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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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NEW DELHI – 110 002

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No. F.6-5(CAS-I)/2015 (SAP-III)

To
The Registrar,
University of Delhi,
Delhi – 110 007

Sub.: University Grants Commission Assistance to the selected department under Special Assistance Programme (SAP)- Review of the Programme in the **Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi** for upgradation /continuation from **DSA-III to CAS-I** for a period of 5 years (1-4-2015 to 31-3-2020).

Sir,

1. The UGC Special Assistance Programme (SAP) is intended through constant effort to raise the quality of teaching/ research in different disciplines in Bio-Sciences, Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Humanities, Social Science departments and carefully selected on the basis of their work, academic achievements and viable potential for further development. The essence and primary aim of the scheme is combination of teaching and research to encourage group research efforts in pursuit of excellence.
2. The Department of **Buddhist Studies** was implementing **DSA-III** of the programme approved for a duration of five years for 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2014.
3. As per guidelines, the Commission constituted an Expert Committee to review the progress made by the above department which has completed its approved term of participation under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP). The Expert Committee Reviewed the department on 28th July, 2014 in the office of UGC New Delhi.
4. The Review Committee, after a very careful and critical in-depth examination of the academic achievements made by the department during the term as well as discussing various aspects of implementation of the programme with the departmental representatives has submitted their recommendations to the Commission.
5. The UGC has approved the Department of **Buddhist Studies** from **DSA-III to CAS-I** programme for a further period of Five years from 1.4.2015 to 31.3.2020. Period from 1-4-2014 to 31-03-2015 may be treated as gap year.

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6. On the basis of the recommendations of the Review Committee, I am directed to convey approval of the University Grants Commission to the continuation/Up-gradation of the programme at level of Phase-I for a duration of 5 years with the following thrust area(s) for research and teaching.

Thrust Area Identified

- Sanskrit based Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism
- Himalayan Buddhism: Continuity & Change
- Theravada Buddhism.

As recommended by the Review Committee, the Co-ordinator & the deputy Co-ordinator of Programme for the present phase of the Programme will be as indicated below:

Name of Coordinator: - Prof. Hira Paul Gargnagi

Name of Deputy Coordinator: - Dr. Indra Narain Singh

The Co-ordinator may continue till the end of the present duration of the programme or till his/her superannuation.

7. The financial assistance approved for implementing the present phase at the level of CAS-I for a duration of 5 years (01/04/2015 to 31/03/2020) is given below :-

S. No.	Non-Recurring (Items)	Rs. (In Lakh)
1.	Equipment	20.00
2.	Building (upgradation/augmentation extension of existing laboratory for housing and Installation of new equipment) including air-conditioning	50.00
3.	Reprographics facilities.	5.00
	TOTAL	75.00
SNo.	Recurring	
1.	Contingency/Working expenses @ Rs.3,00,000/- p.a.	15.00
2.	Travel/Field facilities/Field trips for Faculty members only (all within India Only) @Rs.3,00,000/- p.a.	15.00
3.	Visiting Fellows @Rs. 2,00,000/- p.a.	10.00
4.	Seminars (for organization) on thrust area @ Rs. 2,00,000/- p.a	10.00
5.	Hiring the services of Technical/Industrial/Secretarial assistance as relevant to the programme (for programme duration only) @Rs.3,00,000/- p.a.	15.00
6.	Advisory Committee meetings (TA/DA for UGC nominee in the committee) @Rs.1,00,000/- p.a.	5.00
7.	Books and Journals @ Rs.3,00,000/- p.a.	15.00
8.	Project fellow - 2	(Actuals)
	Total	85.00 + 2 P.F.
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(Rs. In lakh)

Non – Recurring	Rs. 75.00
Recurring	Rs. 85.00 + 2 P.F. (Actuals)
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Total (NR + R) for 5 years =	Rs. 160.00 + 2 P.F. (Actuals)
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(Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakh Only) + 2 P.F. (Actuals)	

