

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY SEVENTH MEETING

of

THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Held on

28th December, 2021



INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY

MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068

IGNOU**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH DECEMBER AT 11:00 AM IN THE RADHAKRISHNAN BLOCK, IGNOU, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110 068.**

The meeting was convened through blended mode using both online as well as offline modes. The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU | - | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-VC, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. Satyakam, Pro-VC, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-VC, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-VC, IGNOU | - | Member |
| 6. | Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, VC, Tripura University | - | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey , VC, Vikram University | - | Member |
| 8. | Prof. T.V. Kattimani, VC, CTUAP | - | Member |
| 9. | Prof. K.N.S. Yadav, Former VC, UPRTOU | - | Member |
| 10. | Prof. N.C. Gautam, VC, MGCGV | - | Member |
| 11. | Prof. Ramesh Chandra, Ex. VC, Bundelkhand University | - | Member |
| 12. | Prof. Sanjay Kumar (Satyarthri), Principal, Daman College- | - | Member |
| 13. | Prof. M. Krishnana, VC, MKU | - | Member |
| 14. | Prof. M.B. Shukla, Professor (Retd.), M.G. K Vidyapeeth | - | Member |
| 15. | Sh. Anil Kumar Jain, Chief Executive Officer, NIXI | - | Member |
| 16. | Prof. S. K. Panda, Director, STRIDE | - | Special Invitee |
| 17. | Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director, RSD & EMPC | - | Member |
| 18. | Prof. Pity Koul, Director, SOHS | - | Member |
| 19. | Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA | - | Special Invitee |
| 20. | Prof. Sujatha Varma, Director, SOS | - | Member |
| 21. | Prof. K. Ravi Sankar, Director, SOMS | - | Member |
| 22. | Prof. Neera Kapoor, Professor, SOS | - | Member |
| 23. | Prof. S. R. Jha, Professor, SOS | - | Special Invitee |
| 24. | Prof. Uma Medury, Professor, SOSS | - | Member |
| 25. | Prof. Ashish Agarwal, Director, SOET | - | Member |
| 26. | Prof. B.K. Pattanaik, Director, SOEDS | - | Member |

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| 27. Prof. R. P. Singh, Director, SOCE | - | Member |
| 28. Prof. D. Venkateshwarlu, Director, SOE | - | Member |
| 29. Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, P&DD | - | Special Invitee |
| 30. Prof. R. P. Pandey, Director, SOTST | - | Member |
| 31. Prof. S.K. Yadav, Director, SOA | - | Member |
| 32. Prof. A.K. Gaba, Director, SOVET | - | Member |
| 33. Prof. Himadri Roy, Director, SOGDS | - | Member |
| 34. Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Director, ID | - | Member |
| 35. Prof. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Director, SOFL | - | Member |
| 36. Prof. Rashmi Sinha, Director, SOSS | - | Member |
| 37. Prof. Parmod Kumar, Professor, SOITS | - | Member |
| 38. Prof. Rose Nembiakkim, Director, SOSW | - | Member |
| 39. Prof. P. V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS | - | Member |
| 40. Prof. V. V. Subrahmanyam, Director, COE | - | Member |
| 41. Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, SOITS | - | Member |
| 42. Prof. Paramita Suklabaidya, Director, SOTHSM | - | Member |
| 43. Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Director, SOL | - | Member |
| 44. Dr. O.P. Dewal, Director, SOJNMS | - | Member |
| 45. Dr. Govindaraju Bharadwaza, Director, SOPVA | - | Member |
| 46. Dr. K. S. Arul Selvam, Associate Professor, SOJNMS | - | Member |
| 47. Dr. Sanjay Agarwal, Associate Professor, SOET | - | Member |
| 48. Dr. Reeta Devi, Assistant Professor, SOHS | - | Member |
| 49. Dr. Gaurav Singh, Assistant Professor, SOE | - | Member |
| 50. Dr. Mansi Sharma, Assistant Professor, SOL | - | Member |
| 51. Dr. V. K. Jagajeevan, Librarian, L&DD | - | Member |
| 52. Dr. B. Sukumar, Regional Director, RC-Trivandrum | - | Member |
| 53. Dr. Siran Mukerji, Deputy Director, Noida | - | Member |
| 54. Sh. V. B. Negi, Registrar, SED | - | Member |
| 55. Dr. Himansu K. Bose, Registrar, SRD | - | Member |
| 56. Dr. V. P. Rupam, Deputy Director, SRD | - | Member |
| 57. Dr. Dev Kant Rao, Director, ACD | - | Member Secretary |



Prof. Saroj Agrawal, Professor of Chemistry (Retd.); Prof. Kandarpa Das, VC, KKHSOU; Prof. H. Venkateshwarlu, VC, Central Univ. of Kerala and Prof. Kuldip Chand Agnihotri, VC, Central Univ. of Himachal Pradesh, external members of the Academic Council and Prof. Malati Mathur, Director, SOH, internal member of the Academic Council 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 last Academic Council meeting was conducted offline on April 09, 2021. Since then, three meetings of Academic Council's Standing Committee were convened, first on 16th April 2021, second on 10th December 2021 and third on 23rd December 2021 wherein more than 100 agenda items relating to programme development, their launch, fee revision and other related academic matters were considered. He then requested the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council for his opening remarks and progress made by the University since the last Academic Council meeting.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council, welcomed all the members of the Academic Council including the Special Invitees viz. Prof. SK Panda, Director, STRIDE; Prof. Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA; Prof. S. R. Jha, SOS; and Dr. Pankaj Khare, Director, Pⅅ and newly joined members of the Academic Council viz. Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Director, RSD & EMPC; Prof. P. V. Suresh, Director, SOCIS; Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Director, ID; Prof. Paramita Suklabaidya, Director, SOTHSM; Prof. Sunil Kumar Gupta, Director, SOFL; Dr. Suneet Kashyap, Director, SOL; Dr. V. K. Jagajeevan, Librarian, L&DD, and Prof. V. V. Subrahmanyam, Director, COE.

The Vice Chancellor then expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members of the Council, namely Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Director, COE; Late Prof. B. B. Khanna, Director, International Division; Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam, Director, SOCIS; Prof. K. Elumalai, Director, SOL; Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Director, SOTHSM; Prof. Nandini Sahu, Director, SOFL; Dr. Seema Chandhok, Librarian, Lⅅ Dr. M. Shanmugam, Director, RSD; and Prof. Anjali Ramteke for sparing their valuable time in transaction of Academic Council.

