



MINUTES OF THE 152nd MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 04, 2022

The 152nd meeting (Emergent) of the Board of Management of the University was held in blended mode on 04.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m. in the Board Room, VCO Block, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairman
2.	Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor	- Member
3.	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, JS (HE), MOE	- Member
4.	Prof. Bansh Gopal Singh	- Member
5.	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
6.	Prof. Ashok Sharma	- Member
7.	Prof. Shachi Shah	- Member
8.	Dr. M. Shanmugam	- Member
9.	Prof. Shubha Gokhale	- Member
	Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar, Admn.	- Secretary

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

Shri Kamal Kant Sahay, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, Registrar, Administration Dr. Alok Choube welcomed all the Members to this Board. Thereafter, the Chairman, Board of Management (BoM), Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, welcomed all the members of the Board of Management. He appreciated Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, JS & Economic Adviser, MOE for sparing his precious time for the meeting. He specially welcomed Prof. K K Aggarwal, Prof. Bansh Gopal Singh and Prof. Ashok Sharma. The Vice-Chancellor also welcomed Prof. Satyakam, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. M Shanmugam, Senior Regional Director and Prof. Shubha Gokhale, Professor of Physics as the new members of the Board who were attending the meeting for the first time. He also introduced them to other members of the Board.

The Chairman also placed on record the appreciation of the Board towards the contributions made by Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava and Dr. Bharat Bhushan, the outgoing members, during their tenure on the Board of Management.

The Vice-Chancellor briefly narrated the significant developments in the university since the last BOM meeting, as under:

- i) The University organized International Partners meet with Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs as Chief Guest. Hon'ble Minister appreciated the efforts made by the International Division, IGNOU to promote internationalization of programmes in IGNOU. Fourteen International Partners were present from other countries during the meeting.
- ii) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations would be signing a MoU with IGNOU and Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) on 9th November, 2022 to promote the Hindi language in other countries of the world.
- iii) A MoU has been signed with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for embedding skill component in academic programmes of the University and for introducing apprenticeship/internship in the curriculum for enhancement of employment opportunities.
- iv) Ministry of External Affairs has selected 2619 students for 42 online programmes of IGNOU from the total of 3570 scholarships available in the scheme for the forthcoming July 2022 academic session under the e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati (e-VBAB) Project. The process of registration of the students has been initiated and the online classes are to be conducted soon.
- v) The IGNOU has been identified as the Project Management Unit (PMU) for National Mission on Education through ICT (NMEICT) Phase III. The Phase III of NMEICT included major projects like SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha, NDLI, Virtual Labs, eSS etc.

The major activities of IGNOU NMEICT PMU would be to:

- Automate the project management activities through MIS with real time dashboard integrating all the projects of NMEICT through APIs;
- Coordinate activities of CNA to ensure high scheme performance;
- Mapping of e-content with standard curriculum of UGC and AICTE;
- Oversee translation of the e-content/ courses into 13 Indian Languages;
- Identify partners (both public and private institutions) through EoIto develop interactive rich content of high quality;

- Impact Assessment and quality assurance of different projects of NMEICT;
- Conducting regular meetings of different bodies of NMEICT.

Earlier, IGNOU was also assigned the role of CNA for NMEICT for disbursement of funds under the scheme. IGNOU is thankful to Ministry for reposing its faith in the University.

- vi) Fresh admissions have been made to the tune of 4.96 lakh. The number of re-registration has crossed 3.94 lakhs.

University has successfully conducted term end examination of June 2022 and it ended on 5th September 2022. More than 88.23% results were declared and December 2022 term end examinations are scheduled to start on time from 2nd December, 2022.

- vii) The University has signed MoU with Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED), Govt. of India covering about 30 crore workers working in both organized and unorganized sections for their capacity building through multimedia integrated awareness programmes. IGNOU has earlier designed programmes using multimedia for digital literacy of the workers in the unorganized sectors.

- viii) IGNOU has approached National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET), a skill regulator of the country for dual recognition as an Awarding body and an Assessing body for the skill based programmes. The Proposal has been accepted and agreement between IGNOU and NCVET will be signed soon.

