

Induction Programme for the Newly-recruited Faculty Members

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Background

The impact of globalization has intensified the need for developing new competencies and skills (e-learning, design and use of on-line courses etc.) among university teachers. There is mounting pressure that these competencies and skills match the international standards. Current moment is also marked by steady expansion of student constituencies (more women, more first generation learners, increasing number of foreign students). Further, there has also been considerable discontent in the field of higher education in relation to questions of (1) knowledge production and dissemination (2) the role of the state and the market in determining the curricula, (3) nature of student competencies in relation to available jobs, (4) the legitimacy (or lack of it) of existing disciplinary boundaries and so on. These issues are likely to impose further challenges to the teaching faculty in the wake of reorganization of the state of Andhra Pradesh this year. It is against this background, it was felt necessary to organize an induction programme in order to offer some inputs to the newly recruited teachers of O.U. and its constituent colleges with regard to teaching / research / administrative responsibilities.

UGC's conferment of the title, 'University with Potential Excellence' (UPE) in the year 2012, is indeed a national honour and a feather in the cap of Osmania University. Under this scheme, O.U plans to Promote:

- Flexible and Effective Governance
- Autonomy and Decentralization
- Academic Programs relevant to the Social and Economic needs of the Nation in General and the Region in Particular
- Networking with Other Centers/Departments and Laboratories in the Country and Abroad

One of many programmes planned for the five-year UPE scheme is establishment of the Centre for Professional Advancement and Continuing Education (C-PACE) which was conceived as a nodal centre (1) that will prepare individuals and professionals in advancing careers for lifelong personal and intellectual growth through innovative knowledge resources and (2) that will offer high quality scientific and technical training and continuing professional educational opportunities to personnel working in NGO / Government / Industry or other working professionals by taking into consideration their needs and by designing appropriate courses in liaison with already existing centres of excellence in Osmania University.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was established in Osmania University almost a decade ago. It is serving as a Post-accreditation quality sustenance measure under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor. The IQAC is playing an active role in improving the quality of education offered in OU in terms of teaching, learning and evaluation process.

C-PACE in collaboration with IQAC is conducting this induction programme with a view to:

- Promote critical thinking about knowledge production and dissemination in higher education, and
- Provide inputs about Curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and research priorities relevant to the present context.

The Induction Programme is designed to address these objectives by (1) developing a 'resource manual' containing reading material that promotes reflections on various aspects of higher education today and, (2) offering lectures by eminent educationists from outside university as well as senior faculty members of OU.

Major themes of lectures are:

- Challenges in Higher Education
- Higher Education and Human values
- University – Society Relationship
- Curriculum and Pedagogy: Contemporary Needs
- Reforms in Higher Education
- Research in Higher Education
- Outreach and Extension Activities

The last session will be devoted to group presentations.

Resource Persons:

- Prof. H. Devaraj** : Vice-Chairman, U.G.C., New Delhi
Prof. Kamal Singh : Former VC, Amaravati University
Prof. P. Prakash : Pro-VC, IGNOU, New Delhi
Prof. P. Rama Rao : Chairman, IPE
Prof. Lakshmi Kantam : Director, IICT
Prof. Pradeep Kumar : IIIT, Hyderabad

and teaching faculty of OU

Registration: Participants are requested to register onsite for this programme on June 20, 2014 between 8.30 and 10.00 AM

Venue:

AUDITORIUM

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