

UGC: College with Potential for Excellence

Preamble

Apart from universities, there are colleges in the country where teaching and research are of high quality. These colleges have achieved better standards of teaching and research by harnessing human and physical resources in innovative ways. Many of these colleges have potential for academic excellence. Recognizing the need to pay special attention to such colleges, the UGC introduced a Scheme, corresponding to the one for the Universities, during the X Plan called “**College with Potential for Excellence**” (CPE). This Scheme is to identify colleges which have attained high standards in teaching, research and extension activities and hold promise of excellence. A college selected under the CPE Scheme is provided substantial funds to improve and strengthen its infrastructure that would help it in attaining further higher academic standards.

Objectives of the Scheme

1. To define and manage the processes included in the design, development, and delivery of the chosen academic programmes.
2. To strengthen the academic and physical infrastructure for achieving excellence in teaching, research and outreach programmes that would be comparable to global standards.
3. To promote flexible and effective governance.
4. To enhance the quality of the learning and teaching process at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels with the help of a flexible credit based modular system, and the whole range of innovations currently accepted globally.
5. To promote academic programmes relevant to the socio-economic needs of the Nation in general and the region in particular.
6. To improve undergraduate education in colleges by the interfacing of the postgraduate programmes.
7. To promote networking with University departments, research centres and laboratories in the country.
8. To promote skill oriented programmes.

(Source: UGC Website)

The College had submitted a proposal for the award of “**College with Potential for Excellence**” (CPE). An interface meeting was held from 30th May, 2011 to 2nd June, 2011, where the College made a presentation at UGC, New Delhi in this regard.

Composition of the Task Force for implementation of CPE Programmes/ Activities

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Action Plan of the College for CPE

In **September, 2011**, the UGC awarded the College, status of “College with Potential for Excellence” (CPE) and sanctioned a grant of **Rs. One Crore** to conduct various programmes/ activities in the College. The programmes/ activities identified by the College under the CPE Scheme are as follows:

I	Teaching (Under Graduation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouraging students for making career in Arts and Science 2. Strengthening laboratory infrastructure 3. Established Language Laboratory 4. Initiating MAST (Model for Arts and Science Teachers) Programme
II	Teaching (Post Graduation)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishing educational technology center 2. Setting Up Knowledge Portals
III	Research Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evolving STAR (Special Teacher and Researcher Programme) 2. Strengthening Research Infrastructure 3. Establishing In-House Publishing Center
IV	Extension Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conceiving Eco-Friendly Campus 2. Facilitation Center for International Students
V	Other Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Library Automation 2. MIS for Office Administration