

UNIVERSITY in our own Village

Innovative Initiative of the Model Degree College

1. The Concept :

The National Education Policy-2020 adopted by the Government of India is being implemented at all levels of education in India, including the higher education. The NEP-2020 has taken serious cognizance of the issue of drop-outs and stresses the need for raising the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) of students in HEIs. Accordingly, strenuous efforts are being made to increase the number of students registering for higher education. At present, the drop-out rate is alarmingly high in various parts of the country. Numerous socio-economic and educational factors are at work as causative factors behind this. On account of the migration rate of people and the abysmal condition of agriculture, a large number of students are unable to enter higher education.

The peculiar geographical, social, educational and economic conditions prevailing within the jurisdiction of Gondwana University seem to affect the admission of students to higher education. Owing to these factors and amidst the struggle for survival the

students of this area find it very hard to continue their higher education for longer a period of three or more years. Hence, many of the drop-outs as a result.

The G.E.R. of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts is as low as 24% and 14% respectively. From the above observations, it can safely be concluded that lack of education is the root-cause of the problems faced by the tribal and rural folks of this area.

Against this backdrop Gondwana University considers it as its moral responsibility to reach out to the deprived classes and create educational awareness among those students who do not have access to higher education. Drawing inspiration from this bounden duty, the University is implementing the project: "University in our own Village". The motive behind it is that no student residing within the jurisdiction of Gondwana University shall be deprived of higher education.

Under this project, the university intends to reach out to the students who are either drop-outs or who could not complete their education due to one reason or the other and bring them back to the main stream of Education and help them complete their education which is skill based..

2. Statement of the Problem and its Significance :

The youth of the districts of Gadchiroli and Chandrapur generally study up to standard- XII, but even as they study, they try to get a job. But due to the lack of employment opportunities in these districts, these students stop their short stint with higher education and spend the rest of their lives in search of a livelihood. If proper guidance is given and good institutions are established, such students can be provided with employment opportunities along with education. Hence, it is necessary to have a suitable guidance institution in order to bring these students to the main stream of education.

3. Solution :

An innovative project - "University in our own Village"- was launched in 2023 by the Model College, a Constituent College of Gondwana University, Gadchiroli. This exemplary project which aims at bringing the drop-outs from UG course (B.A.) to the main stream of higher education, was first started at Jambhali Gram Panchayat in Gadchiroli district as an evening college programme. This initiative or project garners the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) drop-out students from colleges around, and provide them with evening college facilities in the village and try to make them employable citizens by imparting necessary skills in addition to the traditional theory paper. This evening time is suitable because all the youths can then afford to come to the class after their daily work to support the family.

4. Objectives :

- Employability and local relevance were two broad objectives borne in mind when the syllabus for the course was drafted. In this course Gondwana University Model College has created a very new paradigm for the students.
- The syllabus includes five papers such as History: Forest Management, Forest Produce, Bamboo, Handicrafts, Wild Vegetables, etc.
- In the History paper, the historical background of Gadchiroli and Chandrapur district, and studying through direct field visit are included. This is quite a commendable step since it has considerable local / regional relevance.
- Both these districts are famous as forest districts. The paper, Forest Management, has been included in the syllabus so that people can earn their livelihood by living in the forest itself and make the forest the provider of their source of income.



- In addition, there is an abundance of forest produce available in these forests. The management of the forest subdivision is also included in the third paper.
- Bamboo is supplied from Gadchiroli district to most parts of India. Fine handicraft items can be made from bamboo.
- The paper, Bamboo Handicraft and Bamboo Craft is included in the syllabus with the objective that the students who complete the course, can not only develop an interest in these handicraft items, but also make their own handicrafts and thereby create employment for themselves. The paper, Wild Vegetables, is made a part of the syllabus with the objective that awareness can be created about the forests in Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts and information can be transferred regarding the tasty and nutritious wild vegetables and create a great demand for such products elsewhere in the country or even at global level.

The response received from students of Jambli village regarding these five papers has been quite overwhelming.

5. Procedure / Methodology :

In the implementation of the above project, Gondwana University will adopt the following modus operandi / methodology / procedure:

1. Conducting a survey of dropout students (male & female) at Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat levels :

Name of Villages	Name of Students	Educational Levbel From Dropped	The Year When Dropped	Subjects	Name of When College Dropped

2. Collection and Analysis of data / information.
3. Determining their classes and subjects as per the data obtained.
4. MOU with Gram Sabha.
4. Enrollment of students.
5. Arranging the class in Gram Sabha Office. which dropped
6. Enlisting/enrolling Professors/teachers and distributing their subjects.
7. Development of Curriculum: Initially started as B.A., the course will continue to be the same. The course will have optional skill-based subjects along with the traditional ones.



