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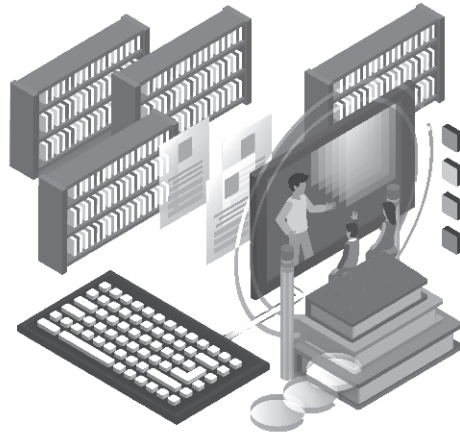


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BENEFITS OF THE ACADEMIC BANK OF CREDITS (ABC) ACCORDING TO NEW EDUCATION POLICY (NEP2020)

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Abstract –

The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is an innovative idea to promote higher education accessibility and success in the world today. It is a global, online database that stores academic credit records of students, enabling institutions to verify course and subject details and provide a more efficient and secure system for storing, tracking, and evaluating student credits. Overall, the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) provides numerous benefits to students. It facilitates flexible study options, rewards students for taking additional courses and activities, and eliminates the need for students to apply for individual classes. As such, the ABC program is a welcome initiative that can help students pursue higher education.

Key Words - Academic Bank of Credits, New Educational Policy, higher education, database.

Introduction -

The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) was introduced in 2020 in India as part of the New Education Policy. The government's intention behind introducing this new program was to make education in the country more accessible and affordable. The ABC scheme aims to incentivize students to gain credit points by completing courses or activities in various disciplines. The earned credits can then be used to pursue higher education at any recognized institution.

The main benefit of this program is that it encourages students to choose a wide range of courses and activities rather than just concentrating on one. Academic Bank of Credits allows them to explore other fields and obtain the necessary knowledge

and skills to help them pursue a career in the future. For instance, a student who has completed a course on web designing may opt for a class on programming or software development, providing them with in-depth knowledge and skills related to

the IT sector. Academic Bank of Credits enables them to stay abreast of the ever-evolving technology sector, which is highly competitive.

Another advantage of the ABC program is that it gives students more flexibility in the pace and duration of their studies. It means , they can choose to take up more courses and activities in a shorter time or take their time to complete them at their own pace. This allows students to learn and understand concepts better and complete courses more efficiently.

The ABC program also encourages and rewards students for additional courses and activities. This allows them to diversify their knowledge and skills and gives them an edge over their peers. Thus, the ABC program is a motivational tool for students to learn more and to gain additional credit points.

Furthermore, the ABC program eliminates the need for students to apply for individual degrees or courses, saving them time and energy. With the ABC program, students can use their accrued credit points to obtain a higher degree or take additional courses at no extra cost. This eliminates the need for them to apply for individual classes repeatedly and instead use earned credits from previously completed courses to pursue higher education or additional studies.

Awareness of the Academic Bank of Credit at Institutional level for successful Implementation:

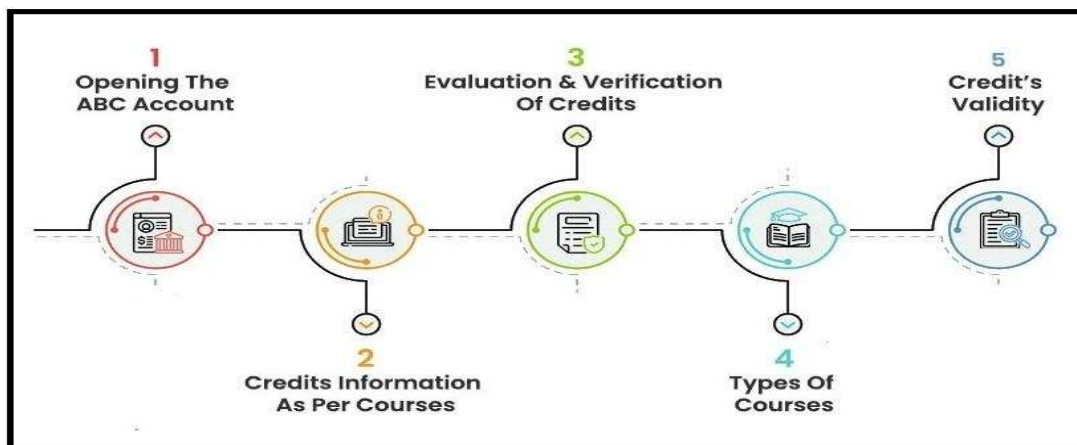
At an institutional level, the awareness of ABC is important in order to ensure its successful implementation. Institutions need to be aware of the benefits that ABC has to offer, the requirements they must meet in order to participate, and the types of records that can be stored in the database.

With ABC, institutions can easily access and verify student credit records, allowing them to quickly evaluate the qualifications of applicants. This will provide an added layer of security for institutions, as they can easily ensure that students have completed the necessary courses and subjects to gain admission to their programs. Additionally, students who have taken courses at different institutions can easily transfer course credits to another. This saves them time and money, and encourages them to pursue higher education.

