

Programme Project Report for PROGRAM (M.A Economics)

I. GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

- a. Relevance of programme to the Institution's mission and goals: The mission and goals of the institution are to disseminate and advance quality education through instructions and research and to achieve excellence in higher education. The programme is aimed at providing quality higher education through distance education mode to those people who are interested to pursue higher education but do not get or are not able to take admission in regular mode of higher education by giving counseling, instruction and study materials. Hence, the programme is relevant to the institution's goal.
- b. Objectives of the programme: The objectives of the programme are: to impart and disseminate quality higher education through distance mode by providing instructional and study materials, to provide access to higher education to those people who are not able to pursue higher education through regular mode, to improve gross enrolment ratio in higher education, to promote research and innovative ideas among the students.
- c. Nature of prospective target group of learners: The target group of learners will be those students who have completed graduation and are interested to pursue higher education but could not take admission in regular mode due to various social and economic problems.
- d. Appropriateness of Open and Distance Learning mode for acquiring specific competencies or skills: Open and Distance Learning mode provides quality higher education to the interested learners who are left out by the regular mode. It helps them to acquire competencies and skills in the concerned discipline by providing instruction through counseling, study materials, advice and support. Hence, it is the appropriate mode for acquiring competencies and skills.

II. INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN:

- a. Duration of programme: 2 (Two) years
- b. Faculty and support staff requirements: Faculty support is provided by the Department of Economics of Rajiv Gandhi University. Staff support is provided by the Institute of Distance Education itself. The IDE also receives staff support from the University.
- c. Instructional delivery mechanisms: The programme will be imparted with the help of suitably designed syllabus. The syllabus is developed by a group of experts. Instructions to the learners will be provided by conducting counseling. The counseling to the learners will be provided by the invited experts in the concerned discipline.
- d. Identification of media and student support service systems: This will be done through counseling, discussion, interactions with the experts.

- e. Procedure for admissions: Applications for admission to the programme will be invited through advertisement in the print media. The applications will be scrutinized and applicants will be selected for admission on the basis of merit. Merit list will be prepared on the basis of percentage of marks in the graduation.
- f. Curriculum transaction and evaluation: The learners will be provided with study materials. They will also be provided instructions by conducting counseling. The learners will be given home assignments which will be evaluated by the experts. The final examination will be conducted for which question papers will be set by experts and scripts will also be evaluated experts.
- g. Laboratory support required for the programme: Since the proposed discipline belongs to Social Sciences, laboratory work is not required.
- h. Library Resources:
 - i. Central Library of the University
 - ii. Dedicated Library at IDE, RGU
 - iii. Separate Libraries at the Study Centres

III. FINANCIAL INVOLVEMENT:

- a. Cost estimate of the programme and the provisions therefore: Common Annual Budget is sanctioned every year for the current financial year for expenses against all courses. This allocation is in the following heads:
 - i. Development of Course Materials
 - ii. Student Support Services (at HQ & Centres)
 - iii. Staff Training and Development
 - iv. Technology Support
 - v. Library
 - vi. Research & Development
- b. Amount assigned for programme development, delivery and maintenance: As Above
- c. Fee Structure:

Sl. No.	Particulars	MA Previous Amount	MA Final
1	Course Fees	1500	1500
2	Admission fee	1000	1000
3	Registration renewal fee	500	---
4	Examination fee	2000	2000
5	Mark sheet fee	200	200
6	Self Learning materials	3500	3500
7	Assignment evaluation fee	1000	1000
8	Counselling fees	1500	1500
9	Identity card fee	100	100
10	Continuation fee	---	500
10	Assignment Response Format	300	300
11	Center fee	300	300
Total		11900/-	11900/-
Back Paper Fees (per paper)		300/-	300/-

IV. QUALITY ASSURANCE MECHANISM:

- a. Expected programme outcomes: The programme is designed to provide higher education to students. It will help learners to acquire knowledge and skills and promote human resources development.
- b. Curriculum and detailed syllabi of the programme: Attached separately
- c. Guidelines on launching programme(s) design: As applicable to other courses (Attached separately)


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