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## Distance Education System: A Gateway for Working Professionals

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### Abstract

Distance mode of education is highly demanded among working professionals; those who are involved in services or businesses they achieve their degrees by the help of correspondence courses. Within the country and its outside, there are so many courses offering to the students that make the way easier to continue learning at the reasonable cost and minimum hardship. Distance Edu- system is helping the youth generation to make them independent in learning on its own. There are so many universities where young professionals are offered to be part of those courses to continue learning and excel their capabilities in their significant areas.

**Keywords-** *Distance Education, Online Mode, Working Professionals*

### Introduction

Opting Distance Education as a source of obtaining degrees is considered as a boon while one is professionally growing in his working field. Such system of Learning is a kind of educational weapon which is “*Treasuring the benefits of career growth*” especially in context with the working professionals. It is a medium of delivering education to the students who are not physically present in a traditional setting such as a classroom. It provides access to learning to the students from their home. They get themselves enrolled without entering into the College or University and get an access to learn as per their choice. Today’s working professional want to take degrees for their career progress. Distance is the medium that makes the way easier of obtaining various degrees / diplomas / certificate courses etc. at home. So many Skill Development Programs as well as Online Training schemes are also made available through the spectrum of correspondence courses.

### Process, Scope and Benefit

The PROCESS of running any Distance Program is the responsibility of the university; it balances regular and correspondence courses altogether in the same affiliation. Those departments, who manage works to streamline distance courses, are separated from

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regular wing of the University administration. University conducts admissions and exams at the same time, only classes are not arranged for the distance learners. However, they can attend regular classes exceptionally with approval in the same university /college. They have the Learning guides and kits based on syllabus to pursue at home for establishing their better understanding with the courses. In India, UGC (United Grant Commission) is the sole regulating body in the country for distance education and it has been granting approval to the institutes to offer courses that must follow certain standards and guidelines. More than 100 UGC approved Universities offer Distance Learning Program in the country. In accordance with the directions of the Central Government in 2012, the responsibility of undertaking the regulatory functions of the Distance Education has been transferred from Distance Education Council (DEC) to University Grants Commission (UGC). Thus, before looking further for any courses, learners need to check UGC approval documents of that institution.

Its SCOPE is vital and acceptable for all in this age of e-learning. Where Students have no time to attend college due to their job purpose; this way of learning is the best option to continue one's learning with earning. The points which we should consider before adopting any distance medium of education are:

- ✓ It saves money and time.
- ✓ It completes most of the classes at one's convenience.
- ✓ Students can work anywhere along with their study.
- ✓ It allows a student to balance family, work and classes.
- ✓ Fees are generally less expensive in comparison with the regular courses.
- ✓ Subjects are unlimited, and no bonding in selecting papers of their own choices.
- ✓ Degree and Diploma both are available.
- ✓ Online method of learning is easier to understand following with the help of Cds and DVDs of the courses
- ✓ It helps women professionals to gain knowledge and degrees for their upliftment.
- ✓ 'To the point' study material available for better understanding.

Working Professionals are BENEFITTED with Distance mode of learning, as they have minimum time to attend teaching lab. Distance education is covering the whole field of education from academic to technical fields. Those who work in offices, they are blessed with such medium. Opting papers as per choice help them grow with higher education. Sometimes they fail to finish it within a set session, Distance mode has option to expand sessions for their convenience.

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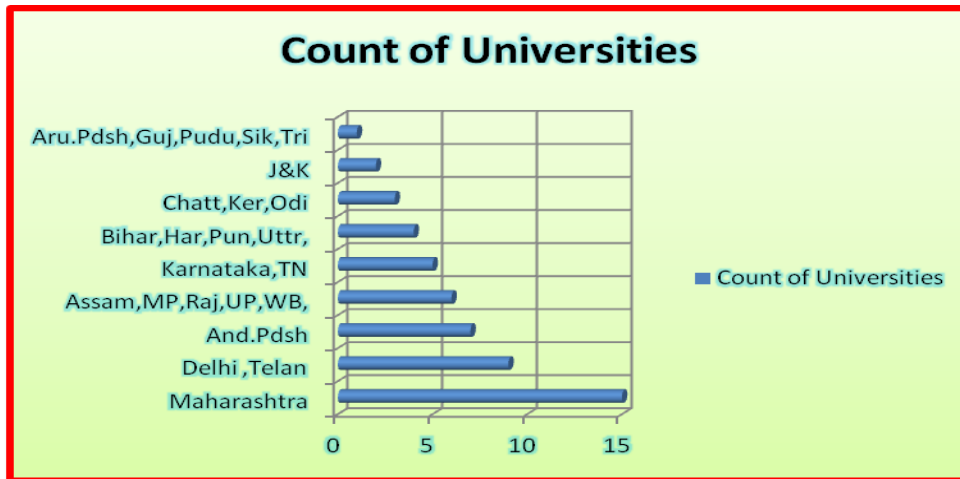


Fig.1: DEB Reports –States with number of Universities running Dist.Prog.)

Any professional who are working in Industry / sector, they select those courses that are beneficial for their career prospective. Such kinds of capacity building courses are achieved too by distance education system.

