradesh	
24	Swami Vivekanand Subharti University, Utter Pradesh	BLIS, MLIS
25	Aligarh Muslim University, Utter Pradesh	BLIS
26	Netaji Subhas Open University, West Bengal	BLIS, MLIS

#### 4. CONCLUSION:

Open and Distance Learning (ODL) system is helpful for those people who are in-service or remote area in the country.

Now in India there are total 26 UGC DEB Recognised universities offer Library and Information Sciences. Out of these 24 universities provide Degree Course i.e. BLIS 19 universities provide Master Degree Course i. e. MLIS 4 universities provide Diploma course i. e. DLIS 3 universities provide Post Graduate diploma in Library automation and Networking i. e. PGDLAN 2 universities provide certificated course i. e. CLIS 1 university provide Post Graduate Diploa in Digital Library and Information Management i. e. PGDLIM

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