

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
(Planning & Development Division)

**MINUTES OF THE 61<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (APC) HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. THROUGH WEB CONFERENCE(VIRTUAL MODE)**

The following were present:-

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor.	Chairman
2.	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Member
3.	Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
4.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
5.	Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor.	Special Invitee
6.	Dr. S.K. Mohapatra Director, RSD and EMPC.	Member
7.	Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Director, SOSS.	Member
8.	Prof. D.Venketeshwarlu, Director, SOE.	Member
9.	Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Director, SSC.	Member
10.	Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD.	Member
11.	Prof. Nita Mathur, Professor, SOSS.	Member
12.	Dr. Himanshu Kumar Bose, Registrar, SRD.	Special Invitee
13.	Prof. M.S. Senam Raju, Registrar, MPDD.	Special Invitee
14.	Dr. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, COE.	Special Invitee
15.	Shri Gulshan Kumar Arora Dy. Director, SED (Representing Registrar-SED)	Special Invitee
16.	Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD.	Member Secretary

Dr. Pankaj Khanna, Deputy Director from P&DD was present to assist the Committee.

At the outset, the Member Secretary welcomed Chairman, Member(s), and Special Invitee(s) to the 61st Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee (APC) and requested chair for opening remarks.

The Chairman informed that recently the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan laid the Foundation Stone of the IGNOU Regional Centres buildings at Bangalore, Noida, and Pune through virtual mode. It was informed that the Hon'ble Minister appreciated IGNOU for playing an instrumental role in taking higher education to the masses by providing quality education through ODL and Online modes. The National Education Policy, 2020, and use of technology-enabled education is need to be further strengthened through new and revised academic programmes being developed by the Schools of Studies.

*Dr. Pankaj Khanna*

The Chairman placed on record appreciation for the contributions of all the Schools, its faculty and noteworthy initiations of Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Director (P&DD), and his team for the sincere efforts made during the Covid-19 pandemic. The recent Planning Board meeting held in August considered and appreciated new initiatives and new academic programmes launched during January 2021 and July 2021 sessions. He also stressed that the University has to play a crucial role in increasing the GER of the nation. He appreciated the sincere and dedicated efforts by CIQA in ensuring quality and standards of University.

The Member Secretary thereafter presented the agenda items with the permission of the Chair. He briefed that the agenda contains 15-items. There are 13- Programme Proposal Forms (PPF), 2-Programme Launch Approval Forms (PLAF) and the ratification of two online programmes. He also informed that in this meeting the School programme coordinators shall brief and present their proposals through a 3-4 minutes PowerPoint presentation (PPT) on the proposal submitted to APC.

**A.P.C. 61.1** To confirm the Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 and Action Taken Reports (ATRs).

**A.P.C. 61.1.1** The Member Secretary informed that the Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 of the Academic Programme Committee were circulated to the Members of the Committee. As no comments were received, the Member Secretary proposed for confirmation of the same.

**A.P.C. 61.1.2** While considering the Action taken report (ATR) on

- (i) Lateral Entry of Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism & Mass Communication (revised) and M.A. in Journalism & Mass Communication programme.
- (ii) A.P.C 56.12 – Development of अनुवाद एवम रूपांतरण में स्नातकोत्तर प्रमाणपत्र,
- (iii) A.P.C. 60.2- Development of the Certificate in Smart City Development and Management and
- (iv) A.P.C. 60.3- Development of the Certificate in Nano Technology.

The APC recorded delays in compliance of the decision.

After deliberations, the Committee opined that a separate meeting may be conducted for the detailed status of the above academic programmes and activities with the concerned Directors of the

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Schools, PVCs and Programme coordinator(s) and outcomes may be reported to APC/PB.

*(Action: P&DD)*

**A.P.C. 61.1.3** The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Programme Committee and noted the action taken thereon.

*(Action: P&DD)*

**A.P.C. 61.2** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in Urban Studies.**

**A.P.C. 61.2.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Extension and Development Studies (SOEDS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of the M.A. in Urban Studies

**A.P.C. 61.2.2** Prof. N.A. Farooquee, Prof. B.K. Pattanaik and Dr. Grace Don Programme Coordinator(s) from SOEDS presented a brief on the proposed programme structure and submitted that the need assessment has been conducted and an admirable outcome have been received for the M.A. programme.

**A.P.C. 61.2.3** After detailed deliberations, the Committee observed that being a multidisciplinary programme, the School may re-look multi exit-entry points for the existing students. The Committee suggested adding courses and realigning the credit structure of the programme. The programme may be translated in Hindi language and the CRC for it be prepared as per material production division (MPDD) time-lines. The eligibility conditions for admission to the M.A. programme and lateral entry qualifications may also be synchronized with the existing PG Diploma programme.

