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of

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Held on

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HELD ON 18TH October 2019 AT 11:30 AM IN THE RADHAKRISHNAN BLOCK,
IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The following were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Ravindra Ramchandra Kanhere, Pro-VC | - Member |
| 3. Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-VC | - Member |
| 4. Prof. K.B. Das, Pro-VC | - Member |
| 5. Prof. Sudha Rao, Ex. VC, KSOU | - Member |
| 6. Prof. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Professor, VMOU | - Member |
| 7. Prof. Rajan M. Welukar, Ex. VC, Mumbai University | - Member |
| 8. Prof. Arun Kumar Sinha, Ex. VC, Patna University | - Member |
| 9. Prof. Pardeep Sahni, Professor, SOSS | - Special Invitee |
| 10. Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW | - Member |
| 11. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, COE | - Special Invitee |
| 12. Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA | - Special Invitee |
| 13. Prof. Poornima Mittal, Director, SOS | - Member |
| 14. Prof. T.K. Jena, Director, SOHS | - Member |
| 15. Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Director, SOMS | - Member |
| 16. Prof. S. R. Jha, SOS | - Special Invitee |
| 17. Dr. M. Shanmugam, Director, RSD | - Member |
| 18. Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL | - Member |
| 19. Prof. Neera Singh, Director, SOH | - Member |
| 20. Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS | - Member |
| 21. Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director, SOPVA | - Member |
| 22. Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu, Director, SOE | - Member |
| 23. Prof. S.K. Yadav, Director, SOA | - Member |
| 24. Prof. A.K. Gaba, Director, SOVET | - Member |
| 25. Prof. Nilima Srivastava, Director, SOGDS | - Member |
| 26. Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Director, SOTHSM | - Member |
| 27. Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Director, SOSS | - Member |
| 28. Prof. Nandini Sahu, Director, SOFL | - Member |
| 29. Dr. Heena K. Bijli, Director, SOCE | - Member |
| 30. Dr. V.V. Subrahamanyam, Director, SOCIS | - Member |

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| 31. Dr. Rakhi Sharma, Director, SOET | - Member |
| 32. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Director, SOJNMS | - Member |
| 33. Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Director, SOITS | - Member |
| 34. Dr. R.P. Pandey, Associate Professor, SOTST | - Member |
| 35. Dr. Amiteshwar Ratra, Assistant Professor, STRIDE | - Member |
| 36. Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava, Assistant Professor, SOFL | - Member |
| 37. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD | - Special Invitee |
| 38. Dr. K. Ravi Kanth, Director, EMPC | - Member |
| 39. Dr. V. P. Rupam, DD, SRD | - Special Invitee |
| 40. Dr. Oum Prakash Sharma, Director, NCIDE | - Member |
| 41. Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Director (I/c), SSC | - Member |
| 42. Dr. Hema Pant, Deputy Director, RSD | - Member |
| 43. Dr. Himansu K. Bose, Registrar, SRD | - Member |
| 44. Dr. Anil Shukla, Registrar, SED | - Member |
| 45. Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD | - Member Secretary |

Prof. Satyakam, PVC, IGNOU; Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, VC, Tezpur University; Prof. Kameshwar Nath Singh, VC, U.P.R.T.O.U; Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC; Prof. Avinash Chandra Pandey, Director, IUACA; Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Ex. VC, Bundelkhand University; Prof. Smritikumar Sarkar, Ex. VC, University of Burdwan; Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar; Sh. A.K. Garg, Director, DMRC; Prof. Arvindeakshan Sandram, Ex. VC, MGHAV, wardha; Prof. B.P. Khandelwal, Ex. Chairman, CBSE; Dr. Jagdish Sharma, Director, SOTST; Prof. Anu Aneja, Professor, SOGDS; Prof. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Professor, SOITS; Dr. Gobindaraja Bhardwaza, Associate Professor, SOPVA and Dr. Seema Chandhok, Librarian, L&DD could not attend the meeting.

Dr. Vandana Varma, Asst Director, ACD was present to assist the Member Secretary.

Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, Academic Coordination Division and the Member Secretary of the Academic Council greeted all the members and informed that since last Academic Council on 30th April 2019, there has been one meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee on 17th May 2019 that had considered various academic matters. He then requested the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council for his opening remarks and progress made by University since last Academic Council meeting.

At the outset, the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council welcomed all the members of the Academic Council and put on record University's greetings to Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank ji, Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, for taking over charge of MHRD in the month of May and informed the Council that

ever since taking the charge, Hon'ble HRM has been guiding IGNOU across various spheres.

The Vice Chancellor then expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members of the Council, namely Prof. S.B. Arora, Director (since ret'd.), SOHS; Prof. Swaraj Basu, former Director, SOSS; Prof. Anju Sehgal Gupta, Director (since ret'd.), SOFL; Prof. M.K. Salooja, former Director, SOA; Prof. M.S. Nathawat, former Director, SOS; Prof. Saroj Pandey, former Director, SOE; Prof. Gracious Thomas, Professor, SOSW; Prof. PVK Sasidhar, former Director, SOEDS; Dr. Boyina Rupini, former Director, SOITS; Dr. RSP Singh, former Director, SOVET; Prof. Srilatha, former Registrar (I/c), SRD; Dr. S. G. Swami, former Registrar (I/c), SED; Dr. Rose Nembiakkim, former Director, SOSW; Dr. Seema Johari, former Director, SOPVA; Dr. Sunil Kumar, Associate Professor, SOMS; and Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Asst. Professor, SOTHSM for their valuable contributions in the proceedings of the Academic Council.

The Chairperson of the Council further welcomed the newly appointed members viz., Prof. Gracious Thomas, Director, SOSW; Prof. Poornima Mittal, Director, SOS; Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Director, SOMS; Prof. T.K. Jena, Director, SOHS; Prof. B K Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS; Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Director, SOSS; Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu, Director, SOE; Prof. Neera Singh, Director, SOH; Prof. Nandini Sahu, Director, SOFL; Prof. Sunil Kumar, Director, SOPVA; Prof. S. K. Yadav, Director, SOL; Prof. A K Gaba, Director, SOVET; Dr. Shubhangi Vaidya, Director, SOITS; Dr. Himansu K. Bose, Registrar, SRD and Dr. Anil Shukla, Registrar, SED.

