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### Message

It is a matter of pride for Punjabi University Patiala that the Department of Distance Education is celebrating its golden jubilee year in 2018. Established in 1968, Department is the second in the country imparting education through the non-formal mode, and the first Department in India to introduce a regional language -Punjabi- as a medium of instructions and examination. Starting with just B.A. programme, at present numerous multi-faculty programmes both at the under graduate as well as the post graduate level, are being managed by the Department. This year, seven new courses have been added to the list, indicating to the ever increasing popularity of the distance mode of education and the endeavour of the Department to cater to the demand of knowledge seekers for new courses. These new courses are i) MA in Public Administration, ii) MA in Sociology, iii) MA in Education, iv) PG Diploma in Counseling for Substance Abuse, Prevention & Treatment, v) PG Diploma in Criminology in Police Administration, vi) PG Diploma in Conflict Resolution and vii) Certificate Course in Questioned Documents & Finger Print Analysis. The Department is steadily moving towards digitization from print mode in its function of imparting education to the applications of information and communication technology. This will help learners living far and wide to save much time and effort for gaining guidance, as they now will find themselves 'just a click away' from the Department and will not have to make multiple trips to the Department. A well maintained Departmental website is at the learners' service for this purpose.

I wish the Department all success in its endeavours to constantly upgrade its services for bringing together more and more knowledge seekers in its ambit and fulfilling its aim of 'reaching the unreachable'.

  
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