

**JAGATGURU NANAK DEV**  
**PUNJAB STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY, PATIALA**  
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**BEST PRACTICES**



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# **BEST PRACTICES OF JGND PSOU, Patiala**

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala aims to provide seamless access to the employability oriented yet value-based quality education through its deliberately designed Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses. Hence, the university has adopted the following best practices to cater to the educational needs of society at large.

## **1. Initiatives towards Contribution to the Society**

Redressing social or educational inequality by providing free and subsidized education to the socially and economically disadvantaged population of the state through its educational programs and society-oriented projects is one of the main objectives of the university.

Hence, following projects have been initiated.

- Sikhya Daat Programme for the Jail inmates of Punjab State( Developing Skills among the jail Inmates through State of art skill building programs).
- Certificate, Degree and Diploma courses for the differently abled learners in the state of Punjab
- 100% scholarships in the degree, diploma and certificate courses for 550 learners from the economical weaker section on the eve of 550 years Prakash Purav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji.

## **2. Skill Development of Students**

The university programmes and courses have been designed to enhance the employability skills of the learners. Hence, to equip the learners with the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills like creativity and innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, communication, vocational, computational and entrepreneurial skills, etc., the following courses are being offered to the learners of Punjab through the government and government-aided colleges:

- Certificate/Diploma in Accounting and Taxation
- Certificate Programme in GST Applications
- Certificate Programme in IT enabled Services
- Diploma in Horticulture and Food Preservation
- Certificate/Diploma in Organic Farming
- Certificate/Diploma in Software Development and Programming
- Certificate in Embroidery and Diploma in Fashion Design
- Certificate Programme in Retail and Sales Management Skills
- Certificate/Diploma in Stock Market and Trading Operations

- Certificate/ Diploma in Computer Aided Accounting
- Certificate Programme in Mushroom cultivation
- Certificate/Diploma in Programme in Artificial Intelligence
- Certificate in Business Etiquettes and Professionalism
- Certificate/Diploma in Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovations in Business
- Certificate in Creative Writing and Content Development
- Certificate Programme in office Automation and e-Governance

### **3. Use of Technology and Digitalisation:**

In this fast-changing, dynamic and technology-driven era, open universities hold enormous potential to reach to the learners in providing quality education. In fact by making extensive use of technology, they can emerge as game-changers in enhancing the gross enrolment ratio. Hence, by harnessing the optimum use of technology, the university digitized the Self Learning Materials (SLMs) of all the programmes and making it easily available on the university website as well. The learners across the state can access the SLMs through user-friendly open learning systems.

Furthermore, in order to facilitate the process of Examination and Evaluation using, the university has made the decisions to use IT enabled services. Therefore, following practices are being adopted. The examination is being conducted in the online mode for short term certificate courses.

### **4. Imparting Education in English as well as Regional Language**

The self- learning material for all the programmes is being offered to the learners in both English and Punjabi languages so that language barrier does not limit the horizon of the learners. The e-content and the video lessons are also being translated into their vernacular language to ensure full access, equity, and inclusion in the programmes.

### **5. MOU's and Collaborations**

In an attempt to promote academics and research through pedagogic innovation, the university has signed the following MoUs to collaborate with the industry and with other Higher Education Institutions of repute:

- Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad
- Institute of Management Accountants of India (ICMA)

- Patiala Branch of Indian accounting association (IAA)
- MOU with DCF for Imparting Higher Education to the differently abled Students
- For Sikhya Datt program with the Prison Department of Punjab Government