Detailing the progress made by University, the Vice Chancellor informed that since last meeting of Academic Council held on 30th April 2019, several developments have taken place, as under:

1. Three new Pro-Vice Chancellors have joined the University, namely, Prof. R.P. Das, former Vice Chancellor, Berhampur University, Odisha; Prof. Satyakam, Director, School of Humanities, IGNOU; Prof. K. B. Das, former Registrar, and Head of Department, Management & Commerce, Utkal University, Odisha. Besides, Dr. Anil Shukla, Dr. Himansu K. Bose and Shri K. B. Gangwar, have recently joined as Registrar, SED, Registrar, SRD and Finance Officer, respectively. In addition, Dr. Shamim Ahmed has joined as Regional Director, Regional Centre, Srinagar recently.
2. The Secretary and the Joint Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD had convened meetings in MHRD on 10.8.2019 and 6.9.2019, which was also attended by the senior officials of UGC to discuss various issues relating to monitoring of counselling sessions, despatch of study materials, accessibility issues, Samarth Portal, Online programmes etc. The University submitted its actionable plans on the progress of the deliberated issues relating to ODL/Online programmes to the MHRD for August and September separately. As a result of the follow up, the UGC in consultation with MHRD has kept IGNOU out of ambit of UGC (ODL)

Regulations, 2017. The same has been notified vide Gazette notification by UGC. An internal Notification in this regard has also been issued by the University to maintain higher Standards in the Open & Distance learning. This has certainly been a milestone in the history of IGNOU. A separate agenda item in this regard has been placed before the Council.

3. The University has uploaded Institution information for quality assessment document on NAAC (a portal for the purpose of NAAC Accreditation) on 16th October 2019. IGNOU has been the first Open University in the country to do so. The Chairperson completed Prof Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA and the whole team who has been working for this task.
4. The admission figures for the July 2019 cycle crossed 5.40 lacs which was the highest till date. It has achieved the target well past the target set by the MHRD. In the last session i.e. July 2018, the admission figures were 4.40 lakh. The Vice Chancellor appreciated and complemented Director, RSD, Dr. M Shanmugam and his whole team across various Regional Centres who have made sincere efforts to achieve this figure.
5. The University with the concerted efforts of Regional centre staff of Regional Centre, Dehradun, has been able to get land for building the Regional centre. The Vice Chancellor put on record his gratitude to Hon'ble Minister of HRD for his support and RC Dehradun staff for making it possible.
6. The material distribution work of January 2019 was over. The demand for e-material sets has increased from 1.27 lakh sets in January 2019 session to 6.08 lakh sets for July 2019 session. Further, about 14 lakh sets for July 2019 session were also despatched. Around 36 lakh more sets were to be dispatched further. Priority has already been given to the programmes run on semester basis.
7. The structure of the Annual Report for the year 2018-19 of the University has been modified in tune with the seven parameters of NAAC for which the Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts made by Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD and the whole team.
8. The Certificate Programme in Library and Information Science has 26,000 enrolments in Jodhpur and Jaipur Regional Centres. Likewise, Bhubaneswar Regional Centre was also having 5,000 enrolments in the Certificate Programme in Food and Nutrition. The Regional Centre at Khanna has enrolled about 14,000 students in its Diploma Programme in Early Childhood Care and Education. These courses have shown substantial increase in numbers, for which the Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Programme Coordinators and the Regional Directors. The University has been using the services of Gyan Vani, Gyan Darshan, Swayam Prabha, web conferencing etc. to impart the counselling sessions for these programmes. The University has been receiving good response from the

learners. The Academic Council members expressed happiness on the use of technology in counseling.

9. The University has launched B.Voc. Programme in Tourism under CBCS and Certificate in Yoga from July 2019 session. A few more courses were in pipeline to be launched from January 2020 session.
10. Various activities under Swachhata Abhiyaan and the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were also undertaken by the University at headquarters and Regional Centres
11. The University extended the direct benefit transfer under fee waiver scheme to 84,914 learners belonging to SC/ST categories for July 2019 session. This number has shown substantial increase over previous July 2018 session.
12. The University has been handling the students' grievances with utmost priority. As a result of a robust grievance redressal efforts of the Students service Centre and Schools/ Divisions of the University, the number of grievances has reduced substantially to about 3000 only from more than a lakh in the previous year. The Vice Chancellor complemented Dr Bharat Bhushan, Director, SSC and his team for their efforts in this regard.
13. The University has advertised the teaching positions at the level of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor. The applications were being invited online on the portal developed by Samarth and customized for the University.
14. The Vice Chancellor, IGNOU was conferred with Honorary Fellowship by the Commonwealth of Learning at Scotland. The Council members congratulated the Vice Chancellor for receiving such a prestigious international honour.

The Academic Council transacted the following business:

ITEM NO. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th April 2019 and to Note the Action Taken thereon – ACD
AC 73.1.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the 72nd Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 30th April 2019. The Minutes were circulated to all the Members for their comments/observations. No comments were received on the Minutes.</p> <p>The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 72nd meeting of Academic Council was also placed before the Council.</p>
AC 73.1.2	<p>The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30th April 2019 (Annexure 1) and noted the Action taken thereon.</p>

