



**MINUTES OF THE 141<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON MARCH 24, 2021 AT 4.00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, VCO BLOCK, IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI-110068**

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. R.P. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri B.K. Bhadri, DEA (HE), MOE	- Nominee, Secretary, MHRD
4.	Prof. V.S. Prasad	- Member
5.	Prof. S.G. Deshmukh	- Member
6.	Shri Ashok Bhagat	- Member
7.	Shri Atul Kantilal Nishar	- Member
8.	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
9.	Prof. Subha Sankar Sarkar	- Member
10.	Dr. P. Prakash	- Member
11.	Prof. V.V. Subrahmanyam	- Member
12.	Prof. Jitendra Kr. Srivastava	- Member
13.	Dr. Bharat Bhushan	- Member
	Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar, Admn.(I/c)	- Secretary

The Secretary (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting), Member could not attend the meeting.

Shri A.K. Gigoo, Assistant Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, the Chairman, Board of Management (BoM), Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, welcomed all the members of the Board of Management in its 141<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March. The five members of the BoM namely; Prof. V.S. Prasad, Shri Ashok Bhagat, Shri Atul Kantilal Nishar, Prof. K.K. Aggarwal and Dr. Subha Sankar Sarkar attended the meeting through virtual mode. The Vice Chancellor while specially welcoming and introducing Shri Atul Kantilal Nishar who has spared his valuable time to attend the meeting for the first time, sought his valuable guidance to accomplish objectives of the University. In response, while expressing his gratitude Shri Nishar said that he

feels privileged to be Board member and honoured to be part of this august body which contributes towards education.

The Vice Chancellor illustrated the significant developments of the University since the last meeting of the BoM and these were:

1. Prof. K.B. Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor has joined as Pro-Vice Chancellor, Central University of Odisha in February 2021. It is great news for us.
2. **Inaugural of Construction of RC Buildings by the Hon'ble Minister Sh. Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank** : The Hon'ble Minister, MoE has virtually addressed as Chief Guest on the occasion of BHUMI-POOJAN and Shilanayas Samaroh of three (03) Regional Centre buildings:

Port Blair Regional Centre: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (HEFA Loan)

Aizawl Regional Centre: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Rajkot Regional Centre: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (HEFA Loan)

We hope that construction of these buildings will be completed within one year.

3. **NAAC Accreditation:** The University has been accredited with A++ Grade with 3.56 score on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. I hereby thank all the BoM members for their kind guidance and support in this process. I also appreciate the hard work of all the teachers, academics, and non-teaching staff of the University in this Endeavour. I also complement the CIQA team for their sincerity and hard work since January 2020 for this exercise. The accreditation is valid for five years. The NAAC team had visited the University during 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
4. **34<sup>th</sup> Convocation:** The 34<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University is scheduled on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 for the students who have completed their Degree/ Diploma programms in June 2020 and December 2019. More than 2.35 lakh Degrees are to be awarded in Convocation. Hon'ble Minister, MoE, Sh. Ramesh Pokhariyal 'Nishank' has given his kind consent to be the Chief Guest of the function.
5. **Admission:** For **July 2020 session**, the University had enrolled **510357 students for fresh Admission (July 2019: 543289)** and **349864 students for Re-registration (July 2019: 335846)**. Also, for the July 2020 session, a total of **87082 SC/ST students** were given **fee exemption**.

For **January 2021 session** as of now, **196461 students** have enrolled for **Re-registration**. For the **Fresh Admission January 2021**, more than **1.45 lakhs** students have applied so far, as compared to admission figure of 2.75 lakhs for January 2020.

6. **New Academic Programmes:** MA (Folklore and Culture Studies) has been launched from January 2021 session; MA (Jyotish Shastra) and MA (Music) academic programmes are scheduled to be launched from July 2021 session.
7. **MoU with Ministry of Corporate Affairs:** A MoU has been signed with Ministry of Corporate Affairs for the amount of Rs. 2.6 lakhs for developing 26 tele-lectures on Investor Education and Awareness to be telecasted on Gyandarshan channel of the University.
8. **Examination (December 2020):** The University conducted its Term End Examination December 2020 from **8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021** for 213 academic programmes. A total of **845 examination centres** were established by the University, out of which **100 examination centres were established in Jail** and 77 examination centres in Delhi-NCR. More than **6.91 lakhs students** were issued hall ticket for the examination and around 50% students appeared for examination. We have also issued more than 12000 grade cards to the examinees by this date. During Covid-19, the staff at SED and Regional Centres have done exemplary work to conduct the exam as per schedule.
9. **PhD Entrance Examination:** NTA had conducted the entrance test for the PhD programmes of the University for the year 2020. Out of 11457 applicants who had appeared for the entrance test, 164 students were admitted to PhD programme.
10. **SWAYAM and Online Education:** For January 2021 session, **BLIS** has been offered under online programme and translation of 15 SWAYAM courses have been completed in regional languages.  
  
Currently, for **January 2021 session, 103 MOOCs** courses have been offered on SWAYAM as compared to 21 MOOCs courses in January 2020. The total enrollment for **SWAYAM Courses for January 2021 session**, (as on date) stands at **152708** as compared to 56570 in January 2020 session.
11. **Recruitment:** The process of teaching recruitment is going on and screening of around 50 positions out of 77 has been completed and list of eligible candidates has been uploaded on the website. Also, screening for the position of Registrar (Administration), Registrar (SED) and Director (Computer Division) has been completed and list of eligible candidates has been uploaded on the website. Advertisement for the post of Registrar (MPDD) has also been released.
12. **Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies (CGPS)** prepared a new two (02) credit online course on **LIFE, PHILOSOPHY AND LEGACY OF**

**SARDAR VALLAVBHAI PATEL**, which has been developed on the request of DoPT.

**13. Material Distribution:**

For July 2020 session, **more than 45 lakhs sets** of Study Material have been dispatched to the students, 8 lakhs sets more are to be dispatched. Further dispatch process for January 2021 session is also in progress.

