

What is AUTONOMOUS BODY?

The term **Autonomous body** denotes a self governing body, independent, and subject to its own laws. If Autonomous Body or Institution is a company, it is regulated by the company law. If it is a society, it is governed by the law on registration of societies. But in both the cases, its own board of directors can specify the rules of business for the body / institution. For simplicity sake, normally the boards of such bodies or institutions may adopt the rules of the concerned Government or department under which they work, but only by passing of a resolution to that effect, and that since it is an autonomous body, administration of which is not controlled by any other authority including any State Govt. / Union Govt. of India, (U.G.I.)

THE CONCEPT OF DISTANCE / ONLINE EDUCATION:

The concept of Distance Education had been originally originated from Berlin (Germany) in 1856.

Afterwards, Russia granted recognition to the system of Distance Education in the world.

In this manner, the idea of Open Universities was conceived by the British Prime Minister Mr. Harold Wilson in the year 1863 to provide an opportunity to the persons, who were otherwise denied opportunities for further education and as such to make their academic life successful.

In 1969, under the Royal Charter, an Open University was established, and the success of which, was more far reaching than the Traditional Universities.

Under the new Education Policy 1986, the Government of India laid particular stress on the system of Open Universities and Distance Education.