

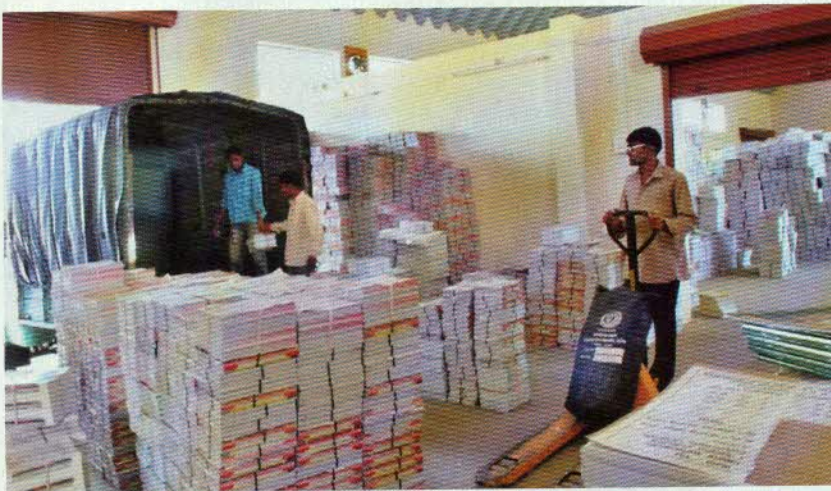
INDIA'S BEST DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTES

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Being the pioneers in the ranking of Distance Education institutes in the country, this year we tried to fine-tune our parameters along with the weightage accorded to each one of them to bring you even closer to the true standing of the best Distance Education universities/institutes in the country. Powered by its huge student-base and infrastructure, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) retains its numero uno position, though a major reason for that is its unique status as the only central open university in the country. YCMOU, Nashik; IMT-CDL, Ghaziabad and SMU, Gangtok occupy the next band in spite of being very different in character. While YCMOU, the state open university of Maharashtra, is a giant like IGNOU specialising in delivering niche programmes for several not-so-far-reached segments, IMT-CDL (a private institution) is largely focussed on delivering management programmes leveraging on its strong lineage in the field and innovative methods of delivery. Following close on its heels is SCDL, Pune, another private player known for its MBA equivalent programme, which has diversified significantly in recent times. Go ahead, explore the best in distance education the country offers!

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STUDY MATERIAL remains one of the most crucial elements in distance education



Rank	Name of the Institution
1	Indira Gandhi National Open University
2	Yashwantrao C. Maharashtra Open University
3	IMT Distance and Open Learning Institute
4	Sikkim Manipal University
5	Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning
6	MP Bhoj (Open) University
7	Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU)
8	Netaji Subhas Open University
9	University of Mumbai (IDOL)
10	Maharishi Dayanand University (DDE)
11	Maulana Azad National Urdu University (DDE)
12	University of Delhi (SOL)
12	Annamalai University (DDE)
14	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
15	Karnataka State Open University
16	Acharya Nagarjuna University (CDE)
17	The ICFAI University Sikkim
18	Osmania University (PGRRCDE)
19	Alagappa University (DDE)
20	Shivaji University (CDE)
21	The ICFAI University Tripura
22	SNDT - Women's University (CDE)
23	Himachal Pradesh University (ICDEOL)
24	Tamil Nadu Open University
25	University of Madras (IDE)
26	Andhra University (SDE)
27	Madurai Kamaraj University (DDE)
28	Vardhman Mahaveer Open University, Kota
29	UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University
30	Uttarakhand Open University
31	Nalanda Open University
32	Kurukshetra University (DDE)
33	University of Calicut (SDE)
34	Patna University (DDE)
35	Kakatiya University (SDLCE)

	Location	Input (325)	Process (400)	Output (200)	Total (925)
sity	New Delhi	210.00	258.12	124.25	592.38
	Nashik	116.63	260.36	158.72	535.70
	Ghaziabad	72.50	285.00	175.45	532.95
	Gangtok	139.04	284.96	105.54	529.54
	Pune	58.88	294.78	135.73	489.39
	Bhopal	112.94	238.15	103.77	454.86
	Hyderabad	104.74	210.00	139.98	454.71
	Kolkata	79.75	240.00	132.89	452.64
	Mumbai	35.58	262.35	149.59	447.53
DE)	Rohtak	85.83	195.00	144.64	425.47
	Hyderabad	60.98	215.91	145.67	422.56
	New Delhi	74.20	235.00	111.25	420.45
	Annamalainagar	88.31	216.39	115.75	420.45
	Ahmedabad	51.10	220.80	135.86	407.76
	Mysore	89.48	241.13	56.72	387.33
	Guntur	52.62	215.00	105.51	373.13
	Gangtok	50.59	195.00	119.70	365.29
	Hyderabad	15.03	210.00	134.53	359.56
	Karaikudi	63.05	235.00	57.50	355.55
	Kolhapur	23.00	175.00	141.18	339.18
	West Tripura	52.92	195.00	88.68	336.60
	Mumbai	21.28	170.00	134.93	326.21
	Shimla	44.11	185.00	97.04	326.15
	Chennai	83.64	145.09	82.20	310.92
	Chennai	30.09	210.00	62.50	302.59
	Vishakhapatnam	27.43	175.16	99.43	302.03
	Madurai	56.25	175.00	62.50	293.75
	Kota	75.95	150.00	67.50	293.45
	Allahabad	79.10	157.12	48.50	284.72
Haldwani	103.22	135.13	32.50	270.85	
Patna	45.23	70.00	113.97	229.20	
Kurukshetra	22.06	105.00	52.50	179.56	
Kozhikode	18.19	115.00	37.50	170.69	
Patna	28.83	70.00	42.50	141.33	
Warangal	43.23	37.61	46.65	127.50	