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**Schedule**

**International Conference**

**on Emerging Trends and Challenges in Open, Distance, Digital and Blended Learning (ODDBL)**

**Venue:** Vigyan Bhawan, Kartavya Path, Delhi, India | **Date:** 29-31 January 2026

**Day 1: 29 January 2026**

Timings	Schedule	Venue
08:20 AM – 09:30 AM	Registration of the Participants and Delegates	Main Gate
<b>09:00 AM - 09:30 AM</b>	<b>High Tea</b>	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	Main Plenary Hall
<b>11:00 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>High Tea</b>	
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	<p><b>Keynote Session 1:</b> Open and Distance Education and Digital Learning: Innovations and Futures</p> <p><b>Session-Chair:</b> Prof. Anu Aggarwal, Dept. of Operational Research University of Delhi</p> <p><b>Presided by:</b> Dr. Abhishek Tandon, Associate Professor Department of Operational Research, University of Delhi</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Ami Upadhyay</b>, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar State Open University</p> <p><b>Dr. Torunn Gjelsvik</b>, General Secretary, International Council for Online and Distance Education (ICDE)</p> <p><b>Prof. Santosh Panda</b>, Former Chairperson, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Government of India</p> <p><b>Sir John Daniel</b>, Former Vice Chancellor, UK Open University (Online)</p>	Hall 6





Timings	Schedule	Venue
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	<p><b>Keynote Session 2: Quality Concerns in Distance and Digital Learning: Experiences of Different Countries and Institutions</b></p> <p><b>Session-Chair: Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani</b>, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Open University</p> <p><b>Presided by: Dr. B. Shadrach</b>, Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Ganeshan Kannabiran</b>, Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)</p> <p><b>Prof. Linda Amrane-Cooper</b>, Director, Centre for Online and Distance Education, (CODE, UK)</p> <p><b>Dr. Tony Mays</b>, Director-Education, Commonwealth of Learning (CoL)</p>	Hall 5
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
02:00 PM	Dispersal for Akshardham Visit	
07:00 PM Onwards	Cultural Programme followed by Dinner	Margosa Lawn India Habitat Center, New Delhi





## Day 2: 30 January 2026

Timings	Schedule	Venue
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Tea	
09:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<p><b>Keynote Session 3:</b> UGC Regulations for Distance and Online Learning: Journey Towards Quality</p> <p><b>Session-Chair:</b> Prof. Santosh Panda, Former Chairperson, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Government of India</p> <p><b>Presided by:</b> Prof. Sanjaya Mishra, Former Director, Commonwealth of Learning (CoL)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar</b>, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh</p> <p><b>Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani</b>, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Open University</p> <p><b>Mr. Rajendra Tripathi</b>, Head of Education- Programmes &amp; Partnership India, British Council,</p>	Hall 6
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	High Tea	
12:00 PM – 01:30 PM	Paper Presentations and Parallel Sessions	Hall 1,4,5,6
01:30 PM – 02:30 PM	Lunch	
02:30 PM – 04:30 PM	<p><b>Keynote Session 4:</b> Role of Artificial Intelligence on Teaching Learning Process at Higher Education Level</p> <p><b>Session-Chair:</b> Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh</p> <p><b>Presided by:</b> Dr. Madhukar Maruti Waware, Joint Secretary Distance Education Bureau</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Huiru (Jane) Zheng</b>, Professor of Computer Science, School of Computing, Ulster University, Belfast</p> <p><b>Prof. Sanjeev Singh</b>, Dean, Faculty of Technology, University of Delhi</p> <p><b>Prof. V V Subrahmanyam</b>, Professor of Computer Science, SOCIS, IGNOU, New Delhi</p> <p><b>Prof. Fan Xianrui</b>, Vice President, Open University of China</p>	Hall 6
04:30 PM Onwards	Visit to Delhi Haat, INA	





## Day 3: 31 January 2026

Timings	Schedule	Venue
09:00 AM – 09:30 AM	Tea	
09:30 AM – 11:00 AM	<p><b>Keynote Session 5: Assessment and Evaluation in ODL and Technology Based Education</b></p> <p><b>Session-Chair: Prof. Projes Roy</b>, Joint Director, Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi</p> <p><b>Presided by: Prof. C.R.K Murthy</b>, Academic Consultant-ODL, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Prof. Sanjaya Mishra</b>, Former Director, Commonwealth of Learning (CoL)  <b>Dr. Priyanka Sharma</b>, Deputy CEO, Australian Council for Educational Research  <b>Dr. G. Mythili</b>, Additional Director, STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi</p>	Hall 6
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	High Tea	
11:30 AM – 01:00 PM	Paper Presentations and Parallel Sessions	Hall 1,4,5,6
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch	
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	Paper Presentations and Parallel Sessions	Hall 1,4,5,6
03:00 PM – 03:30 PM	Demonstration of ICT Tools	Hall 4
03:30 PM – 04:30 PM	Valedictory Session & Certificate Distribution	Hall 6