- ix) The University has taken initiative of creating awareness about NEP-2020 among 15 lakhs teachers engaged in the higher education system through professional development programme approved by MoE and UGC. So far 50,000 teachers have registered in the portal. The extensive use of technology through SAMARTH, SWAYAM and Swayamprabha TV channels are used continuously for the programme delivery. 30 videos for the modules along with all NEP related guidelines have been made available through the SWAYAM platform for this awareness initiative of the University. Interactive live sessions were conducted through Swayamprabha. So far four batches have completed and around fifteen thousand teachers have successfully cleared the programmes.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented by the Secretary before the Board.

ITEM NO. 1 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 104TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 01.11.2022 INCLUDING THE AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 AND REVISED ESTIMATES 2022-23 & BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-24 ALONGWITH OTHER ITEMS

BM 152.1.1 The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 104th meeting held on 01.11.2022. The Board noted that as per the provisions under Section 29 of IGNOU Act and the further provisions under Clause (6) of Statute 11 thereof, the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet of the University in respect of the preceding financial year is required to be prepared under the directions of the Board of Management of the University, and shall be submitted to the statutory Audit with the approval of the BOM. Accordingly, the Finance Committee at its 104th Meeting held on 01.11.2022 considered the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2021-22 audited by the Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure) and recommended for approval by the Board of Management. A copy of Minutes of the Finance Committee is placed at **Appendix**.

BM 152.1.2 After deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the 104th Finance Committee meeting held on 01.11.2022 including the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2021-22. The Board also authorized that the same may be submitted to the MOE for placing before the Visitor, in terms of the provisions under Section 29(2) of the IGNOU Act. Further, a copy of the Accounts together with the Audit Report shall also be submitted to the MOE for placing the same before the Parliament under Section 29(4) of the IGNOU Act.

The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the minutes in this regard.

- ITEM NO. 2** (A) **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF PROFESSORS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS AND ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS**
- (B) **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF SCREENING CUM EVALUATION COMMITTEES AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTIONS OF TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS UNDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME (CAS)**
- (C) **TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGISTRARS (OBC-NCL) ON DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS**

- BM 152.2.1** (A) **Minutes of Selection Committee for recruitment to the posts of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors on direct recruitment basis**

The Board was informed that the University had advertised the posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor vide Advt No. 02/2021/ACD, dated 30.11.2021 issued in Employment News on 4-10th December 2021. The last date of receiving online application was 05.01.2022. The applications were invited through Online Portal in coordination with Samarth. In response to the advertisement, the University had processed the applications as per UGC Regulations on Minimum qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education, 2018 and conducted the Selection Committee meetings for appointment to the posts of Professor in the Discipline of Library Science in the School of Social Sciences (SOSS), Associate Professor in the Discipline of Education in the School of Education (SOE), Associate Professor in the discipline of Distance Education in the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE), Associate Professors in the Discipline of Social Work in the School of Social Work (SOSW) and Associate Professor in the Discipline of Hindi in the School of Humanities (SOH). The recommendations of the Selection Committee were placed before the Board. The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees, as per details given below:

Date of Selection Committee Meeting	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee
12 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Professor (Library Science) (ST-01) in the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) in the Academic level 14 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,44,200-2,18,200/-)	1. Dr Kunwar Singh <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Mangkhollen Singson
12 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor (Education) (ST-01) in the School of Education (SOE) in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Banwaree Lal Meena <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Bhimappa Rangannavar
12 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor (Distance Education) (ST-01) in the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Manoj Tirkey <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Banwaree Lal Meena 2. Dr Pooran Lal Meena
12 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor (Social Work) (SC-01) in the School of Social Work (SOSW) in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Dilip Diwakar G.
12 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor (Social Work) (OBC-01) in the School of Social Work (SOSW) in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Lakshmana G.
18 th October 2022	Appointment to the post of Associate Professor (Hindi) (OBC-01) in the School of Humanities (SOH) in the Academic level 13A of 7 th CPC (Rs. 1,31,400-2,17,100/-)	1. Dr Suraj Kumar <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Dr Ram Prakash Yadav 2. Dr Arvind Singh Tejwat

