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## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS UGC SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (DRS-II)

#### **BRIEF ANNUAL REPORT - 2017-18**

#### 1. Introduction

University Grants Commission has provided financial assistance under Special Assistance Programme (DRS-I) to the Department of Economics for the period 1.4.2007 to 31.3.2012. The Department of Economics has successfully implemented this SAP programme during five years (1.4.2007 to 31.3.2012).

University Grants Commission has further approved the Special Assistance Programme DRS-II to Department of Economics for the period of five years from 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2018 on the basis of the recommendations of the UGC Review Committee. The University Grants Commission sanctioned financial assistance of an amount of Rs. 60, 00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Lakh only) [Non-Recurring Rs. 20,00,000.00 and Recurring RS. 40,00,000.00 ] for under taking various activities under SAP DRS-II in the Department of Economics for the period of five years (1.4.2013 to 31.3.2018).

2. Special Assistance Programme Activities (2017-18):-

The Department of Economics started Special Assistance Programme SAP DRS-II activities for year 2015-16 under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Advisory Committee and in consultation with Departmental Committee. The advisory committee meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 under chairmanship Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Professor B. A. Chopade Sir. The Department of Economics has under taken following activities during the year 2017-18 under UGC SAP DRS-II, as fund from UGC were not received on time.

#### 1. Purchase of Books and Journals

The recently published text books are purchased for the Departmental library for the use of the Department faculty and students. We also purchase reference books, government reports and Journals & Hand books etc. These books are issued to the Departmental library from the year 2007-08. From 2014-15 this library is looked by secretary assistant under the guidance of Coordinator SAP and Head of the Department. Daily four news papers are also kept in the reading hall for students for the year 2015-16. Books of Rs. 1,60.000.00 (One lakh and Sixty Thousand only) were purchased for the year 2015-16.

The books were not purchase under SAP during the year 2016-17 as funds were not received on time from UGC. Books of Rs. 18,170.00 (Nineteen Thousand only) were purchased for the year 2017-18.

#### 2. Visiting Fellows

The Department invites eminent scholars as visiting fellow for guest lectures on the current topics for the benefits of the Department students and sharing thier experiences with teachers.

#### Name of the Guest Speakers

1. Professor Mark Lindely, Visiting Professor

#### 3. Travel / Field Facility

The Department of Economics under UGC-SAP, DRS-II after expert scrutiny (Dr. R. Y. Mahore) had given grant to four minor research projects to four faculty members each under said budget head for the year 2016-17. The details of minor research projects are as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	Titles	Amount
1.	Dr. S. S. Narwade	Patterns of Employment in Rural Marthwada	30,000.00
2.	Dr. A. S. Pawar		30,000.00
3.	Dr. C. N. Kokate	Contract Farming of Seeds: A case Study	30,000.00
4.	Dr. K. V. Khandare	Traditional Vs Modern: A Comparative Study of Farming Methods in Beed District.	30,000.00

The work was carried out by respective faculty members, but as UGC funds were not received on time the amount was not released, bills were not passed. The work was carried out by respective faculty members, but as UGC funds were not received on time the field survey expenditure amount was not released, bills were not passed. Therefore it was decided that these minor research projects be continued in current year 2017-18, and from this year (2017-18) budget, bills should be passed and payments should be done.

#### 4. National Seminar

UGC SAP DRS-II, Department of Economics, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad has jointly organized three days international conference on Development of Marathwada: Opportunities and Challenges on 15th-17th March, 2018 in collaboration with UGC CPEPA Centre in 'Rural Development in Backward Districts of Marathwada and Gopinathrao Munde National Institute for Research and Development . The conference was formally inaugurated by Shri. Mukund Kulkarni, Industrialized Aurangabad. Professor Ravindra Ranade, Japan was presented a keynote address on 15th March, 2018 and Professor Walmik Sarwade, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management Science Presided this inaugural function. There was a good response to this conference by the teachers and research students. Total 70 peoples including teachers, research students etc. participated in various sessions. It had total 04 plenary sessions and 05 technical sessions. 21 resource persons delivered lectures on various topics of confronting regional development. Some of the resource persons invited were Professor professor Gayatri Mohan, Professor Ananya Vajpeyi, Professor Vijaykumar Advant, B. M. Naik, Dr. Vinod Sen, Dr. Naresh Bodkhe, Dr. Arun Chainit, Dr. Rajeev B. Dr. Anand Sugandhe, Dr. Sharad Bhogale, Professor H. M. Desarda, Dr. Devidas Tuljapurkar, Professor Pradeep Purandare, Dr. S. A. Nagare, Dr. P. S. Kamble, Dr. Y.R. Jadhav Dr. A. B. Deogirikar etc. There lectures covered various issues of the rural development of backward districts in general and Marathwada Region in particular. Thus most of these lectures dealt with the problems and prospects of sector-wise rural development in India, Maharashtra and Marathwada region in particular. Valedictory function of the seminar was held on 17th March, 2018.

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