	<i>Action: ACD and concerned Schools /Divisions etc.</i>
ITEM NO. 2	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 17th May 2019 and to Note the Action Taken thereon – ACD.
AC 73.2.1	The Member Secretary informed that subsequent to meeting of the 72 nd meeting of the Academic Council, there has been one meeting (51 st Meeting) of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) that was held on 17 th May 2019. The Minutes 51 st meeting of ACSC were circulated to all the Members of ACSC. No Comments/observations were received on the Minutes.
AC 73.2.2	The Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee contained in its Minutes of the 72 nd Meeting held on 30 th April 2019 (Annexure 2). The Academic Council also noted the action taken on the recommendations of the 51 st Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee. <i>Action: ACD and concerned Schools /Divisions etc.</i>
ITEM NO. 3	To record the decision taken by the University Grants Commission Exempting Indira Gandhi National Open University from the application of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017 – ACD
AC 73.3.1	The member Secretary informed that the University Grants Commission had notified University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 vide which every University, including Indira Gandhi National Open University was required to seek recognition from UGC for offering programmes through distance mode. Accordingly, the University had applied to UGC and the UGC recognized the University for offering various programmes for a period of five years w.e.f. 2018. However, in view of the provisions contained in the IGNOU Act 1985, mandate assigned to the University and difficulties faced by the University in view of certain provisions contained in UGC Regulations 2017, the University had been making regular efforts for keeping IGNOU outside the purview of these UGC Regulations 2017. The Council was informed that as per the decision taken in its 540 th meeting of the Commission held on 9 th April 2019, the University Grants Commission vide gazette Notification brought out UGC

	<p>(ODL) 4th Amendment Regulations 2019, published in the Gazette of India dated 6th June 2019 and decided that "In the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017, - in regulation 1, in sub-regulation (3), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:- "Provided that the University Grants Commission may, by order, exempt the Indira Gandhi National Open University, a university established under the Indira Gandhi National Open University Act, 1985 (50 of 1985), from the application of these regulations, considering the objectives of the said Act."</p> <p>Subsequently, under Clause 12(f)(v) of the said UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017, the University Grants Commission vide Order No. F1-8/2019(DEB-1) dated 9th August 2019 in view of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019 notified by the Gazette of India on 6.6.2019, exempted the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) from the application of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017 and its amendments, from the Academic Session 2019-20 onwards.</p>
AC 73.3.2	<p>The Academic Council noted the decision taken by the University Grants Commission exempting Indira Gandhi National Open University from the application of UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations 2017, as notified vide UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019 published in the Gazette of India dated 6.6.2019, and Commission's Order No. 1-8/2019(DEB-1) dated 9th August 2019 (Annexure 3 and 4, respectively).</p> <p>Action: ACD and concerned Schools /Divisions etc.</p>
ITEM NO. 4	<p>To apprise the Notification on 'Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning – ACD</p>
AC 73.4.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Board of Management at its 135th Meeting held on 19th July, 2019 vide resolution No. BM 135.17.3, and in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 17 of IGNOU Act, 1985 and Clause (3) of Statute 7 of Statutes of the University adopted the Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning. Accordingly, the University has issued Notification No. F.No. IG/ACD/ODL Std./135th BOM/2019/5074, dated 6th September 2019, "NOTIFICATION ON 'STANDARDS FOR</p>

	<p>ACHIEVING EXCELLANCE IN DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING’.</p> <p>He further informed that the notification shall apply to all academic programmes, consistent with the Objects of the University enshrined in the First Schedule of the IGNOU ACT, 1985, offered at the Certificate, Diploma, and Degrees at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels, however, the Research degree programmes will be guided by the relevant Ordinance of the University in this regard.</p> <p>The Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Council apprised the Council about the developments leading to issue of above Notification. He lauded the contributions of those involved in the process of drafting the Ordinance/Notification. He also thanked the Academic Council for its valuable inputs which helped in enriching the Standards for achieving excellence in design, development and delivery of Open and Distance Learning.</p>
AC 73.4.2	<p>The matter was deliberated at length. At the outset the Council put on record its appreciation for the efforts made by the University fraternity for steering the University to new heights, making qualitative changes, and making the University truly learner centric.</p> <p>A few members sought to know the internal regulatory framework and monitoring mechanism at the University level that will ensure the compliance of standards set out in the aforementioned notification.</p>
AC 73.4.3	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council noted the Notification on ‘Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning’ issued by the University (Annexure 5). The Council assured its full cooperation in realizing the goals set out in the notification.</p> <p><i>Action: ACD and concerned Schools /Divisions etc.</i></p>
ITEM NO. 5	To consider the points emerged out of the meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the Directors of Schools on status of fresh enrolment – ACD
AC 73.5.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that with a view to regularly take status of programmes offered by various Schools of Studies and to provide necessary inputs and support for strengthening programme development and delivery, the Vice</p>



Chancellor has been holding regular meetings with the Director and Faculty of various Schools.

The Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Council informed that he had held a meeting with the Directors of Schools on 3rd September 2019 to deliberate upon the status of fresh admission in July 2019 session and other related issues. In the said meetings, as also reflected in the Minutes, the following points emerged:

- a) Eight Schools (SOCE, SOCIS, SOH, SOMS, SOS, SOSS, SOSW and SOTHSM) have registered more than 3000 students. The remaining 13 Schools have registered less than 3000 students.
- b) Out of the 165 programmes in which enrolment was reported, 13 programmes have registered more than 5000 students, 15 programmes have registered more than 1000 students, and 66 programmes have registered less than 100 students. Out of these, ten programmes have less than 10 students. The viability and relevance of such programmes needed to be critically examined by the Schools concerned. The Schools may initiate the review process immediately and place concrete recommendations about such programmes as to their continuance/revision before the appropriate Statutory bodies.
- c) In general, the enrolment figures in Certificate and programmes were low. The share of Certificate Programmes in the overall enrolment has consistently been small. This factor may be considered while proposing new certificate and diploma programmes.
- d) The University Grants Commission has, by its Order dated 9th August 2019 exempted IGNOU from the application of ODL Regulations, 2017. These Schools may use this opportunity to come up with new and innovative programmes.
- e) Some courses of a Programme which has been on offer for more than a decade, still the development process was going on. The Director of the School concerned may ensure immediate completion of the process. In general, the timelines defined for Programme development process must be adhered to.
- f) For programmes having up to 200 students in a particular admission cycle, following strategy may be adopted:
 - Conduct of academic counselling by the School Faculty through Gyan Darshan, Gyan Vani, Gyan Dhara or Online

