

Remedial Coaching Schemes for SC/ST/OBC

UGC has facilitated several measures for the academic upliftment and further advancement of SC/ST/OBC students. The popular schemes are: Remedial Coaching; Coaching for NET/SLET etc; and Coaching for Competitive Exams for entry to services (UPSC, PSC, etc). Rani Durgawatai University being located in an area which has substantial number of students, who belong to the target group, holds ample opportunities to steer the objectives of the UGC through such schemes. These coaching schemes have been in operation for several years and have subsequently made efforts to fill the gap between the actual level of knowledge and desired level of knowledge amongst these students. The central focus is to develop a good amount of confidence among the students with regards to their education and choices leading to their employment.

The class room teaching, though primary, is regularly supplemented by group discussions and student initiative activities, thereby leading to the improvement in their presentation skills. Presentation ability not only enhances the leadership qualities but also assists in their overall personality development. Presently subjects like Economics, History, Political Science, Sanskrit, and Sociology are sought after by these students.

The scheme was felicitated by the expertise of senior faculty members of the university and nearby colleges. Further, resource persons were invited from several other departments, like Regional Centre of IGNOU, Regulatory Commission, District Administration, NGO's etc. In a nutshell, the best available resources were invited to share their experiences with the beneficiaries of the schemes.

To further enhance the vision and reach of the beneficiaries the scheme proposes to have a few fully loaded smart class rooms, an updated computer lab, and a fully furnished library with all the relevant reading and reference material for the students. The above facilities need to be in the local language, which becomes a prime hindrance in their forward advancement. To overcome the language barrier an appropriate arrangement and installation needs to be the primary requirement. Further, the students need counseling on issues pertaining to education, employment, hobbies, and contemporary social and ethical issues. A moderate amount of recreational facilities tend to overcome the continuous pressure of the students, and for this a TV room with DTH facility and a few indoor activities would do the work. A regular handling of the above requires a dedicated physical space, in the form of halls and rooms. Since the students will be required to stay at the Coaching Centre for a few hours, some provisions for their refreshments would add as an overall incentive.