

GUIDELINES ON THE SCHEME OF EPOCH MAKING SOCIAL THINKERS OF INDIA

during the XI Plan Period

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1. Objectives

India has produced great thinkers and social leaders who, by their revolutionary and path breaking thoughts and actions, have left a lasting impact not only on India, but the world as a whole. They have developed indigenous ideas and have provided cultural and ethical identity to India. There is a great need to acquaint the teachers and students with their thinking and work and to involve them in studies, research and field work based extension service programmes of constructive work.

The Indian University system owes to the nation to conduct studies, research and extension programmes, which are pertinent and apply their ideas in the reconstruction of society on moral, ethical and spiritual foundations necessary for a non-violent social order.

Buddha emphasized on the age old concepts of compassion and ahimsa and tried to apply them for the formation of an egalitarian society. Gandhi gave a social dimension to the concept of peace and non-violence and demonstrated, both through his life and work, how it could be used as an instrument for fighting injustice at all levels. Nehru stood for the application of non-violence for resolving conflicts at the national, and more so at the international level, as well as modernisation of society with emphasis on science and rationality. Ambedkar stressed on the empowerment of the oppressed as a means of their release from exploitation and injustice.

The ideas of these thinkers have an interrelated framework mutually supportive to each other and provide insights into the socio-economic and heartening tonote that the performance of these centres in disseminating the ideas of these thinkers has been satisfactory. Presently at the end of the X Plan, there are 36 political conditions. In line of the interrelated framework of the ideas of these thinkers the UGC started the scheme of the Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India all sanctioned and encouraged the various centres in the universities / colleges during the X plan period. It is centres for Gandhian Studies, 16 centres for Nehru Studies, 15 centres for Buddhist Studies and 29 centres for Ambedkar Studies. Besides these established centres, there are 4 centres for Aurobindo Studies, 2 for Swami Vivekananda Studies, 2 for Dr. Zakir Hussain Studies, 3 for Guru Nanak Dev Studies, 1 for Indira Gandhi Studies and 1 for Dr. K.R. Narayanan Studies.

2. Proposals

The UGC extends financial assistance under this scheme to the university system for pursuing studies related to the thoughts and programmes of these great leaders. The assistance to the universities is on the basis of selection among the applications for the establishment and the work of the Centres of Buddhist, Gandhian, Nehru and Ambedkar studies with the above mentioned objectives. The programme of Buddhist Studies is funded wherever there is facility for learning the 'PALI' and/or SANSKRIT

LANGUAGE. Where there is no such facility, it can be attached to another appropriate department such as History, Philosophy, Sociology and Ancient Indian Culture. In the examination of the proposal, the prior work of the department in the respective areas will be taken into consideration. Proposals with innovative ideas will be given considerable weightage. Colleges have already made a significant contribution in these areas and they have also been considered.

3. Operational Features

A University / College wishing to set up one of these Centres, has to apply to the UGC with a project proposal. There will be a Standing Committee of Experts in the UGC for such programmes and accepted proposals shall be supported by the UGC for the XI Plan period. The infrastructure, such as building, furniture and supporting staff, which are essential for running the Study Centres, will be provided by the University / College. Any recurring liability shall be taken over by the State Government or the University / College.

While there may be a case for having Master's or M.Phil degree course in regard to such studies, it has to be considered by the University within other developmental assistance sanctioned by the UGC to the University under the Five Year Plan. Master's level and M.Phil courses are not to be covered by the assistance under these schemes. The assistance is available to set up a Centre in the area of any one of these Studies in the University / College and for conducting Programmes on the following lines.

- a. Set up a Library and Reading room for teachers and students of the university and scholars and other readers outside the university, so that an increasing number of persons become acquainted with the thoughts of these leaders.
- b. Conduct a full-time or part-time course of about 3 to 6 months, or of similar duration, for a group of teachers/students of the university, functionaries of non-government organizations, corporate executives and government officers, focusing on particular aspects of thinking and work of these social thinkers.
- c. Provide teaching support to other university departments by introducing or assisting in existing courses/papers on such studies indicated in different subjects of the department.
- d. Organize seminars/lecture series on some identified topics on such studies. The proposal for holding a National or International Seminar upto Rs.1 lakh, the centre can go ahead and more than Rs.1 lakh the seminar proposal must be printed referred to the UGC for the comments of the convener of the Standing Committee. Lecture series may be organized in the Centre or in any other suitable place and material of these lectures may be placed in the library /university/college website for the use of the teachers, students and other interested persons.

- e. Conduct research/studies in the thoughts and programmes of the above mentioned thinkers.
- f. Conduct field work and action programmes on the basis of constructive programme related to the thoughts of the respective thinkers.
- g. Understand and disseminate the concepts relating to Buddha, Gandhi, Nehru and Ambedkar and the philosophies enunciated by them, related to social justice and equity, conflict resolution, non-violence and non-violent protest-movement, empowerment of women, rural development and related topics.
- h. Prepare modules of courses for short duration in the universities, established in the name of the respective thinkers, for the orientation of students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

It will be advantageous to study the ideas of social thinkers as interrelated studies. Besides these centres, centres for comparative studies may also be established for the study of specific areas of a thinker such as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Raja Rammohan Roy, Dr.Radhakrishnan, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindra Nath Tagore, Sri Aurobindo and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel etc.