**14. Student Support Services (December 2020 to March 2021)**

**(I)** The University has handled Learner Queries at Regional Centres and Learner Support Centres quite efficiently. The details are given at **Appendix-1**.

**(II) Activities conducted at LSCs:**

Number of digital Induction Meeting(s) organized by LSCs	164
Number of online academic counseling sessions organized by LSCs	6553
Number of online Grievance Redressal Camp(s) organized by LSCs	71
Number of Scanned copies of assignments submitted by students Study center	253768

**(III) Promotion and Press Releases:**

- i. Digital promotional initiative/activities to enhance outreach: 615
- ii. Number of press releases/ media publicity released: 369

**(IV) Meetings / Orientation at RC through Digital Mode:**

(i) In-house meetings	301
(ii) Coordinators Meetings	60
(iii) Orientation Programme of ACs organized by RCs	19
(iv) Orientation Programme for PTFs of study Centers organized by RCs	8

**(V) Strengthening of LSCs:**

Number of New Academic Counselors' Empanelment processed from RCs	575
Number of New Academic Counselors' Empanelment processed from LSCs	590
Number of New Academic Counselors' added in the RSD portal	632

**(VI) Monitoring of LSCs:**

Number of inductions meetings attended/addressed by RC academics	174
Number of academic counseling sessions (Digital) monitored by RC academic	2168

**(VII)** A total of 119 academic programmes were activated in 111 LSCs.

**(VIII)**A Teleconferencing session “Interactive Open Session on Admission” has been started twice a week (Every Tuesday and Friday) on GD1 live between 12 to 01 PM for promoting and publicizing ongoing Admission Cycle January 2021.

After the above prefatory remarks, the Secretary, BOM presented the following Agenda:

**ITEM NO. 1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF 140<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON DECEMBER 29, 2020 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN REPORT THEREON**

**BM 141.1.1** The Secretary informed the Board that the Minutes of 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on 29.12.2020 were circulated to the members of the Board on 04.01.2021. No comments were received from the members on the 140<sup>th</sup> BOM minutes.

**BM 141.1.2** The Board was also informed that the MHRD vide its letter No. F.5-6.2021-DL dated 24.03.2021 has forwarded their comments on the agenda items of 141<sup>st</sup> BOM (**Appendix-2**). The Board took the agenda items in the light of the MHRD comments.

**BM 141.1.3** Prof. V.S. Prasad suggested that agenda items placed before the Board should be categorized in a way that all the items may be segregated in four parts i.e. reporting, ratification, consideration and any other matter so as to enable the Board to deliberate more on such items as placed for consideration.

**BM 141.1.4** After detailed deliberations, the Board confirmed the Minutes of the 140<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and also noted the Action Taken Report thereon.

**ITEM NO. 2 TO APPRISE THE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF NAAC WITH THE NAAC GRADE SHEET ON INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION OF THE INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (1<sup>ST</sup> CYCLE)**

**BM 141.2.1** The Board was informed that the NAAC had communicated to the University regarding the completion of DVD assessment of Quantitative matrices on 08.12.2020. The NAAC Peer Team visited the University on 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Headquarters and one Regional Centre (Delhi-03) and its Learner Support Centres; and 02 Regional Centres (Cochin and Lucknow) and its Learner Support Centres on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 prior to their Visit to the Hqs. It was further informed that the result was declared by the NAAC on its portal on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and issued the Grade Sheet. The Institution scored CGPA 3.56 with a grade: A++. It is credible also as the University has achieved this accreditation score in its first cycle. The Chairman apprised the Board that the faculty of Sciences shall soon launch its PG programmes. He further informed that all the UG/PG programmes are under revision in the University.

**BM 141.2.2** The Board noted this significant achievement of the University. The recommendations of the NAAC Peer Team for the quality enhancement of the University are also noted by the Board. The Board suggested that the entire IGNOU fraternity should act immediately on the NAAC Peer Team recommendations.

**BM 141.2.3** All the members of the Board complimented IGNOU fraternity for accomplishment. Prof. V.S. Prasad while appreciating and congratulating the University for NAAC accreditation, observed that curricular aspect score is less thus need correction and detailed examination is required for such academic activities in the University. He emphasized the need of self understanding and improvement in activities. It was suggested to constitute Task forces to go into detailed metrics of the activities to be undertaken and fix timelines for accepted outcomes. Further, it was also suggested that CIQA should hold meetings in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 3 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE UNDER CLAUSE (1)(V) OF STATUTE 11 OF IGNOU ACT**

**BM 141.3.1** The Board nominated Shri Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Registrar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi as a member on the Finance

Committee under Clause (1)(v) of Statute 11 of the Statutes of the University under IGNOU Act.

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

**BM 141.4.1** The Board approved the re-constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) as per the agenda note. The Board further authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate members on the Committee.

**ITEM NO. 5 TO RATIFY THE RENEWAL OF MOAS WITH THREE OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES I.E. INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ACADEMICS PVT. LTD., NEPAL, NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PVT. LTD., NEPAL AND GULF CENTRE FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, KUWAIT**

**BM 141.5.1** The Board was informed that the University had signed MoAs with nine (09) Overseas Study Centre in December 2015 with the approval of the Visitor of the University conveyed by erstwhile MHRD vide letter No.5-28/2014-DL (Pt.) dated 01.10.2015. It was further noted that the validity of MoAs with the following institutions was five years and these three MoAs have been renewed with due approval of the Competent Authority.

