

CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES

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Guidelines and Information for Applicants for the M.Phil/Ph.D Programme

The Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) was established as an autonomous body registered under the Societies Act in the year 1980 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Appreciating its role in the promotion of research and training, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi recognised 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 state governments and the ICSSR and periodic project-specific grants/consultancies from the State and Central Governments, Planning Commission, Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UNICEF, Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and other international organisations.

Library and Computer Facilities

The Centre has number of computers with printers. The Centre has LAN and Internet facilities. The ICSSR has located guidance and consultancy services in data processing at the Centre. The Centre's library has a collection of over 20,000 books on different disciplines in social sciences. It also subscribes to 175 periodicals, both Indian and foreign. As a participant of the World Bank Depository Library Programme, the library provides access to the Bank's research, analysis and data. The library is also on the mailing lists of the Asian Development Bank, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) to receive their publications. The Centre has continued to liaise with research institutions at home and abroad and thereby has received their research output.

The Campus

The Centre is situated in the heart of Hyderabad, about 3 k.m. from Begumpet airport. It is housed in a 5 - acre campus given by the Osmania University in the premises of the Nizamiah Observatory at Begumpet. The main building has an administrative wing, faculty rooms, seminar rooms, lecture halls, a cartographic laboratory and computer and data-processing unit. There are also separate buildings for the library, guesthouse and the newly constructed auditorium.

There is a canteen, which caters to the campus community and guests. The canteen offers simple meals at moderate rates.

Research and Teaching Activities

The Centre's research revolves around the economic and social problems of Andhra Pradesh as well as the Indian economy, polity and society. Over the years, the Centre's research has developed expertise on several themes especially on Agriculture, Food Security, Poverty Alleviation & Unemployment, District Planning, Bovine & Dairy Development, Displacement & Rehabilitation, Industrial Economics, State Finances, Economics of Health, Management of Solid Waste, Environmental Problems, Decentralised Governance and Urban and Regional Planning, etc.

The Centre has been recognised as a Centre for Advanced Research by the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University and the Osmania University. It has also been recognised by the University of Hyderabad as Research Centre for external registration for Ph.D Programmes in Economics and Anthropology. The Centre has evolved a unique teaching-cum-research programme leading to M.Phil and Ph.D in Development Studies. (given in detail in the subsequent paragraphs). Both are part-time programmes undertaken in collaboration with the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University. The Centre has till now admitted 23 batches of M.Phil students and 19 batches of Ph.D students. Till January 2010, 84 Scholars have been awarded M.Phil and 59 scholars the Ph.D degree by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

M.Phil Programme in Development Studies

CESS offers **M.Phil Programme in Development Studies** with specialization in six areas viz., Commerce, Development Statistics, Economics, Geography, Political Science and Public Administration, and Sociology. This programme is designed to enable persons employed in various organisations to pursue research without much interruption in their normal professions. Candidates with any qualifying degree at post-graduate level are eligible to apply. However, they will have to appear for the Entrance Test in one of the subjects mentioned above.

The Course Structure

The Programme consists of Two Parts (Part – I: Course work and Part – II: Dissertation). It runs for 72 weeks - 36 weeks for the course work and 36 weeks for the preparation of dissertation.

(I) Course work:

The course work consists of Four Papers divided into parts A & B. The medium of instruction and examination shall be in English only.

PART - A : Common Courses

- Paper 1. Research Methodology
- Paper 2. Development Theory

PART - B : Special Courses

- Paper 3. Core Paper
- Paper 4. Special Paper (Board Area of Research)

The coursework will be organised at CESS during Summer and Winter as per the following schedule, at which attendance is compulsory.

- (i) Summer Session (6 Weeks) from 26th April onwards.
- (ii) Winter Session (4 Weeks) during Dasara holidays (Exact date will be notified later).

The final examinations will carry 80 marks whereas 20 marks will be awarded on the basis of continuous evaluation during course work.

(II) Dissertation:

After successful completion of the course work the candidates have to register for the dissertation within six months of the publication of the results of part-I examinations. The dissertation should be submitted within a period of 36 weeks and must be written in English only.

