

### **Penetration into Remote and Tribal Areas:**

The motto of the BAOU is “Education for All”, to fulfill the same University puts specific efforts to reach out to those sections of the society who have been denied or deprived of the opportunity to pursue higher education.

The Student Support Section through the Regional Centres or through the Learner Support Centres conduct special drives for creating awareness about various academic programmes offered by the University as well as the flexible methods of pursuing the programmes through Open and Distance Learning Mode from their home or work place. Usually, before the commencement of admission sessions, the group of faculties and other support staffs on the campus organize interactive sessions to interact with the prospective learners: to ascertain their background, subject stream, medium of education, dispositions, aptitude for the current programme, including their aspirations, areas of interest, needs and upgradation. Publicity materials are prepared for the above mentioned events to be distributed to prospective target groups.

University takes part in various educational expos organized by the Government/Non-Government Institutes in different states, at Ahmedabad and to different district places like Mehsana, Rajkot, Vadodara as well as by various media agencies to interact with the prospective learners and counsel them to study various programmes available.

BAOU in support with its Learner Support Centres organizes “Counsel on Road” where the staff approaches the attendants at Petrol Pumps, Auto Drivers, Labors at Local Shops and establishments who left their study because of financial crisis, they are being counselled and motivated to continue their study to advance their career opportunities.

BAOU has laid specific objectives in accordance to the ideals of Bharatratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkarji; and the outcome is the initiation of certain innovative, positive and progressive endeavours in the field of Open and Distance Higher education:

‘Gurukul’ – Model Study Centre at headquarter, Ahmedabad, is an initiative for amalgamation of Professors and students, not a frequent in Distance mode; it helps students in their subject related counseling.

‘Atri’ – Special Learner Support Centre offers short term professional courses to the citizens of Gujarat from underprivileged sections of the society such as transgender persons, HIV Positive persons, sex-workers, jail inmates, specially abled persons and persons with special needs.

For facilitating the Divyang (PwD) learners the University and its Special Learner Support Centres are well equipped with below mentioned facilities to accommodate differently abled learners:

- Wheelchair – The institution provides wheelchairs to help movement of the differently abled learners within the campus.
- Ramp – The institution has constructed a ramp to help entry of the learners into the campus, classrooms, staff room, Computer lab, etc.
- Washroom - There is a washroom with comfortable fittings exclusively to suit the needs of differently abled learners.

To bring the slow learners within the fold of higher education, the University makes efforts to identify them. They are identified through observations by the teachers / mentors who conduct these special drives. Strategies are adopted for facilitating the slow learners through counseling and mentoring.

BAOU sponsors higher education of the wives and children of Indian Army martyrs by exempting their fees for any of the programmes of the University.

BAOU has taken a noble social initiative of providing free of cost education to individuals who have lost their parents as well as women and girls who have lost their breadwinner father/husband/son to Covid-19 Pandemic.

To bring the Transgenders and Sex Workers into main stream and employ them with respectable work, University in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare, Government of Gujarat approached to Transgender community, Sex Workers and started training them for various skills based short term courses, to make them self-reliant.