



MINUTES OF THE 145th OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Sh. Mrutyunjay Behera, EA (HE), MOE	- Nominee, Secretary, MOE
4.	Shri Pankaj Salodia, Director, Ministry of I & B	- Nominee, Secretary, I & B
5.	Prof. V.S. Prasad	- Member
6.	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
7.	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar	- Member
8.	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
9.	Prof. S K Yadav	- Member
10.	Prof. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava	- Member
11.	Dr. Bharat Bhushan	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

Shri Ashok Bhagat, Shri Atul Kantilal Nishar, and Prof. S.G. Deshmukh Member could not attend the meeting. A few members attended the meeting virtually.

Shri A.K. Gigoo, Assistant Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, the Chairman, Board of Management (BoM), Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, welcomed all the members of the Board of Management. The Vice-Chancellor briefly narrated the significant developments in the university since the last BOM meeting.

- i. Hon'ble Minister of Education, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** has addressed virtually as Chief Guest in the Foundation Stone ceremony for the construction of the Regional Centre Buildings at Bangalore, Pune and Noida on 19th September 2021.

- ii. **Shri K. Sanjay Murthy** has joined as New Secretary (Higher Education) on 1st October, 2021. The Board Welcomes the New Secretary and seeks his valuable support and guidance in IGNOU's march towards progress. **Shri Amit Khare**, Former Secretary MOE and I&B was also felicitated by the university as he is appointed as Advisor to the Prime Minister in PMO on 12th October, 2021. Further, the valuable support and guidance of **Shri Amit Khare**, Secretary, MOE and I&B who superannuated on 30th September 2021, was also acknowledged. His support and guidance was very encouraging to the University.
- iii. The Secretary of Higher Education, Ministry of Education **Shri K Sanjay Murthy**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education **Dr. Vineet Joshi** and Economic Advisor **Mr. Mrutyunjay Behera** visited IGNOU on 16th October 2021. A presentation on IGNOU's Road-map for the ODL/DE Learners and it's repositioning in-line with NEP-2020 was made. After this presentation, the MOE officials had discussed the issues relating to implementation plan of NEP-2020. Secretary, MOE has given useful inputs and directions to improve the implementation plan. He has also advised to set yearly targets for NEP Implementation. They had also seen the activities of Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC).
- iv. IGNOU signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL) on 1st October 2021. This will enable the university to offer ODL and Online Programmes through Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL) to the students of the Republic of Guyana. This MOA was the initiative, support and guidance of Dr. K. J. Srinivasa, High Commissioner of India at Georgetown, Guyana and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). The signing ceremony was conducted virtually and had the presence of key officials from both the institutions including Minister of Public Service, Honourable Sonia Parag and GOAL Director, Prof. Jacob Opadeyi.

Vice-Chancellor in his address said that, this would help the university's international footprint to expand. He also further expressed his sincere gratitude to the Honourable Minister of Ministry of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan Ji** for all his encouragement in this endeavour.
- v. The first phase of selection and recruitment process of the teaching positions of the University is completed on 11th October 2021. These teaching positions were advertised in October 2019. The team of the Academic Coordination Division completed the colossal task with their earnest efforts, which is appreciable. Director (ACD), Dr. Dev Kant

Rao deserves special compliments for his dedication and sincere efforts. The Board also complimented the ACD Team.

- vi. The Ministry of Education vide letter no.5-1/2019-L-I dated 28th September 2021, given the additional charge of the Post of Director, Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi to the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU. The Vice-Chancellor, assumed the additional charge from 29th September 2021.
- vii. Connect with Alumni is strengthened as Director (RSD) and his whole team is organising virtual alumni meets for different regional centres on every Sunday. As on date, 10 such meets are organized and more than 15000 learners are registered on Online Alumni Portal.
- viii. Admissions for different courses are going on. On 25th October 2020 the status of admissions is as follows:

Fresh Registration	-	4,28,229
Re-registration	-	3,57,916.

In MBA programme, the enrolment has increased to 8,400 as compared to earlier July 2020 of around 2000.

- ix. The results of exams conducted in Aug-Sept. 2021 are being declared expeditiously. Around 90% of the results were declared. The result processing work of all regional evaluation centres except Patna Regional Evaluation Centre is satisfactory.
- x. STRIDE is making sincere efforts in conducting faculty development programmes for all the newly joined faculty.