8. Preparing a University direction that the above-mentioned B.A programme will be equivalent to the B.A programme of other universities in India.
9. Obtaining approval for the said directive from the Board of Studies of the University / Academic Council / Hon. Vice Chancellor / the state government.
10. Actual commencement of classes.
11. Induction of faculty members (of the affiliated colleges) who are ready to teach on a voluntary basis.



The following different types of laboratories will be needed for the said project.

- i) Physics lab,
- ii) Chemistry lab.
- iii) Language lab. and
- iv) Maths lab.

All these cost Rs. 01 crore each, amounting to a total of Rs. 05 crore. The university will be making financial arrangements for this amount.

6. Eligibility :

Students who have passed standard XII in any stream.

7. The role of the university in capacity building for graduate education :

Expert professors from the university campus go to the village in the evening in the vehicle arranged by the university, organize and engage the classes and return in the same vehicle late at night. Women professors get female security escorts with them. The course was inaugurated on March 27, 2023. In the presence of a senior social worker, Devaji Tofa. It is a matter of joy that many professors and subject expert professors have volunteered themselves to properly implement this project. In future, the scope of this initiative will be increased to some 100 villages within the jurisdiction of Gondwana university. The demand for the extension of this project to more villages has already been high from many Gram Panchayats.

8. Financial Burden :

1. The professors of the P.G department of the university have expressed their willingness to provide their services.
2. The professors of many affiliated colleges are ready to render their services and travel costs.
3. Infra needs

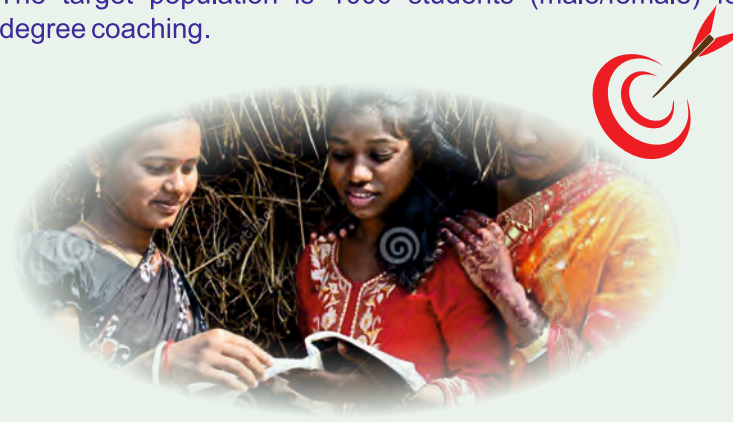


9. Anticipated Outcome :

1. The Gross Enrollment Ratio will increase.
2. There will be an increase in the Human Development Index.
3. The working efficiency of the students will increase over the years.
4. It will help the villages to become self-sufficient.
5. They will get employment opportunities in the village itself.

10. Target :

1. The target Gram Sabhas are 100 Gram Sabhas in the jurisdiction of Gondwana University.
2. The target population is 1000 students (male/female) for degree coaching.



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या पाच पेपरच्या माध्यमातून विद्यापीठ आपल्या गावात या उपक्रमामध्ये सर्वात प्रथम जांभळी या गावात अतिशय सुंदर प्रतिसाद युवकांच्या माध्यमातून मिळतो आहे.

५. कार्यपद्धती

या संदर्भात गोंडवाना विद्यापीठ खालील कार्यपद्धतीचा अवलंब करेल.

- ग्रामसभा व ग्रामपंचायत पातळीवर शिक्षण सोडलेल्या विद्यार्थी / विद्यार्थिनी / पुरुष / महिला ह्यांचे सर्वेक्षण करणे.

गावाचे नाव	विद्यार्थ्यांचे नाव	शिक्षण कुठे सोडले	केव्हा सोडले (वर्ष)	विषय	सोडलेल्या महाविद्यालयाचे नाव

- ही सर्व माहिती संकलीत करून त्याचे पृथकरण करणे.
- त्यानुसार त्यांचे वर्ग व विषय ठरवणे.
- विद्यार्थ्यांची नोंदणी करणे.
- ग्रामसभेच्या कार्यालयात वर्गाची तयारी करणे.
- प्राध्यापकांची नोंदणी करणे, त्यांची विषयवार वाटणी करणे.
- शिकवण्याचा पाठयक्रम तयार करणे. सदर पाठयक्रम हा सुरुवातीला बि.ए. चा राहिल. ह्या पाठयक्रमाला पारंपारीक विषयासोबत ऐच्छीक कौशल्याधारीत विषय असतील.
- विद्यापीठ निदेश तयार करून सदर कार्यक्रम इतर विद्यापीठाच्या कार्यक्रमाशी समकक्ष होईल असा विद्यापीठ निदेश तयार करणे.
- सदर निदेशाला विद्यापीठाच्या अभ्यास मंडळाची/विद्या परिषदेची/मा. कुलगुरुंची/राज्य शासनाची मान्यता घेणे.
- प्रत्यक्षात वर्ग सुरु करणे.
- विद्यापीठ संलग्नित महाविद्यालयातील प्राध्यापक व शिकवणी वर्ग स्वेच्छेने घेऊ इच्छिणाऱ्या घटकांना समाविष्ट करण्यात येईल.