- (i) International Centre for Academics Pvt. Ltd., Nepal,
- (ii) National Information Technology Pvt. Ltd.; and
- (iii) Nepal and Gulf Centre for University Education, Kuwait

**BM 141.5.2** The Board ratified the action taken in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE OBSERVATION OF CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION ON THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY REGARDING THE PENALTY IMPOSED ON DR. VARDHINI BHATTACHARJEE, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR, RC GUWAHATI**

**BM 141.6.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, Dy. Director was placed under suspension with effect from 30.6.2014, the date of her superannuation on attaining the age of 62 years. Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee filed a Court case (WP (C) 360/2016) and Hon'ble

High Court of Guwahati on 30.11.2018 while disposing off the case “ordered that the disciplinary proceeding initiated against the Petitioner as per Office Memorandum dated 31.3.2015 be brought to its logical conclusion within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Accordingly, the Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer appointed in her case completed the proceedings and submitted the Report, a copy of which was placed before the BOM in its 135<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19.7.2019. The findings of Inquiry Officer and the response received from the Charged Officer were placed before the Board of Management at its 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8.8.2019. The Board observed that the charges in the disciplinary proceeding were proved on the principle of “preponderance of probability” and not on the principle beyond reasonable doubt. The Inquiry Officer in his report had concluded that the charges are partly proved against Charges No. 1 and 2 while Charges No.3 and 4 could not be proved due to lack of supporting documents. The Board noted that the amount was reduced by Investigating Officer (IO) to Rs. 80,701/- and Rs. 4,994/- against Charges No. 1 and 2 respectively. The Board decided that aforesaid amount be recovered from the Charged Officer and close the matter. The decision of the 136<sup>th</sup> BOM was forwarded to CVC by the CVO, IGNOU vide letter No.IG/CVO/RC-Guwahati/226/10/1036 dated 01.01.2021 for closure of the case.

The Board was further informed the CVC vide Office Memorandum dated 22.01.2021 (received by CVO on 28.1.2021) advised CVO, IGNOU to impose major penalty as per Rules adopted by IGNOU in r/o Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, RD, IGNOU.

#### **BM 141.6.2**

The matter was discussed in detail. The Board noted that Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee, former RD, Guwahati, IGNOU has already superannuated on 30.06.2014. The Board of Management at its 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8.8.2019 has already observed that the charges in the disciplinary proceeding were proved on the principle of “preponderance of probability” and not on the principle beyond reasonable doubt. Out of 04, only 02 charges were partly proved while the rest 02 charges could not be proved due to lack of supporting documents. Dr. Vardhini Bhattacharjee had joined the University after VRS from her previous employer and as such she has been drawing pension from Govt of Sikkim. At IGNOU she was under NPS scheme and the University has not released her terminal benefits. An amount of about Rs. 7.2 lacs on account of her last months’ salary and leave encashment is lying with the University.

Also, in absence of any clear guidelines about gratuity to those under NPS, gratuity for the period of her service at IGNOU has also not been released. Moreover, since she has already retired in June 2014, award of major penalty like compulsory retirement or termination at this stage would become infructuous.

**BM 141.6.3** After detailed discussions, the Board decided to reiterate its decision taken in its 136<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 8.8.2019 and recommended closure of the case after recovery of the amount already decided by it.

**ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 28.01.2021**

**BM 141.7.1** The Board noted that Centre for Internal Quality Assurance Committee (CIQA) was constituted within the University as per the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programme and Online Programme) Regulations, 2020 as mandatory requirement of NAAC.

In the light of the recommendations of NAAC Peer Team in its report, the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting recommended the following:

1. Documentation: Databases and documentations at each School/ Division/ Centre/ Unit/ Cell should be done systematically (year-wise) as the data had to be collected and submitted for NAAC accreditation and had to be evidence based.
2. UG and PG Degree Programmes: The purview of NAAC and UGC is only the UG and PG Degree programmes of the University. The Schools of Studies need to develop 12 to 13 UG and PG Degree programmes in total and revise at least 12-13 programmes of study during the next 5 years. The Directors of the Schools were requested to design and offer more UG and PG degree programmes as per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and needs of the learners.
3. Consultancy: Consultancy policy needs to be revisited. Database needs to be maintained and strengthened by ACD.
4. Alumni Network: Alumni Association needs to be registered on priority basis. Activities related to Alumni Association needs to be taken up every year.
5. Research and Publications: Teachers and academics should be motivated to publish in high impact factor journals listed in UGC CARE/Peer reviewed Journals. All teachers and academics

should provide the details of their publications every year in the dedicated portal developed by CIQA and NCIDE.

6. The manuals have to be developed on automation, adoption of OER, evaluation system and examination management system.
7. CIQA should prepare an action plan for the University in consideration of the activities to be performed for the next assessment cycle taking cue from the NAAC Assessment Report.

**BM 141.7.2** Prof. V.S. Prasad suggested to incentivize best performance curriculum development and research studies for further growth of the University in addition to knowledge resources centre facility.

**BM 141.7.3** The Board considered the recommendations of the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance Committee made in its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and recommendations of the Board members. The Board directed that an action plan be prepared by CIQA immediately. The action plan be implemented soon.

**ITEM NO. 8** **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 68<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON 22.03.2021**

**BM 141.8.1** The minutes of the Purchase Committee made in its 68<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.3.2021 were placed in the Finance Committee in its 100<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.3.2021. The minutes of the Finance Committee were placed in the present Board vide Item No.17. The Finance Committee accorded it approval on the same which was noted by the Board. Accordingly, the recommendations of the 68<sup>th</sup> Purchase Committee, placed in the Finance Committee, are enclosed (**Appendix-3**).

