

**Norms and procedures for the operation of Rajiv Gandhi Chairs in contemporary studies in 10 selected universities**

1. **Designation of the Chair Professor** : Rajiv Gandhi Professor
2. **Appointment of the Rajiv Gandhi Professor**
  - (i) **Qualification/Experience** : An academic of outstanding track record who has made scholarship in the designated areas of studies.
  - (ii) **Age** : 50-65 years
  - (iii) **Scale of Pay** : Rs.18400-22400  
(in case of superannuated professors, the Government of India rules for re-employment shall apply)
  - (iv) **Period of Appointment** : 5 years  
(in case the university wants to get the expertise of 2 or 3 persons for shorter duration, the period can be adjusted accordingly)
  - (v) **Mode of Appointment** : Through Search Committee or by invitation on the recommendation of the Search Committee (to be decided by the University). (A 3-member Search Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor with one nominee of the Chairman, UGC)
3. **Areas o Studies of the Chair**

| <u>Universities</u> | <u>Areas</u>  |
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| NEHU                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tribal Development</li><li>2. Women's Empowerment</li><li>3. Eco Systems and Sustainable Development</li></ol>   |
| Panjab              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Impact of Panchayati Raj Systems and Local Governance</li><li>2. Impact of Technology &amp; Society</li><li>3. Nuclear Disarmament &amp; Peace Studies</li></ol> |
| Madras              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Studies</li><li>2. Impact of Panchayati Raj Systems and Local Governance</li><li>3. Women's Empowerment</li></ol>                  |
| Barkatullah         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tribal Development</li><li>2. Impact of Technology on Society</li></ol>  |
| Delhi               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Impact of Technology on Society</li><li>2. Protection of Child Rights</li></ol>  |
| Kashmir             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Livelihood &amp; Food Security</li><li>2. Women's Empowerment</li><li>3. Eco-Systems &amp; Sustainable Development</li></ol>                                     |
| Allahabad           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nuclear Disarmament</li><li>2. Secularism and Nation Building</li></ol>  |

### 3. Social Justice

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| Bombay   | 1. Impact of Panchayati Raj Systems and Local Governance<br>2. Impact of Technology on Society<br>3. Secularism & Nation Building |
| Calcutta | 1. Eco Systems and Sustainable Development  |
| Cochin   | 1. Eco Systems and Sustainable Development  |

## 4. Organizational Set up

- 1 Professor in the grade o Professor in National Institutes
- 1 Post-doctoral Research Associate (UGC norms)
- 3 Junior Research Fellowships with provisions for up-gradation to SRF as per UGC norms
- 2 Technical Assistant level positions/support for field works

## 5. Academic Functions

- To coordinate and to provide a think tank in the area of studies drawing expertise and inputs from academics experts from other sectors like Government and other National/International NGOs.
- To provide a forum for inter-university/inter-collegiate PG and research level dialogues, discussion meetings, summer/winter institutes, involving other universities/autonomous institutions/PG centres.
- To design and execute capacity-building programmes for teachers in higher education focused towards the designated discipline of the Chair.
- To strengthen the role of Universities/Academics in Public Policy making.
- To conduct short-term courses in the concerned disciplines.
- Publications of proceedings
- There will not be any full-time regular course leading to under-graduate or post-graduate degree except for the Ph.D. programme and related course works.

## 6. Universities' Facilitation of the Chairs

- Providing autonomy with definite provisions for the University administration to coordinate the activities ensuring accountability
- Recognition as a research centre for Ph.D.
- Making the Centre/Chair eligible for availing grant from National/International Govt./Non-Govt. agencies.
- Providing opportunities for the Chair to give courses in other departments suiting their discipline and suiting the requirements of the University.

- University can consider granting autonomy to this department as envisaged for SAP and also as envisaged in the CABE Committee report on Autonomy.
- A University level advisory body for the Chair involving experts from other sectors as well.

#### **7. UGC's Role**

- Funding as a nodal agency or implementation of the M/HRD initiative
- Guidelines for funding and academic coordination
- Periodic review of the scheme
- National Coordination of the Chairs with the help of a National Advisory Committee

#### **8. Funding**

- 100% funding for the positions of Professor, Post-doctoral Research Associate and 3 Junior Research Fellows for 5 years as per UGC norms.
- Consolidated assistance toward employing two technical assistant level positions/support for fieldwork.
- Library Grant Rs.1.00 lakh p.a.
- Contingencies and office expenses: Rs.1.00 lakh p.a.
- Conduct of Seminars/Conference/Workshops as per UGC guidelines.
- Travel : Rs.50,000/- p.a.
- In addition, the Chair is eligible for all the academic schemes of the UGC.