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In Collaboration with

TELANGANA UNIVERSITY, NIZAMABAD

Ph.D PROGRAMME [WITH FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT STUDIES]

About the CESS

The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) was established as an autonomous body registered under the Societies Act in the year 1980. Appreciating its role in the promotion of research and training, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) recognized it as a national institute in the year 1986 and included CESS in its network of institutions for annual grants. The Centre has been receiving maintenance grants from the Government of Telangana and the ICSSR and project-specific grants/consultancies from the state government, central government and other International Organizations. Research is the primary activity of the Centre. In the formulation of the Centre's research perspectives, the question of problem orientation and relevance has always been given due consideration.

The Centre also undertakes research projects and evaluation studies on various themes sponsored by different agencies, such as the State Government, Central Government, Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP, DFID, ILO, IOM, GIZ European Union, Volkswagen University-Germany, Ford Foundation, the International Foundation for Science- Sweden, Rockefeller Foundation-New York, ODI-the UK and other organizations.

The management of the Centre is vested in two bodies, viz., Board of Governors (BoG) and Executive Council (EC), each having a term of three years. The Director of the Centre is Member Secretary of the Board of Governors and she/he is responsible for both bodies in all the matters concerning the development and functioning of the Centre.

The Centre has been fortunate to have eminent social scientists as its Chairmen, Directors and Special Invitees apart from experienced Government and ICSSR nominees, co-opted members on the Board of Governors / Executive Council of the CESS who helped develop the Centre to the present level through sharing their valuable guidance, advice and suggestions in the deliberations and decisions in various meetings held during their term. These include Sri B.P.R. Vithal, Sri S.R. Rama Murthy, Prof. A.M. Khusro, Prof. G. Ram Reddy, Prof. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Prof. K.L. Krishna, Prof. R. Radhakrishna who served as Chairmen of CESS and Dr. Waheduddin Khan, Prof. N. Krishnaji, Prof. P. Venkataramaiah, Prof. R. Radhakrishna, Prof. S. Mahendra Dev, Prof. Manoj Panda, Prof. S. Galab who served as Directors of the Centre.

Sri T.L. Shankar, Dr. Y. Venugopal Reddy, Sri K.R. Venugopal, Sri B.N. Yugandhar, Sri K.M. Ahmed, Sri C.S. Rao, Dr. S.R. Hashim, Prof. T.C.A. Anant, Prof. Mungekar, served as ICSSR nominees and co-opted members on the Board of Governors/Executive Council of the CESS in different periods since its inception. The present Chairman, Prof. Dilip M. Nachane is an acclaimed economist, who works extensively on economic methodology, macroeconomics, money, banking and finance and the history of economic thought. Director, Prof. E. Revathi works in the broad area of Development Economics specifically on agriculture, gender studies, labour and inclusive studies.

The faculty at the Centre works in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors, industry, service sector, social sector – education and health, international trade, environment, natural resource management, groundwater issues, labour market and migration, tribal studies, sustainable development, decentralization, and governance issues.

The PhD Programme

The Centre for Economic and Social Studies [CESS] has already been recognized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University way back in 1986 for conducting/organising the Master of Philosophy [M.Phil]; and Doctor of Philosophy [PhD] Programme in Development Studies with specialization in Social Science and Commerce Disciplines, in the year 1990. Since 1986 and 1990, the CESS has been organising M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes respectively in collaboration with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University on a Part-Time basis. The Programmes gained a lot of prominence in the academic and research circles in the country.

The University of Hyderabad [UoH], Hyderabad; Osmania University [OU], Hyderabad; Andhra University [AU], Visakhapatnam; and a few other Universities in the erstwhile undivided State of Andhra Pradesh have recognised the Centre [CESS] as the Centre of Excellence for Research & Teaching; and, have also recognised some of the faculty members of CESS as Research Supervisors to guide the research work of their M.Phil and the Ph.D scholars.

In the year 2016, the Centre (CESS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Telangana University [TU], Nizamabad for collaboration to organise the regular/full-time PhD Programme in Social Sciences and Commerce disciplines with a focus on Development Studies. The Centre has admitted seven batches of students and most of them are actively working on their doctoral research. The first PhD degree has been awarded and further submissions are awaited soon. A specialised unit called the “**DIVISION FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**” carries out Academic and Research activities, related to the Ph.D Programme.

