

Minutes of the Eighth School Board Meeting of School of Law held on 13th January, 2010 at 2.00 p.m. at Conference Room of SOMS IGNOU, New Delhi-110068

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, SOL, IGNOU - (Chairman)
2. Prof. B.B. Pande, Former Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology, University of Delhi
3. Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, School of Social Work, IGNOU
4. Prof. K. Elumalai, Professor, School of Law, IGNOU
5. Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Lecturer, School of Law, IGNOU
6. Mr. Anand Gupta, Lecturer, School of Law IGNOU
7. Ms. Manasi Sharma, Lecturer, School of Law IGNOU

Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon, Member, Commission on Centre-State Relations, Government of India, Justice Y. Bhaskar Rao, Former Member, National Human Rights Commission, Ms. Maja Daruwala, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Partner, Amarchand and Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co, Prof. Pandav Nayak, School of Social Sciences IGNOU, Prof. Santosh Panda, STRIDE, IGNOU, Prof. Salil Mishra, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, and Ms. Suneet Kashyap, Lecturer, School of Law, IGNOU could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman wished Happy New Year and welcomed the members of the School Board of School of Law.

The items on the agenda were taken up and the following decisions were made.

Item No 8.1: Confirmation of minutes of the Seventh School Board Meeting and note the action taken thereon.

- SB 8.1.1** The Chairman informed that the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the School Board were circulated among the members on 6th October, 2008 and as no comments were received from any of the members, it is presumed that the minutes may be deemed to have been confirmed.
- SB 8.1.2** The Board confirmed the minutes.
- SB 8.1.3** The Action Taken Report of the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the School Board was discussed. The Chairman informed about the progress of Ph.D. work of Ms. Preeti Gupta, RTA who is working on the topic **Human Organ transplantation** under the supervision of Prof. Srikrishna

Deva Rao. Prof. Rao also informed that, Ms. Sophy, new RTA will be joining SOL from 15 February, 2010.

The members suggested that, School of Law now should apprise the Bar Council India about the face to face programmes and full time programmes offered in IGNOU and make efforts to offer LLB with the approval from BCI.

Item No 8.2 Information of launching of Diploma in Paralegal Practice and Master of Intellectual Property Law (Online)

SB 8.2.1 The Chairman informed the Board that School of Law has launched Diploma in Paralegal Practice and Master of Intellectual Property Law (Online) from July, 2009.

Item No 8.3: Information of Human Rights Sensitization Programme for Police in association with NHRC

SB. 8.3.1 The Chairman informed about the signing of MoU between NHRC and IGNOU with regard to the Sensitization Programme for Police. These programmes will be offered at three different levels (1) Basic programme, (2) Advanced programme (3) Training of Trainers programmes including development of other Certificate programmes of mutual interest and concern.

Item No 8.4: Information of Paralegal Training under NYKS Scheme in association with National Legal Services Authority

SB. 8.4.1 Chairman informed the Board Members about the proposal to train the National Service Volunteer (NSV) in legal aid in association with NALSA, which will be implemented through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Ministry of Youth Affairs. About 1000 youth volunteers will be trained under this project in 2010.

SB. 8.4.2 School Board members suggested to follow up with NALSA and work out programme details including responsibilities from both sides.

Item No.8.5: Approval of the Minutes of the 2nd Doctoral Committee Meeting

- SB. 8.5.1** Chairman informed the School Board that the Doctoral Committee of School of Law and School Board of School of Law approved the Ph.D. application of Mr. Anand Kumar Gupta, Lecturer, SOL. He is working on the topic **“Right to Equality and Disability Rights Jurisprudence in India”** under the supervision of Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Director, School of Law.
- SB.8.5.2** It was also informed that Doctoral Committee Meeting held on 15th December, 2009 approved the proposal of Mr. Prem Chand Mishra on **“A Study of Priority lending by Public Sector Banks in Post reform era in India”**. He was suggested to conduct empirical enquiries and to include case studies.
- SB 8.5.3** The proposal of Mr Sanjay Chadha on **“A critical evaluation of Provisions of “investigation” and “provisional attachment under Anti Money Laundering Law in India”** was also approved by the Doctoral Committee with suggestion to improve the research proposal particularly in respect of hypothesis.
- SB 8.5.4.** Chairman informed that the task of supervising Mr. Prem Chand Mishra was entrusted to Prof. K. Elumalai as he specializes in this area. Prof. K. Elumalai stated that the topic proposed by Mr. Prem Chand Mishra's will not come under the purview of Law, and expressed his inability to supervise the Ph.D. work of Mr. Prem Chand Mishra. The matter was discussed. It was suggested by the Board Members that Mr. Mishra can opt for another guide of his choice. The Board members suggested that in future the name of the supervisor be decided before the meeting of the Doctoral Committee.
- SB 8.5.5** The School Board approved the minutes of the Doctoral Committee Meeting of School of Law held on 15 December, 2009.