	<p>platform. A decision to this effect may be taken in the beginning of the session and the students may be informed accordingly. In such cases the study centres shall not organize face to face academic counselling sessions. Also, the School faculty may consider the possibility of evaluating the assignments for such programmes at School level. Note from such Schools be sent to the Competent Authority at the earliest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low enrolment programmes having practical component may be activated only at select Study Centres. • Moderation for low enrolment programmes may be done internally. • Online delivery of question papers has been successfully done for practical examinations of BCA/MCA. The same be extended for all Certificate and Diploma Programmes having low enrolment in phased manner. <p>g. The policy of awarding multiple diplomas under MBA Programme may be reviewed in the light of the fact that a large number of such diplomas are lying unclaimed at SED. The possibility of awarding such diplomas On Demand may be explored.</p> <p>h. The UGC has developed a 'Learning Outcome Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF)'. Schools offering programmes under CBCS may examine the new framework and consider making necessary changes to fit the programmes in the new framework.</p> <p>i. The process of seeking NAAC Accreditation has been initiated by the University. Considering the importance of the activity, all Schools and Divisions may provide the data/information sought without delay.</p> <p>j. The online platform for grievance redress (iGRAM) has been showing pendency at some of the Schools and Divisions. All measures must be taken to monitor the pendency status by the Director.</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting were placed for consideration of the Academic Council.</p>
AC 73.5.2	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council confirmed the points emerged out of the meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the



	<p>Directors of Schools on status of fresh enrolment and approved the action points detailed out in the Minutes of the Meeting (Annexure 6).</p> <p>Action: Action: All Schools of Studies/SRD/SED/RSD/P&DD/MPDD/COE/EMPC</p>
ITEM NO. 6	<p>To consider the Report of the Committee to suggest action plan and implementation strategies towards bringing reforms in the academic and examination systems of the University especially with regard to the programmes having low enrollment – ACD</p>
AC 73.6.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. R R Kanhare, Pro- Vice Chancellor to suggest action plan and implementation strategies towards bringing reforms in the academic and examination systems of the University especially with regard to the programmes having low enrollment. The Committee submitted its Report for the consideration of the Academic Council, a copy of which was placed before the Council for its consideration.</p> <p>The following action plans and implementation strategies have been recommended by the Committee:</p> <p>I. Student Support for Low Enrollment Programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Self Learning Material: In respect of low enrollment certificate and Diploma level programmes, the students will be provided study material in digital format only through electronic means. The Study material so provided should be in effective digital form properly integrating audio/video/multimedia, and in no case scanned copies of Printed SLM. Also, depending upon the available stock of the printed materials in the University warehouse till the stock is exhausted, the students will be given the option to choose between printed SLM and e-content/ digital study material with fee concession as per University norms. In respect of all the Certificate and Diploma programmes which are being developed and are due to be launched, the SLM would be provided only in the digital format/e-content initially, till such time the enrollment reaches to a certain threshold. Counselling Support: The Counselling support for all such

	<p>low enrolment programmes will be provided by the faculty members of the respective Schools directly through Gyandarshan/ Swayamprabha channels/ Radio Counselling/ web support. For practical counselling (where counseling cannot be provided using web support/gyandhara etc), the headquarters or any other designated LSCs will be identified by the School in consultation with RSD.</p> <p>d. Evaluation of Assignments: The Evaluation of assignments of all such programmes may be conducted at the respective Schools with the support of the faculty members.</p> <p>e. All such students of Low enrollment programmes may be informed about provision of e-content/ digital study material, Centralized Counselling / Student Support from headquarters and submission and evaluation of assignments etc at the time of admission itself.</p> <p>f. Students Registration Division and Planning & Development Division will regularly provide the list of Low Enrollment Programmes to the respective Schools of Studies and the Programme Coordinators for information, related follow-up action as well as taking measures for making the SLM in digital format interactive.</p> <p>g. The Students Registration Division (SRD) and respective Schools of Study should take adequate steps to properly advertise the programmes using all means including social media.</p> <p>II. BPP as an Eligibility condition for admission:</p> <p>The Bachelors Preparatory Programme as a substitute to 10+2 will be discontinued forthwith for taking admission in various IGNOU programmes.</p> <p>III. Duration of the Programmes:</p> <p>Uniformity in minimum and maximum duration of the programmes at the respective levels should be maintained as per UGC norms.</p> <p>IV. Pedagogy of offering low enrollment Certificate and Diploma programmes:</p> <p>With the change in Socio-economic-environmental scenario, there is a strong need for paradigm shift in the pedagogy of ODL programmes. The respective Schools may be requested</p>
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	<p>to revisit such low enrollment certificate / diploma programmes for revising/updating/upgrading such programmes and bringing about pedagogical changes judiciously so that these programmes can generate a minimum threshold of self sustainability.</p> <p>V. Online interventions in submission and evaluation of assignments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There was a need for developing a robust system of handling Assignments electronically. The University may go for a Question bank so that a number of assignments are generated and each student provided a separate assignment. The Assignments can be received through online mode, checked for plagiarism and then evaluated digitally. This will help in smooth and timely evaluation of assignments. In the first phase, the online submission of assignments for all such low enrolment programmes along with programmes of SOCIS (BCA/MCA/CIT) may be initiated. The COE will develop the Learning Management System (LMS) or any other related platform which will facilitate online submission of assignment, plagiarism test and online evaluation by the faculty members as well as approved and empanelled academic counsellors. In the second phase, this system may be adopted for all the certificate, diploma, UG and PG programmes. <p>VI. Digital Delivery of question papers and On Screen Marking of Answer Scripts: The Committee noted that the University has successfully completed Digital Delivery of Question papers (Encrypted Question Papers) for Practical examinations in July 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In a phased manner, Digital Delivery of Question Papers (Encrypted Question papers) may be started for theory examinations also from TEE December 2019. The programmes/ courses and other related administrative factors may be decided by SED. On Screen marking of Answer Scripts is already implemented at few University which is leading to a smooth process of evaluation and result declaration is less time consuming. The University may therefore start On Screen Marking of Answer
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	<p>scripts on a pilot basis from TEE December 2019 in a few selective programmes and depending upon its success, further steps may be taken by SED.</p> <p>c. The registration in examination of common Foundation courses (non CBCS BDP) is maximum as compared to other courses in different programmes. Hence, examination of Common Foundation courses may be conducted through OMR sheet.</p>
AC 73.6.2	<p>The matter was discussed in detail. The Council agreed with the recommendations of the Committee. The Council also suggested that there was a need for a proper research study for finding out factors, both internal as well as external, for consistently low enrollment in some programmes. It was also suggested that all the web based support should be made available to a learner on one single platform so that the learner need not browse a number of portals for seeking counseling/ submission of assignment etc. The Council also suggested that wherever there was a possibility and with proper need analysis, some Life Enrichment and Certificate level programmes may be revised and upgraded to Diploma level programmes.</p> <p>Director, SOHS pointed out that since in case of SOHS programmes, a majority of admissions take place offline, therefore, the enrollment figures, which are high, needed to be corrected.</p>
AC 73.6.3	<p>After detailed deliberations, and with above suggestions, the Academic Council accepted the recommendations of the Committee as contained in its Report (Annexure 7).</p> <p>Action: All Schools of Studies/SRD/SED/RSD/P&DD/MPDD/COE/EMPC</p>
ITEM NO. 7	To consider the Minutes of the meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the Directors of SOET, SOVET and SOPVA – ACD
AC 73.7.1	The Item was taken up with the Item No. 5 and 6 above.
AC 73.7.2	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council noted the points emerged out of the meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the faculty of SOVET, SOPVA and SOET regarding status of programmes offered by these Schools of Studies especially those having low