Afterwards, the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council apprised the Academic Council about the developments that took place after the last meeting of Academic Council. He informed that the fresh enrolment in July session has increased to about 5.35 lacs in comparison to last years' 5.08 lacs enrolment. There has also been an increase in the number of re-registered students. Online programmes offered by the University have increased from 16 in July 2021 to 31 in January 2022. The University launched 10 new programmes in July 2021 session including post graduate level programmes in Sanskrit, Urdu, and Jyotish disciplines and in addition 6-7 programmes would be launched from January, 2022 session. The Chairperson

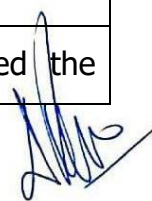
appreciated the Teaching and Academic fraternity of the University for working non-stop for progress of the University even during Covid upsurge. He also appreciated sincere efforts put by the CIQA and Schools of Studies in implementation of NEP 2020 with focus on introduction/launching of multi-disciplinary programmes. He informed that there were many Schools like School of Agriculture, School of Law, School of Engineering and Technology, School of Inter-disciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies, and School of Vocational Education and Training and School of Foreign language who were in process of launching programmes with multi-disciplinary approach. At Under Graduate level, many Skill oriented optional courses in the field of Agriculture, Music, Engineering, Vocational etc. have been introduced for Skill enhancement of the students. A provision of exit option has been created in almost all the Post Graduate programmes offered by the University in view of NEP 2020. AICTE has approved MBA and MCA programmes of the University for both ODL and online modes. The University has started Alumni interaction on Samarth portal through which around 18 thousand Alumni have already enrolled in 4 months. The University has been trying to translate its course material and reach to a large number of students. The e-vidyabharati proposal of Ministry of External Affairs was being processed for internationalization of Education in African Region. The University has made sincere efforts in contextualizing the fee waiver scheme and Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have been approached by the University for financial support for an increased participation of SC/ST students. The Ministry of Education has assigned major responsibility to IGNOU towards implementation of New Education Policy 2020 for increasing the GER and also providing distance and online education at affordable cost to large segment of the Society. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has collaborated with IGNOU as a Knowledge Partner for capacity building of District and State level officials under the World bank Project SANKALP. The responsibility of providing training to around 15 lakh University and College Teachers has also been assigned to IGNOU by Ministry of Education.

After Opening remarks of the Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Academic Council, the Academic Council transacted the following business:

ITEM NO. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the 76th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 09th April 2021 and to note the action taken thereon – ACD
AC 77.1.1	The Member Secretary informed that the 76 th Meeting of the Academic Council was held on 09 th April 2021. The Minutes were circulated to all the members for their comments/observations. No comments have been received on the Minutes. The Action taken Report was also placed before the Council.



AC 77.1.2	<p>The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of the 76th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 09th April 2021 (Annexure 77.1) and noted the action taken thereon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: ACD</p>
ITEM NO. 2	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 16th April 2021 – ACD
AC 77.2.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the 53rd Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) was held on 16th April 2021. The Minutes were circulated to all the Members of the Standing Committee and no comments have been received on the same. The Minutes have been confirmed and the action taken thereon has been noted by the Academic Council's Standing Committee in its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021.</p> <p>All the decisions of 53rd meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee have been implemented.</p>
AC 77.2.2	<p>The Academic Council approved the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 16th April 2021 (Annexure 77.2).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: ACD</p>
ITEM NO. 3	To consider and approve the Minutes the 54th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 10th December 2021 – ACD
AC 77.3.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the 54th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) was held on 10th December, 2021. The Minutes were circulated to all the members of the Standing Committee and no comments were received on the same. The implementation of the decisions of 54th meeting of Academic Council's Standing Committee was in process and the action taken on the decisions of the said meeting would be reported in the forthcoming meeting(s) of Academic Council Standing Committee/ Academic Council.</p> <p>In addition, a few Policy matters recommended by the 54th ACSC were placed for consideration of the Academic Council.</p>
AC 77.3.1	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the



	Minutes of the 54 th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 10 th December 2021 (Annexure 77.3). <i>Action: ACD</i>
ITEM NO. 4	To consider and approve the Minutes the 55th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 23rd December 2021 – ACD
AC 77.4.1	The Member Secretary informed that the 55 th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee (ACSC) was held on 23 rd December, 2021. The Minutes were circulated to all the members of the Standing Committee. No comments were received on the same. In addition, some Policy matters recommended by the 55 th ACSC were placed for consideration of the Academic Council.
AC 77.4.2	The Academic Council approved the Minutes the 55 th Meeting of the Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 23 rd December 2021 (Annexure 77.4). <i>Action: ACD</i>
ITEM NO. 5	To report the decisions taken by the Research Council at its 29th Meeting held on 23rd March, 2021 – Research Unit
AC 77.5.1	The Member Secretary informed that the 29 th Meeting of the Research Council was held on 23 rd March, 2021. As per Statute 9(A) (a) of Statutes of the University, amongst others, "all matters relating to research shall under the overall guidance and supervision of the Academic Council, be the responsibility of a Research Council".
AC 77.5.2	The Academic Council confirmed the Minutes of 29 th Meetings of the Research Council held on 23 rd March, 2021 (Annexure 77.5). The Council also suggested that provisions for fellowships to SC/ST/Minority/Women and other students available with various Central Ministries may be explored.
ITEM NO. 6	To consider and approve the Policy on Credit Recognition and Transfer (CRT) under twinning arrangement with foreign higher education institutions – CIQA



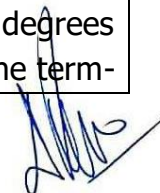
AC 77.6.1	<p>The Director CIQA informed that in view of the provisions under New Education Policy 2020 for promoting India as a global hub for higher education, University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the guidelines for Internationalization of Higher Education in India <i>ide</i> D.O.68-I/2021(IC) dated 29th July, 2021 which enumerate various strategies and initiatives and provide an excellent opportunity through a wide array of activities such as internationally relevant curricula, the brand building of HEI abroad, academic and research collaboration with foreign universities, credit recognition under twinning arrangements, global citizenship approach and engaging with foreign alumni.</p> <p>In compliance of the above mentioned UGC guidelines, the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU constituted a committee to draft a comprehensive Policy on the Credit Transfer at IGNOU based on the latest UGC notifications issued for implementation of NEP 2020. The Committee had prepared the draft document containing policy on Credit Recognition and Transfer (CRT) under twinning arrangement with foreign higher education institutions. A copy of the draft policy document was placed before the Council.</p>
AC 77.6.2	<p>After detailed deliberation, the Academic Council approved the Policy prepared by the University on Credit Recognition and Transfer (CRT) under twinning arrangement with foreign higher education Institutions (Annexure 77.6).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: CIQA</p>
ITEM NO. 7	To consider and approve the Policy on Credit Transfer Through Academic Bank Of Credits (ABC) – CIQA
AC 77.7.1	<p>The Director CIQA informed that the University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) vide the Gazette Notification: UGC (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021 D.O.No.14-31/2018 (CPP-II) dated 29th July,2021, which shall be the national-level facility to promote flexibility of curriculum framework and interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary academic mobility of learners across Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country with appropriate credit transfer mechanism created through the ABC. It would work on the principle of multiple entry-multiple exit as well as any-time, any-where, and any-level learning. In compliance of the above mentioned Regulations, the University has registered with Academic Bank of Credits (ABC).</p>