The Salient Features

- (a) The PhD Programme offered in CESS shall be under the overall supervision and guidance of the **Research Programme Committee [RPC]**. The RPC consists of members from the University; CESS; and, Experts in the disciplines from different institutions where a similar type of Research Programme is being offered.
- (b) Admission Notification will be released by the Centre [CESS] in the month of July/August every year.
- (c) Admission shall be mainly based on Eligibility Criteria stipulated in the Notification – The Ph.D Programme at CESS in accordance with the UGC Regulations – 2022; and the Revised Guidelines issued on 28th March 2024. Candidates qualified in the National Eligibility Tests, such as, UGC-JRF and UGC-NET are eligible to apply for admission – duly following the merit-cum-reservation policy.
- (d) Only the predetermined number of students shall be admitted into the Programme.

- (e) The Research Scholar has to undergo the PhD coursework in Two Semesters and the duration of each Semester will be notified. The Course Work Examinations will be conducted after completing the prescribed syllabus for each paper of the Course Work.
- (f) Research work shall be carried out on a full-time/part-time basis after successful completion of coursework.
- (g) The Doctoral Advisory Committees (DACs) i.e. a Committee for each Doctoral scholar [Doctoral Committees - DCs] shall be constituted, comprising of a Research Supervisor, an external member expert in the area of research of the scholar, an internal faculty member, the Dean, DGS, and the Director, CESS.
- (h) The scholar is registered for a PhD after the DAC approves the research proposal.
- (i) Allocation of a Research Supervisor/Guide for a selected student shall be decided by the Academic Committee (AC) consisting of: The Director (Chairperson); all the recognized research supervisors of the Centre (Members); and, the Dean, DGS (Convener).
- (j) A panel of Examiners for adjudication of the Thesis will be provided by CESS for approval of the University. The thesis adjudication/examination process will be carried out by the CESS.
- (k) The Ph.D thesis shall be adjudicated by the BOE (Board of Examiners) consisting of three examiners out of which at least one shall be from outside the State.
- (l) The PhD Degree Certificate shall contain the **“PhD Programme pursued at Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad”**.
- (m) The PhD degree shall be awarded in the discipline of the candidate followed by ‘with main focus on Development Studies’.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PhD PROGRAMME

Rules and Regulations for Conducting/Organising the “Degree of Doctor of Philosophy [Ph.D] Programme” with focus on Development Studies by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies [CESS], Hyderabad in Collaboration with Telangana University, Nizamabad.

[In accordance with the Basic Guidelines of Ministry of Human Resource Development, University Grants Commission, Notification, New Delhi, the 5th May 2016]

And

University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations-2022, Issued Through Gazette Notification Dated 7th November 2022, and its Adoption by the 91st Academic Council Meeting held on 6th April 2023

I. The Research Programme

The Research Programme is PhD with a focus on Development Studies in the following subject areas:

- (1) **Commerce** [Commerce/Management/Business Management/Business Administration]
- (2) **Development Statistics** [Development Statistics/Statistics/Applied Statistics]
- (3) **Economics** [Economics/Applied Economics/Agricultural Economics]
- (4) **Geography** [Geography/Geo-Informatics]
- (5) **Political Science & Public Administration** [Political Science/Public Administration]
- (6) **Sociology** [Sociology/Social Work/Anthropology]

Note: An Area of Specialisation may or may not be offered in a particular year, depending on the response of the applicants and availability of faculty.

II. The Course Structure

The Programme consists of (A) Course Work [Spread in 2 Semesters]; and (B) Thesis [Research Work]

A: Course Work: The Course Work consists of the following Six [6] Courses [Papers]:

Semester - I

- Paper – 1: Research Methodology
- Paper – 2: Perspectives and Paradigms of Development
- Paper – 3: Fundamentals of Econometrics/Fundamentals of Statistics
- Paper -A: Research and Publication Ethics

Semester - II

- Paper – 4: India’s Development Debate
- Paper – 5: Paradigms in Social Sciences – Economics/Sociology/Political Science
- Paper – 6: Applied Econometrics/Applied Statistics

* Non-Credit Papers in Semester – I

- (i) Micro Economics and Macro Economics (for Economics students only)

B: Thesis [Research Work]: After successful completion of Course Work, the Registration for Research [Thesis] Work shall be completed within Six Months.

