DST/KIRAN/07/2020 Government of India Department of Science & Technology KIRAN Division

KIRAN Division

Technology Bhavan
New Mehrauli Road

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New Delhi-110016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of Project Duration in Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) and Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation (SATYAM) Programmes of KIRAN Division due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of extraordinary situation occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to extend the project duration till March 31, 2021 without any additional cost.

- 2. This OM will be applicable only in the projects completing during 2020-21.
- 3. This OM will also applicable in the projects extended earlier vide OM No. DST/KIRAN/05/2020 dated 09.10.2020. These projects can be further extended till March 31, 2021, if required, from revised date of project completion.
- 4. The Principal Investigators (PIs) who wanted to extend their project duration may show this Office Memorandum to the Institution/University authorities. No separate Order will be issued for this duration.
- 5. Generally the appointment of research personnel takes some time, the saving available in the project can be sourced to fund the fellowship during the extended period. The reappropriation of recurring funds is allowed for this purpose, if necessary.
- 6. The PI also need to intimate DST (officer-in-charge of the concern programme) about extension and modified date of project closure through email mandatorily.
- 7. The institute will furnish to the DST, Utilization certificate and an audited statement of accounts pertaining to the grant immediately after the end of each financial year.
- 8. As per the 212 (i) of GFR, the accounts of the project shall be open to inspection by sanctioning authority and audit both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Officer of DST, whenever the institute or organization is called upon to do so.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. All the Directors/Registrars/Account Officers of the Host Institutions.
- 2. Principal Investigators of all above mentioned programmes.
- 3. Office of Secretary, DST.
- 4. IFD, DST

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