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AC 77.7.2	The Academic Council was informed that the University was already having Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) scheme, however, under existing ABC scheme, only 5% of current students were being benefitted. The University was in process of its revision. It was also informed that the University Grants Commission was already working to revise the Scheme to expand the scope of ABC.
AC 77.7.3	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the policy prepared by the University on implementation of Credit Transfer through Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) (Annexure 77.7). <i>Action: CIQA.</i>
ITEM NO. 8	To apprise the Academic Council on the approval of the Institutional Development Plan of the Indira Gandhi National Open University 2030 by Board of Management of IGNOU – CIQA
AC 77.8.1	The Director CIQA informed that the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) envisages an Institutional Development Plan (IDP) that will serve as a vision document to guide the institutional transformation and as per NEP 2020, the IDP be prepared with the joint participation of Board members, institutional leaders, faculty, students, and staff. In view of above, the Board of Management in its 142 nd meeting held on 31.05.2021 resolved for evolving an Institutional Development Plan (IDP) viz., Action Plan, Strategic, and Vision Plan, which may be developed by the CIOA of the University in consultation with Planning Board as vision for youth of the country. In compliance of the resolution, a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor and draft IDP of IGNOU 2030 was prepared, which was circulated to the members of the Board of Management (BOM); Planning Board (PB); academic and administrative staff of the University, for their valuable inputs/suggestions. The suggestions thus received, were incorporated in the document and the draft 'Institutional Development Plan of

	<p>IGNOU 2030' was approved by the Board of Management in its 145th meeting held on 25th October 2021 with following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures should be taken to enhance admission to meet the goals envisaged in the IDP 2030 and emphasized on mobilization of infrastructure, physical resources and human resources. • To put in place the Monitoring System for implementation of IDP and suggest the multiple parallel implementation steps. • The IDP of IGNOU 2030 may be printed in book form for academic purpose. This may also be used as a case study for other universities. <p>The Vice-Chancellor had constituted the Monitoring Committee for monitoring the implementation of IDP at IGNOU. The Monitoring Committee has been entrusted with the responsibility of detailing multiple implementation steps in parallel manner by which the implementation plan can be monitored. The IDP Monitoring Committee (IDPMC) has been interacting with the Schools of Studies to discuss the Plan of Action (POA) (2021-2025) of their School.</p>
AC 77.8.2	<p>The Academic Council noted the approval of the "Institutional Development Plan (IDP) of the Indira Gandhi National Open University 2030" by Board of Management of IGNOU and Action initiated thereon (Annexure 77.8).</p>
ITEM NO. 9	<p>To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in Exempting the first year students of UG/PG degrees including BCA and M.Sc. programmes from appearing in the term-end examination of the first year courses- SED</p>
AC 77.9.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the Academic Council in its 75th Meeting held on 18th November 2020 approved the modalities of promoting the intermediate Year/Semester Under Graduate and Post Graduate Degree students of June 2020 examination to the next year/semester and the same has been notified on 10.12.2020. Accordingly, the students of the following Bachelor and Masters Degree Programmes who were enrolled in the first year of the Programme in July 2020 and the students of first / second semesters of BCA and M. Sc. (eligible to appear in</p>



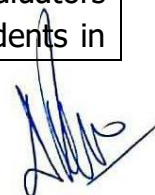
	<p>the Term-end Examination in June 2021 for the first time) were exempted from appearing in the term-end examination of the first year courses.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="497 365 1361 1310"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="497 365 903 488">Bachelor Degree Programmes</th> <th data-bbox="903 365 1361 488">Master Degree Programmes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="497 488 903 1039">BAG, BCOMG, BSCG, BTS, BAVTM, BAECH, BAHIH, BAPSH, BAPCH, BAPAH, BASOH, BSCANH, BAEGH, BAHDH, BSWG, BSCBCH (Registered in July 2020 admission session)</td> <td data-bbox="903 488 1361 1039">MCOM, MEG, MHD, MPS, MAH, MSO, MAPC, MEC, MPA, MAAN, MGPS, MARD, MSCDFSM, MSCCFT, MSW, MSWC, MAEDU, MADE, MAAE, MTTM, MAPY, MADVS, MAWGS, MAGD, MATS, MAJMCE, MSK (Registered in January 2020 admission session)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="497 1039 903 1310">BCA – 1st and 2nd Semester registered in January 2021 admission session</td> <td data-bbox="903 1039 1361 1310">M. Sc. (MACS) – 1st and 2nd Semester registered in January 2021 admission session.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The marks/grades in the Term-end Examination of the above exempted courses have been assigned as per the modalities approved by the Academic Council in its 75th meeting held on 18th November 2020 and notified vide Notification dated 28/10/2021.</p> <p>The Bachelor Degree and Master Degree Programmes which were offered though MoU/Collaboration with external agencies or approved from regulatory bodies or professional in nature were not covered under the above exemption scheme.</p> <p>Further, the Term-end Examinations for the students of intermediate /semester of Bachelors and Masters Degree Programme scheduled in June 2021 were postponed for December 2021.</p>	Bachelor Degree Programmes	Master Degree Programmes	BAG, BCOMG, BSCG, BTS, BAVTM, BAECH, BAHIH, BAPSH, BAPCH, BAPAH, BASOH, BSCANH, BAEGH, BAHDH, BSWG, BSCBCH (Registered in July 2020 admission session)	MCOM, MEG, MHD, MPS, MAH, MSO, MAPC, MEC, MPA, MAAN, MGPS, MARD, MSCDFSM, MSCCFT, MSW, MSWC, MAEDU, MADE, MAAE, MTTM, MAPY, MADVS, MAWGS, MAGD, MATS, MAJMCE, MSK (Registered in January 2020 admission session)	BCA – 1st and 2nd Semester registered in January 2021 admission session	M. Sc. (MACS) – 1 st and 2 nd Semester registered in January 2021 admission session.
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	<p>end examination (June 2021), of the first year courses in tune with earlier proposal approved by the Academic Council.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SED</p>												
ITEM NO. 10	To consider the proposal for award of Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates to eligible students who have completed their programme during December 2020 and June 2021 Term End Examinations, in 35th Convocation of the University – SED												
AC 77.10.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that 35th Convocation of the University was proposed to be held in the month of February/March 2022 either in the conventional mode or virtual mode based on prevalent COVID 19 Protocols.</p> <p>The Statute 21 of the IGNOU Act 1985 on Convocation provides as under:</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 248264 students who have completed their Ph.D./M.Phil./Masters degree/ Bachelor’s degree/ Diploma/ Certificate programmes in Term End Examinations held during December 2020 and June 2021 are eligible for award of Degrees/Diplomas in 35th Convocation, as under:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>PROGRAM</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACHELORS</td> <td>96576</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MASTERS</td> <td>98234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.PHIL</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIPLOMAS</td> <td>39231</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CERTIFICATES</td> <td>14185</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	PROGRAM	TOTAL	BACHELORS	96576	MASTERS	98234	M.PHIL	7	DIPLOMAS	39231	CERTIFICATES	14185
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AC 77.10.2	<p>The Academic Council considered the proposal for award of Degrees/Diplomas/ Certificates to eligible students who have completed their programme during December 2020 and June 2021 Term End Examinations, in 35th Convocation of the University and authorized the Vice Chancellor to decide cut-off date as well as include the names of successful students, in addition to already approved number as above, for awarding degrees/diplomas in the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SED</p>
ITEM NO.11	To Consider and ratify/ approve the award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees to 48 Students –SED
AC 77.11.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 Thirty-Nine (39) Ph.D. degrees students for award of Ph.D. Degrees and Five (07) M.Phil. degrees students for award of M.Phil. Degrees in various Disciplines across the Schools have been issued by the Students Evaluation Division (SED) with the approval of the Vice Chancellor. 2. Clause 12 of the Ordinance on Research Degree Programmes inter-alia envisages that "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". 3. 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>Accordingly, on the recommendations of the External Evaluators and the Board of Examiners, the theses submitted by students in</p>



