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Technology is a game-changer as it has brought about a paradigm shift in the teaching-learning and evaluation pedagogies and facilitated this process. However, publications by Indian researchers on online and distance learning are almost non-existent. Therefore, Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, Pune, plans to provide a platform to researchers and academicians in the form of a research journal on ODL.

Although distance education is considered one of the most crucial options available to us to improve the status of higher education, there are some critical quality-related issues that need to be addressed. To contribute towards this, SCDL launched Symbiosis International Research Journal on Online & Distance Learning (SIRJODL) in 2016. The SIRJODL has continuously provided opportunities for researchers and academicians to publish their research work and we at SCDL provide access to our larger audience.

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