

MINUTES OF THE NINTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES HELD ON 20.9.1993  
AT 11 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, IGNOU  
MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI- 110 068

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Pandav Nayak
2. Prof. Kapil Kumar
3. Prof. S K Singh
4. Dr. Pardeep Sahni
5. Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya
6. Prof. M A Gopinath
7. Prof. A B Bose
8. Prof. B S Saraswat
9. Prof. P K Dutta
10. Dr. S V S Choudhry
11. Mrs. Uma Kanjilal
12. Dr. Swaraj Dasu
13. Dr. T Kapur

→ Dr (Mrs) Jain invited a Sp. Inv.

The following members could not attend the meeting:

1. Prof. K L Krishna
2. Prof. Bipan Chandra

SOSS 9.1.1 At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the 9th meeting of the Board, especially the new members present and in absentia. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the contributions made, and services rendered by all the outgoing members whose term has expired.

SOSS 9.2.1 The minutes of the Eighth meeting of the School Board were confirmed subject to the following:

The letter sent by Prof. Kapil Kumar in response to the circular for confirmation of the minutes through circulation on or before 25th August, 1993 was withdrawn by him in the light of a miscommunication, as explained by him. Subsequently the following amendment was introduced as Item No. (i) at SOSS 8.4.4

The Board approved the proposal on Tourism from History Division.

With this, the original Item No. (i) has been changed to Item No. (ii)

SOSS 9.3.0 As a general point, it is agreed that each proposal sent to the School Board should be accompanied by a short summary for the prior perusal of the members.

SOSS 9.3.1 Following queries/suggestions were made:

(i) The lay-out of the Units can be rearranged as given below in the interest of better clarity:

(a) a distinct module on 'Economics of Tourism' may be created covering all the disparate elements appearing here and there.

(b) the section on 'Planning and Policy' may be shifted to the front, and

(c) it will be useful to have one section on local self government planning which directly impinges on various facets of Tourism.

(ii) Target groups for whom the Courses are to be written should be of comparable levels and they should converge;

(iii) The Course load for the students appears to be on the higher side, considering that it is a Certificate Programme to be done in 6 months time.

(iv) Potentials of audio-video programmes and possibility of having practical projects as an assignment.

Prof. Kapil Kumar of the History discipline offered replies to the above queries and suggestions and assured the Board that the comments and opinions raised will be seriously considered at the time of developing the Courses and before the launching of the Programme. However, practical projects are not being considered for inclusion at the Certificate stage while, given the assurances of the governmental organisations and various travel agencies contacted, there exists tremendous scope for Audio/Video production.

With this, the Board approved the content structure and the delivery strategy as contained in the proposal of the Certificate Programme on Tourism Studies of the History Discipline.

SOSS 9.3.(i)I Following suggestions/queries were made:

- (i) More clarity in the nomenclature/title of the Programme required.
- (ii) Political underpinnings of Public Policy have not received emphasis they deserve.
- (iii) More correspondence to be established between the title and the target groups.
- (iv) A closer examination of demand for the Programme is called for since the package in question appears to be a mix-up of knowledge, skills and understanding; and
- (v) It should be planned as a component of a Master's Programme to be developed later.

After careful consideration of all these points, the Board requested Prof. Mohit Bhattacharya (one of the members) to prepare a proposal recasting this Programme in the light of suggestions, observations, comments etc. made in the course of deliberations. This proposal will be given to Public Administration Discipline for its recommendation before it is taken up for approval by the next Board meeting.

SOSS 9.3(ii) I Following suggestions/queries were made:

- (i) Title/nomenclature of the programme should be more specific and related to the target group/s.
- (ii) Clarity on target groups is required and divergences arising out of different levels of target groups should be removed.

(iii) A serious concern was raised as to whether extension education (like the one in question) can be carried out by a University albeit through a Distance Education mode as in IGNOU. It was suggested that opinion of competent authorities of this University may be sought on this issue before it comes up again before the Board;

(iv) Delivery mechanisms proposed appear inadequate and are likely to cause problems if more care is not taken at this stage. An important suggestion which came up in this connection related to holding of dialogues with the 3 state governments (as in the proposal) for a more realistic appraisal of the delivery requirements including costing of the Programme.

The Board returned the proposal of Sociology Discipline for re-examination in the light of suggestions, queries and comments made. It was desired that the same may come back to the Board for approval after appropriate efforts, as indicated, have been taken in assurance of its feasibility.

SOSS 9.4.1

The Board authorized the Chairman to take the decision on the items to be reported in its behalf.

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

*Pandav Nayak*  
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The following modifications are being introduced to the 9th School Board Meeting of the School of Social Sciences held on 20.9.93 at 11.00 in the Conference Room.

1. Dr.(Mrs.) Shobhita Jain was present in the meeting as a Special Invitee.

2. Ref. SOSS 9.2.1:

Replace "miscommunication, as explained by him" by "clarification offered and discussed".

3. With regard to Item No. 9.3.1, Prof. Kapil Kumar of the History Discipline offered the following replies to the queries raised:

i(a) The Course has a unit on economic impact of tourism and a module on Economics of Tourism will be taken up later as a separate 4/8 credit Course in the Diploma Programme.

i(b) The section on Planning and Policy has been deliberately kept by the Expert Committee in a latter block because unless the learners are made familiar with the concept and components of Tourism, they can't be taught Policy and Planning.

i(c) The role of Local Self Government in promoting Tourism shall be taken care of in the unit on Government Policy and Planning. However, when we move to the Diploma stage, the Expert Committee may consider launching of 4 Credits Course on 'Local Bodies' officials and Tourism Promotion.

4. With regard to item No. 9.3.1 (i), the following is to be added in the beginning:

"The proposal on P.G.Diploma on Public Policy and Administration was approved in principle by the School Board."

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CHAIRMAN