	<p>various Disciplines across the Schools have been approved by the Vice Chancellor, as per the names and other details of these students, given in Annexures-I, II, III and IV.</p> <p>The names and other details of the students, who have been recommended for award of Ph.D. Degree and the Notification issued by SED in respect thereof including ratification of award of M.Phil. Degree to 03 students (Annexure I) and Ph.D. Degree to 2 students (Annexure II) awarded in 34th Convocation and approval for award of M.Phil. Degree to 12 students (Annexure III) and Ph.D. Degree to 31 students (Annexure IV) were placed before the Academic Council for its ratification/ approval.</p>
AC 77.11.2	<p>The Academic Council ratified /approved the award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees to 48 Students (M.Phil. Degree to 15 students and Ph.D. Degree to 33 students) (Annexure 77.9).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SED</p>
ITEM NO. 12	<p>To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the proposal of International Division for fixing fee for international students in respect of newly launched programmes and recent revision of fee for national students. – ID</p>
AC 77.12.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed that the University has recently revised the fees of 24 programmes for National students. In addition, 20 new programmes have also been launched by the university as per Common prospectus July, 2021. The International Division worked out the international fees for SAARC and Non-SAARC countries on the basis of formula approved in 74th meeting of Academic Council in both the cases.</p> <p>On the basis of fee revised by Planning & Development Division (P&DD), the fees of BAG/BCOMG/BSCG is coming less than the present fee because the fee of these programmes was not considered for revision as per the formula decided in the 74th meeting of Academic Council, hence, it was proposed that present fee be retained instead of change, and the same was approved by the competent authority.</p> <p>Moreover, it was also proposed by the International Division that the newly launched 20 programmes can also be made available to</p>



	<p>FSRIs students like the national students. The programmes having practical component like BSCBCH, BAPGHMS, MSCENV, MADP, DTH, CAHC cannot be offered through OSCs as per policy, however, CMAD can be offered at the OSCs wherever BCA programme is on offer. This proposal was placed before the Vice Chancellor and the same has been approved.</p> <p>The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the proposal of International Division to fix the fee for international students in respect of newly launched programmes and recent fee revision for national students was ratified by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021. The same has been referred to the Academic Council, being a Policy matter</p>
AC 77.12.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee and approved the proposal of International Division to fix the fee for international students in respect of newly launched programmes and recent revision of fee for national students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: International Division</i></p>
ITEM NO. 13	<p>To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and approve the International fee of the Online programme to Overseas and FSRI students – ID</p>
AC 77.13.1	<p>The Member Secretary informed the Academic Council that in accordance with the decision of the Academic Council in its 74th Meeting, a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor to suggest the fee for 15 online programme for International Students. The Committee recommended the fee for 15 online programmes for International Students. In the revised fee structure, the fee for online programmes for International students is revised to 80% of the ODL fee applicable to Overseas and FSRI students for SAARC and Non-SAARC countries.</p> <p>The fee for all the 212 programmes on offer to National as well as FSRI students (for Overseas students the number of programme is restricted due to various requirements) has been worked out to facilitate the smooth launch of online programmes as and when required.</p>



	<p>The fee has been rounded off to the nearest INR 500 on the upper and lower side and there is no change in case the fee is at mid-value for SAARC countries. Similarly, the fee for other than SAARC countries is rounded off to the nearest US\$50 on the upper and lower side and there is no change in case the fee is mid-value.</p> <p>The registration fees of Rs. 2000 for SAARC countries and US\$ 100 for other than SAARC countries has been retained as applicable presently to international students.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Committee with regard to International fee of the Online programme to Overseas and FSRI students were approved by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021.</p>
AC 77.13.2	<p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee with regard to the International fee of the Online programme to Overseas and FSRI students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: International Division</i></p>
ITEM NO. 14	<p>To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and approve the Revised fees of MBA, MBA (Banking and Finance) and Course wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS) for Overseas and FSRI students of SAARC and Non-SAARC countries through ODL mode– ID</p>
AC 77.14.1	<p>The Academic Council was apprised that the University has launched the revised MBA & MBA (Banking and Finance) from the current admission cycle with the approval of AICTE. The programme structure and fees of both the programmes have been revised semester-wise in place of course-wise. The Academic Council in its 74th meeting has approved that the fee for SAARC students shall be twice of the present National fees and for Non-SAARC countries ten times of the present National fee.</p> <p>The proposed fee for SAARC country students shall be rounded off in thousand rupees (in case <500 then to thousand on the lower side and in case ≥ 500 then to the thousand on the higher side).</p> <p>Similarly the fee for Non-SAARC country students shall be rounded off in thousand rupees (in case <500 then to thousand on the</p>



lower side and in case ≥ 500 then to the thousand on the higher side) and then in the US Dollar to the hundreds (in case < 50 then to the hundred on the lower side and in case ≥ 50 then to the hundred on the higher side).

Based on the above, the fee for SARRC country students came to INR 28000 for 1st, 2nd, 4th Semester and INR 32000 for 3rd Semester and for Non-SAARC country students, the fee came to US\$ 1900 FOR 1st, 2nd, 4th Semester and US\$ 2200 for 3rd Semester.