III. Duration of the Programme

The total duration of the Programme will be 6 [Six] Years of which, 1 [One] Year is for Course Work; and 5 [Five] Years for completion of Research/Thesis Work after Registration for Ph.D. The Research/Thesis Work will be taken up only after successful completion of the Course Work.

IV. The Admission Criteria

1. Eligibility

The Ph.D. programme at CESS is in accordance with the UGC Regulations – 2022. Candidates qualified in the National Eligibility Tests, such as, UGC-JRF and UGC-NET are eligible to apply for admission.

Accordingly, the following categories of candidates are eligible to apply:

Category 1: Candidates those who Qualified UGC-JRF

Category 2: Based on UGC-NET Score

[1. JRF qualified candidates; 2. Candidates qualified for Assistant Professorship without JRF; and, 3. Candidates neither qualified for JRF nor for Assistant Professorship but appeared for NET and are eligible for admission to Ph.D based on NET score]

Note: Admission to PhD Programme (2025-26) will be done on the basis of UGC-NET examination score, as per the UGC rule. The NET scores of June 2024 (result declared in October 2024) and December 2024 (results declared in February 2025) will be valid/used for PhD admission for the academic year 2025-26. Validity period of JRFs will continue as before.

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Admission under category 1 will be based on the performance in the interview, where 100% weightage will be assigned to marks obtained in the interview.

Admission under category 2 will be based on the NET score and performance in the interview, where 70% weightage is assigned to NET score and 30% weightage assigned to marks obtained in the interview.

Number of seats & Reservations: A Total Number of 12 Candidates will be taken for admission for the year 2025-26. The Centre reserves the right to fill or not to fill all the seats if suitable candidates are not found. **Statutory reservations** will be followed as per Government of Telangana norms.

2. Selection Process (as per UGC norms)

Research Proposal and Interview

Candidates are required to submit a **research proposal in not more than 1500 words** along with the application. The proposal is expected to reflect critical understanding of the body of knowledge in the proposed research area, research objectives and tentative methodology. Applications without research proposal will NOT be considered.

Shortlisted candidates will be called for the interview. The interview will focus on assessing the competence and interest of the candidate in undertaking independent research work.

V. Fees Structure of the PhD Programme

The Following shall be the Fees Structure of the Programme:

1. Admission Fee - Rs. 5,000/- – Shall go to the T U – One Time
2. Tuition Fee - Rs.25,000/- – Shall go to the CESS – Every Year
(Payable in Two Installments – September and March)
3. Course Work Examination Fee - Rs.500/- – Shall go to the T U – Per Paper (for Every Attempt)
4. Registration Fee - Rs. 5000/- – Shall go to the CESS – One Time
5. Re-Registration Fee - Rs. 5000/- – Shall go to the CESS – One Time
6. Thesis Adjudication Fee - Rs. 10000/- Shall go to the University

The Fees Structure will be discussed in the RPC from time to time, and the RPC shall recommend the Fees Structure and forward it to the Vice-Chancellor for his/her Approval. The Fees Structure will be notified in the Admission Notification.

VI. Teaching and Examinations

1. **Teaching:** The classes for the coursework shall be held in Two Semesters at CESS, Hyderabad. For each Semester, the maximum period would be 6 months and for each paper/course, a minimum of 4 [Four] Credit Hours of teaching per week shall be held. The schedule of these Course Work Sessions will be intimated well in advance. These coursework sessions are regular and for which attendance is compulsory.
2. **Examinations:** The Course Work Examinations will be held immediately after each Semester. There are seven courses/papers in all and for each course, the total marks for examination shall be 100. The examination in each course consists of: (i) End Semester Examination [University Examination], and (ii) Continuous Assessment [Internal Assessment in the form of Tests/Assignments/Book Reviews/Seminars/Presentations].

