

**DST/KIRAN/06/2020**  
**Government of India**  
**Department of Science & Technology**  
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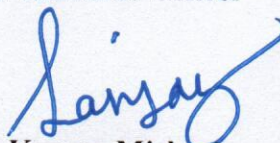
Dated: 22.01.2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Extension of Project Duration in Women Scientist Scheme (WOS-A & WOS-B) of KIRAN Division due to COVID-19 pandemic.

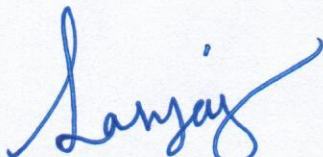
In view of extraordinary situation occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to extend the project duration till March 31, 2021 without any additional cost.

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/04/2020 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. 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.
6. The unspent amount of recurring and non-recurring grant will be carry forward from 2019-20 to 2020-21. PIs are allowed to procure approved equipment items in second financial year of the project also.
7. The institute will furnish to the DST, audited Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure 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 WOS-A and WOS-B.
3. Office of Secretary, DST.
4. IFD, DST

  
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