4. UGC Assistance

The following UGC assistance is provided for each of these studies for research and extension programmes :

I. Non Recurring

(i) Equipment . (audio-visual aids, computer etc. (once at the time of the establishment of the centre.	-Rs.3,00,000
Total	-Rs.3,00,000/-

II. Recurring P.A.

i) Books & Journals,	-Rs. 50,000/-
ii) Seminars/Workshops/Courses/ Lecturers series	-Rs.1,00,000/-
iii) Honorarium to visiting faculty (Rs. 1000/- for outstation and Rs 500/- for local faculty)	-Rs.2,50,000/-
iv) Hiring Services including one research associate	-Rs.1,50,000/-
v) Programme Cost (including field action, Preparation of research proposals, TA/DA etc.including meeting of Advisory Committee)	-Rs.1,50,000/-
vi) Contingency	-Rs. 50,000/-.
Total	-Rs.7,50,000/-

5. Disbursement

The UGC assistance will be disbursed to the university / college as in other schemes. The disbursement can be claimed from the UGC for all non-recurring items in one installment as soon as the university / college is able to provide adequate space to the Centre. For recurring items, "on account" grant of 50% of the annual recurring grant will be given and further reimbursement would be done on furnishing the progress report. The final instalment of 10% will be released when the audited accounts and Utilization Certificates for the year have been submitted.

6. Submission of Proposal

The proposal may be submitted by November 30, 2008 or as specified in the prescribed format. The UGC will communicate the decision for implementation from either April or the beginning of the next academic year as accepted by the University. Proposals from the colleges, which have already made a significant contribution in these areas, will also be considered.

7. Advisory Committee

Each Centre is required to have an Advisory Committee with the Vice-Chancellor / Principal or his/her nominee in the Chair with the following membership:

- i. Three Professors nominated by the Vice-Chancellor / Principal / Director.
- ii. Two outside Experts in consultation with the Centre.
- iii. One expert to be nominated by UGC.

The Advisory Committee will meet twice a year (First quarter & Third quarter) to review the work, undertaken by the centre and recommend suggestions, appropriate programmes for further strengthening of the Centre.

8. Review and Evaluation

The proceedings of the Advisory Committee, along with the action taken on their recommendations, have to be furnished to the UGC annually, as also an annual report and accounts. The UGC Standing Committee will hold annual meetings with the Heads of the Centres to review the progress and plan for future action. In addition, the UGC Standing committee will evaluate the performance of the Centres, through an on-the-spot visit, once in a plan period. The UGC assistance can be terminated if the functioning of the Centre is found to be unsatisfactory.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

I. UNIVERSITY PROFILE

1.1. Name of the University : _____

1.2 Address : _____

1.3 State : _____

1.4 Date of Establishment : _____

1.5 Name of the Vice-Chancellor : _____

1.6 Name of the Registrar : _____

1.7 Type of the University : _____

1.8 Number of Colleges, if
affiliating type : _____

1.9 Any other information : _____

Faculty	Departments
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a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

1.10 Mission defined by the University : _____

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Related courses offered by the University

No _____
Yes _____

If yes the type of courses conducted during the last three years:

Years	Departments	Programmes

2. Names and designation of faculty members involved in the related courses offered by the University.

3. Books/Journals and other documents available in the library on the proposed subject.

4. Computerization and communications facilities at the university.

III. PROPOSAL (within the frame-work of XI Plan Guidelines)

1. Aims and objectives _____

2. Rationale _____

3. Programmes/Activities Proposed _____

4. Any other information _____

4.1 Manpower _____

4.2 Materials _____

4.3 Others _____

5. Director (University to submit three names of Professors/Senior Readers with their C.V.S)

5.1 Capacity to generate resources _____

5.2 Likelihood of State Government's approval to the Centre / Programmes and taking over the liability of the staff in the next Plan period.

5.3 Financial Assistance required _____

6. Any other details (Please specify) _____

Place : _____

Name and Signature
of Vice-Chancellor

Date : _____

(Please attach separate sheets if the space provided is insufficient)

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

UTILISATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that the grant of Rs. _____
(Rupees _____)
sanctioned to _____ by the
University Grants Commission vide their letter No.
_____ dated _____ towards _____
has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and in
accordance with the term and conditions as laid down by the Commission.

If as a result of check or audit objection, some irregularity is
noticed at a later stage, action will be taken to refund or regularize the
objected amount.

Registrar /Principal
(with his seal)

F.A./F.O.

(Signature of Chartered Accountant/
Government Auditor with his seal)

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Audited statement of income & expenditure in respect of _____ approved by the UGC vide letter No. _____ dated _____

Income	Expenditure
1. Grants from UGC _____	1. Item wise _____
2. Grants from State _____	2. _____
3. University contribution _____	3. _____
4. Others, if any _____	4. _____
_____	5. _____
_____	6. _____
Total : _____	Total : _____

Registrar/Principal
(with his seal)

F.A./F.O.

(Signature of Chartered Accountant/
Government Auditor with his seal)
