

INTRODUCTION

THE UNIVERSITY

Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra established in 1957, has a well-developed multi-faculty Campus spread over 473 acres of land. Ever since laying of foundation stone by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the First President of India, the University has taken quantum leaps and has emerged as an advanced centre of Study & Research for quality education in conformity with the international standards.

The University has centrally air-conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity of 1900 persons, Senate Hall, Conference Hall, well-equipped Sports Complex (Play fields, Gymnasium, Stadium, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Volleyball, Basketball Courts, etc.), Teachers' Club, Club for Administrative staff, **25 Hostels, (12 for Boys & 13 for Girls)**, School, Health Centre, Business Complex, about **700** quarters for all categories of staff. Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra has a rich Jawaharlal Nehru Library with more than 3.95 lac books, 196+24 journals (Foreign & Indian) and **15,324** rare manuscripts, Internet Section of 200 nodes, Computer Centre, Museum, Instrumentation (USIC) workshop, NSS Centre, Students' Guest House, Faculty House, etc. In addition to Directorate of Distance Education, Institute of Integrated & Honors' Studies and Institute of Teacher Training & Research, the University has **49** Teaching Departments/Institutes on the campus and **261** affiliated colleges situated in the Districts of Ambala, Panipat, Kaithal, Yamuna Nagar, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Panchkula.

THE DIRECTORATE

Kurukshetra University initiated Distance Education Programmes in 1976 through Directorate of Correspondence Courses to provide an opportunity of higher education to the persons who could not continue their studies because of reasons beyond their control. The Directorate's endeavour has been to combine the twin objective of reaching the unreached and meeting the rising educational aspirations of the masses. With the advancement and implementation of technology in imparting education through distance mode, the Directorate was re-caste as Directorate of Distance Education (DDE). The Directorate enrolls every year more than **20000** students in about **40** undergraduate and postgraduate conventional and professional courses. The courses and their curriculum are periodically reviewed and updated to incorporate the developments in the field. The Directorate is also providing two year B.Ed. programme with the approval of NCTE for the benefit of working teachers in schools and other educational institutions.

The Directorate has a separate three-storey teaching-block exclusively for the distance education students. It houses well-equipped, centrally air-conditioned Computer Labs and Library, lecture halls, common-rooms, teacher-rooms, etc.

The Directorate of Distance Education has its own website www.ddekuk.ac.in for Online admission and other enquiries. The study material of various courses offered by the Directorate of Distance Education is being made available Online in the form of books. DDE has been awarded with CSR Trophy and Certificate for Top Institutes of India in 2018 and earlier also it was awarded CSR Trophy and Certificate for Top Distance Learning University in 2016 and "Dnyandeep Award" by Yashwant Rao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nasik, MS in 2015 for excellence in Distance Education.