GITAM : Progress Report on Quality Education (SDG4)

As a policy, GITAM University ensures inclusive and equitable quality education with lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Recognizing the holistic education and well round personality development of our students, the University is imparting, the Ministry of Human Resource Development MHRD / MOE, Govt. of India, has classified GITAM as a "Category - I" University among universities of its kind. The University is accredited by NAAC with 'A+' Grade. The University Grants Commission has accorded 12(B) status & 2(F) status to the University facilitating grant of research funding. GITAM Institute of Technology, one of the constituent units of the University, has been sanctioned TEQIP-II program for implementation of various developmental activities. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has provided financial assistance under Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure (FIST) programme to several academic departments in engineering and science for strengthening infrastructure in laboratories. These recognitions are symbolic of the University's commitment in maintaining high standards in teaching, research & Consultancy and Extension activities.

In the year 2020,GITAM University has established the Kautilya School of public policy,https://kautilya.org.in/. Kautilya's Master's in Public Policy (MPP) program is designed for those looking to rebalance the role of Society, Government & Business towards an equitable world.Building a new India will require passion, long-term commitment and, most importantly, **a pool of public policy professionals formally trained in evidence-based policy making, implementation and leadership** – which is precisely what we, at Kautilya School of Public Policy, aim to do thereby contribution towards SDG of buiilding the stong institutions. One of the initiative of this institute is Organizing the "Change Maker Web series" conversations with the world renowuned eminent personalities on the contemporary issues which are available on online platforms where the huge public has access to listen and get benefited to improve their knowledge.The recording are made available in the webportal for the public access. https://changemakers.gitam.edu/

GITAM ensured the life long learning process to the public, alumni, staff and students by organizing webinars. GITAM organizes executive development programmes, Faculty Development Programmes, Seminars, Conferences, and workshops for all. A series of Webinars were conducted by different departments touching on subjects of intellectual interest. The recording are made available in the webportal for the public access. https://www.gitam.edu/Webinars

The university departments have also organized many extension activities viz, awareness programmes, community programmes, organizing programmes on world international days to reach the society beyond the campus, which has benefitted particularly the students in the nearby schools and in geral the public. https://www.gitam.edu/media

GITAM Student life in association with G-Alumni organizes various skill development viz., codeathon,Hackathons, workshops on latest technologies & essential skills etc. Sample link https://www.flipsnack.com/slgitam/october-monthly-report-2021.html

GITAM has Digital Library known as 'G-Library' which provides access to all academic resources to all its stake holders and access to public also to some partial resources, thereby providing lifelong learning opportunity to its members. https://library.gitam.edu/welcome

During the pandemic, GITAM has adopted 'BLENDED LEARNING' by adopting a credit transfer system for Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs), obtaining subscriptions, licenses for online teaching -learnings aids, providing training for the faculty to enhance their skills in online teaching pedagogy. The University provided the most sophisticated process for teaching-learning management using Learning Management System (LMS), Coursera, and MOODLE, and Zoom licenses to conduct classes through online. All the departments have been successfully conducting online classes, and it is ensured that each student participates effectively. This has been a great success during pandemic times.

In the year 2020, GITAM University reoriented to build a ecosystem to fulfill the needs of students to pursue their own career dreams such as jobs (yes, that may still be the most popular choice), higher studies, research, civil services, entrepreneurship, etc.GITAM Career Guidance Center (GCGC) has been created at the university level. which has three distinct groups: a **Learning & Development** Group, a **Career Counseling Group**, and a **Career Fulfillment Group**, which will work closely with one another and with the academic institutes, to help prepare students for their chosen careers.

In the year 2020, GITAM started 'Swechha School', https://www.swechhawaldorf.in/, located within the University campus Visakhapatnam which supports the Nursery,

Junior Kindergarten, and Senior Kindergarten. The Swechha School is It is imparted to the children to enable them to become better citizens of tomorrow.

Over time, GITAM spread its programmeofferings at UG, PG and Ph. D. level in areas of Technology, Management, Physical sciences, Pharmacy, Architecture, Law, Humanities, Medical Sciences, Nursing. Currently, it is offering 250 programmes where 70 per cent of the graduates are first-generation, and 30 per cent graduated with teaching qualifications. It provides education for socially backward and minority sections of the society, evident from the composition of the student population. The worldwide spread of University's student community is pride achieved due to the policy of inclusive education.