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To,

Prof. Bharat Antani Gujarat

Subject: Clarification of queries regarding IKS, VAC in grant-in-aid colleges

Dear Sir,

I appreciate your suggestion towards betterment of education system and implementation of NEP-2020. As per NEP-2020, our jointly efforts should provide extended support to students with available resources for their holistic and career development. We will try our best to help and resolve your queries during implementation of the programmes.

Following are the responses of your queries:

- 1. If any faculty takes the lectures of VAC or IKS, then will the workload be counted by the Government: As per rules, any classes taken by the faculty which is related to any categories of courses that leads to credit accumulation of the student, it will be counted as workload of the faculties. The final workload of the faculty will be decided by the State Government or the concerned universities, when statutes, ordinance will be framed.
- 2. If a student at any affiliated college opt a subject which is not affiliated to that college, then that college has to take affiliation of that subjects: Yes. If a required number of enrolments are available to start a particular course, college must take permission from the concerned universities to add new courses/subjects. If a single student enrolled to any course, then it is unjustified to start a batch and, in that case, college may counsel the student to opt for other institution for online/offline mode. For any other provisions like association with other institutions or online classes, colleges are advised to contact the concerned universities.
- 3. Suppose there are 50 subjects in a course basket and if 50 different students opt all that 50 different subjects each then there shall be provision of syllabus, teacher teaching that subjects, paper setters and examiners of all those subjects. Will it be feasible sir? What about the affiliation of all those 50 subjects to be taken by that colleges from the universities: Any academic batch of the department shall be created as per exiting provision of the universities. College can create the batch with approved minimum number of students, either online/regular mode or in combination of both (online and regular mode).

In case required number of enrolments are not available to create a batch, college may advise the students to opt for other institutions to complete the course in online, offline or in combination of both modes.

College can offer courses as per availability of infrastructure and faculties. Any courses which are demanded by the students beyond their existing capacities, either college may look for alternative options in consultation with concerned universities or deny offering that course.

College also suggests the university to decide the course basket and workload of faculties as per available resources and teaching/administration staffs.

For all these provisions, colleges are advised to contact the concerned universities.

4. Is there anywhere written in UGC guidelines or GoG SOP that whatsoever resources available with college shall only be used by a student: As mentioned in NEP-2020, this education policy outlines the student's centric approach of education. That means, students can choose the courses and mode of study as per their own choice. Institutions can offer the courses as per existing available resources (i.e., smart classroom, library, faculties etc.). If required, College may consult with concerned universities for arrangement of additional infrastructure and faculties to support the students.

Hope we have resolved all your queries. It is also suggested to refer GR of Common Curriculum and Credit Framework and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) released by Education Department, Government of Gujarat for Higher Education Institutions for better understanding of NEP-2020.

Thanking You.

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