

## Press note

# TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY AWARDED BY ESTRADE

INNOVATIVE USE OF ICT IN DISTANCE EDUCATION

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We are pleased to announce that Tamil Nadu Open University, the flag bearer of Open and Distance Learning in the state of Tamil Nadu, was presented the award for Innovative Use of ICT in Distance Education at the Estrade Education Conclave & Awards 2017. At a glittering function held at the renowned Sofitel Hotel in Mumbai, Dr.M.Bhaskaran, Vice Chancellor of the University received the award on behalf of the University.

The award, which felicitates the best in Education, is contested heavily by various Universities and institutions in South East Asia. The jury of this prestigious award comprises of world leaders in the field of Education, Technology, Governance and Business. The award felicitates and honors institutions who have demonstrated outstanding contribution towards this noble social cause.

Continuing with its quest for excellence and high effectiveness in the quality of education imparted to the students, Tamil Nadu Open University launched its ICT enabled learning services. The robust online platform provides the student the access to quality content from the best professors across the world. Tools such as Video lectures, audio lectures, E-quizzes, E-notes and relevant links to learning material in the web, provide an interesting and engaging learning



The University was aware that **most of the students hail from remote areas and would face network issues**. Also it was observed that almost every student today has a smart phone or a tablet and is comfortable using that for his education and entertainment needs. Taking this into consideration, the University launched the Mobile application for the students. **The mobile application of the university has the unique ability to work offline without the need of an Internet Connection**. The offline mobile application had all the necessary content encoded within itself, thereby ensuring the availability of the content and the lectures even with no Internet connection. The Mobile application allows students to interact with the University too. The app provides a synchronization of the online and offline academic content thus enabling students to **access the course anytime anywhere**.



Using the hybrid mobile application of the University, even students from remote areas can learn on their mobile phones without the need for computer or internet connection. The courses are available to the students at the same cost as the ODL Programs.

**ABOUT TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY([www.tnou.ac.in](http://www.tnou.ac.in))**

The Tamil Nadu Open University is the first University in the state of Tamil Nadu to have effectively addressed the issue of quality and quality in higher education. The University has been harnessing the advancements in ICT to continuously improve quality. The University has digitalized its learner support systems including admission, examination, material distribution, academic counselling, etc.

The University is one of the 5, among the 15 Open Universities in the country, to have been accorded the recognition under section 12 B of the University Grants Commission (UGC). It is also one of the very few Universities in the country to have received approval of the UGC for offering all its academic Programmes through the distance mode.