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Minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2011 to discuss various issues pertaining to launching of the proposed website on IT Mass Literacy in Conference Room No. 4058, Department of Information Technology, New Delhi.

A meeting was held with the representatives of IGNOU to discuss various issues pertaining to launching of the proposed website on IT Mass Literacy. List of participants is at Annexure.

Shri G. V. Raghunathan, Sr. Director & HOD (HRD Division), DIT apprised the officials nominated by Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to discuss the issues pertaining to launching of the proposed web site on IT Mass Literacy about the brief background of IT Mass Literacy Programme and the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament for Department of IT for taking an urgent action to maintain the data with regard to literacy rate in computer.

Detailed discussions took place covering all the aspects regarding launching of the proposed website on IT Mass Literacy. Following issues were discussed:

- a) Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on IT Mass Literacy Programme, held on January 18, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU could be placed on the proposed website.
- b) The approach paper to determine computer literacy could also be placed on the proposed website.
- c) Contents of IGNOU's Computer Literacy Programme (CLP), and Certificate in Information Technology (CIT) Programmes have to be looked into.
- d) The home page of the proposed website could have brief introduction about the Programme, links with other similar types of programmes currently running in the country, kind of methodologies to be adopted for spreading Mass IT Literacy, posting of comments and sharing experiences.
- e) Open School, CBSE, State Resource Centres (SRCs), e-Gov., Panchayati Raj Institutions, Sarva Siksha Abhiyaaan, Tele Knowledge Centers of IGNOU can play a role in IT Mass Literacy and could be invited for their comments/suggestions.

- f) UNESCO Website could be looked into for information.
- g) The e-Literacy requirements for individuals could be different and this aspect has to be seen.
- h) Common IT skills need has to be identified first and later continuously upgrading them.
- i) Basic IT security concepts would need to be included in the IT Literacy syllabus.
- j) After getting the comments/suggestions from public, mails could be sent to various stakeholders for their views.
- k) Detailed syllabus of DOEACC's CCC & BCC Courses would be provided to IGNOU.
- l) The format for receiving comments/suggestions from public was also discussed during the meeting.
- m) The material /internal clearance required from DIT for launching of the proposed website on IT Mass Literacy would be informed by IGNOU.
- n) After the website structure is finalized, the same could be formally cleared by DIT and IGNOU at appropriate level.

Annexure

List of Participants who attended the meeting held on February 17, 2011 to discuss various issues pertaining to launching of the proposed web site on IT Mass Literacy at Room No. 4058, Department of Information Technology, New Delhi.

1. Shri G.V. Raghunathan, Sr. Director & HOD (HRD), DIT
2. Dr. V.S.P. Srivastav, Head, Computer Division, IGNOU
3. Dr. Shashi Bhushan, Associate Professor, IGNOU
4. Shri A.K. Pipal, Additional Director, HRD Div., DIT
5. Shri Sanjay Kumar Vyas, Joint Director, HRD Div., DIT
6. Shri Shankar Das, Scientist 'B', HRD Div., DIT