Prof. V.S. Prasad congratulated the Vice Chancellor for undertaking above stated activities and appreciated the efforts being made by the University in this regard. Prof. K.K. Aggarwal also applauded the role of University in increasing the GER of the nation. He felt that university should play a leading role in the implementation of NEP.

After the above prefatory remarks, the Secretary, BOM presented the following Agenda:

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 143rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON AUGUST 06, 2021 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT

BM 145.1.1 The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 143rd meeting of the Board of Management held on 06.08.2021 were circulated to the members of the Board on 12.08.2021. No comments were

received on the same. The Action taken Report on the decisions taken by Board in its 142nd meeting was also presented before the Board.

BM 145.1.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 143rd meeting (**Appendix-1**) and also noted the Action Taken report thereon.

ITEM NO. 2 TO NOTE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 144th MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AND THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON

BM 145.2.1 As the minutes had already been confirmed by the Board, the Board noted the action taken report on the minutes of 144th meeting (Emergent) held on 10.09.2021 (**Appendix-2**).

TEM NO. 3 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT/GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL/DIVISION/CENTRE

BM 145.3.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointment/giving charge of Directorship of School/Division/Centres to the following Teachers/Academic as per details given below:

Name of Teacher/ Academic	School/Division/Centre	Period of Appointment/ Charge given
Prof. Santosh Panda, Professor, STRIDE	Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE)	01.10.2021 to 31.05.2024
Dr S.K Prasad, Deputy Director, NCDS	National Centre for Disability Studies (NCDS)	01.10.2021 till further orders
Dr Suneet K. Srivastava, Associate Professor, SOL	School of Law	12.10.2021 to 11.10.2024

ITEM NO. 4 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ACCEPTING THE REQUEST OF SHRI GIRIJA SHANKAR, DY. DIRECTOR, P&DD FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY BY WAIVING OFF THE SHORTFALL IN NOTICE PERIOD

BM 145.4.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the request of Shri Girija Shankar, Dy. Director, P&DD for voluntary retirement from the services of the University by waiving off the shortfall in notice period.

ITEM NO. 5 TO APPRISE THE STATUS REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:

- (i) GRIEVANCES RECEIVED AND DISPOSED ON PG PORTAL AND IGRAM PORTAL**
- (ii) VIGILANCE CASES PENDING IN THE UNIVERSITY; AND**
- (iii) PARLIAMENTARY ASSURANCES PENDING IN THE UNIVERSITY**

BM 145.5.1 The Board noted the status report on the grievances received and disposed off on PG Portal and iGRAM Portal (**Appendix-3**). Three vigilance cases were closed during the last two months. Regarding vigilance cases the Board also noted the circular No.08/12/14, dated 3rd December 2014 (**Appendix-4**) regarding second stage consultation with CVC in disciplinary cases. There is no parliamentary assurance case pending in the university.

ITEM NO. 6 TO REPORT THE RENEWAL OF MOAS WITH THE FOLLOWING OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES:

- 1. ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA,**
- 2. CENTRE FOR OPEN DISTANCE EDUCATION, NAIROBI, KENYA,**
- 3. EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING GUIDANCE SERVICES, JEDDAH,**
- 4. EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING GUIDANCE SERVICES, RIYADH,**
- 5. INDIAN ACADEMY, MANAMA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, AND**
- 6. RIIHS, SRI LANKA**

BM 145.6.1 The Board noted the renewal of MOAs with the following Overseas Study Centres:

- 1. St. Mary’s University Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,
- 2. Centre for Open Distance Education, Nairobi, Kenya,
- 3. Educational Consulting Guidance Services, Jeddah,
- 4. Educational Consulting Guidance Services, Riyadh,
- 5. Indian Academy, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, and
- 6. RIIHS, Sri Lanka

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF UNIGRAD EDUCATION CENTRE, BAHRAIN FOR AN OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSITY

BM 145.7.1 The Board was informed that a proposal was received from UniGrad Education Centre, Bahrain for an Overseas Study Centre (OSC) of the University in Bahrain. The Board noted that the Institute is having license from the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Institute offers undergraduate, post-graduate, PG diploma and certificate programmes. The Indian diaspora in the region is 2.5 lakh, however total expatriates are 5.17 lakh. It was further informed that a confirmation had also been received from the Indian Embassy, Bahrain apprising the improved ICT and library facilities at the Centre.

