Proposal for Introduction of B.A.

in Russian from Academic year 2023-2024

The Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies has been conducting Russian Language courses in the University of Delhi since 1946. The Department recently completed 77 years of teaching Russian in University of Delhi. The department has Ph.D, M.Phil. and M.A. courses in Russian apart from Full-time Intensive Advance Diploma and part-time courses. The M.A. in Russian Studies was introduced in 1988 and has been successfully running since then.

The proposal to start B.A. (hons.) Course was approved by the Academic Council in 1991 but somehow it did not materialize. However, the UGC Committee during its visit in year 2008, had again reiterated the need for having a regular B.A. (Russian) programme in our Department.

In this background, the Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies wishes to bring the following proposal to introduce B.A. in Russian for consideration.

Traditionally, there has been a huge demand for Russian Language Courses. Presently, in the context of G20 countries and existing strong strategic, political, economic and cultural ties, the demand for Russian language studies is on the increase.

As the Department is already running the Masters programme for almost 35 years, starting a B.A. programme would make the teaching more comprehensive and complete. In the Centennial year of our University, it would be desirable to also include Russian Studies in the mainstream and permit the Department to start the UG course in Russian. In the considered opinion of the Department Council introduction of B.A. is the need of the hour and would only add to the prestige of the University.

A regular B.A would create a logical basis for alignment of the existing Russian M.A. programme as per the NEP.

The Department has the faculty, as well as the logistic support to conduct the abovementioned Course.

The Department has the following faculty positions in Russian Studies: -

Professor 03

Associate Professor 03

अध्यक्षा/Head स्लावी एवं फिन्मो-उग्नियाई अध्ययन विभाग Deptt. of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय/University of Delhi दिल्ली-1 1 0 0 0 7 /Delhi-110007 This would be in line with the other foreign Languages Courses running in the Colleges (Chinese, Japanese, Korean, German, French and Spanish). The University of Delhi is running B.A. in many (foreign and national) languages in various departments.

A Russian language and Literature B.A. inclusive.

would make this picture all

## Earlier Approval for starting B.A.(Hons.) Russian Course

- 1. The Committee of Courses and Studies of the Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies in its meeting held on 18.11.89 recommended the introduction of B.A (Hons.) Russian and forwarded the same to the Faculty of Arts vide its letter No. Slavic/126/890/140 dated 2.1.1990. The proposal was accepted by Faculty of Arts at its meeting on 5.3.1990 and recommended the same for consideration by the Academic Council.
- 2. A meeting of the Committee constituted by the Chairman, Standing Committee of A.C on Academic Affairs was held on 5.4.1990 to consider the proposal of the Department and recommended that a full-fledged B.A(Hons.) course in Russian be introduced.
- 3. The Academic Council in its meeting held on 30.7.1990 considered the proposal at length and after discussions, vide A.C resolution No. 50, resolved that the recommendations of the Faculty of Arts be accepted subject to the approval of the University Grants Commission and Executive Council.
- 4. The recommendations of the Academic Council were placed before the executive council in its meeting held on 8.9.1990 and the Executive Council vide its Resolution No. 96 dated 8.9.1990 accepted the recommendations of the Academic Council.
- 5. The university vide its letter dated 5.3.1991 sent the amendments and scheme of examinations to the University.
- 6. The Registrar, Delhi University vide letter dated 18.7.1991 requested the Department to send different items pertaining to different subjects in the form of amendments to Appendix-II to Ordinance V (2) and Ordinance VII of Ordinances of the University Volume –II.
- 7. The amendments to Appendix-II to Ordinance-V(2) and VII relating to B.A(Hons.) Course in Russian were placed before the Standing Committee of Academic Council in its meeting held on 14.11.1991.
- 8. Further to that, the Committee of Courses of the Department proposed a slight modification in the eligibility requirement for admission to B.A(Hons.) in Russian vide is letter dated 27.3.1992.
- 9. On 15.6.1992, the Head of the Department vide his letter dated 15.6.1995 wrote to the University for the approval of the proposed amendments for B.A.(Hons.) Course in Russian.

- 10. Again on 24.7.1992 proposed amendments to Appendix-II to ordinance –V92) & VII Volume–II were sent by the Head of Department to the Registrar for approval of the Academic Council vide letter dated 24.7.1992.
- 11. On 13.10.1992 vide letter dated 13.12.1992 the Registrar informed Head of Department about decision of the Academic Council in its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December,1991 that the matter be referred to the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Humanities for further examination in the light of discussion held at the Academic Council meeting.
- 12. Accordingly, the matter about B.A.(Hons.) Course in Russian in the Department was finalized at the Faculty on 5.1.1993 and the Department was asked by the Registrar vide dated 5.1.1993 to send four copies of revised item based on the fresh recommendations of the faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Humanities duly signed by the Vice-chancellor along with 225 copies of the proposed amended ordinance relating to B.A.(Hons.) Course in Russian in the Department of Slavonic & Finno-Ugrian Studies, North Campus.
- 13. On 11.5.1994 the Department vide its letter dated 11.5.1194 sent the revised item regarding amendment relating to B.A.(Hons) Course in Russian.
- 14. Since then the matter is pending for approval to start the B.A(Hons.) course in Russian.