

AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY, DELHI

MANUAL 1

Particulars of organization, functions and duties

ESTABLISHMENT/BACKGROUND

Bharat Ratna Dr B.R. Ambedkar Vishwavidyalaya, (Ambedkar University, Delhi or AUD for short) was established by the Government of the NCT of Delhi through an Act of Legislature in 2007. The University began functioning in August 2008. The Act mandates the University to focus on teaching and research in the Social Sciences and Humanities. AUD is a unitary university which locates its postgraduate and undergraduate programmes as well as research on its own campus.

Drawing inspiration from the life and ideas of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, it is hoped to develop this University as a unique institution engaged with its students and society, and dedicated to innovative and meaningful ways of teaching, learning and generating knowledge contributing to the cause of **equality and social justice** and the promotion of **excellence**.

The University at present offers three programmes - MA Development Studies (in the School of Development Studies), MA Environment and Development (in the School of Human Ecology) and MA Psychosocial Clinical Studies (in the School of Human Studies). These Schools shall soon begin doctoral programmes as well. The University is poised to launch its undergraduate programme in the academic session 2010-2011. BA Honours in a number of disciplines will be offered under this programme.

VISION

Mandated to focus on research and teaching in the social sciences and humanities and guided by Dr Ambedkar's vision of bridging equality and social justice with excellence. AUD is committed to creating an institutional culture characterized by humanism, non-hierarchical and collegial functioning, teamwork and creativity.

MISSION

AUD considers it to be its mission to create sustainable and effective linkages between access to and success in higher education.

AUD's teaching and research programmes will focus on generating knowledge and building capacities for public systems and institutions to function as instruments of social transformation and development, and to prepare professionals at the interface of Civil Society and the State.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The University has been entrusted with the following objectives:

- (a) to evolve and impart comprehensive higher education with focus on liberal arts, humanities and social sciences including distant and continuing education at all levels to achieve excellence
- (b) to organize advanced studies and promote researches in higher education with focus on liberal arts, humanities and social sciences
- (c) to disseminate knowledge and processes and their role in national development by organizing lectures, seminars, symposia, workshops and conferences
- (d) to promote cultural and ethical values with a view to promote and foster objectives of liberal arts, humanities and social sciences
- (e) to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and abroad
- (f) to publish periodicals, treatises, studies books, reports, journals and other literatures on all subjects relating to liberal arts, humanities and social sciences
- (g) to hold examinations and confer degrees and other academic distinctions
- (h) to undertake study and training projects relating to liberal arts, humanities and social sciences
- (i) to do all such things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objectives of the University.

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS OF STUDIES

The University was established as an affiliating and teaching university to promote studies in the emerging areas of higher education like Engineering, Technology, Business Studies, Computer Applications and Environment Management, etc. In order to achieve this aim, the University has started some teaching programmes in various schools in the University Campus which have been established for teaching and research in their respective areas.

(1) **School of Undergraduate Studies:** This is the academic home for AUD's undergraduate programmes which will have a discipline-based orientation focusing on the Social Sciences, Humanities, Liberal Studies and Mathematical Sciences. The undergraduate programmes will have a flexible structure with multiple exit possibilities enabling students to graduate after three years with a single major or after four years with a dual major. There will be a common module for foundational skills comprising language, writing skills, communication skills, analytical reasoning and basic computing, and a core module in social sciences. A mixed/multi/split mode of delivery which makes use of a continuum of instructional modes (ranging from large classroom based instruction to tutorials to on-line and self-learning modules) is envisaged.

(2) **School of Development Studies:** Through its School of Development Studies, AUD launched a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies in November 2008 in collaboration with the Council for Social Development, New Delhi. The first batch of students has successfully completed the programme. In the academic session 2009-2010, the University launched MA Development Studies (in the School of Development Studies). The same is being offered in the academic year 2010-2011.

(3) **School of Human Ecology:** This School will attempt to focus on the social dimensions of environmental change and sustainable development through its masters and doctoral programmes. It will aim at creating competencies and sensitivities related to environment and development among the future policy makers, leaders of civil society initiatives, advocacy groups and administrators. The School with a masters programme in Environment and Development began in 2009-2010. This programme is being offered this year as well.

(4) **School of Human Studies:** This School brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners drawn from psychology, social anthropology, sociology, philosophy and social work to offer postgraduate and research programmes preparing professionals in Psychotherapy, Social Work, Rehabilitation Studies, Disability Studies and other related areas. The School began functioning in 2009 with a Masters programme in Psychosocial Clinical Studies.

(5) **School of Culture and Creative Expressions:** This school will focus on studies through research and postgraduate programmes, and training at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, in visual arts, performing arts, theatre, literature, cinema, photography, contemporary art practices and cultural practices from the margins. The faculty will include practising artists and litterateurs.

(6) **School of Design:** The School will include study of Design as a discipline at undergraduate and postgraduate levels as also research in select areas of design. The School will focus on social and service design and will engage in the study and documentation of traditional crafts and the practice of design by people at the margins. The importance of sustainability and design for common people will be emphasized. The faculty will include practising artists, craft persons and designers.

(7) **School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship:** This will be the academic home for masters and doctoral programmes in Business as well as Management of Public Systems. The School will also focus on building professional capacities in social entrepreneurs.

(8) **School of Educational Studies:** This School will have postgraduate and doctoral programmes attempting to foster greater convergence between the study of education as a social phenomenon and the preparation of professional educators. This school will focus on policy studies and comparative and international perspectives in education.

(9) **School of Law, Governance and Citizenship:** This school is intended to offer programmes on those aspects of Law which have an interface with human dignity, development and social transformation. The focus here will be on postgraduate programmes in Law and Governance in the context of changing realities of the post-globalization period.

(10) **School of Liberal Studies:** This School will be the academic home for masters and doctoral programmes in languages and classical disciplines and in some specialized areas. Areas that are being considered are translation, social history, labour economics, comparative religion among others.

FACILITIES

The University provides various facilities to its students like University Information Resource Center (Library), Seminar Halls, Conference Room, Hostels (Boys & Girls), Playground, Admission Helpline, Site Map, etc.

LOCATION & MAP

AUD is presently located in the campus of the Integrated Institute of Technology, Sector 9, Dwarka, New Delhi 110 075. The classrooms, faculty rooms, and seminar rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with the latest technology for teaching and learning. AUD has a rich and rapidly expanding library. It has a reading room which can be used by students and faculty alike for quiet study. AUD's excellent computing resources include a fully equipped computer laboratory, computers in the reading room and the library, all on a local wireless intranet.

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