

**Message from the Desk of the Director,
Directorate of Open & Distance Learning (DODL),
University of Kalyani**



Dear Students, Stakeholders, and Well-wishers,

It is with great pleasure and a immense of pride for me to adress you all from the desk of the Director, Directorate of Open and Distance Learning (DODL) under University of Kalyani. As we reflect upon our journey since our inception in 2006, I am filled with gratitude for the path we have travelled together and achieved remarkable milestone in these years, with significant growth and progress, transforming into a **premier institution** dedicated to provide accessible and flexible education. The recognition granted to us by the University Grants Commission's Distance Education Bureau (UGC DEB) in 2018 has been a pivotal moment in our development, enabling us to expand our offerings both in four nos. Arts subjects and four nos. of Science subjects which helps us to reach several thousands of students. This accreditation has not only solidified our credibility but has also given us the platform to introduce new academic programs, particularly in the field of Science, complementing our long-established Arts courses.

We are proud to offer the following UGC DEB-recognized M.A./M.Sc. programs:

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| - M.A. in Bengali | - M.Sc. in Zoology |
| - M.A. in English | - M.Sc. in Botany |
| - M.A. in History | - M.Sc. in Geography |
| - M.A. in Education | - M.Sc. in Mathematics |

These additions represent significant step towards offering a well-rounded and diverse range of educational opportunities, empowering students to explore fields that align with academic and professional aspirations.

The core of our mission is a steadfast commitment for making quality education accessible to all. At the DODL, we firmly believe in the power of education to transform lives, and we continuously strive to reach those who might otherwise be excluded from traditional learning environments. We have designed our programs to offer maximum flexibility, allowing students from all backgrounds of life to pursue their educational goals at their own pace.

Vision & Mission (DODL, University of Kalyani):

- Achieve one of the best position in developing Open & Distance Learning (ODL) system in India.
- Empowerment of human resources with knowledge, culture, values, self-confidence and decision-making ability.
- Promotion of educational and cultural well-beings of the community.
- Enhancement of job potentiality of individuals.
- Upgrade students' delivery mechanism by online submission of migration, enrolment, examination results etc.
- Increasing enrolment of students under distance courses to increase GER in Higher Education in India.
- Reformation of examination systems of distance education adopting IT enabled environment and online examination through proctoring AI system adhering to the UGC-DEB Regulation, 2020 & its amendment.
- Ensure student friendly quality teaching and learning environment for the distance courses under this University.
- Optimum utilization of resources and means for developing knowledge-based society.

Achievements:

- We have developed IT, ICT enabled teaching-learning methods including Computer Labs especially for Mathematics and Geography.
- Eight smart classrooms in the DODL building are currently functional to accommodate higher number of students.
- We have built Laboratories for practical based subjects like Zoology, Botany, Geography & Mathematics
- Dissertation Workshops are arranged for Arts subjects (Bengali, English, Education and History) to increase the confidence, presentation capability with question answering, doubt clearing etc..
- Students and stakeholders of distance education are communicated through WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook, Email, SMS as and when required.
- Course curriculum, compatible with the syllabus of NET/SLET, has been developed to extend support for the success of students in such examinations.
- Self Learning Materials (SLM) has been developed in such way that latest development in concerned subjects may be implemented within CBCS curriculum in more effective ways. The faculty members are constantly trying to update the SLMs as much as possible as when required.

Our core objectives are:

1. Providing Affordable and Accessible Education – We are deeply committed to ensuring that education remains within reach of students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. We believe that financial barriers should not be a barrier for individuals for pursuing academic succession in their choiceable subjects.

2. Fostering Academic Excellence – Through the use of innovative teaching methodologies, dynamic learning resources, and presence of highly qualified faculty, we strive to ensure that our students not only get strength to fight against challenges but also develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will serve them throughout their careers and also help them to reach their goal.

3. Promoting Lifelong Learning and Skill Development – In today's rapidly-evolving world, education must extend beyond the classroom. We encourage our students to continue learning throughout their lives, embracing new knowledge, and enhancing their professional skills to remain competitive in their fields to earn their livelihood.

4. Building Strategic Partnerships – We recognize the importance of collaboration with Industries, other Educational Institutions, and Research organization. By building these partnerships, we aim to enhance the employability of our students, offering them the tools and opportunities to succeed in the ever-changing job market.

5. Encouraging Research and Innovation – We understand that progress in any field is driven by research and innovation. Our academic environment nurtures creativity and critical inquiry, encouraging students and faculties alike to explore new ideas, contribute to their disciplines, and make meaningful advancements.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated students, faculties, staff members, and stakeholders. It is your unwavering support, hard working, and belief in our vision that has enabled the DODL to continue thriving. Together, we are working towards bridging the gaps in education, fostering a more inclusive academic community, and empowering individuals to build a brighter and more prosperous future.

I remain deeply grateful to the eminent academician, Prof. Kallol Paul, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kalyani, for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Director of the Directorate of Open and Distance Learning (DODL), University of Kalyan in addition to my normal teaching & research activities in the University.

I am as the Director of this Institute always looking forward to achieve the vision and mission of obstance made of education offering under University of Kalyani.Last but not the least I can say , we will overcome all the hurdles through worth functioning of different activities of our beloved DODL with whole hearted Cooperation and active involvement of our honourable Vice-Chancellor Professor (Dr.) Kallol Paul.

We remain committed to our mission and are excited about the opportunities ahead.

Sincerely,


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