BM 145.7.2 The Board approved the proposal for an Overseas Study Centre at UniGrad Education Centre, Bahrain.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER THE INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY 2030

BM 145.8.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) envisages an Institutional Development Plan (IDP) that will serve as a vision document to guide the institutional transformation. The Institutional Plan needs to be aligned with the goals set forth in the NEP 2020 to achieve the intended objectives. The NEP 2020 notes that “Each institution will make a Strategic Institutional Development Plan on the basis of which institutions will develop initiatives, assess their own progress, and reach the goals set therein, which could then become the basis for further public funding.

It was further informed that the Board of Management in its 142nd meeting held on 31.05.2021 resolved for evolving an Institutional Development Plan (IDP) viz., Action Plan, Strategic, and Vision Plan, which may be developed by the CIQA of the University in consultation with Planning Board as vision for youth, as is also envisaged in the NEP. Accordingly, a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The inputs received from the Committee members were compiled by CIQA and a draft IDP of IGNOU 2030 was prepared, which was circulated to the members of the Board of Management and Planning Board; academic and administrative staff

of the University for their valuable inputs/suggestions. The suggestions that were received from Prof. VS Prasad, BOM member and other stakeholders were incorporated in the document. Further, in accordance with the resolution of the 49th meeting of the Planning Board, the draft 'Institutional Development Plan of IGNOU 2030' was again vetted. A meeting was also held on 01.10.2021, under Chairpersonship of the Vice- Chancellor to discuss and obtain suggestions on “IDP of IGNOU 2030”. As per the resolution of the meeting CIQA invited strategic plans for the next five years from all Schools/Divisions/Centres/Cell/Unit/Institute and relevant suggestions were incorporated in the IDP document after discussion with the IDP committee members. The plan has also included the inputs received from Secretary, Higher Education, MOE, when the plan was presented before the Secretary on 16th October 2021.

BM 145.8.2 Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director (CIQA) was invited to present the Power-Point Presentation on the Institutional Development Plan 2030 of the University.

BM 145.8.3 After the presentation, Prof. V.S. Prasad appreciated the efforts being made by the University for preparing IDP 2030 for the overall development of the University. He observed that measures should be taken to enhance admission to meet the goals envisaged in the IDP 2030 and emphasized on mobilization of infrastructure, physical resources and human resources. He said that plan is dynamic in nature and university should ensure mechanisms for having its strategies in the light of the thrust of NEP. He stressed to put in place the Monitoring System for implementation of IDP and suggest the Multiple Parallel Implementation Steps in this regard.

While endorsing the observations of Prof. V.S. Prasad, Prof. K.K. Aggarwal was of the view that the IDP 2030 documents should also be presented in book shape for academic purpose. It may also be used as a case study for other Universities. Dr. P. Prakash also emphasized that IDP format should be designed to have sustainable development for reaching the un-reached. Hard copies of the plan were also sent to the members to get their additional comments, if any.

BM 145.8.4 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the Institutional Development Plan of the University.

ITEM NO. 09 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF PROFESSORS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS AND ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS

BM 145.9.1 The Board was informed that the University had conducted the Selection Committee meetings as per the University Grants Commission Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Other Measures for the maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018 for appointment to various teaching posts at the level of Assistant Professors/Associate Professors/Professors in various Disciplines across various Schools of Studies. The recommendations of the Selection Committee were placed before the Board. The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees, as per details given below:

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee
13 th September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Hindi (UR-01) in the School of Humanities (SOH) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Rajwanti <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Arvind Kumar Mishra 2. Dr. Tarun
13 th September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Hindi (OBC-01) in the School of Humanities (SOH) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Harshita <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Laxman Yadav 2. Dr. Dhananjay Singh
22 nd September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Social Work (OBC-03) in the School of Social Work (SOSW) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. V Kannappa Setty 2. Dr. Binod Kumar 3. Dr. Konde Linga Swamy <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Aradhana Goswami 2. Dr. Swarupa Mohan Udgiri 3. Dr. J Raja Meenakshi 4. Dr. Vinay Kumar 5. Dr. Chandan Kumar
23 rd September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Social Work (SC-01) in the School of Social Work (SOSW) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Seema Rani <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Abraham Mutluri 2. Dr. Mali Devi Sawariya
23 rd September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Health Science (UR-01) in the School of Health Sciences (SOHS) in the Academic level 10	1. Dr. Anika Sulania <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Manju Rani

	of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	
27 th September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Distance Education (SC-01) in the Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Hemlata Baghel <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Peeyush Kamal 2. Dr. Joseph Alugula
27 th September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Distance Education (ST-01) in the Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Gloria Kuzur <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Mohan D. 2. Dr. Jai Singh Meena
28 th September 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Distance Education (OBC-01) in the Staff Training & Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Ram Chandra <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Raju Kumar 2. Dr. Mridusmita Baruah
11 th October 2021	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Computer and Information Science (SC-01) in the School of Computer and Information Science (SOCIS) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Manish Kumar <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr. Preeth R. 2. Dr. Ambeth Kumar VD

BM 145.9.2 The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that the Appointment letters for the above teaching posts be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND SECURITY OFFICER ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS

BM 145.10.1 The recommendations of the Selection Committee for recruitment to the posts of Public Relation Officer and Security Officer on direct recruitment basis were placed before the Board by the Chairman. The Board considered and approved the same, as per details given below:

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Position	Name recommended by the Selection Committee
22.10.2021	Appointment to the post of Public Relation Officer (01 post) in Pay Level 12 of 7 th CPC, PB-4 (Rs.78,800-2,09,200)	Shri Ramesh Kumar Waiting list: 1. Sh.Presenjit Bhattacharjee 2. Sh. Anuradha Mittal

	Appointment to the post of Security Officer (01 post) in Pay Level-10 of 7 th CPC, PB-3 (Rs.56,100-1,77,500)	Shri Karan Kapoor Waiting list: 1. Chandra Shekhar 2. Sandeep Chintalapalle
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BM 145.10.2 The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that the Appointment letters for the above posts be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SCREENING CUM EVALUATION COMMITTEES AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS)

BM 145.11.1 The Board was informed that the University had conducted “Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees/Selection Committees” for Career Advancement of Teachers and Academics of the University as per Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics including Librarian duly approved by the Ministry as per UGC Regulations, 2010 alongwith subsequent amendments thereto under 6th CPC, and UGC Regulations, 2018 under 7th CPC. The recommendations of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees/ Selection Committees were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the “Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees/Selection Committees”, as per details given below:

S. No.	Date of Selection Committee	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee	Date of eligibility
1.	23 rd September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) in Discipline of Social Work, School of Social Work (SOSW)	Dr. Saumya	24.08.2018
2.	23 rd September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) in Discipline of Social Work, School of Social Work (SOSW)	Dr. N Ramya	31.08.2019
3.	23 rd September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs.	Dr. Sayantani Guin	14.09.2018

		8,000/-) in Discipline of Social Work, School of Social Work (SOSW)		
4.	23 rd September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) in Discipline of Health Science, School of Health Sciences (SOHS)	Dr. Biplab Jamatia	11.05.2013
5.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Vikash Singhal, RC Delhi-I	13.06.2020
6.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) CIQA	Dr. Navita Abrol, CIQA	11.05.2020
7.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Subhash Ranjan Nayak, RC Bhopal	19.05.2020
8.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Senior scale/ Academic Level 11) to Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade/ Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Upendra Nabh Tripathi, RC Varanasi	24.05.2020
9.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Dharendra Pratap Singh, RC Delhi-II	12.04.2010
10.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Centre for Online Education	Dr. Anshu Miglani, COE	17.06.2015
11.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Arshia Hussain, RC Delhi-I	07.05.2016
12.	28 th September,	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional	Dr. M Shanmugham, RC	23.05.2015

