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DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
SURYAMANINAGAR

Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Advisory Committee of UGC-SAP-DRS-I Programme, Department of Botany, Tripura University, held on 8th February, 2013 at 11.30 A.M. in the Council Hall of Administrative Building, Tripura University.

Members Present:
1. Prof Arunoday Saha
   Vice-Chancellor,
   Tripura University
   Chairman

2. Prof A. K. Paul
   Department of Botany,
   University of Calcutta,
   Kolkata-700019 (W.B.)
   Member

3. Prof K. Murugesan
   Department of Botany
   University of Madras
   Chennai-600025
   Member

4. Prof. S. Sinha
   Department of Botany
   Tripura University,
   Suryamaninagar.
   Member

5. Prof. R.K. Sinha
   Department of Botany
   Tripura University,
   Suryamaninagar.
   Member

6. Prof. B.K. Datta
   Department of Botany
   Tripura University,
   Suryamaninagar
   Member

7. Dr. A.K. Saha
   Department of Botany
   Tripura University,
   Suryamaninagar
   Member

8. Prof R. C. Srivastava
   Department of Botany
   Tripura University,
   Suryamaninagar
   Member Secretary

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Prof Arunoday Saha, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University and Chairman of the Advisory Committee, at the outset, welcomed all the members of the Advisory Committee constituted for implementing the UGC-DRS-SAP Programme in Botany Department as per guidelines of the UGC. Thereafter, the Co-ordinator and Deputy Co-ordinator briefed the members about the activities of the Department pertaining to the implementation of the programme in the Department and placed the relevant documents before the Advisory Committee for discussion.

1. Purchase of Equipments from Non-recurring Grant:
   (Grant sanctioned: Rs. 20.00 Lakhs)

   The list of equipments to be purchased from the non-recurring grant was discussed. The UGC Members suggested incorporation of certain specifications for the major equipments to be purchased and approved the list of equipment. It has been decided that the following equipments be purchased from the Non-recurring grant of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs following all the usual formalities of purchase.

   **List of Equipments:**

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2. Utilization of Recurring Grant:
   (Amount sanctioned: Rs. 3.80 Lakhs)

   As regards recurring grant of Rs. 3.80 Lakhs, following decisions were taken:

   **Item No. 1. Contingency/Working expenses:**
   (Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.50 Lakh).

   It has been decided that the amount be utilized for field study purpose including hiring services of field staff. However, deployment of field staff should not exceed 6(Six) months at a time.

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**Item No. 2. Chemicals/Consumables/Glassware:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 1.00 Lakh)

Decided that chemicals/glassware and consumable as mentioned below, be purchased before 31-3-2013.

1. Ethyl Alcohol: Rs. 30,000.00
2. All other Chemicals: Rs. 40,000.00
3. Glassware: Rs. 30,000.00

**Item No. 3. Travel/Field facilities:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.60 Lakh)

In this regard, it was resolved that “at least three (three) field visits be arranged before 31.3.2013 for collecting samples of Ethnobotanical importance from different locations of South Tripura.

**Item No. 4. Visiting Fellows:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.50 Lakh)

Decided that the following visiting fellows be invited to deliver a course of lectures for the benefit of the research scholars and students of the Department of Botany, Tripura University:

1. Prof. Uma Shankar,
   Department of Botany,
   North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU),
   Shillong (Meghalaya).

2. Prof. A.B. Das
   Department of Biotechnology,
   Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology,
   Bhubaneshwar (Orissa).

It was also decided that the visit of invited fellows be merged with the National Seminar to be arranged by the Department.

**Item No. 5. Seminar:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.50 Lakh).

Members discussed the feasibility of holding a National Seminar in the Department of Botany, Tripura University during 15th and 16th March 2013. It has been decided that the Department will finalize the title of the National Seminar keeping in view the thrust area of the DRS Programme.

Members also suggested that under this programme, the Department should prepare a record in the form of Book, containing details of various lectures delivered by the Visiting Fellows and also the resource persons (Invited Speakers) during the Seminar.
**Item No. 6. Advisory Committee Meeting:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.50 Lakh).

The process has already started today 8-2-2013 (Friday) –the 1st Meeting the Advisory Committee for the UGC-SAP-DRS- in Botany-2013.

**Item No.7. Books and Journals:**
(Amount available (to be utilized up to 31.03. 2013): Rs. 0.20 Lakh).

List of Journals (Indian) to be purchased under this programme has been finalized and approved.

Members unanimously felt that additional space is required for installation of the procured equipments and smooth running of the project and University Authority should take immediate necessary step in this regard.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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Prof R. C. Srivastava  
Member-Secretary & Co-ordinator  
UGC-SAP-DRS-I Programme, Department of Botany

Prof Arunodaya Saha  
Vice-Chancellor  
Tripura University  
Chairman