**ITEN NO.9** **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SCREENING CUM EVALUATION COMMITTEE/ SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS)**

**BM 141.9.1** The Board was informed that the University had conducted "Screening-cum-Evaluation Committees/Selection Committee" for Career Advancement of Teachers and Academics of the University as per Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and

Ordinances on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics duly approved by the Ministry as per UGC Regulations, 2010 alongwith subsequent amendments thereto under 6<sup>th</sup> CPC, and UGC Regulations, 2018 under 7<sup>th</sup> CPC. The recommendations of the Selection Committees were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the “Selection Committees”, as per details given below:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Date of Selection Committee</b>	<b>Position(s)</b>	<b>Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee</b>	<b>Due date of eligibility</b>
1	25.02.2021	Promotion from Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10,000/-) in School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)	Dr. K. Tamil Mannan	16.09.2014
2	25.02.2021	Promotion from Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10,000/-) in School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)	Dr. Ashish Agarwal	01.01.2009
3	25.02.2021	Promotion from Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10,000/-) in School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)	Dr. N. Venkateshwarlu	08.12.2014 (Date of award of Ph.D.)
4	25.02.2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Amit Chaturvedi	01.01.2009
5	25.02.2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to	Dr. Faiyaz Ahmed	01.01.2009

		5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division		
6	25.02.2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Kameshwari Moorty	01.01.2009
7	25.02.2021	Promotion from Regional Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Senior Regional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Regional Centre / Regional Services Division	Dr. Shambhu Sharan Singh	20.12.2011
8	25.02.2021	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in Electronic Media Production Centre	Dr. Zeba Khan	01.01.2018 (date of eligibility extended from 1.01.2009 to 01.01.2018)
9	10.03.2021	Promotion from Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10,000/-) in School of Science (SOS)	Dr. Sanjay Gupta	01.11.2016
10	24.03.2021	Promotion from Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) to Professor (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs.10,000/-) in School of Sciences (SOS)	Dr. Deepika	30.06.2018 (date of eligibility extended from 11.04.2017 to 30.06.2018)
11	10.03.2021	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Academic Level 12) to Associate Professor (Academic Level 13A) (pre-revised Stage 3 to 4, AGP Rs. 9,000/-) in School of Sciences (SOS)	Dr. Subhalakshmi Lamba	18.01.2018

**BM 141.9.2** The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Promotion Orders under CAS be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS AND ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS**

**BM 141.10.1** The Board was informed that the University had conducted the Selection Committee meetings for appointment to the posts of Assistant Professors in the Disciplines of Physics, Mathematics and History and Associate Professors in the Discipline of History. The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees, as per details given below:

<b>Date of Selection Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Position(s)</b>	<b>Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee</b>
10.03.2021	<b>Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Physics (ST-01)</b> in the School of Sciences (SOS) in the Academic level 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (Rs. Rs. 57,700-1,82,400/-)	1. Shri M. Boazbou Newmai <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Lalruatfela Renthlei 2. Dr V Manjunath
12.03.2021	<b>Appointment to the post of Associate Professor of History (UR-01)</b> in the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) in the Academic level 13A of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr. Mayank Kumar <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Pintu Kumar
12.0232021	<b>Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of History (EWS-01)</b> in the School of Social Sciences in the Academic level 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (Rs. 57,700-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr. Harshvardhan Singh Tomar <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Ajeet Kumar 2. Dr Ankita Kamal Purohit
24.03.2021	<b>Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor of Mathematics (OBC-01)</b> in the School of Sciences in the Academic level 10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (Rs. Rs. 57,700-1,82,400/-)	1. Dr Suvankar Biswas <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Shahana

**BM 141.10.2** The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that the Appointment letters for the above teaching posts be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER THE GUIDELINES APPROVED BY ACADEMIC COUNCIL FOR OFFERING ONLINE PROGRAMMES/COURSES BY THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 141.11.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board noted that the University Grants Commission vide their Order F.No.2-5/2019 (OL) dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 exempted the Indira Gandhi National Open University from the application of the University Grants Commission (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 with effect from the date of Gazette Notification of UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Amendment Regulations 2020 i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 till further Orders. Even though the University had been exempted from UGC Regulations, in order to have its own checks and balances, a Committee was constituted by the University to identify, develop, introduce and promote more Online programmes. The Committee had developed guidelines for offering Online Programmes/Courses in line with the UGC (Online Courses or Programmes) Regulations, 2018 with an objective of self-regulation.

It was informed that the above Guidelines for offering Online Programmes/Courses by the University were placed before the Academic Council of the University in its 74<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21.7.2020, and in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 18 of IGNOU Act and sub Clause (c) of Clause (9A) of Statute 9, the Academic Council adopted the “GUIDELINES FOR OFFERING ONLINE PROGRAMMES/ COURSES BY THE UNIVERSITY” as an addendum to “Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning, notified vide Notification dated 6.9.2019 by the University. These Guidelines shall apply to all academic programmes, consistent with the Objects of the University enshrined in the First Schedule of the IGNOU Act offered at the Certificate, Diploma, PG Diploma, Degree and Master’s Degree Programmes in Online mode. The University vide its Notification F.No.IG/ACD/Online Std./74thAC/2020/128 dated 28.8.2020 notified these Guidelines and had forwarded a copy of the same to the Ministry of Education. The Ministry in turn vide its letter No.F.5-26/2020-DL dated 13.01.2021 had advised to place the Guidelines before the Board of Management.

**BM 141.11.2** Prof. V.S. Prasad suggested that a Clause may be added in the above guidelines for quality online education and quality assurance. He also emphasized on flexible evaluation methodology to be decided by the Programme Committees for all the online programme.

**BM 141.11.3** After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the “GUIDELINES FOR OFFERING ONLINE PROGRAMMES/ COURSES BY THE UNIVERSITY” as an addendum to “Standards for Achieving Excellence in Design, Development and Delivery of Open and Distance Learning, notified vide Notification dated 6.9.2019 by the University after incorporating the suggestions given in 141.11.2 (**Appendix-4**).

**ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF DR. K.C. DALAI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, RAGHUNATHGANJ, WEST BENGAL FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 141.12.1** The Board approved the request of Dr. K. C. Dalai, Regional Director at Regional Centre, Raghunathganj, West Bengal for retirement under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) under 56(k) from the services of the University w.e.f. 30.4.2021 (A/N), considering the period from his date of request as notice period.

**ITEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MOA WITH NATIONAL OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE (NOLI), MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, GUYANA FOR OFFERING IGNOU PROGRAMMES**

**BM 141.13.1** The Board was informed that in its 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29.12.2020 vide Item No. 6, the Board had considered the collaboration with the Government of Guyana and directed to process the collaboration as per laid down procedures. The University had already made a generic Memorandum of Collaboration with National Open Learning Institute (NOLI), Ministry of Education, Guyana on 02.12.2020.

The Board had further considered in the above meeting, that IGNOU will facilitate to offer online/ODL Programmes for 20000 scholarships to the students of Guyana. For this purpose, a proposal had been received on September 30, 2020 from Prof. Jacob Opadeyi, Consultant, Ministry of Education, Guyana expressing interest in international partnership on September 30, 2020. The delegation from Guyana visited IGNOU from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 to discuss & finalization the modalities of collaboration. Thereafter, a Demand Survey in the prescribed proforma for

recognition of Overseas Study Centre was received from Guyana.

The institute has also identified 27 IGNOU Academic programmes to start admission from Session July 2021, have been considered by IGNOU. The Memorandum of Association was prepared and has been vetted legally.

**BM 141.13.2** The Board considered and approved the MoA with National Open Learning Institute (NOLI), Ministry of Education, Guyana for offering IGNOU Programmes and decided to refer the same to the Ministry of Education.

The Board confirmed this Item and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 14 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN EXTENDING THE EOL GRANTED TO PROF. ANJILA GUPTA TO TAKE UP ASSIGNMENT AS THE VICE CHANCELLOR, GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA, BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH BEYOND ALREADY APPROVED FIVE YEARS W.E.F. 06.08.2020**

**BM 141.14.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the EOL of Prof. Anjila Gupta beyond five years w.e.f. 07.08.2020 till 06.08.2021 or till the Vice Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh is appointed, whichever is earlier. The Board noted that the extension of tenure of Dr. Anjila Gupta as Vice Chancellor was also given by the MoE.

**ITEM NO. 15 TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTMENT/GIVING CHARGE OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL/CENTRE/UNIT**

**BM 141.15.1** The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointment/giving charge of Directorship of Schools/Centre/Unit to the following Teachers/Academics as per details given below:

#	Name of Teacher/ Academic	School/Division/Centre/Unit/ Cell	Period of Appointment/ Charge given
1.	Dr. Ashish Agrawal, Associate Professor	School of Engineering & Technology (SOET)	01.02.2021 to 04.08.2023
2.	Prof. Himadri Roy,	School of Gender and	11.02.2021 to

	Professor	Development Studies (SOGDS)	10.02.2024
3.	Dr. Srikant Mohapatra, Senior Regional Director	Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC)	02.02.2021 till further orders

**ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUEST OF DR. GOPAL JADAV, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN MANAGEMENT, SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES (SOMS) FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND WAIVING OFF THE NOTICE PERIOD**

**BM 141.16.1** The Board approved the request of Dr. Gopal Jadav, Associate Professor in Management, School of Management Studies (SOMS) for retirement under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) under 56(k) and to relieve him from the services of the University w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (A/N) by waiving off the shortfall of notice period.

**ITEM NO.17 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 24.03.2021**

**BM 141.17.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee made at its 100<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.03.2021. A copy of the Minutes of the Finance Committee is placed as **Appendix-5**.

**BM 141.17.2** The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 18 TO RATIFY RENEWAL OF THE MOU BETWEEN IGNOU AND RETAILERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA (RAI)**

**BM 141.18.1** The Board ratified the renewal of the MOU between IGNOU and Retailers Association of India (RAI).

**ITEM NO. 19 TO APPRISE THE STATUS REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- (i) GRIEVANCES RECEIVED AND DISPOSED ON PG PORTAL AND IGRAM PORTAL**
- (ii) VIGILANCE CASES PENDING IN THE UNIVERSITY; AND**
- (iii) PARLIAMENTARY ASSURANCES PENDING IN THE UNIVERSITY**

**BM 141.19.1** The Board noted the status report (**Appendix-6**) on the grievances received and disposed on PG Portal and iGRAM Portal, the vigilance cases pending in the University, Parliamentary assurances and the audit paras.

**BM 141.19.2** Prof. V.S. Prasad suggested to frame guidelines to decentralize the student grievances mechanism to the Regional Centres as learners experience is also important to be taken note of. The Board agreed to the same.

**BM 141.19.3** The Board directed as under:

- (i) All pending cases of vigilance be expedited on regular basis and the cases be concluded in a time-bound manner as per Vigilance Manual.**
- (ii) Audit paras be monitored on regular basis**
- (iii) Learners' grievances be monitored on a regular basis and resolved in a time bound manner.**

**ITEM NO. 20 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATED TO ALLEGATION AND COUNTER ALLEGATION MADE BY DR. S. NEETHIRAJAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND SHRI S. SAUNAND, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE - BHAGALPUR AGAINST EACH OTHER AS WELL AS MISUSE OF PUBLIC MONEY AND MANIPULATION OF TTA BILLS BY DR S J NEETHIRAJAN**

**BM 141.20.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that Dr. SJ Neethirajan, Regional Director, IGNOU RC Bhagalpur and Shri S Saunand, Asst Regional Director, IGNOU RC Bhagalpur had made certain allegations and counter allegations against each

other. A Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor to examine the validity of allegations and counter allegations made by them against each other. The Committee had submitted its report to the Vice Chancellor wherein, it was reported that there were serious financial irregularities and mis-management committed by both the officials and both of them lack administrative and financial maturity hence, should not be given independent charge/responsibility involving administrative and financial matters. It was, therefore, decided to make recoveries of amount pending against them from the salary accounts of Dr. S. Neethirajan and Sh. S. Saunand. Accordingly, both the Officials were issued Memorandums. In response, Dr S J Neethirajan informed that the amount had already been paid, hence it was not applicable to make the said recovery from his salary. No reply was received from Shri S. Saunand.