	2021	Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Bangalore	
13.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Pravat Kumar Jena, RC Bhubaneswar	29.05.2016
14.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Asif Iqbal, RC Patna	23.04.2016
15.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Mukhtyar Ali, RC Jodhpur	20.04.2016
16.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. N Samungou Singh, RC Shillong	04.05.2016
17.	28 th September, 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 10) to Assistant Regional Director (Senior Scale/ Academic Level 11) (pre-revised Stage 1 to 2, AGP Rs. 7,000/-) Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Mayomni Shimrey, RC Kohima	30.04.2016
18.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/ Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. K Panneerselvam, RC Chennai	10.01.2009
19.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. P Sivaswaroop, RC Nagpur	01.01.2009

20.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Hema Pant, RSD	26.02.2013
21.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Subha Kant Mohanty, RC Ranchi	25.09.2015
22.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. JS Dorothy, RC Cochin	06.01.2013
23.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Avani Trivedi Bhatt, RC Ahmedabad	17.01.2014
24.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. S Radha, RC Bangalore	10.02.2018
25.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Punam Kumari Singh, RC Karnal	01.02.2018
26.	06 th October	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic	Dr. Dharma Rao Gonipati, RC	01.05.2019

	2021	Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Visakhapatnam	
27.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, RSD	26.04.2019
28.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Anshuman Upadhyay, RC Bhopal	05.09.2020
29.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Nehal Mirza Baig, RC Saharsa	01.05.2018
30.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Bimal Chandra Nanda, RC Raipur	04.05.2019
31.	06 th October 2021	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Stage 3/Academic Level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs.9,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Manoj Tirkey, RSD	08.05.2019

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The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Promotion Orders under CAS be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COVERAGE UNDER CCS (PENSION) RULES, 1972 IN LIEU OF NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME (NPS) FOR THOSE UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE DECLARED SUCCESSFUL IN THE RESULTS DECLARED ON OR BEFORE 31.12.2003 AGAINST THE VACANCIES OCCURRING BEFORE 01.01.2004

BM 145.12.1 The Board noted that the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Govt. of India vide its OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW dated 17.02.2020, while considering the representations of such employees in whose case the selection process for recruitment was completed before 01.01.2004 but joined their service on or after 01.01.2004, decided that all such cases where the results for recruitment were declared before 01.01.2004 against the vacancies occurring on or before 31.12.2003, such candidates declared successful for recruitment shall be eligible for coverage under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972. Accordingly, such employees presently covered under NPS on their joining on or after 01.01.2004 may be given a one time option to be covered under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, to be exercised by the concerned employee.

The University in order to examine the provisions made above, in relation to its employees, constituted a Committee which recommended to place the matter before the Board of Management for its consideration and after approval, notification to this effect be issued by the University inviting options from the eligible employees which may be examined/dealt with on case to case basis after adoption of the aforementioned OM (**Appendix-5**).

BM 145.12.2 The Board adopted the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Govt. of India OM No.57/04/2019-P&PW dated 17.02.2020 and approved the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee.

ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CCS (IMPLEMENTATION OF NPS) RULES 2021 FOR AVAILING BENEFITS UNDER THE NATIONAL PENSION SCHEME (NPS) OR UNDER THE CCS (PENSION) RULES 1972 OR THE CCS (EXTRAORDINARY PENSION) RULES 1939 IN CASE OF DEATH OR DISCHARGE ON INVALIDATION OR DISABILITY OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE/SUBSCRIBER DURING SERVICE

BM 145.13.1 The Board was informed that the Department of Pension & Pension's Welfare has framed Central Civil Services (Implementation of

National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021 vide GSR 227 (E) dated 30.03.2021 regulating the service matters of employees covered under the National Pension Scheme system (NPS) which provides for options to be exercised by such employees/dependants in case of death or discharge on invalidation or disability of subscriber during service for availing the benefits under the NPS or CCS (Pension) Rules,1972 or CCS(Extraordinary Pension) Rules 1939, as the case may be.

The University had constituted a Committee to examine the provisions made above, in relation to IGNOU employees. The Committee recommended that the provisions made above may be adopted by the Board of Management for those officials of the University who are/ will be appointed on regular basis against the sanctioned posts and are availing the benefits of National Pension Scheme. With regard to regular employees who were covered under the NPS at IGNOU and who have died since issue of the above mentioned Rules, 2021, their claims/cases for coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 of the CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules 1939 may be examined/dealt with on case to case basis after adoption of the aforementioned rules (**Appendix-6**).