**A.P.C. 61.2.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in Urban Studies to be launched from July 2022.

*(Action: SOEDS)*

**A.P.C. 61.3** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. Physics.**

**A.P.C. 61.3.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. (Physics).

**A.P.C. 61.3.2** Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba and Dr. M.B. Newmai, Programme Coordinator(s) from SOS provided the details on M.Sc. (Physics)

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programme and its status. The Committee suggested to expedite its development so as to launch the programme by the next year 2022.

**A.P.C. 61.3.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. Physics.

**(Action: SOS)**

**A.P.C. 61.4** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. Chemistry.**

**A.P.C. 61.4.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. (Chemistry).

**A.P.C. 61.4.2** Prof. Sanjiv Kumar and Prof. Kamalika Banerjee, Programme Coordinators from SOS presented a brief presentation on the programme covering the rationale, development approvals sought in the year 2015, eligibility criteria, target learners, alignment of NEP 2020 including the development cost of the programme.

**A.P.C. 61.4.3** The Committee observed that the eligibility criteria may be relooked into by the School to facilitate aspirant students and suggested to expedite its development so as to launch the programme by the next year.

**A.P.C. 61.4.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. Chemistry.

**(Action: SOS)**

**A.P.C. 61.5** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the**  
**(i) M.Sc. Geoinformatics.**  
**(ii) P.G. Diploma in Geoinformatics.**

**A.P.C. 61.5.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of the M.Sc. Geoinformatics and P.G. Diploma in Geoinformatics.

**A.P.C. 61.5.2** Prof. Benidhar Deshmukh and Prof. Meenal Mishra, Programme Coordinators from SOS gave a brief presentation on the M.Sc. Geoinformatics and P.G Diploma in Geoinformatics programmes.

**A.P.C. 61.5.3** The Committee observed that the use of Virtual labs as developed by various agencies for geo-informatics (Geographic Information

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Systems - NPTEL Online Courses etc.) may be built in the proposed programme. Further, the eligibility conditions for admission to the M.Sc. programme may also be synchronized with the proposed P.G. Diploma programme and its lateral entry. It was suggested to expedite its development so as to launch the programme by the next year.

**A.P.C. 61.5.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. Geoinformatics and P.G. Diploma in Geoinformatics.

**(Action: SOS)**

**A.P.C. 61.6** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. in Applied Statistics.**

**A.P.C. 61.6.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Sciences (SOS) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.Sc. in Applied Statistics.

**A.P.C. 61.6.2** Dr. Neha Garg and Mr. Prabhat K. Sangal, Programme coordinators from SOS informed the status of the proposed academic programme.

The Committee suggested to expedite its development so as to launch the programme by the next year 2022. Further, the eligibility conditions for admission to M.Sc. programme may also be synchronized with the existing P.G. Diploma programme and its lateral entry.

**A.P.C. 61.6.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.Sc. in Applied Statistics.

**(Action: SOS)**

**A.P.C. 61.7** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the Certificate in Professional Development of Teachers.**

**A.P.C. 61.7.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Education (SOE) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the Certificate in Professional Development of Teachers for in-service teachers of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) through project mode.

**A.P.C. 61.7.2** Prof. Amitav Mishra and Dr. Eisha Kannadi, Programme Coordinator from SOE gave a brief presentation that the programme

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has been developed on the request of NVS through project mode for the working teachers. The programme will be launched from January 2022 session.

**A.P.C. 61.7.3** The Committee suggested that the programme may be launched for other School teachers also in-addition to the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti Schools.

**A.P.C. 61.7.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the Certificate in Professional Development of Teachers to be launched from January 2022.

**(Action: SOE)**

**A.P.C. 61.8** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of P.G. Diploma in Agribusiness Management.**

**A.P.C. 61.8.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Agriculture (SOA) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the P.G. Diploma in Agribusiness Management.

**A.P.C. 61.8.2** Dr. Praveen Kumar Jain, Programme coordinator from SOA gave a brief presentation of the programme including the rationale, target group and its alignment with the NEP 2020.

**A.P.C. 61.8.3** After detailed deliberations, the Committee opined that the proposed Post Graduate Diploma with Management nomenclature could have issues with AICTE for the on-going Management programme. The programme may be designed and developed as P.G. Diploma in Agribusiness.

The Director and Programme Coordinator of SOA were advised that the decision on the change in the nomenclature, be discussed in the respective Expert Committee and School Board, and finalized. Further, permission may also be sought from the AICTE and ICAR, if required, for the design and development of the proposed P.G. programme.

