

Savitribai Phule Pune University
Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension
6th March, 2018 at 10.00 AM

Sub:- Programme on Brainstorming Workshop on creating academic courses for
Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension– Request Regarding

Brief Background

The importance of Lifelong Learning and Extension are repeatedly stressed in several Educational Policy Documents and discourses of India. While the report of Education Commission (1964-66) observed that education does not end with schooling but is a lifelong process. They considered lifelong learning as a cherished goal of the educational process which presupposes universal literacy, provision of opportunities for youth, housewives, agricultural and industrial workers and professionals to continue the education of their choice at the pace suited to them. It observes that the critical development issue is the continuous up gradation of skills so as to produce manpower resources of the kind and number required by the Society.

Lifelong Learning programmes are implemented by the university professionals and voluntary organizations in spite of the bulk of the programs, continued to focus on adult literacy and continuing education due to massive number of illiterates and neo-literates as estimated by the National Literacy Mission.

During the 12th Plan emphasize should be laid on expanding the scope of Adult and Continuing Education as Lifelong Learning and developing it as discipline of study and field of practice. In this direction these departments should start such a discipline at the University level. For example, Universities can start P.G. Diploma in Lifelong Learning. In different Universities various types of teaching programmes have been started and being implemented at present, but there should be a common programme of teaching and accordingly common curriculum should be developed. Some Universities already included a paper on Life Long Education and made it as a compulsory paper on 2 years M.Ed. Programmes. Hence, it is the need of the hour that, Graduation, Post-Graduation and Diploma courses in Lifelong Learning is to be introduced at National Level and prepare suitable curriculum with the support of field and academic experts. The UGC has to take initiative in this regard.

Maharashtra Public Universities Act 2016

The Maharashtra Public Universities Act has proposed that the following duties; namely :-

- to create synergy at policy and operative level mechanism for co-existence and co-operation between various teaching, research and development institutions and various regional and national bodies and governmental agencies in the domain of lifelong learning, value education and life skills for senior citizens;
- to supervise and monitor the activities of an independent Centre for Lifelong Learning and Extension that shall be set up by the university to carry out the objectives of the Board;

- to look into budgets and financial needs of the Centre for Lifelong Learning and Extension;
- to prepare an annual programme of activities of the Centre for Lifelong Learning and Extension and to review the same periodically;
- to submit an annual report to the Management Council;
- to undertake any other task that may be assigned by the university authorities to carry out the objectives of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension.
- There shall be a Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension headed by the Director, to carry out the objectives of the Board of Lifelong Learning and Extension.

In this connection, we are by direction to inform you that the programme on **Brainstorming Workshop on creating academic courses for Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension** has been scheduled on **6th March, 2018 from 10.00 AM** onwards in the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune to suggest the syllabi as per UGC and Maharashtra Public University Act and these courses being offered by Savitribai Phule Pune University and Affiliated Colleges from the academic year 2018-19. You are requested kindly to attend the workshop and give your valuable suggestions for successful implementation of lifelong learning academic courses in the University.

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