The Board also advised that the financial implications of this circular be also assessed.

BM 145.13.2 The Board while considering the Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension Scheme) Rules, 2021 framed by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare vide GSR 227 (E) dated 30.03.2021 approved the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee.

BM 145.13.3 Regarding pending cases with respect to counting of past services, the Board further directed that all pending and new cases in the University be strictly dealt with in accordance with UGC/DOPT Rules.

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF RECRUITMENT TO TEACHING POSTS ADVERTISED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019 ALONGWITH STATUS OF BACKLOG VACANCIES FOR SC/ST/OBC/EWS ETC.

BM 145.14.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted the current status of recruitment process against teaching posts advertised in September/October 2019. The Board was informed that the Govt of India, Ministry of Education vide their letter F.No.15-4/2020-TC dated 8th October 2021 and Secretary Higher Education, MoE vide their D.O.

No.33-2/2021-TS-III (Pt.I) dated 24th August 2021 has desired to include an agenda item in every Finance Committee/Board of Governors/Board of Management meeting giving status of action taken with respect to backlog faculty positions lying vacant especially in Scheduled caste, Scheduled Tribes, Other backward Classes and EWS category in Central Higher Education Institutions functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Education. Accordingly the status of filling up of backlog vacancies for SC/ST/OBC/EWS in teaching posts was placed before the Board (**Appendix-7**). The Chairman informed that backlog vacancies were also arisen as the University could not fill up the vacant positions due to non-availability of the regular Vice Chancellor and later on non-availability of minimum required candidates to be called for interview.

BM 145.14.2 The Chairman further informed that there are also certain teaching positions relating to engineering and agriculture lying vacant as there are restrictions in running some courses by AICTE and UGC. Further, positions of a few disciplines were not filled as they have very low enrolment. These positions may be adjusted against other disciplines which are to be promoted/strengthened as per the emerging requirements of NEP-2020. It was further informed that no eligible EWS applications were received against the positions of Professor and Associate Professor.

BM 145.14.3 The Board noted the status of filling up of backlog vacancies for SC/ST/OBC/EWS in teaching posts and directed to advertise/re-advertise the posts as per requirement.

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER THE STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING THE ONLINE PROGRAMMES OF THE UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE INDIA

BM 145.15.1 It was informed that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) of Government of India emphasizes on internationalization of higher education to meet the requirements of 21st century. The IGNOU being a National Open University is committed towards internationalisation of higher education in qualitative and equitable manner. Also, keeping in view the exemption given by the UGC from the purview of UGC ODL Regulations and UGC Online Regulations, the University may now offer its online programmes outside India. It was further informed that to formulate the strategy for promoting the online programmes outside India, a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor to define the roles and responsibilities of the Overseas Facilitator for promoting the online programmes in their respective

country and facilitating admissions of learners in online programmes. The Committee has submitted its observations made in its 1st meeting held on 7.9.2021 (**Appendix-8**). The Board noted brief recommendations of the Committee, as under:

1. The Overseas Facilitator/Promotional Partner should provide pre-admission counseling to the prospective students interested in joining the University's online programme and facilitate in their admission online through the University's portal.
2. The Overseas Facilitator/Promotional Partner shall be responsible for providing post-admission counseling to the online students and for taking up various student related issues on day-to-day basis with the University.
3. The Partner should possess IT infrastructure and office space to facilitate the students for online counseling, assignment submission, project submission, online examination etc. where required.
4. The full programme fees of online international student shall be credited in IGNOU's account and its 25% share shall be released to the Overseas Facilitator on production of an invoice subject to satisfactory performance.
5. Student Registration Division shall maintain software for admission of international student for online programme and each Overseas Facilitator/Promotional Partner shall be given a specific code.

BM 145.15.2 During the deliberations, Prof. V.S. Prasad suggested that a Project Report be prepared to define different terms along with the role of different agencies and the related processes. The role of different agencies should be explored for enhancing the enrolment and student counseling. It was also suggested that active participation of the International Study Centres in promoting the online programmes abroad be encouraged.