It was informed that the matter was further placed before the Board at its 139<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17.03.2020 and the Board directed to seek the written explanation from Dr. S. J. Neethirajan and Shri. S. Saunand for all the issues and place the same before the Board. Accordingly, both the Officials, Dr S J Neethirajan and Shri S Saunand vide letters dated 15.12.2020 and dated 15.12.2020, respectively were asked to submit their explanations on the observations. In response, vide his letter dated 15.01.2021, Shri S Saunand has denied all the allegations and submitted a detailed response.

The Board was informed that Dr S J Neethirajan, former RD, RC Bhagalpur and present RD, RC Imphal has submitted his explanation vide letter dated 31.1.2021. With regard to the excess amount claimed for TTA bills he has now deposited an amount of Rs 43700/- to the University by means of a demand draft No. 727829 vide letter dated 22.01.2021.

**BM 141.20.2** The Board was of the view that while putting up such cases for the consideration of the Board the actionable points should be stated in the agenda by the concerned Unit and also place the report of the CVO, IGNOU, to deliberate upon such issues.

**BM 141.20.3** The Board noted the explanation received from Shri S. Saunand. With respect to Dr SJ Neethirajan, the Board decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him and serve a Chargesheet to Dr. SJ Neethirajan for financial and administrative mismanagement including fraudulently claiming TTA bills and not clearing advances/

recoveries pending against him.

**ITEM NO.21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE (DPC) MEETING HELD ON 22.03.2021 IN RESPECT OF GROUP-A NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**BM 141.21.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board considered the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meeting held on 22.03.2021 in respect of Group-A Non-Academic positions and noted that the promotions were recommended by DPC after examining all related issues and vigilance clearance. The Board approved the recommendations, as per details given below:

<b>Date of the Meeting</b>	<b>Positions</b>	<b>Name of the candidate</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
22.03.2021	<b>Promotion to the post of Chief Project Officer</b> in the Pay Level 14 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-IV Rs.37400-67000, GP-10000/-)	Sh. Sudheer Reddy (UR)	Subject to outcome of the Writ Petition No.8145/2016 filed by Sh. Sudheer Reddy before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi.
	<b>Promotion to the post of Deputy Director (Software)</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)	Sh. Thiruvengadathan (UR)	
	<b>Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)	1. Ms. Seema Razdan (UR) 2. Sh. Venkatachalam(UR) 3. Ms. Suman Taneja (UR) 4. Sh. B.L.Meena (ST) 5. Sh. Mohan Veer Gautam (SC)  <b><u>PANEL</u></b> 1.Dr.Rajender Kumar Diwakar (SC) 2.Sh. Manjeet Malhotra (UR) 3.Ms. Lalita Sharma (UR)	
	<b>Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar (Official Language)</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	No one available from the Feeder Cadre	

(PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)		
<b>Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar (Translation)</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)	No one available from the Feeder Cadre	
<b>Promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar (Legal)</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)	No one eligible from the Feeder Cadre	
<b>Promotion to the post of Engineer Incharge (EMPC)</b> in Pay Level-12 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 7600/-)	None completed their eligibility as per the Revised R & P Rules 2010 for the promotional post of Engineer In-charge (EMPC).	
<b>Regularization of the Assistant Directors (Software)</b> in Pay Level-10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. S. Anandan (UR)</li> <li>2. V.S.R.R. Krishna (UR)</li> </ol> <p><u>To be regularised against the future vacancies</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bhaskar Tripathi (UR)</li> <li>2. Ms. Meenakshi Bhatnagar (SC)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>PANEL</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sh. Bhupender Singh Rawat (UR)</li> <li>2. Sh. Yogesh Bhatnagar (UR)</li> <li>3. Sh. Vijay Kumar Sharma (UR)</li> </ol>	
<b>Promotions to the post of Assistant Engineer (EMPC)</b> in the Pay Level-10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)	No one possesses the requisite qualification	
<b>Regularization of the Assistant Registrar</b> in Pay Level-10 of 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sh. Rajeev Kumar (UR)</li> <li>2. Sh. Anil Kumar (UR)</li> <li>3. Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta (UR)</li> <li>4. Sh. Naresh Kumar (UR)</li> <li>5. Sh. A.S. Mohan (UR)</li> <li>6. Ms. Promila Soni (UR)</li> <li>7. Sh. Govind Pandey (UR)</li> <li>8. Sh. Kulwant Singh (SC)</li> <li>9. Sh. Anil Kumar (SC)</li> <li>10. Sh. Sundar Lal (SC)</li> <li>11. Sh. Elamparithi (ST)</li> <li>12. Ms. E.L. Kynsi (ST)</li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Promotions to the post of Assistant Registrar in Pay Level-10 of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sh. R.Raja (PS) (SC)▲▲▲</li> <li>2. Ms. Veena Rani (PS) (ST)###</li> <li>3. Sh. D.V. Ramana (PS) (UR)</li> <li>4. Sh. Harkesh Kumar ((SO)(SC) \$\$\$</li> <li>5. Dilip Sonkusale (PS) (ST)▲▲▲</li> <li>6. Ms. Sumathi Nair (SO-P) (UR)</li> <li>7. MD. Sheriff (SO) (UR)</li> <li>8. S. Venugopal (SO) (UR)</li> <li>9. Sh. Latish Kumar (SO) (UR)</li> <li>10. Sh. G.Pyrbot (PS) (ST)\$\$\$</li> <li>11. Sh. K. Narender (SO) (UR)</li> <li>12. Ms. Bharti Kharbanda (SO) (UR)</li> <li>13. Sh. Sudhir Kumar (SO-P) (SC)</li> <li>14. Sh. Ravi Kant Tiwari (SO) (UR)</li> <li>15. Sh. Sujit Das (SO) (UR)</li> <li>16. Sh. Khumukcham S.K.Singh (SO) (UR)</li> <li>17. Sh. Yashpal (SO-P) (UR)</li> <li>18. Sh. R. Ramesh Kumar (PS) (UR) \$\$\$</li> <li>19. Ms. Usha Balaji (PS) (UR) ▲▲▲</li> <li>20. Sh. K.V.K.Chandersekhar (PS) (UR)</li> <li>21. Dr. G.Radhakrishna (PS) (UR)</li> <li>22. Sh. Subhakant Chhetri (SO) (UR)&amp;&amp;&amp;</li> <li>23. Ms. Rajni Kalra (SO) (UR)</li> <li>24. Sh. Nand Kumar Gupta (SO) (UR)</li> <li>25. Ms. Seema Rani (PS) (SC)▲▲▲</li> <li>26. Sh. Balwant Singh (PS) (SC)</li> <li>27. Sh. Kasturi Lal (SO) (SC)@@@</li> </ol> <p><u>PANEL</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sh. Rakesh Tiwari (SO) (UR)</li> <li>2. Sh. Shakuntala Khurana (SO) (UR)</li> <li>3. Sh. P.K.Rath (PS) (UR)</li> <li>4. Sh. A.S.V.Venkateswar (PS) (UR)</li> <li>5. Sh. B.K. Somayajulu (PS) (UR)</li> <li>6. Sh. Sanjay Aggarwal (PS) (UR)</li> <li>7. Ms. K.V.Nagalakshmi (PS) (UR)</li> <li>8. Sh. Sunita Kapoor (SO) (UR)</li> <li>9. Ms. Suman Chalotra (SO) (UR)</li> <li>10. Ms. Kiran Nagpal (SO) (UR) \$\$\$</li> <li>11. Ms. Sarita Sharma (PS) (UR)</li> <li>12. Sh. Pratap Nagaraj (PS) (UR)</li> <li>13. Sh. Yogesh Yadav (PS) (UR)</li> <li>14. Sh. Lekh Raj Verma (SO) (UR)</li> <li>15. Sh. PVSS Satyanarayana (SO) (UR) \$\$\$</li> <li>16. Sh. Ranbir Singh Dagar (SO) (UR)</li> <li>17. Ms. Anita Kumari Raj (SO) (SC)</li> <li>18. Sh. Pradeep Kumar Das (SO) (UR)</li> </ol>	<p>▲▲▲ considered for promotion subject to verification of their degree certificates from the respective awarding Universities.</p> <p>### Not considered for promotion due to no vigilance clearance and Sealed Cover Procedure followed</p> <p>\$\$\$ do not possess the requisite qualification i.e., graduation, hence not considered for promotion</p> <p>&amp;&amp;&amp; No vigilance clearance given by the Vigilance Cell due to involvement in financial mis-management at RC, Itanagar</p> <p>@@@ considered for promotion subject to verification of his degree certificate from the degree awarding University.</p>
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		19. Sh. Prakash (SO) (SC) 20. Sh. Satish Kr. Rauthan (SO) (SC) \$\$\$ 21. Sh. C.P. Mursenia (SO) (UR) 22. Dr. Sudesh Kumari (SO) (UR) 23. Ms. Sunita Rani Juneja (SO) (UR) 24. Sh. Manoj Roy (SO) (UR) 25. Sh. Ramanjeynaya (SO) (ST) 26. Sh. Urmila Devi (SO) (UR) 27. Ms. Kusum Lata (SO) (SC) 28. Sh. Praveen Kumar (PS) (SC)	
	<b>Promotion to the post of Assistant Registrar (Official Language) in Pay Level-10 of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)</b>	No one available from the Feeder Cadre	
	<b>Regularization of the Assistant Registrar (Translation) in Pay Level-10 of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC (PB-III Rs.15600-39100, GP 5400/-)</b>	Ms. Kanwaljeet Kaur	

**BM 141.21.2** The Board also considered and ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the recommendations of the Committee constituted for conversion of Section Officer (Publication) into Section Officer.

**BM 141.21.3** The Board observed that details of vacancies to be filled category-wise may be placed before the Board while opening of the DPC recommendations.

The Board confirmed this item for implementation and directed that the promotion orders for the above posts be issued accordingly. The Board also directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEN NO.22 TO CONSIDER EARMARKING FIVE POSTS EACH OF REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR APPOINTMENT ON DEPUTATION BASIS IN THE REGIONAL CENTRES LOCATED IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATES, PORT BLAIR AND KASHMIR**

**BM 141.22.1** The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board keeping in view the special requirements of North Eastern States; Port Blair and Srinagar, approved the proposal for specifically earmarking 05 posts

each of Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Director for Regional Centres in North Eastern Region (03 posts each of RD and ARD), Port Blair (01 post each of RD and ARD) and Srinagar (01 post each of RD and ARD) out of the existing vacant posts of RDs and ARD, who can specifically be appointed for these Regional Centres only through deputation basis by an All India Advertisement.

**BM 141.22.2** After detailed discussion, the Board approved the proposal, as above, to appoint persons on deputation basis for a term of two years for North-Eastern States, Srinagar and Port Blair.

**ITEM NO.23** **TO CONSIDER AND NOMINATE MEMBERS UNDER CLAUSE (2)(II)(D)&(E) OF STATUTE 12 ON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR POSTS OF REGISTRARS (ADMINISTRATION, STUDENTS EVALUATION DIVISION, AND MATERIAL PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISION)**

**BM 141.23.1** At the time of deliberation of this Item, the Secretary, BOM Dr. V.B. Negi, Registrar (Admn.) I/c withdrew himself for this Item as he was an applicant for the above mentioned post(s).

The Item was presented by the Chairman, BOM. The Board was informed that the University had advertised the Positions of Registrar, Administration; Registrar, Students Evaluation Division (SED); and Registrar, Material Production and Distribution Division (MPDD) and the University was in the process of constituting Selection Committees for these posts.

The Selection Committees for the posts of Registrars is constituted as per Statute 12, Clause (2) sub clause (ii) of Statutes of the University which amongst others require as under:

- (d) two members of the Board of Management nominated by it; and
- (e) One person not in the service of the University nominated by the Board of Management.