The above fees seemed to be on the higher side and Overseas Study Centres and International students might not join the programme as earlier OSCs and students represented against the hike in fees of MBA and MBA (Banking and Finance). Therefore, to retain and attract the students in MBA and MBA (Banking and Finance) programmes, the Vice Chancellor approved the revision of fee in both the programmes as given in the table no. 1 below:

S. No	Programme	Course Fee National (INR)	SAARC Countries	Other than SAARC Countries
			(In INR)	(In USD)
1	MBA	14000 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)	17500 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)	1400 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)
		16000 (For 3 rd Semester)	20000 (For 3 rd Semester)	1800 (For 3 rd Semester)
2	MBF	14000 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)	17500 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)	1400 (For 1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Semester each)
		16000 (For 3 rd Semester)	20000 (For 3 rd Semester)	1800 (For 3 rd Semester)

The Vice Chancellor also approved to retain the existing fees of PG Diploma programmes in Management. The fee for old students who have admitted themselves in both programmes before July 2021 would remain same.

Similarly, the university launched Course-wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS) and the fee for SAARC and Non-SAARC students has been worked out and mentioned in table no. 2 below.

Table No. 2

S. No.	Credit Weightage of Each Course	Course Fee National (INR)	SAARC Countries	Non-SAARC Countries	Fee Type
			(In INR)	(In USD)	
1	Up to 4 credits	1000	2000	100	Each Course
2	Above 4 credits	2000	4000	300	Each Course

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Revised fees of MBA, MBA (Banking and Finance) and Course wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS) for Overseas and FSRI students of SAARC and Non-SAARC countries through ODL mode was approved by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021.

AC 77.14.2

After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee and approved the Revised fees of MBA, MBA (Banking and Finance) and Course wise Registration and Certification Scheme (CRCS) for Overseas and FSRI students of SAARC and Non-SAARC countries through ODL mode.

Action: International Division

ITEM NO. 15

To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and approve the modified eligibility criteria for academic counselors of Post Graduate Certificate in Medical Management of CBRNE Disasters (PGCMDM) Programme – SOHS

AC 77.15.1

The member Secretary informed that the Post Graduate Certificate in Medical Management of CBRNE disasters (PGCMDM) programme developed in collaboration with INMAS DRDO, is on offer since July 2020 session. The School of Health Sciences proposed to modify the eligibility criteria as under:

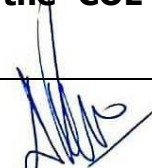
	<p style="text-align: center;">Eligibility Qualification of the Counsellors (all courses – MME 011, MME 012 and MMEL 013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBBS qualification or above and has attended Officers Basic or Joint Services CBRN Course conducted by CME Pune. • Expert from DRDO/ICMR/BAARC having minimum M.Sc Qualification in Physics/Chemistry/any Biological Sciences with 10 years' research/teaching experience in CBRNE. • MBBS with post-graduation in nuclear medicine/radiology/radiation oncology /radiotherapy (for radiology related topics). • MBBS with post-graduation in PSM or community medicine/ medicine/ microbiology/ biochemistry (for Biology related topics) . • MBBS with post-graduation in forensic medicine clinical pharmacology/ Toxicology/ biochemistry (for chemical related topics) <p>The modified eligibility criteria for academic counselors for the courses MME-011, MME-012 and MMEL-013 of the PGCMDM Programme was approved by School Board of School of Health Sciences in its meeting held by circulation on 24th August 2021 and by 54th Academic Council's Standing Committee held on 10th December 2021.</p>
AC 77.15.2	<p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee for modification in the eligibility criteria for academic counselors of Post Graduate Certificate in Medical Management of CBRNE Disasters (PGCMDM) Programme as proposed by School of Health Sciences.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOHS</p>
ITEM NO. 16	<p>To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and approve IGNOU and MSDE collaboration under SANKALP Project for capacity building of officials working under State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees – RSD.</p>
AC 77.16.1	<p>Director, RSD & EMPC informed the Academic Council that an MoU</p>



	<p>was signed between Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for capacity building of officials working under State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees under the SANKALP Project. The MSDE has approved a budget of Rs 10,43,57,000/- for IGNOU to act as knowledge partner in imparting training in a blended mode. A core group of teachers and academics would act as Master Trainers who would be trained by MSDE. The Master Trainers would train 400 TOTs who shall further train 4000 district officials. The training programme shall be offered in a modular form using IGNOU model with total 16 credit programme offered at Certificate level. There shall be 8 courses, 16 Blocks, 80 Units and 160 videos to be developed by IGNOU in consultation with SANKALP Project officials of MSDE. Grassroot level training programmes shall be conducted by the Regional Centres (RC). Modules would be developed after need assessment to be conducted by officials of RC. The target date for completion of the entire Project by IGNOU is 31-03-2023. MoU has already been signed on November 22, 2021 in the presence of Secretary Skilling in the Ministry of Skilling & Entrepreneurship.</p> <p>The competent authority constituted a steering committee with a Principal Investigator for the Project. The programme will be housed in SOITS. The office of the Project shall operate from RSD. The MSDE expected IGNOU to use the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) while developing the content for training of officials of State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees.</p> <p>IGNOU and MSDE collaboration under SANKALP Project for capacity building of officials working under State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees has been recommended by Academic Council's Standing Committee in its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021.</p>
AC 77.16.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered and approved the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee for IGNOU and MSDE collaboration under SANKALP Project for capacity building of officials working under State Skill Development Mission and District Skill Committees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: RSD</p>
ITEM NO. 17	To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting



	held on 10th December 2021 and approve the offering of IGNOU programmes to GOAL, Guyana through ODL/Online/Blended mode – ID
AC 77.17.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the University received an expression of interest from Ministry of Education, Guyana for establishing a partnership with Indira Gandhi National Open University towards fulfillment of its objective of providing 20,000 scholarships to its citizens by 2025. This partnership would work as a vehicle to upgrade the skills of Guyanese people for providing skilled/trained manpower for different sectors to uplift their economy. The Indian High Commissioner in Guyana and Ministry of External Affairs has also desired for exploring options for extending cooperation of IGNOU to the Government of Guyana for providing educational/technical programmes through ODL/Online mode. The Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), Guyana initially identified 22 programmes for this purpose. Their proposal was sent to Hon'ble President in his capacity as Visitor of the University for seeking approval for establishing an Overseas Study Centre. The approval for the same was received vide letter No. 5-22/2022-DL dated 8th July, 2021.</p> <p>In addition to above, GOAL, Guyana also identified six online programmes for this purpose and proposal seeking additional programmes to be offered through ODL/Online/Blended mode. The proposal of offering of the IGNOU programmes to GOAL, Guyana through ODL/Online/Blended mode was recommended by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021.</p>
AC 77.17.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council approved the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee of offering the IGNOU programmes to Guyana Online Academy of Learning (GOAL), Guyana through ODL/Online/Blended mode</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: International Division</i></p>
ITEM NO. 18	To consider the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 55th meeting held on 23rd December 2021 and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the proposal of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) for joining the COL commons Platform- COE