Eligibility for Admission

Minimum qualification for admission is a Master's Degree with Second Division or (50 percent) from any recognised University or its equivalent in any of the social sciences/inter-related disciplines. Preference will be given to college teachers, persons working in research organisations, professionals connected with social sciences and those selected for JRF (UGC).

Entrance Test

The admission shall be on the basis of written and oral examination. The eligible students should appear for a written examination consisting of short answer/essay type questions. The written test shall consist of one paper of two hours duration in the area/subject in which the candidate seeks admission to the M.Phil course and shall carry 80 marks. The minimum pass marks in the written test is 40 per cent for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe categories and 50 per cent for others. On this basis, they are called for the oral test, which carries 20 marks. In case large number of candidates secures pass marks, those scoring high marks from the top of the list would be invited for the oral test. Candidates have to appear for the oral test at their own cost. The medium of examination for the Entrance Test shall be in ENGLISH only.

Number of Seats

A maximum number of up to 30 students will be admitted for the course. The distribution of seats for each area of specialization/subject would depend upon the number of candidates qualified in that subject.

Fees

Each candidate selected for admission into the M.Phil Programme will be required to pay the fees/deposit as follows:

Admission Fee	: Rs. 500.00
Tuition Fee (payable in two instalments)	: Rs. 4000.00
Library security deposit (refundable)	: Rs. 500.00
Fee for dissertation (to be paid at the time of registration of the research topic)	: Rs. 500.00

The prescribed fee for the examination at the end of the course work and at the time of submission of dissertation will have to be paid to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University awards the M.Phil degree.

Ph.D Programme in Development Studies

CESS offers **Ph.D Programme in Development Studies** with Specialisation in the following social science disciplines: Commerce, Development Statistics, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Public Administration, and Sociology.

Eligibility for Admission

The candidates who fulfill the following criteria are eligible for admission into the Ph.D Programme:

- (a) A candidate who has obtained an M.Phil degree or any other research degree recognised as equivalent thereto in the subject concerned or an allied subject (from a list of subjects approved by the Research Programme Committee) organised by any university recognised by the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University.

OR

- (b) A candidate who has secured 60 percent or above in the Part - I (course work) of M.Phil/Ph.D Programme in the last (preceding) two academic years.

OR

- (c) A candidate who has qualified for the JRF in the relevant examination conducted by the University Grants Commission.

OR

- (d) A candidate who has obtained Master's Degree with second division in the subject concerned or in any approved allied subjects from a recognised university and who has published research work which shall mean "Publication of at least two research papers in recognised academic journals" or other published research work of high quality, which will be evaluated by independent experts.

Research proposal and Interview

The eligible candidates will have to enclose a research proposal of not less than 1500 words on a topic for pursuing further research. Admission of every candidate into the Ph.D Programme is based on the assessment made by the Admission Committee of his/her interest in the research work and research potential. Candidates seeking admission into the Ph.D Programme are required to attend interview at Hyderabad at their own cost.

Number of Seats

The number of seats in each subject and also the total number of seats in the Programme shall be decided by the Research Programme Committee (RPC) from time to time.

Preliminary Ph.D Test

Candidates who are directly admitted to the Ph.D Programme under categories (c) and (d) (see Eligibility for Admission) have to take the preliminary Ph.D test. The test shall be conducted after the course work along with M.Phil candidates.

The preliminary Ph.D test shall consist of the following three Papers of 3 hours duration each carrying a maximum of 100 marks.

- i) Paper I - Research Methodology
- ii) Paper II - Development Theory
- iii) Paper III - Special Field of Research

The medium of examination for the preliminary Ph.D test and also for the thesis shall be ENGLISH only.

Fees

Every candidate selected for admission into the Ph.D Programme will be required to pay the following fees/deposit.

Admission Fee/Tuition Fee (to be paid in two instalments)	: Rs. 3000.00
Library security deposit (refundable)	: Rs. 500.00
Dissertation fee (to be paid at the time of registration of the research topic)	: Rs. 500.00

The prescribed examination fee for preliminary Ph.D test and the thesis will have to be paid to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University awards the Ph.D degree.

