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You are aware that in life sciences discipline, there are only two faculty members, one in Botany and one in Zoology. Each member is coordinating and developing all courses of all six semesters of two programmes of UGC- CBCS viz. BSCG (BOTANY) and BSCG (ZOOLOGY). Each programme is worth 72 credits (36 credits ENGLISH and 36 credits HINDI). In addition, old programmes of BSC (Life Sciences) and BSC Major in BOTANY and ZOOLOGY worth 160 credits (80 credits English and 80 credits Hindi) are also being coordinated by us (two faculty members). Diploma in Aquaculture programme of 42 credits has been developed by life sciences faculty which is a low enrolment programme and needs more efforts in the form of online counselling from faculty which seems humanly impossible. We are also involved in coordinating and maintaining School programmes viz. PGDESD, CPLT, ACE.

We are also actively engaged in research and 13 PhD scholars are being supervised by us, in addition, 5 scholars of retired faculty are also being guided by us.

In the situation mentioned above, it seems nearly impossible to meet the deadlines of CBCS courses. The ultimate effect would be on our learners as they will not get our study materials in time, and to meet deadlines, we cannot compromise on quality which is the forte of all IGNOU Programmes and courses. We are not able to provide online support to our learners during COVID-19 LOCKDOWN while learners from other disciplines are getting that benefit. Many learners are sending mails to get support from WEAS, and other online platforms. **Therefore, it is requested that we may get consultants with Botany and Zoology specialisations, two consultants in Botany and three in Zoology. The advertisements for Botany and Zoology are given as attachments.**

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