

NCVET Recognizes Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) as Dual Awarding Body

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NCVET & Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru have signed agreement on 02.03.2026 for NCVET Recognition as Awarding Body (AB - Dual) to KSOU. Through this recognition, KSOU will be eligible to award, assess and certify the learners where training is directly being imparted by the Awarding Body in campuses or training centers owned or fully managed by it for its approved or adopted qualifications.

Dual Awarding Body status to KSOU, marks a milestone for the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) ecosystem in India. This recognition allows KSOU to function with Karnataka State territorial jurisdiction, significantly enhancing access to quality vocational education and skilling through the Open University model.

KSOU, which is accredited with an A+ Grade by NAAC and ranked 2nd in NIRF 2025 among Open Universities, will now integrate professional and vocational courses into its academic programs. The university has already obtained the approval of the 'Plant Pathologist' qualification under the NCVET framework. Moving forward, KSOU aims to adopt recognized certification programs and incorporate skill assessment benchmarks in its curriculum, specifically in high-growth sectors such as IT, healthcare, and other trades.



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