8. The University is to maintain a separate bank account for the grants released under Special Assistance Programme. All interest earned by the university/department by investment funds sanctioned and by the UGC under Special Assistance Programme will be treated as additional grant. The University/ Department will have to submit the Utilization Certificate of earned interest (after prior approval of Advisory Committee), at the time of submitting annual accounts for the programme.
9. The University/ Department may follow the SAP Guidelines posted on the UGC website.
10. The University/Institute may follow the norms for appointment of Programme Co-ordinator ; Deputy Co-ordinator (no Joint Co-ordinator or Co-ordinator) and also constitute an Advisory Committee as per the guidelines of the Commission which can be downloaded from UGC web www.ugc.ac.in and follow the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the Programme. The constitution of the Advisory Committee is compulsory for all departments which are being supported under SAP. The UGC nominees in the Advisory Committee will be as indicated below. The departments may contact the UGC nominees for their acceptance and intimate the Commission.

- 1) Prof. Rajesh Ranjan, Professor in Buddhist Studies, Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda, Bihar. Tel:- (+91) 8986565577
- 2) Prof. Vijay Kumar Singh, Department of Chinese and Tibetan Studies, Punjab University Chandigarh – 160 014. Tel:- 09417151411

The active participation of the UGC nominees in each meeting of the Advisory Committee is essential. The composition and terms & reference of the Advisory Committee will be as given on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

11. The University/Institute/Department is requested to take immediate steps to submit the following information/documents for necessary action:
- i) Acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grants duly signed by the Registrar of the University/Institute.
 - ii) Name of the competent University Officer with full address and other bank details; (mandate form) the prescribed enclosed proforma so that the fund can be transferred electronically.
 - iii) Detailed statement of year-wise actual expenditure incurred against the grants allocated and sanctioned during the last phase may be submitted in the PROFORMA in the Annexure-V as per SAP Guidelines duly audited and certified by the Competent authority, in order to finalize the accounts of the earlier phase.

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- iv) Name of the Department Co-ordinator and Dy. Co-ordinator indicating (i) present designation (ii) specialised areas(s) of research and (iii) date of superannuation.
 - v) List of members of the Advisory Committee constituted by the university/ institute as per guidelines.
 - vi) Year-wise academic programme and action proposed to be undertaken by the department during the period of 5 years to implement the programme.
 - vii) The annual report of the work done during the year (as per effective date of the programme) should be submitted by the Programme Co-ordinator highlighting : achievements in research and teaching and indicating separately the progress in procuring of equipment / construction of Building (only addition, alteration and renovation , if sanctioned under the programme) and the list of papers published in referred journal during the year positively reported by the end of every year.
 - viii) A Certificate from the Registrar of the university that the department is not self financed and is eligible to receive the UGC financial assistance..
12. The University/Institute shall take all possible measures to ensure effective implementation of policies of Government of India relating to SC/ST students and teachers in regard to the programme. In case of non-teaching staff, the policies of the Central Government in respect of Central Universities and of the State Government in respect of State Universities shall be implemented.
 13. The first installment of admissible grant will be released separately. In the meantime, University may submit the requisite information requested vide para 11 (i to viii) by return post.
 14. No request for any change in the effective date will be considered.
 15. The orders for purchase of equipment may be placed within six months from the date of receipt of the grant by the university.
 16. The second and subsequent installment of grant for any approved items will be considered sanctioned only on receipt of the yearwise & item-wise Utilization Certificate alongwith an annual progress report for the earlier installment in the prescribed form duly signed by Registrar/Finance Officer as the case may be.
 17. The Non Recurring Grant approved will be released only after settlement of the previous accounts of SAP programme. (In case of on going Programme).
 18. The University/Institution shall include a specific condition in the Utilization Certificate, in respect of any financial assistance or grants-in-aid to any institution under any of the general or special schemes of the Commission that the University/institution has complied with all anti-ragging measures by stating that:

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"The University/ Institution/College is strictly following the UGC Regulations on curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009".

Yours faithfully,

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(Dr. Renu Batra)
Joint Secretary

NOTE:- Please see SAP guidelines on UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

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