६. पात्रता

कोणत्याही शाखेतील १२ वी उत्तीर्ण विद्यार्थी

७. पदवी शिक्षणात क्षमता विकासात विद्यापीठाचे योगदान

दररोज विद्यापीठ परिसरातले तज्ञ प्राध्यापक हे विद्यापीठाने उपलब्ध करून देण्यात आलेल्या वाहनाने संध्याकाळी त्या गावात जातात नियमित यथोचित वर्ग भरून तासिका घेतात आणि त्याच वाहनाने उशिरा रात्रीपर्यंत परत येतात महिला प्राध्यापिका असेल तर त्यांच्या सोबत महिला सुरक्षारक्षक सुद्धा विद्यापीठाच्या सहकार्याने महाविद्यालयाने उपलब्ध करून दिलेला आहे. या माध्यमातून २७ मार्च २०२३ रोजी



गोंडवाना विद्यापीठाचे दूरदर्शी मा. कुलगुरु डॉ. प्रशान्त बोकारे यांच्या हस्ते ज्येष्ठ समाजसेवक देवाजी तोफा यांच्या उपस्थितीमध्ये या अभ्यासक्रमाची सुरुवात करण्यात आली. या अतिशय नाविन्यपूर्ण उपक्रमात विद्यापीठाच्या परिसरातील अनेक तज्ञ मार्गदर्शक प्राध्यापक व अनेक विषयाचे प्राध्यापक स्वयंसेवी तत्त्वावर कार्य करण्यास स्वतःहून समोर आलेले आहेत हे विशेष. या उपक्रमात भविष्यामध्ये गोंडवाना विद्यापीठ कार्यक्षेत्रातील १०० गावांचा उद्देश ठेवून उपक्रमाची व्यापकता वाढणार आहे. त्या दृष्टीने अनेक ग्रामपंचायतीतून मागणी सुद्धा येऊ लागलेली आहे.



८. आर्थिक भार

- विद्यापीठाच्या पदव्युत्तर विभागाचे प्राध्यापक विनामुल्य सेवा देण्यास तयार आहेत.
- सालग्रित महाविद्यालयाचे प्राध्यापक सुद्धा ह्यामध्ये सहभाग घेण्यास तयार आहेत.
- सदर कार्यक्रमासाठी खालील चल प्रयोगशाळांची गरज भासणार आहे.
 - संगणक,
 - भौतिकशास्त्र,
 - रसायनशास्त्र,
 - ४ भाषा प्रयोगशाळा,
 - गणित प्रयोगशाळा.

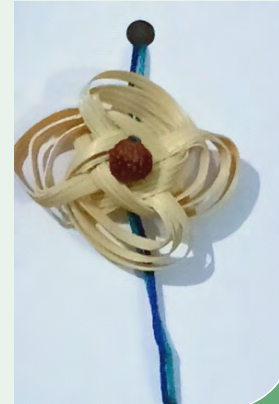
त्यासाठी प्रत्येकी १ कोटी रुपये व एकंदर ५ कोटींची गरज भासणार असून विद्यापीठ त्यासाठी आर्थिक जुळवाजुळव करीत आहे

९. अपेक्षित परिणाम

- सकल नोंदणी गुणोत्तर, Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) वाढेल.
- Human Development Index (मानवविकास निदेशांक) मध्ये वाढ होईल.
- महत्तम कार्यक्षमतेने काम करण्याची वर्षे वाढतील
- ग्राम स्वयंपूर्ण होण्यास मदत होईल.
- युवकांना गावातच रोजगार मिळेल.

१०. लक्ष

- विद्यापीठ परिक्षेत्रातील किमान १०० ग्रामसभामध्ये हा कार्यक्रम २०२४ पर्यंत सुरु करण्याचा संकल्प आहे.
- त्यामध्ये किमान १००० युवक / युवती तसेच महिला / पुरुष ह्यांचे पदवी प्रशिक्षणाची नोंदणी पुर्ण करण्याचे लक्ष आहे.



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