**BM 141.23.2** The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to nominate members on the Selection Committee for posts of Registrar Administration; Registrar, Students Evaluation Division; and Registrar, Material Production and Distribution Division, under clauses 12(2)(ii)(d) and (e) of Statute 12 of the Statutes of the University.

The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to

issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 24 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST LETTER OF DR. RAJIV KUMAR, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR, REGIONAL CENTRE, DARBHANGA DATED 24.02.2021 SEEKING “DEATH WISH”**

**BM 141.24.1** The Board was informed that Dr Rajeev Kumar, Assistant Regional Director, RC Darbhanga has been regularly representing to be posted at RC Dehradun his hometown. Recently, on 24th February 2021 vide his representation addressed to Hon’ble President of India, in his capacity as Visitor of the University, routed through the Director Regional Services Division, requested the University to forward his representation to the Visitor inter alia praying for grant of permission for “Death Wish”. He has also mentioned to take steps for donating his organs. Immediately on receipt of the letter, the University vide its letter dated 03.03.2021 approached the SSP, Police headquarters, Patna requesting them to take all possible steps to avoid occurrence of any uncalled for / unwarranted incident and also for taking further necessary action in accordance with law. RD, Darbhanga was also requested to inform his family and for psychological counseling.

It was further informed that Dr Rajeev Kumar vide his email dated 10.03.2021 again sought to know the status of his application for death wish and also stated that he has submitted his applications for death wish with good mental and physical health conditions and facts mentioned in his application. On earlier occasions also when he was transferred from RC Dehradun to RC Darbhanga vide whatsapp message to the then Director, RSD, Dr. V V Venugopal Reddy, he had threatened that, “I will commit suicide in University Campus” if transferred outside Dehradun. He had also sent a proposal for shifting of RC Darbhanga to RC Patna on 6.3.20 to Hon’ble Vice Chancellor IGNOU without routing through proper channel.

**BM 141.24.2** After detailed deliberations, the Board observed that such a pressure tactics by any employee should be treated as a misconduct. As such the request of Dr. Rajeev Kumar, ARD for transfer to his hometown cannot be considered.

**BM 141.24.3** The Board also resolved that the case of Dr. Rajeev Kumar, ARD be referred to the State Medical Board at Patna in the first instance for examining his mental health condition. In case, he is found unfit in the medical examination, he be sent on medical/other leave due to his

credit. However, in case he is found medically fit, disciplinary action be initiated against the Official for misconduct, threatening behavior and putting political pressure to seek personal favours.

The Board confirmed this item for implementation and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

**ITEM NO. 25 TO CONSIDER THE RECOGNITION OF OVERSEAS STUDY CENTRES (OSCS) OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS**

**BM 141.25.1** The Board noted that as per the directions of 140<sup>th</sup> BOM a detailed note was sent to Department of Higher Education on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 for international collaborations through recognition of Overseas Study Centres. The Ministry has responded vide its letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and desired certain documents which had already been sent to the Ministry.

The matter was discussed in detail. A few major points emanating from discussion are as follows:

1. In the beginning since 1998, IGNOU had been recognising International Study Centres under Section 5 (VII) of IGNOU Act 1985. In 2014 University had proposed to set up Overseas Study Centres invoking Section 3(2) of IGNOU Act 1985.
2. Since 2014, the proposals for overseas study centres are being sent to MoE for approval of the Visitor.
3. Also as per Section 2(o) of the IGNOU Act Study centre means “A centre established, maintained or recognised by the University for the purpose of advising, counselling or for rendering any other assistance required by the students.”
4. While establishing/recognising the overseas Study Centres, the report of the embassy/high Commission is also received to examine the credentials of the concerned Institution.
5. Section 3(2) of the IGNOU Act requires the approval of the Visitor while establishing the Study Centres outside India.

Since the Study Centres outside India are recognized, the Board considered the following process for Recognition of Overseas Study Centres outside India:

- a) Receipt of application from Interested overseas institutions.
- b) Scrutinizing the application at International Division of IGNOU.

- c) Forwarding the proposal to the concerned Embassy/ High commission of India for verification of status and claims of the institution.
- d) Report of the Embassy/High Commission is placed before the BOM for approval.

The Board also noted that in case of “establishment of Overseas Study Centres” of IGNOU outside India, in addition to above described in case of recognition of Overseas Study Centre, the approval of Visitor of the University is mandatory.

**BM 141.25.2** After deliberations, the Board decided that the above proposal for recognizing/establishing the Overseas Study Centres be forwarded to the MOE for its consideration.

**ITEM NO. 26 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR AWARD OF DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE TO THE ELIGIBLE STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR PROGRAMME DURING DECEMBER 2019 AND JUNE 2020 TERM END EXAMINATION IN 34<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION**

**BM 141.26.1** The Board noted the provisions under Clause 5 of Ordinance on the Convocation and approved the proposal for conducting the 34<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University for awarding of Degree/ Diploma/Certificate to the eligible students. The updated list of number of students eligible for award of degrees, etc. is placed at **Appendix-7**.

**ITEM NO.27 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRO VICE-CHANCELLORS**  
(The Item was tabled by the Vice-Chancellor/Chairman)

**BM 141.27.1** The Chairman recommended the proposal before the Board for appointment of Pro-Vice Chancellors in the University under the provision of Statute 3 of the IGNOU Act. The Chairman proposed the following names (in order of seniority) for the post of Pro-Vice Chancellors:

- (1) Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Professor of Library & Information Sciences, School of Social Sciences, IGNOU, New Delhi
- (2) Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Professor of English, Mahatma Jyotiba

Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

The brief resume of the above persons were placed before the Board for information. The same are placed at **Appendix-8**.

**BM 141.27.2**

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor for appointment of the Pro-Vice Chancellors, as mentioned above in that order. The Board confirmed the above Item and directed to issue the Part-Minutes in this regard.

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

**(Nageshwar Rao)**  
Chairman