



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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March, 2016

To
The Registrar,
Tezpur University,
Napaam, Sonitpur, Tezpur - 784028.
Assam.

Sub.: University Grants Commission Assistance to the **Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University** at the level of **DRS-I** for a period of **5 years (1-4-2016 to 31-3-2021)** under Special Assistance Programme (SAP).

Sir,

1. This has reference to the department profile and proposal submitted by the Department of Environmental Science of your University for consideration to support under Special Assistance Programme (SAP) of the UGC as per revised guidelines of the Programme.
2. 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.
3. The Proposal of the department of **Environmental Sciences** was examined by the Expert Committee on **20th May, 2015**. After a very careful and critical indepth examination of the academic achievements of the department, as given in the departmental profile, the Expert Committee recommended the department for consideration by the commission to support the department at the level of DRS-I
4. On the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee, I am directed to convey the approval of the Commission to provide financial assistance to the **Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University** at the level of **DRS-I** for a duration of **5 years(2016-2021)** with the following thrust area(s) for research and teaching.

Concerned file

To Prof. K.P. Samra

Dr. R.R. Hogue

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27/04/2016

Thrust Area Identified

- Addressing multi-sectoral climate change issue in Assam; North Eastern India through interdisciplinary approach

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

Prof. Kali Prasad Sarma (Coordinator) & Dr. R. R. Hoque (Dy. Coordinator) for DRS-I programme under SAP.

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

5. The financial assistance approved for implementing the present phase at the level of DRS-I for duration of 5 years (01/04/2016 to 31/03/2021) is given below :-

S. No.	Non-Recurring (Items)	Rs. (In Lakh)
1.	Equipment (Ion Chromatograph, HPLC, CHNS analyzer, Microwave Digestion System, River sediment samplers and bed material dredger)	95.00
2.	Building (Upgradation/augmentation extension of existing laboratory for housing and Installation of new equipments)	05.00
	TOTAL	100.00
S.No.	Recurring	
1.	Contingency/Working expenses @ Rs. 1.00 p.a.	05.00
2.	Chemicals/Consumables/Glassware @ Rs.2.00 p.a.	10.00
3.	Travel/Field facilities/Field trips for Faculty members only (all within India Only) @Rs.0.80 p.a.	04.00
4.	Seminars (for organization) on thrust area @ Rs. 1.00 p.a.	05.00
5.	Hiring the services of Technical/Industrial/Secretarial assistance as relevant to the programme (for programme duration only) @Rs.0.40 p.a.	02.00
6.	Advisory Committee meetings (TA/DA for UGC nominee in the committee) @Rs.1.00 p.a.	05.00
7.	Books and Journals @ Rs.0.80 p.a.	04.00
	Total	35.00
	Grand total (NR + R)	135.00

Item (Rs. In lakh)

Non – Recurring Rs. 100.00

Recurring Rs. 35.00

Total (NR + R) for 5 years = Rs. 135.00

(Rupees One Crore Thirty five lakh only)

6. The University is to maintain a separate savings bank account for the grants released under Special Assistance Programme. All interest earned by the university/department by investment of 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 the earned interest (after prior approval of Advisory Committee), at the time of submitting the annual accounts for the programme.

7. The Co-ordinator should have the freedom to place orders and act as per directions of Advisory committee under intimation to the Head of the concerned department. The Advisory Committee, if it so feels, may constitute a purchase committee to deal with the matter.

8. Expenditure incurred or any amount deducted from the sanctioned amount by the University for any other purposes other than the items approved for implementing the programme will not be acceptable to the commission.

9. To avoid inbreeding in SAP supported departments regarding recruitment of teachers and intake of students, the Commission has decided that the appointment on the faculty position in the departments financially assisted under SAP of the University Grants Commission be made from among the applications who have obtained their last academic qualification (M.A./M.Sc./M.Phil/Ph.D) from the university other than the one for which the appointment is being made. It has also been decided that the preference be given to the students from other states on at least 20% of the prescribed number of seats for admission in Graduate and Post Graduate courses in the departments under SAP.

10. The University/ Department may follow the SAP Guidelines posted on the UGC website.

11. It may also be ensured that the physical facilities created under the Special Assistance Programme SAP/ASSIST may be opened, to be used by the other faculty members of the departments and other users within the University and from other University/Agency.

12. The University/Institute may follow the norms for appointment of Programme Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator (no Joint Coordinator or Co-Coordinator) and also constitute an Advisory Committee as per the guidelines of the Commission which can be downloaded from UGC website 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 Committee will be as indicated below. The departments may contact the UGC nominees for their acceptance and intimate the Commission.

1) Prof. M.K. Pandit, Environmental Studies, Delhi University, Delhi-110007.(Mob.-9868647018)
(Email Id - mkpandit@cismhe.org)

2) Prof. SD Kashyap, Mizoram University, Aizwal – 796004, Mizoram.(Mob.-9774037072)

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 in the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.

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

Yours faithfully,


(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:-

Prof. Kali Prasad Sarma
Co-ordinator (DRS-I Programme),
Department of Environmental Sciences ,
Tezpur University,
Napaam, Sonitpur, Tezpur – 784028, Assam.

Copy for information to:

1. The P.S. to Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University, Napaam, Sonitpur, Tezpur – 784028, Assam.
2. The Head, Department of Environmental Sciences , Tezpur University, Napaam, Sonitpur, Tezpur – 784028, Assam.
3. The Secretary to the State Government of Assam, Department of Education, Dispur.
4. Prof. M.K. Pandit, Environmental Studies, Delhi University, Delhi-110007.(Mob.-9868647018) (Email Id - mkpandit@cismhe.org)
5. Prof. SD Kashyap, Mizoram University, Aizwal - 796004, Mizoram.(Mob.-9774037072)
6. Guard File.


(Smita Bidani)
Education Officer