Fellowships

The CESS administers three full time fellowships (one for salary protected and two for student category). They are sponsored by the ICSSR as per their rules and regulations. For student fellowships, the candidate should have been completed M.Phil and/or qualified in the NET conducted by the UGC. The selections would be based on interviews specially conducted for this purpose.

Research Programme Committee

The M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes are conducted under the overall supervision and guidance of the Research Programme Committee (RPC) consisting of the Director of the CESS as the Chairman & Coordinator as the Convener, representatives of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University and subject experts.

Faculty with their areas of Specialization

Manoj Panda, Director, Computable general equilibrium models, Issues in poverty and human development, Environmental issues in economic development.

Professors

Mahendra Dev, S. (On Lien to Govt. of India), Development Economics, Agriculture, Food Security, Poverty, Employment.

Galab, Shaik, Rural Development, Labour and Credit Markets, Dry land Agriculture.

Sudhakar Reddy, S., Development Economics, Labour Market, Poverty.

Samba Murthy, C., Agricultural Economics, Rural Development and Co-operation.

Gopinath Reddy, M., Decentralised Governance, Institutions and Natural Resource Management, Governance, Poverty Reduction Strategies.

Mitra, G. K., Poverty, Unemployment.

K.S. Reddy, Agriculture, Subsidies, New Economic Policy.

Vindhya, U. (On Lien from Andhra University), Gender, Women Studies, Psychology.

Associate Professors

Narayana, K. V., Health Economics.

Ramachandraiah, C., Urbanisation, Urban Environment, IT and Cities.

Ravi, C. (On Deputation from Govt. of A. P), Demand Models, Welfare, Poverty, Nutrition.

Niranjan Rao, C., Industrial Economics, Economics of Technical Change,

Economics of Intellectual Property Rights.

[Prudhvikar Reddy, P.](#), Agricultural Policy, Rural Labour Markets, Irrigation Management, Poverty Reduction.

[Chandrasekhara Rao, N.](#), Economic Reforms and Agriculture, Intersectoral Terms of Trade, Capital Formation in Agriculture, Plant Biotechnology, Food Processing and Contract Farming.

[Padmanabha Rao, P.](#), Urbanisation, Regional Development, Cartography, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Poverty Alleviation.

[Nageswara Rao, R.](#), Rural Development, Bovine Sector, Primary Education.

[K. S. Babu](#), Medical Sociology, Demographic Sociology, Health Insurance.

[Sreedevi, N.](#), Public Finance.

[Deepita Chakravarty](#), Development Issues related to Indian Industry, Industrial Organization, Labour Economics and Gender Issues in Economics.

[Jeena T Srinivasan](#), Environment and Development Economics, Agricultural Economics.

[Jyothis Sathyapalan](#), Environment and Development Economics, Agricultural Economics.

Assistant Professors

[Chandrasekhar, K.](#), Rural Credit, Agricultural Economics.

[Alivelu, G.](#), Industry, Service Sector.

[Sreenivasulu, Y.](#) Development Economics

[Krishna Rao, Ch.](#) Sociology, Science and Technology

[Anil Kumar, K.](#), Anthropology, Demographic Sociology.

[Srinivasa Reddy, M.](#), Environment, Watersheds, Sustainable Development

[Suresh Reddy, S.](#), Environment, watersheds, Sustainable development

[Pragna Parimita Misra](#), Environment, Sustainable development

G R Reddy, consultant, (Public Finance)

Library Staff

G. Vijay Kumar Librarian

P. Sudhakar Assistant Librarian.

M. Phil & Ph. D Programme

C. Samba Murty - Coordinator

K. Venkataiah - Associate Coordinator

Honorary Senior Fellows

Shri. B. P. R. Vithal, Finance, Development Planning.

Prof. C. H. Hanumantha Rao, Agriculture, Planning, Economic Policy.

Prof. N. Subba Reddy, Peasant Society, Caste & Social Dynamics, Tribal Issues, Sociology of Development.

Prof. R. Radhakrishna, ICSSR National Fellow, Agriculture, Poverty and Employment.

Dr. Y. Venugopal Reddy, Regional Planning, Public Enterprises, Macro - Economic Policy.

Prof. N. Krishnaji, ICSSR National Fellow, Demography.

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