AC 77.18.1	<p>Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-VC informed the Academic Council that the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) has been offering collaboration opportunities to Educational Institutions to take advantage of its platform for free and can adopt it within their staff training programmes. The COL commons Platform as a short-course delivery platform, offers several need-based courses for improving teaching and learning. The goal of this platform was to make it the first stop for Commonwealth institutions to provide just-in-time training for competency-based learning and professional development. In this regard, IGNOU received an invitation from Commonwealth of Learning (COL), Canada to join the COL commons Platform and an MOU has been signed between IGNOU and COL. The Action Taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the proposal of COL and signing the MOU to join the COL commons Platform has been ratified by the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 55th meeting held on 23rd December 2021.</p>
AC 77.18.2	<p>The Academic Council noted and approved the recommendation of the Academic Council's Standing Committee and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the proposal of Commonwealth of Learning (COL) for joining the COL commons Platform (Annexure 77.10).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: COE</p>
ITEM NO. 19	<p>To consider and ratify the action taken by the University towards fee support to the SC/ST students to be admitted in January 2022 admission cycle as part of Utilization of Grants from Ministry of Education in the Financial Year 2021-22- P&DD</p>
AC 77.19.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the University had been providing fee reimbursement/ exemption under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP)/Scheduled Tribe Sub Plan (STSP) Schemes since 2015. Later, under General Grant in Aid, the Ministry allocated funds for the welfare of SC/ST students by ear-marking 15% and 7.5% of funds disbursed to the University.</p> <p>A Committee was constituted for the DBT scheme for SC/ST students in the Financial Year 2020-21. The Committee recommended the following towards fee support in January 2022 Admission Cycle:</p>



	<p>For Fresh Students</p> <p>a). The benefits of scheme is extended to academic programmes given in the Annexure.</p> <p>b). On the lines of other students, a registration fee of Rs. 200/- will be charged from SC/ST applicants seeking fresh admission.</p> <p>c). To receive the assistance, Parents’/Guardians’ income of fresh applicants from all sources should not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakhs during the last financial year as per Government of India Norms. Fresh applicants should submit income certificate issued by the Competent Authority while taking the admission.</p> <p>For Re-Registered Students</p> <p>a). Status quo to be maintained for re-registration of SC/ST students who had already availed the benefits of the scheme in earlier admission cycles.</p> <p>The University has issued a Notification on 17th September, 2021 for fee support to SC/ST students in January 2022 Admission Cycle.</p>
AC 77.19.2	<p>The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the University towards fee support to the SC/ST students to be admitted in January 2022 admission cycle (Annexure 77.11).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: P&DD</p>
ITEM NO. 20	<p>To consider the commencement of the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Government of India at IGNOU for the students of SC and ST - P&DD</p>
AC 77.20.1	<p>The Academic Council was apprised that Post Matric Scholarship scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through State Governments and UT administrations to provide financial assistance to the SC and ST students studying at Post Matriculation or Post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. Efforts are to be made to popularize the Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes of Government of India amongst the IGNOU students belonging to SC/ST categories. This Scheme has provision of Free ship Card that enables student to seek admission without pre-payment of fee. If the Scheme is adopted by the University, the same will be promoted by Regional Services Division among the SC/ST students through Regional Centers in order to enable economically weaker SC/ST students of the</p>

	<p>University enrolled in various academic programmes to avail the larger benefits under Post Matric Scholarship scheme.</p> <p>The scheme of Post Matric Scholarships (PMS) for students belonging to SC and ST was placed before the Council.</p>															
AC 77.20.2	<p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council agreed to adopt the scheme of Post Matric Scholarships (PMS) of Government of India for students belonging to SC and ST (Annexures 77.12 and 77.13) and decided to commence the Scheme at IGNOU for the students belonging to SC and ST category alongwith the existing fee waiver scheme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: P&DD</p>															
ITEM NO. 21	To consider the approval /NOC received from All India Council for Technical Education for the Management and MCA programmes of the Indira Gandhi national Open University – SRD															
AC 77.21.1	<p>The Academic Council was apprised that the University has been offering MBA and PG Diplomas and MCA through distance mode for several years. In order to have a wider acceptability, the University had applied for recognition of these programmes as per the terms of the provisions under the All India Council for Technical Education (Grant of Approvals for Technical Education) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2021 notified on 24th February 2021 and other notifications as applicable from time to time. The AICTE vide its letter F.No. North-West/2021-22/1-9862336271, has conveyed the following programmes of IGNOU to be offered through ODL/OL mode as per details given below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A. To conduct following Courses through ODL mode for the Academic Year 2021-22</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sr. No.</th> <th>Program</th> <th>Level</th> <th>Course</th> <th>Number of Seats</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>MCA</td> <td>POST GRADUATE</td> <td>MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS</td> <td>8000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Management</td> <td>POST GRADUATE</td> <td>MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</td> <td>27000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sr. No.	Program	Level	Course	Number of Seats	1	MCA	POST GRADUATE	MASTER OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	8000	2	Management	POST GRADUATE	MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	27000
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	3	Management	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)	5000
	4	Management	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (FINANCE MANAGEMENT)	5000
	5	Management	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA	Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Marketing Management) (PGDM – MM)	5000
	6	Management	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT (OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT)	5000
	7	Management	POST GRADUATE	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BANKING AND FINANCE)	10000
B. To conduct following Courses through Online mode for the Academic Year 2021-22:					
	Sr. No.	Program	Level	Course	Number of Seats
	1	MCA	POST GRADUATE	Master of Computer Applications	2000
	2	Management	POST GRADUATE	Master of Business Administration	3000
AC 77.21.2	The Academic Council noted the approval /NOC received from All India Council for Technical Education for the Management and MCA programmes of the Indira Gandhi National Open University				