	<p>students enrolment. The Council decided that the decision/action points as detailed out vide Item No. 73.5 and 73.6, above would be applicable in the instant matter also. A notification detailing actionable points (emanating from Items AC 73.5, 73.6 and 73.7) be issued for compliance by the concerned.</p> <p><i>Action: Concerned Schools of Studies/SRD/SED/RSD/P&DD/MPDD/COE/EMPC</i></p>
ITEM NO. 8	To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Equivalence Committee at its 12th Meeting held on 28th May 2019 - SRD
AC 73.8.1	The Member Secretary informed the Council that the Equivalence Committee constituted under Ordinance 5 on Recognition of Examinations/Degrees (Under Section 5 (1) (xiii) of the Act) has made certain recommendations in its 12 th meeting held on 28.05.2019 on recognition/acceptance or otherwise of the certificates of other Institutions for the purpose of academic pursuit in IGNOU. The recommendations of the Committee, as contained in its Report, were placed before the Council for consideration.
AC 73.8.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee made in its 12th meeting held on 28.05.2019 (Annexure 8).</p> <p><i>Action: Student Registration Division (SRD)</i></p>
ITEM NO. 9	To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the revised eligibility criteria for admission to Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication – SOJNMS
AC 73.9.1	The Member Secretary informed that the School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJNMS) has informed that in view of several requests received from the stakeholders for exemption of two years' work experience in media industry/teaching from the eligibility criteria for admission in Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (PGJMC) and make it open to fresh graduates, with approval of the School Board of School of Journalism and Mass Communications in its 17 th meeting held on 11 October 2017, and the Vice Chancellor, the eligibility for admission to PGJMC has been revised by exempting two years' work experience in media industry/teaching from the eligibility



	criteria for admission. Vide notification No.IG/SRD/R-V/Notif/2019/1194 dated 24 th September 2019 of SRD, the revised eligibility has been made effective from the July 2019 cycle.
AC 73.9.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the revised eligibility criteria for admission to Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism and Mass Communication (PGJMC) by exempting the two years' work experience in media industry/teaching from the eligibility criteria for admission in PGJMC and make it open to fresh graduates from July 2019 cycle onwards.</p> <p><i>Action: School of Journalism & New Media Studies</i></p>
ITEM NO. 10	To consider the letter received from the University Grants Commission (No. F-14-1/2017 (CPP-II), dated 9th February, 2018) on adoption of Modules on Consumer Studies as an elective course in the syllabi and to conduct faculty development programme for the faculty members teaching this module - ACD
AC 73.10.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that the University Grant Commission vide letter No. F-14-1/2017 (CPP-II) forwarded a letter of Indian Institute of Public Administration dated 11th September 2019 requesting therewith inclusion of modules on consumer studies as an elective course in the universities/colleges syllabi. The UGC further informed that the course module for Consumer Affairs at Under Graduate level as an elective course in any discipline has been prepared by the Expert Committee of UGC and uploaded on the UGC website and requested that this Module may be offered as an elective for students of any Discipline.</p> <p>The UGC has further requested that Universities may conduct faculty development programmes for the faculty members teaching this module.</p>
AC 73.10.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council agreed to the proposal of UGC (Annexure 9) and directed the Schools to follow the recommendation of the UGC on adoption of Modules on Consumer Studies as an elective course in the syllabi wherever necessary and to conduct faculty development programme for the faculty members teaching this module.</p> <p><i>Action: All Schools of Studies, STRIDE</i></p>

