

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

XII PLAN GUIDELINES FOR THE SCHEME OF EPOCH MAKING SOCIAL THINKERS OF INDIA

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 modernization 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 to note that the performance of these centres in disseminating the ideas of these thinkers, has been satisfactory. 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 XI plan period.

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.

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.

3. Eligibility

The Govt. aided universities/colleges which are covered under section 2(f) and 12B of the UGC Act. 1956 and are eligible to receive General Plan Development Assistance may apply for establishment of Studies Centres in the prescribed format as per guidelines, as and when the proposals are invited by the UGC. A notice would be uploaded on the UGC Website in this regard.

4. Operational Features

A University / College can submit proposals for establishment of not more than two centres during a Plan period. In case, a university/college is already having two centres and desirous to establish studies centres in any other areas/great thinkers and social leaders other than those already in existence, they have to wind up the activities of the existing studies centre/centres or these centres may continue at the expense of the concerned university/college.

The proposals for establishment of studies centres may also be drawn in the name of Social Thinkers other than as mentioned above. However, in all such cases, the Expert Committee will decide about the National level of the Social Thinkers or otherwise. The decision/recommendation of the Committee will be final and binding. Accepted proposals shall be supported by the UGC for the XII 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 (upto two studies centres) in the University / College and for conducting Programmes on the following lines:-

- a. Appoint Hony. Director/Co-ordinator for the approved Studies Centre.
- b. 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.

- c. 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 nongovernment organizations, corporate executives and government officers, focusing on particular aspects of thinking and work of these social thinkers.
- d. 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.
- e. 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 and referred to the UGC. 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.
- f. Conduct research/studies in the thoughts and programmes of the above mentioned thinkers.
- g. Conduct field work and action programmes on the basis of constructive programme related to the thoughts of the respective thinkers.
- h. 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.
- i. 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.

Keeping in view that there is a need to re-orientate the above scheme, the literature being produced at the Centres need to be integrated with the teaching.

5. UGC Assistance

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

I	<u>Non Recurring</u>	
	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)	<u>Recurring</u>	
(i)	Books & Journals,	Rs.50,000/

(ii)	Seminars/Workshops/Courses/ lectures 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 (one Project Fellow)*	Rs.2,50,000/-
(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.8,50,000/-

*Project Fellow may be appointed with a consolidated fellowship of:

- i) NET/GATE qualified-Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 18,000/- p.m. for the third year.
- ii) Non-GATE/Non-NET- Rs. 14,000/- p.m. for initial 2 years and Rs. 16,000/- p.m. for the third year.

The person to be considered for appointment as Project Fellow must have second class master degree with a minimum of 55% marks for general category (50% in case of SC/ST/OBC/PH) or M.Phil in the subject concerned or a related subject. The candidate to be appointed as Project Fellow should be below the age of 40 years at the time of appointment. The Project Fellow should do work full time in the project and get the fellowship from one source only.

The Retired Principal Investigators are not entitled for Project Fellow. They should do work full time research.

HRA

Suitable hostel type accommodation may be provided for Project Fellow failing which they are eligible for HRA as per rules of the University/Institution.

Project Fellow who has been provided accommodation in a hostel recognized/ maintained by the Institution may be reimbursed the hostel fee.

Leave

The Female Project Fellows would be eligible for maternity leave at full rates for a period not exceeding four months once only during the tenure of MRP. Project fellows will not be entitled to avail vacations, e.g.,summer, winter and pooja etc.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Project fellow may be provided medical facilities as per rules of the University/Institution. However, the UGC will not provide any financial assistance on this account.

MODE OF SELECTION

The selection of the Project Fellow may be made by an open selection through a duly constituted Selection Committee. The constitution of the Selection Committee will be as under:

- 1 Head of the Department will act as Chairperson

- 2 One Subject Expert (External) (from the institute other than the Institute where the project is undertaken)
- 3 One nominee of the Vice-Chancellor/Head of Institution/Principal (in case of college)
- 4 Principal Investigator

The University/College should inform the UGC in the prescribed proforma certifying that all norms have been followed while selecting the Project fellow.

The fellowship entitlement will be effective from the date of implementation of XII Plan guidelines. Further, no claim of the fellowship for the period earlier than the date of implementation of the XII Plan guidelines of the scheme will be entertained.

The over and above Expenditure under the Head ‘Hiring Services (one Project Fellow)’, beyond Rs.2,50,000/- would be reimbursed on receipt of audited Utilization Certificate/Statement of actual Expenditure from the Universities/Colleges.

6. Disbursement

The UGC assistance will be disbursed to the universities / colleges. The grant 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 90% of the annual recurring grant will be given as first installment. The final 10% will be released when the audited accounts and Utilization Certificates & report of activities of the centre for the year, are submitted to the UGC.

After XII Plan, the disbursement of funds for setting up Study Centres may be included as part of Block Grants to Universities.

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 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 Expert Committee will hold meeting once in the Plan period with the Heads of the centres to review the progress and plan for future action. The UGC assistance can be terminated if the functioning of the Centre is found to be unsatisfactory.

**FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL UNDER THE SCHEME
'EPOCH MAKING SOCIAL THINKERS OF INDIA'**

I. UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE PROFILE

1.1 Name of the University/College : _____

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 Name of the university to which the college is affiliated (in case of college) : _____

1.10 Status of the university/college (Govt. aided/Private Govt. aided and covered under section 2(f) & 12B of the UGC Act.1956)* : _____

1.11 Any other information : _____

Faculty

Departments

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

1.12 Mission defined by the University : _____

*A certificate from the State/Central Govt. to the effect that the university/college is Govt. aided/Private Govt. aided, may be enclosed with the proposal.

A copy of the latest approval of the UGC vide which university/college has been included under Section 2(f) & 12B of the UGC Act.1956 may be enclosed with the proposal.

Self-financed Institutions would not be provided UGC financial assistance.

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 XII 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)

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UTILISATION CERTIFICATE

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

It is further certified that inventories of permanent or semi-permanent assets created/acquired wholly or mainly out of the grants given by the University Grants Commission as indicated above are being maintained in the prescribed form and are being kept up-to date and these assets have not been disposed of, encumbered or utilized for any other purpose.

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)

(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 (Head-wise & Item-wise)
1. Grants from UGC	: _____	1. _____
2. Interest earned by the university/college on UGC grant	: _____	2. _____
3. Others, if any	: _____	3. _____
		4. _____
		5. _____
		6. _____
Total	: _____	Total : _____

Registrar /Principal
(with his seal)

F.A./F.O.

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

Note:- Statements of recurring and Non-recurring expenditure are to be sent separately.
Details of appointment of Project Fellow may also be furnished.