

The Role of a Lead College:

A Lead College functions with the motto, “Efforts of each and welfare of all”. Following are some of the guidelines that are helpful to define the role of a Lead College.

- 1) Avoiding course duplication within the cluster.
- 2) A Lead College should have all the necessary information about the HE system and the changes that take place in this regard. For example there are certain agencies that provide funds or render financial help for the development of HE, like UGC, ICSSR, DRDO, NABARD, etc. Moreover such agencies provide many educational opportunities to our students and teachers. Major or Minor Research Projects, Faculty Improvement Programme, funding for interdisciplinary and collaborative research activities are some of them. Industry and the institutions of HE can also undertake projects of mutual interests. A Lead College should collect and update such information and provide it to the other colleges in the cluster.
- 3) Designing Research Projects/ Educational activities with mutual co-operation with other colleges. The joint efforts make such programs successful and thus the aim of quality assurance is achieved.
- 4) Collective actions/ programs with respect to NSS,NCC and sports activities.
- 5) Encouragement to Vocational Courses.
- 6) Organization of students’ cultural activities.
- 7) Organizing international collaboration. Here national / international Seminars, workshops / Conferences can be arranged with collaborative efforts.
- 8) Career guidance and placement cell are some of the new concepts NAAC has imbibed in our system of HE. A Lead College can strengthen its Placement Cell with a placement officer and render a valuable service to

our students. Other colleges can obtain proper guidance and relevant information from the Lead College in this regard.

9) Minimizing unfair competition: Unhealthy/ unfair competition is one of the major obstacles in our system of H E. It results in the wastage of our resources of all kinds, and failures. A Lead College can play a very significant role to avoid such unfair competition.

A Lead College can make available the University resources when necessary. The planning of the budget (total and item-wise) and the planning of the action plan/programs under the six heads identified by the University Apex body of the Lead Colleges is an essential part of a Lead College.