### An Opportunity Creator

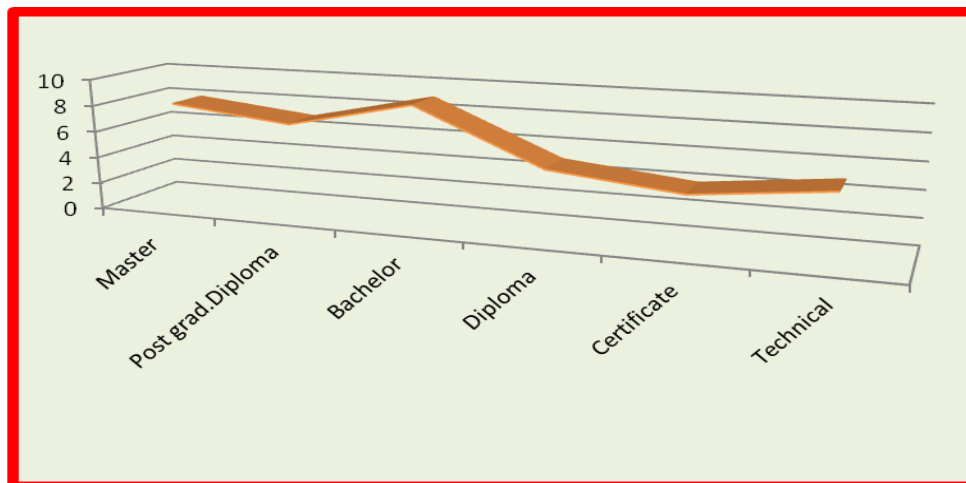
Both formal as well professional courses like M.B.A., M.C.A., C.A., I.C.W.A., B.C.A and many other professional courses are also available through distance learning these days. The working professionals have accepted this new mode without hesitation due to its various advantages. Laboratory / Practical and Contact Classes are offered to the distance learners once or twice in a session to make them aware towards scope and syllabus of the courses. If they wish, they attend, if not they can get the detail “Online”. There is facility of digital classes for many courses which is offered to the students time to time for their clarity regarding subjects.

As a Gateway for Professionals, Distance Learning Program provides an opportunity to:

- Prepare a professional for upcoming opportunities
- Help strengthen career growth in professional life.
- Learn about the latest trend and concept of theory and its practices to keep updated with the current scenario.
- The Program guides to the regular track of professional career.
- While working, a working person can meet with the scope of smart techniques of how to deal with the challenges of their professional career.
- Study tour adds exposure to his / her personality.

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( Fig,2: List of highly demanding courses )

## Medium of Foreign Exposure & Personality Development

Throughout the courses, foreign trip excites student to develop his personality. Such Programs frame out distinction advancement of students by adding Global Educational Trip to ensure that the students' passion for improvement can be nourished with the best exposure. It offers foreign trip and industrial visit, which is helpful to enhance skill and exposure both. Today's Correspondence Colleges widen its sheen by adding new charm to the Professional Students. In order to derive its mission towards Educational Development, the college offers Global Tour to its learners to augment their standard. This will be a new exposure for the students who are in the quest of high professional growth. Academically such courses in Distance mode are designed with addition of such educational trip to ensure that the students' passion for improvement can be nourished with the best exposure. Offering such fantastic trip is meant for Personality Development; college treats such outing activities very much helpful to enhance the learners' Personality.

Moving new places, meeting with newer climate and interacting with people of different places inspire professionally trained minds towards sincere thought and perception. The feeling of extraordinary exposure and confidence opens up the floodgate of successful career. Distance Learning courses are determined to have such educational activities throughout which the learners need to cope up with great enthusiasm. Each newly session is planned out with an exciting- learning tour across the world. In addition, the learners are paid with the gold coin of splendid experience.

## Analysis

The program is a sure success as a Gateway for Professionals which plans out to impart a treasure box of advance practical knowledge to the working group through which they can embark on a new career as a true or complete professional. Educational initiatives

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such as MBA (with various specialization), PGDCA (with Lab facilities) and Medical Courses (with various research), are being offered in many universities / colleges to the professionals to make their experience more enlightening. Motive behind the establishment of Distance Learning Program is to support working professionals, stay- at- home women, and that industrious band of students who wish to pursue degrees to meet their competitive level altogether. The Program opens a floodgate for working professionals, it adds a gigantic platform to the regular track of professional career; while working they can meet with the scope of smart techniques of how to deal with the challenges of their specialized career. It offers specially designed Management / IT / Arts / Science / Humanities / Medical etc so many courses for working professionals who are interested in pursuing on-job higher education as well as committed to shoulder their job responsibilities.

## Conclusion

Distance Education opens the gate of hassle-free learning for the busy bee during working hours. It is an effective, efficient, and engaging medium of learning, which imparts education or degree to the students who got themselves enrolled in the courses as per their choice. Distance medium of education are gaining popularity all over the world. With the growing trend of Campus selection, students do not complete their higher study. Distance Learning Program gives opportunities to each and every person to learn new professionally advance courses without any hurdles.

The best part of the Distance Education era is the global encouragement where Foreign Universities offer Distance Education. Moreover, this does a wonder for a working professional. Learners think about the choice of their preferred field of study from an overseas University to gain exposure and recognition. Professionally skilled learners get a road to walk towards the destination of success. By opting Distance mode of the Foreign University students can know better the cost factor, the cost-benefit analysis of the course and finally the employment potential of a distance learning degree.

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