ITEM NO. 11	To ratify the decision taken by the University in deciding the Fees for B.A (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management (BAVTM) Programme under CBCS Scheme launched w.e.f. July 2019 session- SOTHSM
AC 73.11.1	The Director, SOTHSM informed the Council that with the approval of the Vice Chancellor, BA (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management (BAVTM) Programme, a three year Degree Programme under CBCS scheme of the University, has been launched from July, 2019 session. The Programme Fee has been kept Rs. 4000/- per year as per costing table calculated by Planning & Development Division. The Programme Proposal form (PPF) has been approved by Academic Programme Committee in its 54 th meeting APC (54.7), dated 15 th March 2018 and Programme Development Form and PPR and Programme Structure has been approved by ACSC in its 48 th meeting held on 14 th January 2019 and 71 st Meeting of Academic Council held on 22 nd January 2019.
AC 73.11.2	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council ratified the action taken by the University in launch of B.A (Vocational studies) Tourism Management (BAVTM) Programme under CBCS Scheme and programme fee Rs.4000/- per year. Action: SOTHSM, SRD
ITEM NO. 12	To consider and approve course structure and syllabi of BA General & Honours courses (5th and 6th Semester) of B.A English – SOH
AC 73.12.1	The Member Secretary informed the Council that the 59 th School Board of the School of Humanities held on 9 th August, 2019 approved the proposed syllabi of B.A. General and Honours courses of B.A English (5 th & 6 th Semester). The Expert Committee meeting of English held on 1 st August 2019 finalized the syllabi of B.A. General & Honours courses of BA (English) under CBCS Scheme.
AC 73.12.2	The Academic Council approved the course structure and syllabi of BA General & Honours courses (5 th and 6 th Semester) of B.A English subject to clearance by CBCS Committee. Action: SOH
ITEM NO. 13	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for major revision of the existing Course entitled



	'Indian Economic Policy' (MEC – 105), a compulsory Course of MA Economics Programme (Part – 1) – SOSS
AC 73.13.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that MEC-105 course entitled 'Indian Economic Policy', a compulsory course of M.A. Economics (Part-1) Programme was designed and developed in the year of 2010-11 and has been on offer since 1st January 2012. The course contained the information and data till the year 2011-12. Since 2012 a lot of events and developments have taken place in the various sectors of Indian Economy and various policy measures have been initiated. The new data on employment and unemployment, poverty, social sector, etc. have been released by various rounds of NSSO. The faculty, Discipline of Economics has felt a need to revise this course so that students could be apprised of the current issues, events and developments of the Indian Economy.</p> <p>The Expert Committee in its Meeting held on 28th June 2019 finalized the revised course structure and the same has been approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences in its 72nd Meeting held on 30th August 2019.</p>
AC 73.13.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for major revision of the existing Course entitled 'Indian Economic Policy' (MEC – 105), a compulsory Course of MA Economics Programme (Part – 1). It also put on record its appreciation to the Faculty for undertaking the revision of Post Graduate Degree programme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOSS</p>
ITEM NO. 14	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) for the generic elective course "Disability, Society & Culture" proposed to be offered in the B.A. Programme (CBCS) – SOITS
AC 73.14.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies has proposed the development of a generic elective Course (Disability, Society & Culture) to be offered to learners enrolled in the B.A. Programme under the Choice Based Credit Scheme. The Course being interdisciplinary in nature may be opted by learners enrolled in any of the disciplines offered in the programme. The programme proposal form (PPF) was approved by the School Board of SOITS</p>



	in its 25 th Meeting held on 25 th January, 2019 and by the Academic Programme Committee (APC) in its 57 th Meeting held on 16 th April, 2019. The course outline has been prepared by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 5 th July 2019 and approved by the School Board of SOITS in its 26 th Meeting dated 26 th July, 2019.
AC 73.14.2	The matter was discussed in detail. The Council opined that the University should be cautious in designing such courses and only after a proper need analysis, employability, likely enrolment etc., the development of a course should be initiated. The availability of expertise within the School as well as related other factors such as availability of Academic Counsellors etc should also be explored first. It would be appropriate that this course is offered through SWAYAM platform.
AC 73.14.3	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council decided to refer the proposal to the CBCS Committee. <i>Action: SOITS</i>
ITEM NO. 15	To consider and approve the revised Course Structures of the Core Course (BHIC 104): Social Formations and Cultural patterns of the Medieval World, and Core Course (BHIC 107): History of India – IV (c.1206-1550) of CBCS based BA (Honors) History- SOSS
AC 73.15.1	The Member Secretary informed the Council that the School of Social Sciences, Discipline of History has submitted the course structures (modified) of the following Courses for consideration of the Council: (i) Core Course (BHIC 104): Social Formations and Cultural patterns of the Medieval World (ii) Core Course (BHIC 107): History of India – IV (c.1206-1550) The course structure has been approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences in its 72 nd Meeting held on 30 th August 2019 vide item no. SB.72.8.
AC 73.15.2	After deliberations, the Academic Council approved the revised Course Structures of (i) Core Course (BHIC 104): Social Formations and Cultural patterns of the Medieval World; and, (ii) Core Course (BHIC 107): History of India – IV (c.1206-1550) of CBCS based BA



	(Honors) History. <i>Action: SOSS</i>
ITEM NO. 16	To consider and approve the revised Course Structures of the History Discipline Specific Course of the BA General Programme under CBCS – SOSS
AC 73.16.1	The Member Secretary informed the Council that the Discipline of History, School of Social Sciences has submitted the course structures (modified) of the discipline specific Course (BHIC 133): History of India (from c. 1206-1707). The course structure has been approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences in its 72 nd Meeting held on 30 th August 2019 (SB.72.9).
AC 73.16.2	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the revised Course Structures of the Discipline Specific Course (BHIC 133): History of India (from c. 1206-1707) of the BA General Programme under CBCS. <i>Action: SOSS</i>
ITEM NO. 17	To consider and approve Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Bachelor of Social work (BSW) revised version – SOSW
AC 73.17.1	The Member Secretary informed the Council that the ACSC during its 72 nd meeting held on April 30, 2019 suggested the launching of the revised BSW programme with 132 credits instead of 96 credits. The Director, SOSW informed that in the revised version, one new course on research methods in social work has been added and elective courses included as compulsory courses in order to make the programme worth 132 Credits. Keeping in view the UGC criteria for Social Work curriculum with about 40 percent weightage for practicum, necessary modifications have been made in the course structure. The PRF form has been approved by the School Board members through circulation. The School has got the materials translated and proposed to launch the same with effect from July 2020 academic session.
AC 73.17.2	After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Bachelor of Social work (BSW) revised version under CBCS scheme. The Council also decided that the School will submit the course structure including an outline of practicum as well as project work to ACD for records. The