The marks are divided in the ratio of 60: 40 between these two categories and the pass marks are 50 % [per cent] in each category for all the papers. There shall be only One Valuation for the End Semester Examination Papers. There shall be a Course Coordinator for each Course/Paper to look after the examination and other academic work. A Candidate shall be allowed Three chances or Two years to complete the Course Work Examinations.

VII. Registration for Thesis, Submission and Evaluation of Thesis

1. **Registration for Thesis:** Those who pass the Course Work Examinations have to identify the area of research for the Thesis and with the help of the faculty; he/she has to prepare a Research Proposal and get it approved within a maximum period of Six Months after the successful completion of the coursework examination. However, a Doctoral Committee [D C] shall be constituted for each scholar to help him/her throughout the Research Work till completion of the Thesis. The DGS along with a faculty member will nominate expert member for the DC on the advice of the Supervisor. The candidates with approved research

proposals and duly checked for plagiarism will be registered for Ph.D by formally allotting to the faculty member/s as research supervisor/s by the DGS, CESS marking a copy of the registration to the Telangana University.

Further, those students who fails to/could not finalize the Research Proposal within the above stipulated time, will be referred to Research Advisory Committee. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Director, CESS will take a final decision of whether to continue those students on rolls or not. Further:

- (a) The Ph.D Programme shall be for a minimum duration of Three [03] Years, including Course Work, and a maximum duration of Six [06] Years from the date of admission to the Ph.D Programme.
- (b) Extension of maximum of an additional Two [02] Years can be given through a process of Re-Registration; provided, however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D Programme should not exceed Eight [08] Years from the date of admission in the Ph.D Programme.
Provided further that, female Ph.D scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional extension of Two [02] Years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D Programme in such cases should not exceed Ten [10] Years from the date of admission in the Ph.D Programme.
- (c) Female Ph.D Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D Programme.
- (d) No academic extension beyond the duration mentioned above will be allowed under any circumstances.

After Registration of the topic, if a scholar wanted to convert his/her Ph.D Registration from Full Time to Part Time, he/she can apply for it showing the valid reasons. Depending on the merits of the case, the scholar shall be allowed to convert the Registration from Full Time to Part Time.

After Registration, in the course of preparation of Thesis/Research Work, the scholar has to present the research work once in six months to the Doctoral Committee. The scholar also has to give three open seminars; the first two seminars are the Core Chapters presentations and the third being the Pre-Submission seminar. Before submission of the thesis, the scholar needs to publish at least one Article/Paper in the refereed journal and should present one paper in the national/international seminar in the area of his/her research [As per Guidelines of the UGC]. The scholar needs to enclose the published and presented papers to the thesis.

- 2. Submission of the Thesis:** The candidate shall have to prepare a Thesis based on his/her own independent research under the guidance of his/her supervisor. The Thesis has to be certified by the supervisor to the effect that the research work is based on the candidate's own research under his/her supervision and that it does not form or has not been formed the basis for the award of any other degree or diploma of any University/Institution duly checked for plagiarism. Every candidate must apply to the Centre [CESS] in the prescribed Form for the Submission of Thesis accompanied by:

- (i) Soft copy of the Thesis in PDF format [Duly checked for plagiarism];
- (ii) Soft copy of the Abstract of the Thesis in PDF format;
- (iii) Receipt showing the prescribed fee has been paid;

- (iv) 'No Dues' Certificate from the Library and other entities;
- (v) A copy of the Memorandum of Marks of the Course Work Examination;
- (vi) A copy of the Registration Order;
- (vii) Certificate from the Librarian on acceptable percentage of Similarity Index;
- (viii) Any other required document.

3. **Evaluation of Thesis:** The Ph. D Thesis shall be examined by three External Examiners selected by the Chairman, RPC from among those in the panel. The panel of examiners recommended by the supervisor shall comprise of Nine [09] Names recommended by the Supervisor to which one or two more may be added by the RPC, if required. The panel shall not include the Supervisor or the members of the Faculty of the University/Institution where the research supervisor or the student is working or has been associated [if he is an employee].