BM 145.15.3 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the proposal for promoting the Online Programmes of the University outside India.

ITEM NO.16 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO JOINING OF DR. RAMMURTI MEENA, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, IGNOU ON REPATRIATION FROM NCTE, JAIPUR

BM 145.16.1 The Board noted the joining of duty in the University by Dr. Rammurti Meena, Assistant Regional Director on repatriation from NCTE, Jaipur w.e.f. 11.10.2021.

ITEM NO.17 TO CONSIDER THE STATUS OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SCHOOLS AND THE PRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (SOSS) AND SCHOOL OF COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES (SOCIS)

BM 145.17.1 The Directors of School of Social Sciences, Prof. Rashmi Sinha and School of Computer & Information Sciences, Prof. P.V. Suresh made their presentations before the Board regarding the current and future activities undertaken by the Schools which were well appreciated by the members. The Board also noted the Status of academic activities undertaken by the Schools of Studies.

BM 145.17.2 Prof. K.K. Aggarwal suggested that increase in the duration of BCA programme from 3 to 4 years may be reexamined being area specific studies. He further suggested that the School of Social Sciences should develop sustainable modules in mixed modes and also develop single mode programmes.

Prof. V.S. Prasad was of the view that the basic academic programmes of the IGNOU should be course based instead of programme centric. The courses should be developed not only for the enrolled student but also for the students appearing for competitive exams.

The Board noted the above observations/suggestions of the members and agreed to the same.

ITEM NO. 18 TO CONSIDER DISCONTINUATION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF NON-OPERATIONAL GYAN VANI FM RADIO STATIONS

BM 145.18.1 The Board was informed that IGNOU was made the nodal organization by MHRD to establish and operate Educational FM Radio Stations of 10 KW transmitting power at 37 locations as per license agreement for a period of ten years with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) in 2001. Grant of Permission Agreement (GOPA) was signed between Ministry of I&B and IGNOU to revive 10 KW FM Educational Radio Stations at 37 cities on 19.2.2016 and the validity of the GOPA was for 15 years. Accordingly, an MOU was signed on 9.12.2016 with Prasar Baharti to continue to use their existing transmission infrastructure at 37 places through the payment of an annual license fee of Rs.889.82 lakhs approx. which would cover the operational cost of GV transmitter and also the rental for the space, tower etc. After signing of these agreements, IGNOU could revive operations of only 15 FM stations out of 37 that too at much lower operating power than 10 KW capacity of each transmitter. However,

IGNOU has to keep paying the license fee to Prasar Bharati and wireless operating license (WOL) fee to Ministry of Communication and IT as per the MOU despite GV Stations lying Non-functional.

It was further informed that these issues were discussed in Joint Coordination Committee with Prasar Bharati on 22.1.2020 and it was decided to withdraw non-operational transmitter equipment from AIR premises in phased manner after clearing all pending dues. This matter was placed before the Board of Management at the 139th meeting held on 17. 3. 2020 to discontinue and surrender 22 wireless operating licenses of Gyan Vani stations wherever transmitters have become non-operational and could not be replaced immediately. The Board suggested that requirements of financial assistance be placed before the Ministry. IGNOU has requested the Ministry for financial support. The university could not get any additional financial support. Further, based on the recommendations of the Gyan Vani Review Committee, constituted for the purpose; IGNOU had surrendered the permission to operate 17 non-operational Gyan Vani stations to Ministry of I&B in July 2020. Prasar Bharati vide letter dt.22.10.2020 also requested IGNOU to initiate removal of complete installations at 17 stations. IGNOU has also stopped payment of license fee for these 17 stations and closed Bank accounts. In view of the above, *Gyan Vani* Review Committee was constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to examine the status of the GV stations and to suggest continuation or surrender of the same. Based on the recommendations of the review committee IGNOU had surrendered the permission to operate 17 non-operational *GyanVani* Stations to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in July 2020. The matter was reported to Ministries of Education, I & B and *Prasar Bharati*. *Prasar Bharati*, vide letter dated 22.10.2020 endorsed this decision and requested IGNOU to initiate removal of complete installations at 17 stations. IGNOU has stopped payment of license fee @ an average of Rs. 13 lakhs for each of these 17 stations for operations and maintenance (O&M). Bank accounts of these 17 stations have been closed.