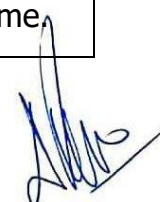
	(Annexure 77.14). <i>Action: SRD/SED/SOMS/SOCIS</i>
ITEM NO. 22	To consider the renewal of Amended/Revised MOU between IGNOU and National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) for Sindhi Chair- SOTST
AC 77.22.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the Sindhi Chair sponsored by National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), MOE, Govt. of India, was housed in SOTST, IGNOU. MOU between IGNOU and NCPSL was signed on 28th October, 2015 for an initial period of three years which was further renewed for a period of three years commencing from 29.10.2018.</p> <p>With the prior approval of the Competent Authority, for further renewal of MOU for a period of another three years effective from 29.10.2021 and also the approval of changes/amendments in Clause 3(b) and 3(A) in the original MOU signed on 28.10.2015, legal and financial vetting have been undertaken by the legal cell of Administration Division and F&A Division, respectively.</p> <p><i>The Vetted Clause 3(A) reads as under: Teaching/Academic Staff Consultants (02) Two</i></p> <p><i>The Vetted Clause 3(b) reads as under: Various academic programmes like Certificate/Diploma/Advance Diploma, Diploma in Translation from and into Sindhi. M.A. in Sindhi, M.Phil and Ph.D. will be offered by Chair through the School in the course of time after completing and obtaining necessary procedure for their approval. The expenditure on the design, development and maintenance of the programme/course offered shall be met from the interest of the corpus fund of Sindhi Chair.</i></p> <p>As per vetting, the proposal for Renewal and Amendment of MOU (effective from 29.10.2021) and draft MOU have been found in order.</p>
AC 77.22.2	<p>The Academic Council noted the proposal for renewal of amended/revised MOU between IGNOU and National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) for Sindhi Chair for a period of three years effective from 29.10.2021 and approved the changes/amendments made in Clause 3(b) and 3(A) of the original MOU signed on 28.10.2015 (Annexure 77.15).</p>

	Action: SOTST
ITEM NO. 23	To consider and approve the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Equivalence Committee held on 5th April, 2021 – SRD
AC 77.23.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the 13th meeting of the Equivalence Committee constituted in accordance with the provision under Clause (1)(xiii) of the Ordinance 5 on Recognition of Examinations/Degrees, took note of the progress in matters pertaining to recognition of IGNOU degrees by other Universities among others along with note of the AICTE Circular F.No. 13-56/PC/ODL-Mode/AICTE/2020 dated 23rd November, 2020 reiterating the recognition of Technical Examinations conducted by various Professional Institutions and the AICTE Public Notice No. P&AP/10(04)/2017 dated 31-10-2017 which states as under:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"... the Council in its 52nd Emergent Meeting held on August 03, 2017 decided to recognize equivalence for all purposes including Higher Education & Employment to Technical Courses conducted by various Professional Bodies/Institutions which were duly recognized by MHRD with permanent recognition upto 31st May 2013. Thus all those students who were enrolled with these institutions with permanent recognition up to 31.05.2013, stand recognized."</i></p> <p>On the basis of the AICTE Public Notice as above, the Committee recommended to accord recognition to Section - A and B of Associate Membership Examination of the following institutions as equivalent to graduation degree for admission to IGNOU post graduate programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Institution of Civil Engineers, Ludhiana, Punjab 2) Institute of Mechanical Engineers (India), Mumbai 3) Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers, New Delhi 4) Institute of Fire Engineering, India, New Delhi 5) The Institution of Surveyors, New Delhi 6) Tool Room and Training Centre, Wazirpur, Delhi 7) College of Military Engineering, Pune 8) National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, (NIELIT), New Delhi 9) National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineer,

	<p>Bombay</p> <p>10) Indian Institute of Ceramics, Kolkata.</p> <p>It was further recommended that the recognition of the certificates issued by the above mentioned institutions would be restricted to the students who were enrolled with these institutions with permanent recognition up to 31.05.2013 only.</p>
AC 77.23.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council reverted back the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Equivalence Committee for further examination and ensuring qualifications offered by the aforementioned Institutions have been recognized by concerned apex body(ies).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SRD</p>
ITEM NO. 24	To ratify the Fee rationalization of IGNOU's Academic programmes from January 2022 cycle – P&DD.
AC 77.24.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the Academic Council in its 73rd meeting held on 18th October 2019 decided following on the rationalization of the Programme fee:-</p> <p>“(i) The rationalized structure to be made effective from January 2022 session as per the list; and</p> <p>(ii) For those programs where the fee has been reduced, it will effective for three sessions January 2020, July 2020, and January 2021 sessions”.</p> <p>In view of above mentioned decision, a Committee was constituted for Fee rationalization of IGNOU's Academic programmes for January 2022 admission cycle. The Committee recommended the following to provide academic and administrative facilities to its students and to sustain university financial resources and the same was approved by Competent authority:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The restoring/reversing the fee to the original Fee for the low enrolment programmes in 71 Academic programmes, w.e.f. January 2022; Notified vide No. IG/PDD/Fee/1145, Dated 24th December 2021. b. To rationalize programme fee for 26 academic programmes w.e.f. January 2022 admission cycle and Notified vide F.No.: IG/PDD/Fee/1144, Dated 24th December 2021.
AC 77.24.2	The Academic Council ratified the action taken by the Vice-

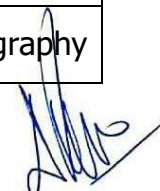



	<p>Chancellor in approving the fee rationalization of IGNOU's Academic programmes for the January 2022 cycle (Annexure 77.16).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: P&DD</p>
ITEM NO. 25	To consider and approve the Policy on Multiple Entry and Exit in Academic Programmes Offered by IGNOU– CIQA
AC 77.25.1	<p>The Director, CIQA informed the Academic Council that the University Grants Commission has notified two guidelines, one for the Multiple Entry and Exit options for the Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes as per the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) to facilitate credit accumulation through the facility created by the ABC scheme in the "Academic Bank Account" vide D.o.No.F. I -J/202 I (QIP) 29th July, 2021, and another UGC (Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Education) Regulations, 2021 vide D.O.No.14-31/2018 (CPP-II) dated 29th July, 2021 to promote flexibility of curriculum framework and interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary academic mobility of learners across Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country with appropriate credit transfer mechanism created through the ABC, and facilitate learners to choose their own learning path to attain a Degree or Diploma or Post Graduate Diploma or academic qualification, working on the principle of multiple entry-multiple exit as well as any-time, any-where, and any-level learning. The ABC is an integral part of the National Academic Depository.</p> <p>In compliance to the above mentioned UGC guidelines, the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU constituted a Committee to draft a comprehensive Policy on the Credit Transfer at IGNOU for implementation of NEP 2020. The Academic Council was further informed that the University was already offering 31 Post Graduate programmes with Multiple entry and exit options and the faculty has been requested to design the new programmes accordingly.</p>
AC 77.25.2	<p>The matter was discussed at length. The Council was of the opinion that the guidelines were suggestive in nature and it would be appropriate to wait for the Regulations yet to be issued by UGC on the matter. However, these guidelines may be considered while designing a new programme or revising the existing programme.</p>



