

Programme Project Report [Sanskrit]

Programme's Mission and Objectives: The objective of the postgraduate academic programme in Sanskrit, on the one hand, is to make students aware of the rich heritage of Indian Sanskrit knowledge by acquainting them with the Vedic texts and historical studies, grammatical studies, history of classical Sanskrit literature, Indian philosophical texts and poetics, and on the other, to familiarise them with linguistic studies that embrace contributions of the old Indian scholars as well as the modern Western intellectuals, and to make them aware of the scope of Manuscriptology.

Relevance of the Programme with HEI's Mission and Goals: The objectives of the university include optimum utilization of university resources and means for developing knowledge-based society, circulation of traditional Indian values among the modern-day learners, and help them know the glorious history of their nation with its outstanding achievements in almost all fields of knowledge, so that they can feel proud of their nation and its rich cultural heritage. The objective of the programme in Sanskrit goes perfectly well with the general objectives of the university. The Department of Sanskrit has adopted a curriculum for the postgraduate academic programme in Sanskrit offered through the distance mode keeping in mind the need to build a bridge between the past and the future through the present.

Nature of prospective target group of learners: The proposed programme targets mainly those who do not get an opportunity to pursue higher education due to low percentage at the under-graduate level. The programme also tries to extend the scope of higher education to those who had to withdraw from the regular mode of education due to professional and other commitments. An interesting piece of information to be shared here is that in the Department of Sanskrit female students have always outnumbered male students by a huge margin. The Department designs its curriculum taking into account the needs of this diversified group and tries its best to make it useful for all the groups of learners mentioned above.

Appropriateness of programme to be conducted in Open and Distance Learning mode to acquire specific skills and competence:

The proposed programme intends to enable its learners to acquire skills and competencies in both Sanskrit literature and language, so that more job opportunities are opened before them. Besides encouraging the learners to undertake serious research in the field of Sanskrit language and literature, the programme in Sanskrit also aims at encouraging the learners to explore professional and occupational opportunities in the field. The programme also aims at helping the learners gain expertise in Manuscriptology which would help them know the rich scientific heritage of India and to create a bridge between ancient knowledge of science and technology and the modern concepts of the same.


Instructional Design: The programme is offered in semester mode. Keeping the objectives of the programme in view, the syllabus has been structured to include 20 courses in theory of 50 marks each, with 20% weightage on internal assessment (detailed syllabi attached herewith). The proposed programme would be spread over four semesters for the duration of two years. Each semester contains five courses each and credits are assigned in accordance with the guidelines of the UGC regulations, 2017. Mode of delivery of instructions is through face-to-face interaction, academic projects and continuous evaluation.

Procedure for admissions, curriculum transaction and evaluation: No deviation from the guidelines of the UGC in this regard shall be encouraged by the university. All relevant instructions regarding admission, curriculum transaction and evaluation issued by the UGC from time to time shall be strictly observed.

Requirement of the laboratory support and Library Resources: The Central Library of Rabindra Bharati University is one of the richest libraries, in terms of its collection of rare and quality books and other written materials, in the state. Learners under both regular and distance mode are free to access books, journals, literary magazines etc from the central library of the university. The distance campus of the university also has a fully-furnished library which the learners can make full use of. Since the programme in Sanskrit does not offer practical component on its syllabus, laboratory assistance is not necessary for this programme.

Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions: This programme has been on offer in the regular mode since 1963 and in ODL mode since 2012. As such, the cost of development and maintenance of the programme has been incurred for long time hence. However, the syllabus of the programme is being revised and semesterised in ODL mode since the session 2017- 2018. An amount of rupees 12 lacs for the session 2017-2018 is estimated to be spent and assigned for development of SLMs, printing and delivery of the same to the learners.

Quality assurance mechanism and expected programme outcomes: In addition to the existing mechanism of improvement in quality of the programme, the CIQA is in the process of being constituted as per UGC regulations, 2017. However, the works relating to review of programme, continuous enhancement of the standard of curriculum and change in instructional design, if required, have been carried out by the Subject Committee of the department consisting of both internal and external experts.


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