Institutions should also be aware of the prerequisite for students who will be using the ABC database. In order to use ABC, students must first have their transcripts, course descriptions, and contact information validated. This is an important step in the verification process, so institutions should ensure that their students are meeting the necessary requirements.

Finally, institutions should be familiar with the types of records that can be stored in the ABC database. ABC stores individual student records, including course descriptions, course credit values, and contact information for the student and the

institution. This allows for efficient storage and retrieval of student records, making it easy for institutions to access and verify the information quickly.



Advantages and disadvantages of the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC):

The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is an online system created to help students and institutes keep track of their course credits.

Advantages:

The biggest advantage of the Academic Bank of Credits is its ability to make transferring of credits easier for students. This makes it possible for students to complete their studies in a more efficient manner. Students can save time, money, and energy by being able to transfer course credits from one university to another.

In addition, the Academic Bank of Credits also helps institutes to keep track of the credits that students have earned. This makes it easier for admissions officers to review a student's academic record and make sure they meet the university's requirements for admission.

- A. "Increases the student's freedom in choosing their courses and academics.
- B. Enables the student to drop out in any year and then exchange the credits earned so far with a certificate/diploma if they are eligible.
- C. They can redeem the credits and rejoin the same or any other institute in the future and continue their education.
- D. The institutes cannot keep the students in the courses against their will to earn money" MasterSoft. (2023).

Disadvantages:

Despite the advantages mentioned above, the Academic Bank of Credits does have a few drawbacks. For instance, the system may not be compatible with all institutions, meaning that credits earned from one university may not be transferable to another. Also, the system does not always recognize credits that have been earned through non-traditional methods such as independent study or online courses. This means that students may not be able to transfer credits from non-traditional sources.

Moreover, the system may require additional paperwork from students in order to transfer credits. This can be a time-consuming process that can slow down the student's progress.

In conclusion, the Academic Bank of Credits can be a great way for students to transfer their course credits from one university to another. However, it is important to remember that there are some limitations that may make it difficult for some students to use the system. Therefore, students should be sure to research the system thoroughly before trying to transfer their credits.

Functions of Academic Bank Credit -

- A. "The Academic Bank will be accountable for opening, closing, and validating the academic accounts of students.
- B. It will carry out tasks such as credit accumulation, credit verification, credit transfer/redemption of students.
- C. The courses include online and distance mode courses offered by the government and institutes.
- D. The validity of these academic credits earned by students will be up to seven years and students can redeem these credits.
- E. The credits can be redeemed and students can seek admission directly in the second year at any university.
- F. The validity will be up to seven years, hence, students will have to rejoin within seven years." MasterSoft. (2023).

Role of Libraries in Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)

Libraries serve the academic and research needs of students and faculty by providing access to a wide range of educational resources and information, and libraries also play an essential role in the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).

There are specific roles that libraries can perform:

1. **Resource provision:** Libraries offer a vast collection of books, journals, e-books, databases and other materials that students can use to gather information and conduct research. These resources are essential for students to explore a variety of subjects and earn credit.
2. **Information Literacy:** Libraries should teach information literacy to students and help students develop skills such as how to find and evaluate information effectively and what to do to avoid plagiarism. These skills are critical for students participating in ABC to ensure the quality and credibility of their work.
3. **Research Support:** Library users are mainly students and faculty to whom libraries support research work, helping them navigate information on complex topics and find relevant sources. Librarians can guide various tools such as research methods, databases, search techniques, and citation management.
4. **Collaborative Spaces:** Libraries often provide supportive spaces for students and faculty where students can work, study, or participate in discussions. This space encourages collaboration, critical thinking and knowledge sharing among students using ABC. This allows students to add new topics to their ABCs as they learn about new topics.
5. **Access to Technology:** Libraries generally have access to computers, printers, scanners and other technology resources. Students who may need technology to complete their academic work can use it. This ensures that libraries provide ABC students with the tools to access and use digital materials.
6. **Interlibrary Loan Services:** Libraries often offer interlibrary loan services, allowing students to request reading materials not available in their libraries at other libraries. This service can be beneficial for students participating in ABC, as it increases their access to resources from other institutions.
7. **Archiving and Preservation:** Libraries play an essential role in preserving and archiving educational materials, ensuring their long-term availability for future use. This is important for the sustainability of ABC, as it depends on the availability of educational resources over time.

Conclusion –

Overall, libraries are essential to support the academic bank of credits by providing access to resources, promoting information literacy, offering research support, facilitating collaboration, providing technology and ensuring the preservation of educational materials. Awareness of ABC at an institutional level is important in order to ensure its successful implementation and use. Institutions should be familiar with its benefits, requirements, and records in order to make the most of the database.

With increased awareness of ABC, institutions can easily verify and store student credit records, allowing for increased involvement and success in higher education.

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