The entire process – from Submission of Thesis till Conducting the Viva-Voce – shall be done by the Division of Graduate Studies [DGS] of CESS at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Hyderabad by duly following the Rules and Regulations of the Ph.D Programme.

After receiving the Adjudication Reports from the Examiners/University, the D G S, CESS would place the Reports before the Chairman/Chairperson, RPC for his/her observation and remarks. The Chairman/Chairperson, RPC would go through the Reports and give his/her observations, remarks and recommendations on the Reports and also suggests the future course of action [Conducting the Viva-Voce /Revaluation/Rejection].

VIII. Research Supervision

1. **Research Proposal and Progress of Research Work:** Candidates who pass the Course Work Examinations have to identify the area of research for the Thesis [Research Work] and with the help of the faculty, he/she should prepare a Research Proposal. Once the Research Proposal is prepared, it shall be presented to the DAC; and after approval of the proposal by the DAC, in the course of preparation of the Thesis/Research Work, the scholar has to present the progress of the research work to the DAC [once in six months] in open seminars and a pre-submission seminar. These seminars are in addition to the proposal presentation presented in the beginning. The Thesis may be submitted after considering the comments given in the seminars.
2. **Identification of Research Supervisor:** The Research Supervisors shall be identified by the Research Programme Committee [RPC], from those who are engaged in teaching and research and have PhD Degrees, or eminent scholars with published work of high quality and actively engaged in research. The UGC Guidelines will be taken into account while recognizing as 'Research Supervisor/s'. However, the following are the broad Guidelines for the Identification and Allocation of Research Supervisor:

(a) Eligibility Criteria for Research Supervisor

Any regular Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor of the University/Research Institution with a Ph.D. degree and at least five research publications in refereed journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor. Only a full-time regular teacher of the University/ Research Institution or an Adjunct Professor can act as a supervisor. However,

Supervisor/s can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other related institutions with the approval of the RPC.

(b) Allotment of Research Supervisor

Allocation of a Research Supervisor/Guide for a selected student shall be decided by the Academic Committee consisting of: The Director (Chairperson); all the recognized research supervisors of the Centre (Members); and, the Dean, DGS (Convener). In case of inter-disciplinary topics, where the University/Institution concerned feels that the expertise in the institution has to be supplemented from outside, the institution may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Institution itself, who will be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Second Supervisor from outside may be appointed. A Research Supervisor who is a Professor at any given point in time cannot guide more than Eight (8) PhD Scholars. An Associate Professor can guide up to a maximum of Six (6) Ph.D Scholars; and an Assistant Professor up to a maximum of Four (4) Ph.D scholars.

(c) Change of Research Supervisor

Change of Research Supervisor is usually not advisable but if it is unavoidable, the Scholar/Research Supervisor may request for so. The Chairperson, RPC shall appoint a Committee to look into the issue. After the Committee's recommendation, the Chairperson, RPC will decide on the issue. In normal course, any request for a change of Research Supervisor shall be entertained within One Year of the Registration of the Topic; and after one year, no request shall be entertained.

IX. The Academic Organisation

There shall be an Academic Organisation to manage and oversee the Ph.D Programme with focus on Development Studies organised by the Centre for Economic and Social Studies [CESS], Hyderabad in collaboration with Telangana University [T U], Nizamabad. This Academic Organisation is called the "RESEARCH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE [R P C]."

Research Programme Committee [RPC]

The PhD programme offered in CESS shall be under the overall supervision and guidance of the Research Programme Committee [RPC] constituted by the Vice-Chancellor, TU on the advice of the Director, CESS. The Research Programme Committee in all its practical purposes acts as Academic Council in academic matters of the Programme; whereas in administrative matters, it acts as a Managing Committee.

X. The Accreditation

After fulfilling all the requirements of the Programme [PhD], "Telangana University", Nizamabad shall award the "Degree of Doctor of Philosophy" to the eligible students. The Degree Certificate shall contain "the PhD Programme Pursued at/in Collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Social Studies", Hyderabad.