	<p>programme be launched from January 2020 session.</p> <p>Action: SOSW</p>
ITEM NO. 18	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form for major revision of MTTM 15 course of the MTTM programme – SOTHSM
AC 73.18.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that there was a proposal for revision of MTTM 15 'Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Expositions' one of the courses of the Master of Tourism & Travel Management (MTTM) programme of the School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM). Subsequent to approvals for revision of MTTM 15 course and names of experts in the 20th and the 22nd respective meetings of the School Board, the Expert Committee had finalized the structure of the said course in a meeting held on 15th March 2019 and also recommended the change in the course title from the existing 'Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Expositions' to 'MICE Management'. The Phase Zero form for Major Revision of the MTTM 15 course of the MTTM programme was approved by the School Board in its 24th meeting held on 3rd May 2019 and subsequently, the School has submitted the Programme Revision Form for consideration of the Council.</p>
AC 73.18.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the Programme Revision Form for major revision of MTTM 15 course of the MTTM programme.</p> <p>Action: SOTHSM</p>
ITEM NO. 19	To consider and approve Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law - SOL
AC 73.19.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that the Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law (PGCCL) was launched in the year July, 2008 and was due for revision. Programme Revision Form (PRF) for Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law along with course curriculum was approved by the 20th School Board in its meeting held on 30th August 2019.</p>
AC 73.19.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for revision of Post Graduate Certificate in Cyber Law alongwith Course Structure subject to condition that the School should take necessary steps to increase</p>

	<p>the enrollment of the programme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOL</p>
ITEM NO. 20	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD) – SOCIS
AC 73.20.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that a proposal has been received from School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) seeking approval of the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) of Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD).</p> <p>The Programme Coordinator submitted that the erstwhile Phase – 1 form (PPF) for Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD) was approved by the 47th School Board of School of Computer and Information Sciences (SOCIS) and the Academic Programme Committee (APC) at its 54th meeting. Subsequently, the Programme Expert Committee meeting was held on 22nd November 2018 whose Minutes have been approved by the School Board of SOCIS at its 49th meeting.</p> <p>The School Board of SOCIS in its 50th meeting held on September 26, 2019 considered and approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the programme Project Report (PPR) of Diploma in Mobile Application Development (DMAD). Consent from EMPC, MPDD, SRD, RSD, SED and IUC have been taken.</p> <p>An expenditure sheet that was likely to be incurred on the programme development and launch was also circulated by the School.</p>
AC 73.20.2	<p>The Council observed that the programme was being developed under joint collaboration with Commonwealth of Learning. Out of 7 Courses, 2 courses were developed by IGNOU, while Open University of Tanzania and Open University of Sri Lanka have developed 1 and 2 courses, respectively. The Council opined that since the programme involved a number of Countries, it may be required to seek clearance from Ministry of External Affairs before proceeding further.</p> <p>The Council also observed that the cost involved in programme development was also too high. The minimum and maximum duration of the Certificate level programme do not correspond to</p>

	the guidelines of the University.
AC 73.20.3	After detailed discussion, and with above observations, the Council referred the proposal back to the School Board for reconsideration. Action: SOCIS
ITEM NO. 21	To consider the status of CBCS Implementation in the University – SRD
AC 73.21.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the Council in its 69th meeting held on 18th April, 2018 had decided that the CBCS would be implemented in IGNOU with effect from Academic Session beginning July 2019. As per the status received from the CBCS Committee of the University, the following programmes have been launched with effect from July 2019 session under CBCS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor of Arts 2. Bachelor of Commerce 3. Bachelor of Sciences, and 4. Bachelor of Arts (Vocational Studies) Tourism Management <p>The above programmes have a total Credit load of 132 credits evenly spread through six semesters (22 credits each) as per template and guidelines provided by UGC.</p>
AC 73.21.2	The matter was discussed in detail. The Chairperson while appreciating the launch of above mentioned programmes, pointed out that in respect of Honours Degree programme, a few Disciplines who had earlier promised to launch the programmes w.e.f. July 2019/January 2020 session have sought to postpone the launch date. Since a lot of financial as well as manpower resource has gone into programme development, it would not be proper to delay the launch of programme, which would deprive the prospective learners from pursuing these programmes.
AC 73.21.3	After detailed deliberation and with above observations, the Council noted the status report on implementation of the CBCS based programmes in the University (Annexure 10). Action: SRD and concerned Schools of Studies
ITEM NO. 22	To consider and approve the Introduction of a New Course in the Certificate in Tourism Studies (CTS) Programme -

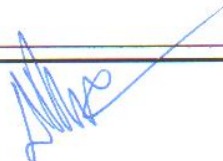


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AC 73.22.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Council that the School of Tourism & Hospitality Services Management has submitted that Certificate in Tourism Studies (CTS) Programme was being launched as an online programme from January 2020. The proposal to launch CTS programme online was approved in the School Board and also placed in the Academic Council’s Standing Committee.</p> <p>As informed by the Director (COE), Online Certificate Programme must be of 20 Credits as per UGC Swayam norms. The present CTS Programme offered through ODL was of 16 credits only (02 courses of 08 credits each) as given below:</p> <table><tr><td>Course</td><td>Title</td><td>Credits</td></tr><tr><td>TS 1</td><td>Foundation Course in Tourism</td><td>08 credits</td></tr><tr><td>TS 2</td><td>Tourism Development: Products, Operations and Case Studies</td><td>08 credits</td></tr></table> <p>Therefore, The School has proposed that a ‘Dissertation’ may be introduced as Course # 03 which will be of 04 credits. This proposal was placed before the experts committee meeting held on 10th October, 19 and approved by it. The same proposal along with Programme Revision Form (PRF) was placed before the 25th School Board Meeting held on 14th October, 19 and approved.</p>	Course	Title	Credits	TS 1	Foundation Course in Tourism	08 credits	TS 2	Tourism Development: Products, Operations and Case Studies	08 credits
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AC 73.22.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the proposal of SOTHSM for introducing one new course of 04 credits titled “Dissertation” along with the Programme Revision Form (PRF) in the Certificate in Tourism Studies (CTS) Programme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOTHSM</p>									
ITEM NO. 23	To consider and approve the Programme Revision Form (PRF) of Ph.D. in Extension and Development Studies to Ph.D. in Development Studies – SOEDS									
AC 73.23.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the School of Extension and Development Studies has submitted the Programme Revision Form (PRF) for revision in the title of their PhD programme from Ph.D. in Extension and Development Studies to Ph.D. in Development Studies. The same has been approved by 23rd Meeting of the School Board of SOEDS held on 25.2.2019.</p>									