The reach of these Gyan Vani stations are limited and in audio mode only. Support from *Gyan Darshan* and *Swayam Prabha* channels are more effective. IGNOU presently has four *Swayam Prabha* DTH channels and one *Gyan Darshan* channel. *Swayam Prabha* channels are free of any cost to IGNOU provided by the Ministry. These channels along with *Gyan Darshan* have both audio and visual effects and have wider reach.

It was observed that IGNOU made efforts to continue the operation of the rest of 20 Gyan Vani Stations, however, transmitter equipment of these stations could not be maintained due to lack of support from OEMs for AMCs and repairing these equipments through third party was uneconomical, resulting in GV stations were non-operational/working at very low power. Again the current status of these remaining 20 GV stations was presented to the newly constituted Gyan Vani Review Committee on 27.9.2021. The Committee suggested that eight Gyan Vani stations that are non-operational have to be surrendered to the Ministry and transmitter infrastructure may be withdrawn from AIR premises. It was also suggested that in order to stop the annual payment of 3.52 crores by IGNOU to AIR it was necessary to clear the site occupied by the non working infrastructure as per MOU signed with Prasar Bharati and so another Committee namely “Gyan Vani Non-working Infrastructure Disposal Committee” was constituted to decide on action to be taken to remove equipment from AIR premises. The Committee recommended as under:

1. To surrender the wireless operating license (WOL) of the eight GV stations
2. To take over the GV assets from AIR premises by clearing outstanding dues as per the MoU and e-auction all obsolete transmitter equipment following due procedure.

BM 145.18.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the committee for discontinuation of the functioning of eight Non-Operational Gyan Vani FM Radio Stations including Patna (in addition to earlier discontinued 17 Gyan Vani stations) and directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

ITEM NO. 19 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR RECRUITMENT OF FRESH AND BACKLOG POSTS OF JUNIOR-ASSISTANT-CUM-TYPIST (JAT) AND OTHERS THROUGH NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY (NTA)

BM 145.19.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Secretary informed that the University could not make any recruitment in the case of non-academic employees since long even though more than 200 employees have left the University in the last five years on superannuation & other reasons. Those having been recruited in the feeder cadres in the past have already been promoted to the next higher level as provided under R&P Rules, 2010 resulting in shortage of regular staff at the lowest level of the hierarchy. Overall there are 500 positions lying vacant in Group-C and 100 positions in Group-B including around 10

backlog vacancies. As regards JATs, total sanctioned strength i.e. 425 against which 83 are filled in, leaving a vacancy of 342 and majority of filled in JATs are under consideration for promotion. This has made the routine functioning of the University somewhat difficult due to over dependence on contractual staff. In addition, some more Regional Centres have also been created which remain regular manpower deficient and also intake of students both fresh & re-registration has increased manifold during the last 10 years.

It was informed that the Board of Management in its 139th meeting while considering the proposal of outsourcing the conduct of written examination for the post of Assistant Registrar, Security Officer and JAT approved that the process of conduct of written examination be done through National Testing Agency (NTA). The NTA has conducted the written test for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Registrar and Security Officer on 24.1.2021, result of which was declared on 16.6.2021.

BM 145.19.2 It was therefore proposed that the process of direct recruitment of vacant posts including backlog vacancies of JAT's & other cadres may be initiated by the University which may be out sourced to National Testing Agency (NTA) which includes conduct of skill test and interviews etc., if any. The syllabus for the recruitment examination will be finalized by the NTA in consultation with the University. If the proposal is considered, the University may go ahead with 100 vacant posts plus backlog vacancies under direct recruitment quota.

BM 145.19.3 The Board approved the proposal for recruitment of fresh and backlog posts of JATs and other cadres through NTA.

ITEM NO. 20 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN GRANTING THE EXTRA ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) TO PROF. ANNU J THOMAS, PROFESSOR IN SCHOOL OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (SOGDS) FOR FIVE YEARS ON PERSONAL GROUNDS

BM 145.20.1 The Board ratified the decision in granting the Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to Prof. Annu J Thomas, Professor in SOGDS for five years on personal grounds.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman