

Important Dates

- Symposium Date: 16th March, 2026
- Last date of Registration: 05th March, 2026
- Registration Link: <http://rb.gy/24490t>
- Email Id: ns.socm2026@baou.edu.in

Instructions

- First come, first serve will be there.
- Spot Registration is not available.
- Students can get registered only once.
- Fees can be paid via online mode only.

Registration Fees

Category	Student / Research Scholar	Rs. 100/-
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National Symposium

On

Navigating the Research Landscape Under NEP 2020: Transforming Education Through Innovation

Organized by

**School of Commerce and Management
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In association with

**Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG)
and Education Department,
Government of Gujarat**

Under the Scheme

Promotion of Research and Facilities

Date: 16/03/2026

Time: 10:00 am Onwards

Venue

**Gautam Hall, "Jyotirmay" Parisar,
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University
S. G. Highway, Chharodi,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, 382481**



About University (BAOU)

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (BAOU), established in 1994 by an Act of the Government of Gujarat and now governed under the Gujarat Public Universities Act, 2023, is committed to its motto of 'Education for All'.

- Headquartered at its state-of-the-art 'Jyotirmay' Parisar in Ahmedabad, the University operates 09 Regional Centres and a network of 315+ Learner Support Centres across Gujarat. As the only Open University in the State, BAOU has played a pivotal role in expanding access to higher education, enrolling over 3,13,292 learners in the past three years. With 111 academic programmes including Ph.D., Postgraduate, Graduate, Diploma, and Certificate courses, the University continues to transform lives by offering accessible, flexible, and barrier-free education to learners of all ages.
- BAOU has Accredited with A++ grade a CGPA of 3.55 out of 4 (first cycle) by National Assessment and Accreditation Council. University has been Awarded with Category I status by University Grants Commission, India under Graded Autonomy Regulations. University secured 3rd rank in India Ranking 2024 (Open University category) by NIRF, Ministry of Education, Government of India and 12B status under the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. The university Entitlement to offer Online Programmes by University Grants Commission – Distance Education Bureau (UGC-DEB)
- Recently, University has been Recipient of the "Excellence in Institutional Social Responsibility" Award by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

About School of Commerce and Management

The School of Commerce and Management's mission is to deliver quality, industry-relevant education through innovative teaching-learning practices, promote research and interdisciplinary learning, and nurture socially responsible professionals and scholars capable of addressing contemporary business and societal challenges.

The School of Commerce and Management offers Diploma and Certificate Programmes, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes, and Ph.D. Programmes. The MBA programme provides specializations in Finance, Human Resource Management, and Marketing, while the M.Com. programme offers specialization in Accounting, Finance & Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance. At the doctoral level, the school has awarded Ph.D. degrees to nine scholars in Commerce and four scholars in Management.

The school envisions becoming a centre of excellence in commerce and management education by fostering academic excellence, ethical values, research orientation, and leadership skills.

About Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG)

The Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat (KCG), established by the Department of Education, is one of the state's flagship initiatives under Vibrant Gujarat to strengthen its knowledge and innovation ecosystem. In an era driven by rapid advancements and global learning networks, KCG plays a pivotal role in promoting academic excellence, fostering collaboration, and enabling institutions to innovate and grow. By encouraging cooperation, capacity building, and knowledge-sharing across higher education, KCG supports Gujarat's vision of becoming a future-ready, learning-driven society. Essentially, it acts as a bridge that transforms traditional educational frameworks into modern, globally competitive systems.

About the Symposium

The symposium on "Navigating the Research Landscape Under NEP 2020: Transforming Education Through Innovation" aims to create a dynamic platform for researchers and keen learners to engage in meaningful dialogue on the evolving research ecosystem in India. In alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the symposium focuses on promoting a multidisciplinary, innovation-driven, and outcome-oriented research culture within higher education institutions. This symposium is designed as an interactive and discussion-oriented forum, emphasizing expert talks, panel discussions, and idea-sharing sessions. Key areas of discussion include fostering innovation, integrating research with teaching and learning, strengthening industry-academia partnerships, ethical research practices, and capacity building among researchers. By highlighting best practices and future pathways, the symposium seeks to empower participants to effectively navigate the changing research landscape and contribute to national development goals envisioned under NEP 2020.

Objectives of Symposium

- To provide a collaborative platform for researchers and keen learners to discuss and understand the evolving research ecosystem in India in the context of NEP 2020.
- To promote a multidisciplinary and innovation-driven research culture by encouraging integration of research with teaching, learning, and real-world problem solving.
- To highlight best practices and ethical standards in research, including capacity building, responsible conduct, and quality-oriented research outcomes.
- To strengthen industry-academia collaboration and explore future research pathways that contribute to national development goals envisioned under NEP 2020.