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FELLOWSHIP FOR FULL-TIME Ph.D SCHOLARS

ICSSR FELLOWSHIPS

ICSSR fellowship is for 2 years which is availed by the scholar after the proposal registration. Every year ICSSR announces the institutional fellowships. DGS, CESS collects the applications from eligible CESS scholars and also scholars outside of CESS. These are submitted to ICSSR for selection of fellowships. The list of selected scholars is sent to the DGS by the ICSSR office, in New Delhi. The selected scholars are both internal and outside CESS. In the case of outside scholars, the main supervisor is from the parent institution while the co-supervisor is drawn from CESS faculty. For the CESS ICSSR scholars, the CESS faculty is the main supervisor. The outside scholars are required to spend 15 days every month on campus, while the CESS scholars should be available on campus every day and report the work to the concerned supervisor. All the scholars have to record their biometric attendance daily.

ICSSR fellowships are received by the Centre in four instalments. The fellowship thus received is disbursed to the scholar every month after the submission of the progress report duly endorsed by the supervisor and their regular attendance. A six-month report along with the Grant-in-aid is submitted to the ICSSR for release of the fellowship.

OTHER NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Scholars are encouraged to avail of fellowship through various national fellowships such as UGC–JRF, RGNF, Savitri Bai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child, and NFST. The other fellowships are for a duration of 5 years. In the case of UGC fellowships, the up-gradation from JRF to SRF will be carried out duly following the UGC guidelines.

These scholars work under CESS faculty and the supervisors sign their fellowship form every month only if there is progress. The forms are then submitted to DGS along with the progress report for further endorsement by the Dean, DGS and Director, CESS. These forms are collected at the beginning of every month by the DGS office and are sent to Telangana University for further processing.

The scholars have to record their biometric attendance.

NON-NET FELLOWSHIP

During the coursework, CESS will provide fellowship to deserving scholars without any fellowship.

RUSID FELLOWSHIPS

The **Research Unit for Studies on Inclusive Development (RUSID)** will provide two fellowships to scholars interested in working on inclusive development. Separate guidelines are provided to administer these fellowships.

Students without any fellowship can work on the institute's projects for financial support only after the coursework. Such a request can be put forth to the Dean, DGS.

WORKSHOPS

(i) SPSS, STATA, Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop

Division for Graduate Studies conducts SPSS, and STATA workshops in the month of May every year for 6 days. The workshop is designed for doctoral students who are in their initial/mid-phase of research and plan to use SPSS/STATA in their research. It aims to provide comprehensive knowledge of basic and advanced techniques useful for various research areas. The participants (including scholars from CESS and outside CESS) will get an opportunity to learn the modelling using IBM SPSS Statistics and STATA, Nvivo and Atlas-ti.

(ii) Writing Skills Workshop

Division for Graduate Studies conducts a Writing Skills workshop in the month of June every year for 6 days. The workshop is designed for doctoral students in their initial/mid/final research phase. The workshop's main focus is to develop the skill to frame the research problem and structure a research proposal aptly. The workshop imparts the understanding and skill in all aspects of the research proposal beginning with research questions, objectives, theoretical and conceptual framework, methods, review of literature, analytical writing, referencing and bibliography. In addition, it also focuses on reviewing a research article, or book and writing a research paper for a good journal.

Scholars for these two workshops are drawn from all over India and a fee is collected for boarding and lodging. CESS scholars are exempted from this fee.

MELANGE NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter Melange showcases the various academic activities of the research scholars such as publications, participation and paper presentations in seminars/workshops/conferences, and accolades. The Newsletter also provides batch-wise information on the progress of their research work. The uniqueness of this newsletter is that the compilation is carried out by the scholars themselves.

SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

DGS conducts Sports and Cultural Activities every year in January. Scholars, faculty and staff of CESS take part in both outdoor and indoor sports competitions and cultural competitions. Sports competitions include badminton, mini cricket, table tennis, basketball, carrom board, ludo, snakes and ladder. Cultural competitions are also conducted. The competitions culminate with the cultural programme – Festivista

INFRASTRUCTURE

(i) Hostel (Detailed Rules for Hostel Accommodation will be provided at the time of Admission)

Occupancy – Girls' Hostel/ Guest House and Staff Quarters for Boys

The ground floor of the newly constructed Girls' hostel consists of double occupancy rooms allotted for the women PhD scholars.

