

Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University

Open and Distance Learning Centre, ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur

Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University being a pioneer University of the country in imparting Agricultural education is expanding its wings with the aim of reaching the unreached. Over the decades intensive efforts have been put forth by the Agricultural Scientists and Extension specialists in the state, still only less than 30 percent of agricultural technologies have reached the farmers. Considering the potential and the future of Open and Distance Learning, the Centre of Open and Distance Learning(ODLC) was established with the major aim being to transform ANGRAU from its formal educational system to a dual and convergent mode, by adopting appropriate policies and systems of ODL and ICT (Information & Communication Technology) so as to provide entrepreneurial skills for self-employment, continuing professional education and extension education to the rural people of the state.

Establishment of Open Distance Learning Centre under the Faculty of Agriculture, ANGRAU will be vested with the responsibility of offering Distance learning programme through certificate courses for the benefit of various segments of the farming community, entrepreneurs, Self-help groups and other learners who aspire for knowledge in Agricultural education and Self-employment.

Objectives

The objectives of ODLC include:

- To promote technical know-how and entrepreneurial skills for self-employment,
- To facilitate wider outreach of agricultural technologies,
- To offer Agricultural Education to special groups of rural people in general, and school dropouts, small and marginal farmers and women in particular,
- To provide innovative, open system of education by using distance learning and teaching methods supported and enabled by modern Information Communication Technology (ICT), and
- To facilitate exchange and sharing of Agricultural information, Knowledge and skills among the farming fraternity of the State.

Terms and conditions for online courses

- Certificate course will be for a period of 2 months or 8 weeks
- Persons who can read and write Telugu are eligible for Certificate courses in telugu.
- **Online access and PC/android phone at the participant end is compulsory for online classes.**
- A person can join one or more courses at a time. He must possess android mobile and have access to online interaction apps like Whats app, zoom, google meet etc as the classes will be online only.
- There is no age limit to undergo the certificate programme but should have studied minimum that is prescribed for the course.

- Each course will have seven online classes, one contact practical class at the study centre and one final online examination.
- The online classes for certificate courses will be conducted on every week i.e One class @ 2 hrs session per week. One session is for examination after course completion.
- Registered members should attend all online classes and practical contact session at the study centre compulsorily. Attendance will be monitored.
- Eighty percent attendance for online classes is compulsory.
- Participants may attend practicals at the study centre at their own travel cost. **TA/DA will not be provided for attending practicals at study centres.** Working Lunch will be provided
- Reading materials (Hard copies) will be provided to the participants at the beginning of the course via post.
- The courses will include theoretical sessions with videos, practical sessions to the extent possible and field experiences from experts.
- Fifty percent pass marks for online exam is compulsory for receiving ANGRAU Certificate.
- Contact number/email of registered member is important for direct communication from ODLC
- Change of address or phone number of registered candidate is to be informed immediately
- Certificate course programme is completely online and non-residential.
- After meeting the requirements of Attendance and Examination marks, participants will be awarded with ANGRAU certificates which will be posted. Marks Transcript will not be provided for the certificate courses.
- Failed or missed candidates may appear for re-exam whenever announced. No other repeat chance will be given.
- **Registration**
Interested candidates can download the application from ANGRAU website (www.angrau.ac.in) or directly contact the ODLC at university head qrts Guntur (odlc@angrau.ac.in), Ph : 9063219959

Filled in application (Registration form) along with the fees paid in the form of DD/MO/Phone pay/Google pay/any other UPI transactions drawn in favour of OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE, ANGRAU, payable at Guntur, A.P should reach OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING CENTRE, O/O DEAN OF AGRICULTURE,ACHARYA N. .G RANGA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATED ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, LAM, GUNTUR – 522 034.

- **Bank/Online Payment Details**
Bank Name : Union Bank of India A/c No : 031410100093292
IFSCCode: UBIN0803146 Branch:Koritepadu,Guntur
Registration fee is not refundable or transferable
- **Evaluation pattern**
At the end of the course feedback and evaluation will be done. The pattern of evaluation will be in form of Google sheet questionnaire and Final Exam at the end of the course using Google forms. Certificates will be awarded only after meeting at least 50 percent of the marks requirement and eighty percent attendance in online classes. Transcript of Marks will not be provided for certificate courses.