AC 73.23.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the proposal and PRF of SOEDS for revision of PhD title from Ph.D. in Extension and Development Studies to Ph.D. in Development Studies.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOEDS</p>
ITEM NO. 24	To consider and approve the Course structure of BPCC 111, BPCC 113 and BA (Hons.) and BPCG 176 BA General course in the Discipline of Psychology – SOSS
AC 73.24.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that the School of Social Sciences, Discipline of Psychology has submitted the course structure of BPCC 111, BPCC 113 under BA (Hons) Psychology and BPCG 176 under BA (General) course under CBCS Scheme. The same has been approved by the School Board of the School of Social Sciences in the 72nd Meeting of the School Board.</p>
AC 73.24.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the Course structure of BPCC 111, BPCC 113 under BA (Hons) and BPCG 176 under BA (General) course in the discipline of Psychology subject to adherence of CBCS norms of the University.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOSS</p>
Item No. 25	To report the submission of IIQA application of IGNOU for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC - CIQA
AC 73.25.1	<p>The Chairperson informed the Academic Council that the University is in the process of seeking Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC. The necessary activities are being carried out by the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance and various Schools and Divisions of the University. Self Study report is in the process of finalization. Prior to submission of Self Study Report, as a pre-requisite, the University has submitted the Institutional Information for Quality Assessment (IIQA) application to NAAC online. He requested the Schools and Divisions to give priority to the NAAC activity being time bound.</p>
AC 73.25.2	<p>The Academic Council noted the submission of IIQA application of IGNOU for Assessment and Accreditation by NAAC.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: CIQA/All the Schools /Divisions/Centres etc.</p>
Item No. 26	To consider the proposal for award of Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates to eligible students who have completed their programme during December 2018 and June 2019 Term

	End Examinations, in 33rd Convocation of the University – SED
AC 73.26.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Standing Committee that the Statute 21 of the IGNOU Act 1985 on Convocation provides that:</p> <p>“The Convocation of the University for conferring of degrees or diplomas or for other purposes may be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the Ordinance.”</p> <p>As per Ordinance on the Convocation, the Convocation for the purpose of conferring degrees/ diplomas shall ordinarily be held once a year at Delhi or at such Regional Centre(s), and on such date(s), as may be decided by the Vice Chancellor.</p> <p>Clause 5 of Ordinance on the Convocation under Statute 21 of the IGNOU Act, also provides as under:-</p> <p>“The students who have passed their examinations in the year for which the convocation is held shall be eligible to be admitted to the convocation:”</p> <p>Accordingly, about 1,98,972 students who have completed their Ph.D./M.Phil./Masters degree/Bachelor’s degree/ Diploma/ Certificate programmes in Term End Examinations held during December 2018 and June 2019 would be eligible for award of Degrees/Diplomas in 32nd Convocation.</p>
AC 73.26.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to the eligible students as per list enclosed at Annexure 11. The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the inclusion of the names of any other students who would be eligible for award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees subsequent to the current meeting of the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SED</p>
Item No. 27	To ratify the Notifications issued by Students Evaluation Division (SED) for the award of Ph.D./M.Phil. Degrees – SED
AC 73.27.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that on the recommendations of the External Evaluators and the Board of Examiners and as per the decision of the Academic Council, notifications in respect of sixty five (65) students (08 M.Phil. and 57 Ph.D.) for award of Ph.D./M.Phil. Degrees in various Disciplines across the Schools have been issued by the Students Evaluation Division (SED) with</p>


	<p>the approval of the Vice Chancellor.</p> <p>Clause 12 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes inter-alia envisages that</p> <p>"A student shall be awarded the M.Phil/Ph.D Degree, with the approval of the Academic Council, provided that the corresponding evaluation report given by the Examiners is satisfactory".</p> <p>The Academic Council at its 64th Meeting held on 10th July, 2015 had approved to issue Notifications to M.Phil/Ph.D. students on successful completion of their viva voce examination with the approval of the Vice Chancellor in order to mitigate the hardship faced by the students (AC 64.21.1).</p>
AC 73.27.2	<p>The Academic Council ratified the notification issued by the University for the award of Ph.D. Degrees to 57 students and M.Phil. degrees to 08 students (total 65 students) as per list enclosed as Annexure 12.</p> <p>The Council also authorized the Vice Chancellor to approve the issuing of notification and inclusion of the names in 33rd Convocation of any other students who would be eligible for award of M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees subsequent to the current meeting of the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Students Evaluation Division</p>
Item No. 28	To Consider the Rationalization of Academic programmes fee to be effective from January 2020 admission cycle- P&DD
AC 73.28.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that as per the direction of Academic Council, the academic programme fee is revised every alternate year on the recommendation of a Committee constituted for the purpose. Latest fee revision was implemented from January 2018 admission cycle. A Committee was constituted in June 2019 to deliberate and recommend revision of programme fee with rationalization to be effective from July 2019. The recommendations of the Committee were also placed before the Council.</p>
AC 73.28.2	<p>The matter was discussed in detail and various suggestions/comments were received. After detailed deliberations the Council decided:</p>



	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The rationalized fee structure to be made effective from January 2010 session as per list enclosed as (Annexure 13).2. For those programmes where fee has been reduced, it will be effective for three sessions viz. January 2020, July 2020 and January 2021 sessions. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SRD, P&DD</p>
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A vote of thanks to the Chair was endorsed by the Council at the end of the meeting.


31/10/19


(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairperson 31/10/19