**A.P.C. 61.8.4** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) with nomenclature as Post Graduate Diploma in Agribusiness.

**(Action: SOA)**

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- A.P.C. 61.9** To ratify the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of the  
**PhD. in Sanskrit.**
- A.P.C. 61.9.1** The Committee ratified the launch and Programme Launch  
Approval Form (PLAF) of the PhD in Sanskrit w.e.f. July 2021  
(Action: SOH)
- A.P.C. 61.10** To consider the Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of  
**the P.G. Diploma in Migration and Diaspora.**
- A.P.C. 61.10.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Interdisciplinary  
and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS) has submitted the  
Programme Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of P.G. Diploma in  
Migration and Diaspora.
- A.P.C. 61.10.2** Dr. Sadananda Sahoo and Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapoor, Programme  
Coordinator and Co- coordinator respectively from SOITS briefed  
about the readiness of the programme.
- A.P.C. 61.10.3** The Committee recommended for approval of the Programme  
Launch Approval Form (PLAF) of P.G. Diploma in Migration and  
Diaspora from January 2022 admission cycle.  
(Action: P&DD and SOITS)
- A.P.C. 61.11** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. in  
**Arabic.**
- A.P.C. 61.11.1** The Member Secretary informed that The School of Foreign  
Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form  
(PPF) of M.A. in Arabic language.
- A.P.C. 61.11.2** Dr. Mohd. Saleem, Programme Coordinator from SOFL gave a brief  
presentation of the programme on the rationale, target learners,  
resources available, timelines for development, the outcome of the  
programme, alignment with NEP 2020, and the development cost.
- A.P.C. 61.11.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for  
approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in Arabic  
to be launched from July 2022.  
(Action: SOFL)
- A.P.C. 61.12** To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. in  
**Russian.**
- A.P.C. 61.12.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign  
Languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form

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(PPF) of M.A. in Russian language.

**A.P.C. 61.12.2** Shri Shivaji Bhaskar, Programme Coordinator from SOFL briefed about the 64-credit programme which will be offered digitally and no hard copy SLM shall be provided for the programme. The programme will be offered in the July 2022 session.

**A.P.C. 61.12.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in Russian to be launched from July 2022 as proposed.

**(Action: SOFL)**

**A.P.C. 61.13** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. in Spanish.**

**A.P.C. 61.13.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. in Spanish.

**A.P.C. 61.13.2** Shri Vikash Kumar Singh, Programme Coordinator from SOFL gave a brief presentation of the programme on the rationale, target learners, resources available, eligibility conditions, timelines for development, the outcome of the programme, alignment with NEP 2020, and the development cost.

The Committee suggested to expedite its development, deliberate on the eligibility conditions for admission so as to launch the programme by the next year and if required, consultants may be appointed by the School. Being the foreign language, School may also explore the possibilities for international experts to write contents. The payment norms can be worked out for the purpose.

**A.P.C. 61.13.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in Spanish.

**(Action: SOFL)**

**A.P.C. 61.14** **To consider the Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of M.A. in French.**

**A.P.C. 61.14.1** The Member Secretary informed that the School of Foreign languages (SOFL) has submitted the Programme Proposal Forms (PPF) of M.A. in French.

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**A.P.C. 61.14.2** Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava, Programme Coordinator from SOFL gave a brief presentation of the programme on the rationale, target learners, resources available, eligibility conditions, timelines for development, the outcome of the programme, alignment with NEP 2020, and the development cost. She informed the Committee that this M.A. programme shall have a huge demand among learners.

The Committee suggested to expedite its development. The School may develop the online audio and video lectures so that these can be uploaded and transcribed into e-books. Further, deliberate on the eligibility conditions for admission with the expert group so as to launch the programme by the next year and if required, consultants may be appointed by the School. Being the foreign language, School may also explore the possibilities for international experts to write contents. The payment norms can be worked out for the purpose.

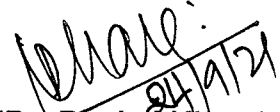
**A.P.C. 61.14.3** The Committee took note of the deliberations and recommended for approval of Programme Proposal Form (PPF) of the M.A. in French.  
**(Action: SOFL)**

#### **TABLED ITEM(s)**

**A.P.C. 61.15** **To ratify the launch of two online programmes.**  
(i) **B.Com.**  
(ii) **Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA)**

**A.P.C. 61.15.1** The Committee ratified the launch of two online programmes, namely B.Com. from July 2021 session and Bachelor of Computer Application from January 2022 session.  
**(Action: SOMS, SOCIS and COE)**

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
**(Dr. Pankaj Khare)**  
Director (P&DD)  
Member Secretary-APC