AC 77.25.3	After detailed deliberations, with above observations, the Academic Council, in principle, accepted the policy on Multiple entry and exit in Academic Programmes offered by IGNOU.
ITEM NO. 26	To consider the matter related to Moderation of Question Papers –SED
AC 77.26.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that due to COVID 19 Pandemic and other reasons, the Schools have been facing hardship to arrange moderation of the question papers because of non availability of external experts/internal discipline experts and hence, moderation is getting delayed. The details of the Moderation Boards Meetings to moderate the question papers for June 2021 Term End Examination is as under:</p> <p>Total courses for which examinations was held : 1292 Moderation Boards Meeting held : 331 Number of question papers moderate : 813* Number of question papers with student <100 : 519</p> <p>*Rest of the question papers were managed with the stock available with Student Evaluation Division.</p> <p>Thus, there was a need to re-look at the policy on moderation of question papers.</p>
AC 77.26.3	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council considered the proposal to bring change in the procedure of Moderation of Question Papers and decided that in case of low enrolment programmes having 200 or less enrollment, there shall be no moderation of Question Papers. For programmes having more than 200 enrollment, existing practice of moderation of question Papers would continue, however, as much as possible, internal moderators be involved for moderation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SED</p>
ITEM NO. 27	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc (Physics) Programme – SOS
AC 77.27.1	The Director, School of Sciences informed that the Programme Proposal form (PPF) for the M.SC. (Physics) Programme was approved by 67 th School Board of the School of Sciences held on July 22 nd , 2021 and subsequently, by 61 st Academic Programmes Committee (APC) held on September 20 th , 2021. The Programme

	Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Physics) Programme were approved by 68 th School Board of School of Sciences held on 03 rd December, 2021.
AC 77.27.2	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Physics) Programme (Annexure 77.17). <i>Action: SOS</i>
ITEM NO. 28	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for Postgraduate Diploma in Geoinformatics Programme – SOS
AC 77.28.1	The Director, School of Sciences informed that the Programme Proposal form (PPF) for Postgraduate Diploma in Geoinformatics was approved by 67 th School Board of the School of Sciences held on July 22 nd , 2021 and subsequently by 61 st Academic Programmes Committee (APC) held on September 20 th , 2021. The Expert Committee designed overall programme structure and developed the syllabi of first and second semester courses in its meeting held in October-November 2021. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Geoinformatics was approved by 68 th School Board of School of Sciences held on 03 rd December, 2021.
AC 77.28.2	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the Programme Development Form (PDF) and the Programme Project Report (PPR) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Geoinformatics Programme Annexure 77.18 . The Council also observed that efforts should be made to develop and offer degree programmes especially at Postgraduate levels rather than the Diploma/PG Diploma programmes. <i>Action: SOS & all Schools of Studies</i>
ITEM NO. 29	To consider and approve the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Geography) Programme – SOS
AC 77.29.1	The Director, School of Sciences informed that the Geography



	<p>Discipline Group has submitted the Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Geography) Programme. The Programme has 72 credits with 17 compulsory courses and 08 optional courses. The duration of the Programme will be minimum 02 and maximum 04 years. The eligibility for this Programme would be graduation in any stream.</p> <p>The overall course structure and the broad syllabi has been approved by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on May 02, 2017 and the Programme Proposal Form (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Geography) Programme was approved by 59th School Board of the School of Sciences held on May 05, 2017, and subsequently by 54th Academic Programmes Committee (APC) and 46th Planning Board held on September 12, 2018. The Programme Development Form (PDF) and Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Geography) Programme were approved by 68th School Board of the School of Sciences held on 03rd December, 2021.</p>
AC 77.29.2	<p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the Programme Proposal form (PPF) along with Programme Project Report (PPR) for the M.Sc. (Geography) Programme (Annexure 77.19).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: SOS</p>
ITEM NO. 30	To consider and approve the Implementation of Credit Transfer Policy in CBCS- based Bachelor Degree Programmes – CBCS Committee
AC 77.30.1	<p>The Academic Council was informed that the University started CBCS-based Bachelor Degree Programme (BA, B.Com & B.Sc.) in July 2019. While launching the Programming, it was stipulated that Credit Transfer/Course change shall be allowed after the Programmes complete one full cycle i.e. 3 years. Since, the first batch of students of CBCS-based Bachelor Degree Programme has already registered for the 5th and 6th semesters, hence, approval has been sought for implementation of provision of Credit transfer/course change in these Programme (BA, B.Com and B.Sc.) as per the existing credit transfer policy of the University.</p>
AC 77.30.2	<p>After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the proposal for Implementation of Credit Transfer Policy in CBCS-based Bachelor Degree Programmes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: All the Schools of Studies/CBCS Committee</p> 

ITEM NO. 31	To consider and approve the offering of Certificate and Diploma in Urdu Language through online mode - SOH
AC 77.31.1	The Academic Council was informed that the Certificate and Diploma Programme of Urdu Language consisting of the 16 Credits and 32 Credits, respectively, were on offer through ODL mode. The School of Humanities has submitted proposal to offer both these programmes through online mode from June 2022.
AC 77.31.1	After detailed discussion, the Academic Council approved the proposal of School of Humanities to offer Certificate and Diploma in Urdu Language through online mode from June 2022. <i>Action: SOH</i>
Item No. 32	To consider the recommendations of the Academic Council's Standing Committee made at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and approve the scheme for collaboration between MSDE and IGNOU on the three skill areas for vertical mobility for ITI students, Armed Forces personnel and for IGNOU students through ITI Skill Hubs –RSD.
AC 77.32.1	<p>The Director, RSD informed that a meeting was held on 22.11.2021 between Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and other senior officers from both sides. The Minutes of the Meeting prepared by MSDE were circulated on 30-11-2021 wherein MSDE has proposed for collaboration between MSDE and IGNOU on the following three skill areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertical Mobility for ITI students • Vertical mobility for Armed Forces personnel • Skill training for IGNOU students through ITI centres as "IGNOU Skill Hubs" (Work Centres). <p>The matter was placed before the Academic Council's Standing Committee at its 54th meeting held on 10th December 2021 and the ACSC had approved the scheme for collaboration between MSDE and IGNOU on the three skill areas for vertical mobility for ITI students, Armed Forces personnel and for IGNOU students through ITI Skill Hubs and referred the proposal for consideration of the Academic Council.</p>

AC 77.32.2	<p>After detailed deliberations, the Academic Council accepted the recommendations of the ACSC and approved the scheme for collaboration between MSDE and IGNOU on the three skill areas for vertical mobility for ITI students, Armed Forces personnel and for IGNOU students through ITI Skill Hubs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: RSD & all Schools of Studies</i></p>
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A vote of thanks to the Chair was endorsed by the Council at the end of the meeting.




(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairperson
21/11/21