

About Coimbatore

Coimbatore is the second largest city of Tamil Nadu state with about 1.5 million populations. The climate is comfortable round the year with mean maximum and minimum temperatures of 34.7 °C and 21.1° C during summer and 32.2°C and 19.2° C during winter, respectively. The city is having nearly 30,000 small, medium and large scale industries and textile mills and acts as industrial hub with multifaceted business endeavors. Coimbatore city is popularly referred as “Manchester of South India”. The city is surrounded by number of natural tourist spots, which includes Marudhamalai, Kovai Kuttralam, Thirumoorthy falls, Monkey falls, hill stations like Ooty, Top slip and also with many famous temples. From this city, Kerala (Palakkad and Cochin) and Karnataka (Mysore) are easily reachable.

For more details, please visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coimbatore>

How to reach Coimbatore

Coimbatore city is well connected to all parts of India by road, rail and air. The Coimbatore International Airport, located at Peelamedu (15 km away from the city), caters to domestic flights to major Indian cities like Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai. Coimbatore junction (about 5 km from TNAU) is well connected by railways to Chennai, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Delhi and so on. There are three National highways passing through the city by which, Palakkad and Cochin of Kerala (NH47), Ooty (NH67) and Bengaluru (NH209) are connected. City has four bus stations at Gandhipuram (about 3 km from TNAU) including Express services.

Registration for Participation

The participants are requested to register their name through online registration only. For more details, please visit www.odlsda2016.org. During registration, abstracts for the oral / poster presentation can be uploaded.

Guidelines for Extended Abstractpre

Extended Abstracts are invited for Oral / Poster presentation in the following format

- ❖ **Title, Authors, Affiliation with Full postal address, telephone & fax numbers and email address**
- ❖ **Abstract:** The abstract should give a clear indication of the objectives, scope, results and conclusion of your work.
- ❖ **Keywords:** Maximum five words
- ❖ **Introduction:** Background on the subject
- ❖ **Materials and Methods** (whichever applicable)
- ❖ **Results and Discussion:** One figure and one table can be included in your extended abstract
- ❖ **References:** Please include three to five references prepared according to the American Psychological Association (APA) Guidelines.
(Please refer to <http://flash1r.apa.org/apastyle/basics/index.htm>)

Extended abstracts should be typed as MS word, Times New Roman, 12 font size and single space leaving 1” margin on the left and right sides of a page and submitted only through Online www.odlsda2016.org. The extended abstract will be published as a book with ISBN.

Registration Fee

| Category | Before 20 th October, 2016 | 21 st October– 20 th November, 2016 | Spot Registration |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Indian delegates (INR) | | | |
| Students | 3000 | 3500 | 4000 |
| Faculty | 4000 | 4500 | 5000 |
| Foreign delegates (USD) | | | |
| Students | 200 | 250 | 300 |
| Faculty | 300 | 350 | 400 |

For payment details visit : www.odlsda2016.org

Please note

No refund of registration fee will be entertained under any circumstances. The registration fee includes access to Conference sessions, Conference materials, meals and refreshments. Accommodation charges are extra. Please see the website for private hotel accommodation details.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged for desiring participants in guest houses and city hotels only on advance booking and payment subject to availability. For further information : www.odlsda2016.org

Important Dates to note

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| Registration starts from | : 01 st September, 2016 |
| Registration and submission closes on | : 20 th October, 2016 |
| Notification to the participants | : 30 th October, 2016 |
| Registration payment closes on | : 30 th October, 2016 |

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BRIEF ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

There has been a profound change globally, particularly in terms of scientific developments and social changes. One aspect of this is the way in which technology has become an essential part of our lives. The impact that this has had on society in general is becoming more and more visible, with the result that technology is now very much expected to be used in the proliferation of information. As a direct consequence of these expectations, there has been a parallel paradigm shift in distance education. Distance Education (DE) as a multidisciplinary field has reacted to these changes; it has and is still evolving and orienting itself to fulfill this demand, thanks to the impact of Web 2.0 Technologies and Social Media.

TNAU strives for a flagship role in turning the rural unemployed youth to first rate agricultural entrepreneurs and agri - business managers of tomorrow. The impact of agricultural education through distance mode will soon be discernible in development of new breeds of entrepreneurs, increased employment opportunities, higher earnings and better work environment. This will help ensure poverty alleviation and livelihood security and sustainable productivity to change the quality of life, especially in rural areas.

Thus, as the demands of educators and learners in Agricultural Distance Education evolve, it is crucial to understand and get a deeper insight of trends and issues in Distance and Open Education in Agriculture so as to keep abreast of these latest trends and developments, issues and concerns. The proposed conference on Open and Distance Learning for Sustainable Development in Agriculture is an earnest attempt in this regard.



TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY



TNAU was originally established as Agricultural School. It was started in 1876 as Agricultural demonstration farm in Saidapet, Chennai (Madras) and was shifted to Coimbatore as Agricultural College in 1906. It attained University status in the year 1971 with major objectives of teaching, research and extension in the field of Agricultural Sciences. Graduate and Post graduates programs are being offered in Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Agri. Engineering and Home sciences. TNAU is a leading University among the 38 Agricultural universities in the country
(For more details, please visit: www.tnau.ac.in)



DIRECTORATE OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Considering the importance of Distance education in Agriculture, it was started as one of the constituent units of the TNAU during April, 2005. This Directorate introduced B.F.Tech, a bachelors degree programme exclusively for farmers during 2010 onwards. It is a pioneering attempt in agriculture and first of its kind in the global agriculture. This programme inculcates only the technical skills and empowers the farming community to face the real time problems encountered in practicing agriculture with self-confidence.

This directorate concentrates its efforts on non-formal and continuing education for all those learners who aspire for distance learning and interested in starting self-employment programmes in the rural area with objective to provide professional educational opportunities through open and distance learning, Master programmes in Environmental Management, Sugarcane Technology, MBA, Bachelor of Farm Technology, PG Diploma and Certificates programmes, offered by this directorate would enhance the technical knowledge and skill to farming community, unemployed youths, school dropouts and SHG women etc. through ODL programme and also to perform farming and allied activities with the scientific dent of mind and updated, technical do how, know how and what how, by farmers.

The primary targets groups are the farmers, employees of the related institutions and school dropouts. The second target groups are entrepreneurs, State extension personnel, field service providers, NGOs, SHGs and employees of the private sectors. Please visit: www.odl.tnau.ac.in

Technical Sessions

1. Emerging trends and developments in ODL-Global & Indian scenario
2. Empowering farmers through Mobile phones (M-farming) & Social media
3. Web 2.0 technologies for Open Distance Education
4. Distance Education in Agriculture-success stories and strategies for future
5. Self Education, Self Empowerment and Self Employment(EEE) through ODL
6. Role of ODL in Skill India Mission
7. Open session-Suggestions for improvement from experts & ODL students

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