Item No. 8.6: To consider and approve Phase 1 of Diploma in Environmental Law

- SB. 8.6.1** School of Law signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre for Environmental Law (CEL), World Wide Fund –India (WWF-India) to jointly offer Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law. The programme will be offered in the July 2010 session.

SB. 8.6.2 Ms. Moulika Arabhi, Special Invitee from CEL informed the School Board Members about CEL and said that materials are ready and it will be fine-tuned as per IGNOU's format and requirements.

SB. 8.6.2 The Phase 1 form of Diploma in Environmental Law was approved. It was also suggested to circulate the Phase 3 form to the School Board Members for approval after the finalization of the curriculum.

Item No.8.7: To consider and approve Phase 1 of Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking

SB. 8.7.1 The chairman apprised about the proposed Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking that would be open to all graduates. As the materials are ready, it will be fine-tuned as per IGNOU's format and requirements. Two Expert Committee Meetings were already held to finalise the curriculum hence, the School Board members suggested that to circulate Phase 3 form in this regard for approval. The Chairman also informed the Board about the officering of this programme in face to face with NIRD Hyderabad which has been formally approved by the VC.

SB.8.7.2 The Board considered and approved the Phase 1 form of Certificate in Anti Human Trafficking

Item No.8.8: To consider and approve Phase 1 of Certificate in International Humanitarian Law

SB. 8.8.1 School of law in association with International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) is developing a Certificate programme in Humanitarian Law. This programme will be launched from July 2010.

SB. 8.8.2 The Board members approved Phase 1 of Certificate in International Humanitarian Law. School Board members felt that as the materials are ready and the South Asia Expert Committee meeting has also been held, the School Board members suggested that to circulate Phase 3 form in this regard for approval.

Item No 8.9: To consider and approve Phase 1 of Certificate in International European Law

SB. 8.9.1 The Chairman explained to the Board Members that in principle, offering of this programme in the last School Board Meeting. After that approval,

a proposal came from Lyon Law School, France to offer this programme in face-to-face full time on campus at IGNOU from July 2010.

SB. 8.9.2 The Board suggested to proceed with the idea after working out the details of curriculum and additional faculty specialized in this area.

Item No8.10: To consider and approve Phase 1 form of Appreciation Course in Right to Information

SB. 8.10.1 The Board members felt that this programme should be offered as non credit course of 3 months instead of 4 credits. Efforts should be made to involve the Central Information Commission (CIC) and Doordarshan for promoting this programme including the financial support.

SB. 8.10.2 The Board approved the Phase I form of Appreciation Course in Right to Information. School Board members felt that as the materials are ready and expert committee meeting has also been held, the School Board members suggested that to circulate Phase 3 form in this regard for approval.

Item No 8.11 to Item No 8.13 **To Consider and approve (a) Phase 1 of Diploma in Cooperation, Cooperative Law, Business Law and Cooperative Management, (b) Phase 1 of Certificate in Cooperation, Cooperative Law and Business Law and (c) Phase 1 of Certificate in cooperative Management**

Prof. K. Elumalai explained about the Phase I of the following three programmes to be offered by School of Law. They are:

1. Diploma in Cooperation, Cooperative Law, Business Law and Cooperative Management
2. Certificate in Cooperation, Cooperative Law and Business Law
3. Certificate in cooperative Management

The Board suggested to offer first the Certificate in Cooperative Law which is ready and later offer other programmes.

SB.8.14. Any Other Items:

- SB 8.14.1** Under any other item, Ms. Gurmeet Kaur offered to develop 'Appreciation Course on Compensation Laws'. The Board informed her to work out complete details and present in the next meeting. The members felt that the matter may be first discussed at the School Council meeting and then placed before the School Board.

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



(Srikrishna Deva Rao)
Director (SOL)