Four double occupancy rooms on the first floor of the Guest House and three Staff Quarters with a capacity to accommodate four scholars in each quarter are allotted for the male PhD scholars. Senior male scholars will be accommodated in the Guest House and the junior scholars will be accommodated in the quarters.

Common amenities and facilities

No mess facilities are provided to the hostel inmates. The scholars can make use of the cooking space provided in the Hostel/Guest house/Staff Quarters. On-campus scholars can also make use of the CESS canteen facilities.

Maintenance of Hostels

The maintenance of the kitchen and other standard amenities in the Girls' hostel/ Guest house/ Staff Quarters should be taken care of by the scholars themselves. A Committee for the maintenance of the hostel may be constituted by the scholars and the names be informed to the office of DGS and the DGS will forward these details to the Administrative Officer.

(ii) Library

The CESS library attained the distinction of being one of the richest libraries of the Telangana state, particularly in the field of Social Sciences and its related fields. The mission of the library is to acquire, organize, preserve, and disseminate information through KOHA – Library Management Software to support the research needs of students, faculty and social science researchers of the Centre, in addition to the off-campus Researchers. The library offers access to print and electronic resources, including books, journals, newspapers, CD-ROMs, Government Reports, e-journals, e-databases like JSTOR, EBSCO-EconLit, EPW Research Foundation India Time Series, and IndiaStat in a pleasant reading environment.

The Library is also having a rich collection of World Bank publications as the only Depository Library of the World Bank which helps to enhance the knowledge of researchers in world scenarios. The total collection of the library is nearly 50,000 volumes which include 3450 journals' back volumes, different working papers of various institutes, monographs, theses, statistical reports of Central and State Governments and different Institutes, annual reports, reference books, text books, etc., in addition to the 100 national and international print journals subscription.

The library is striving to update its user's knowledge through the services like Document Delivery Service, Current Contents, Articles database of Print Journals, Online literature search services, Conference alerts, Reprographic Service, Inter-Library Loan, Current Awareness Service, Selective Dissemination of Information, and User awareness programmes.

(iii) Academic Amenities for Research Scholars

Reading Rooms

The first floor of the library building has 11 rooms; 2 scholars are accommodated in each room. These rooms are provided with a table a chair and a cupboard. The floor is open till 8 PM every day and during Sundays and public holidays.

The second floor of the CESS main building has a big hall with cubicles, a table, a chair and a cupboard for scholars. This hall accommodates 15 scholars. In addition, the scholars are allowed to use the two class rooms in the DGS unit (Ground floor, CESS main building) for their study purpose after the class hours. Both these study areas are accessible to the scholars 24/7.

Computer Lab

Apart from these 8 rooms, there is a computer lab with 8 computers in the first floor. Two computers in this lab are equipped with SPSS and STATA software. The scholars can use this facility for their research work. Access to the library is provided to the scholars till 8 PM and is open on Sundays

and public holidays. Two computer labs are set up in the main hall of the library for the use of Ph. D research scholars. Wi-Fi connection is available in the campus and is accessible to all the scholars.

Printer

The computer lab in the first floor is equipped with a printer. This caters to the printing needs of the scholars using the rooms and also the scholars using the computer lab in the same building. Similarly, a printer in the second floor of the CESS main building caters to the scholars using the cubicle space and also the classrooms for reading purposes.

Responsibility for the reading spaces

The research scholars take the responsibility of maintaining the reading spaces on a rotation basis. The in-charge scholar will maintain a register about the number of assets, usage of printer, in-time and out time of the scholars in the reading spaces and also the closing of the reading spaces on a daily basis.

(iv) BPR Vithal Auditorium

CESS has a state of art well equipped auditorium which was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in January 2006, houses most of the institute's national and international conferences, seminars and workshops. A cluster of four conference halls with excellent acoustic and projection facilities ensure smooth conduct of parallel sessions in large conferences and seminars.

(v) Canteen

A canteen located near the library serves South and North Indian food.