BM 152.2.2 (B) Minutes Of Screening Cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee For Promotions Of (A) Teachers And (B) Academics Under Career Advancement Scheme (Cas)

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 including Librarian as per UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education) Regulations, 2010 alongwith subsequent amendment thereto under 6th CPC, and “UGC Regulations on Minimum qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in higher education, 2018 under 7th CPC duly approved by the Ministry and Visitor. The recommendations of the Screening cum Evaluation Committee/Selection Committees were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board approved the recommendations of the “Screening cum Evaluation Committees/Selection Committees”, as per details given below:

S. No.	Date of Screening Cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee	Position(s)/Stage of Promotion	Name(s) recommended by the Screening Cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee	Due date of eligibility
I. List of Teachers recommended for promotion				
1.	07.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the School of Performing & Visual Arts (SOPVA)	Dr. Lakshman Prasad	14.02.2018
2.	07.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the School of Performing & Visual Arts (SOPVA)	Dr. P. Radhika	25.02.2020
3.	07.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the School of Foreign Language (SOFL)	Mr. Vikash Kumar Singh	23.02.2019
4.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Stage 1/ Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) in	Dr. Anand Gupta	12.04.2011

		the Discipline of Law in the School of Law (SOL)		
5.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Stage 1/ Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) in the Discipline of Law in the School of Law (SOL)	Dr. Gurmeet Kaur Bedi	07.11.2010
6.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Stage 1/ Academic Level 10) to Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) in the School of Agriculture (SOA)	Dr. Mukesh Kumar	18.04.2011
7.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the Discipline of Law in the School of Law (SOL)	Dr. Anand Gupta	12.04.2016
8.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the Discipline of Law in the School of Law (SOL)	Dr. Gurmeet Kaur Bedi	07.11.2015
9.	09.09.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the School of Agriculture (SOA)	Dr. Mukesh Kumar	18.04.2016
10.	12.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Stage 3/Academic level 12) to Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Discipline of Social Work in the School of Social Work (SOSW)	Dr. N. Ramya	31.08.2022
11.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Stage 3/Academic level 12) to Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Discipline of Translation Studies in the School of Translation Studies & Training (SOTST)	Dr. Harish Kumar Sethi	29.01.2021
12.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Stage 3/Academic level 12) to Associate Professor	Dr. Jyoti Chawla	03.02.2021

		(Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Discipline of Translation Studies in the School of Translation Studies & Training (SOTST)		
13.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the Discipline of Geography in the School of Science (SOS)	Dr. Satya Raj	25.05.2020
14.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the Discipline of Geography in the School of Science (SOS)	Dr. Vishal Warpa	26.05.2020
15.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale/Stage 2/Academic Level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade/Stage 3/Academic Level 12) in the Discipline of Geography in the School of Science (SOS)	Dr. K. Nageswara Rao	20.06.2020
II. List of Academics recommended for promotion				
S. No.	Date of Screening Cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee	Position(s)/Stage of Promotion	Name(s) recommended by the Screening Cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee	Due date of eligibility
1.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Raipur/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Helen Sangeeta Majhi	01.01.2009
2.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-	Dr. Avinash Mohan Saklani	05.10.2015

		revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Noida / Regional Services Division		
3.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre/REC, Bhopal/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Bini Toms	26.05.2017
4.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Shimla/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Joginder Kumar Yadav	21.09.2015
5.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Jaipur/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Mamta Bhatia	10.11.2012
6.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Angul/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dash	31.05.2017
7.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Students Registration Division / Regional Services Division	Dr. Ranjita Panda	09.03.2018
8.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director/Regional Director (Academic Level 13A) to	Dr. Santosh Kumari	26.02.2013

		Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Khanna/ Regional Services Division		
9.	18.10.2022	Promotion from Deputy Director (Academic Level 13A) to Additional Director/ Sr. Regional Director (Academic Level 14) (pre-revised Stage 4 to 5, AGP Rs. 10000/-) at Regional Centre, Kolkata/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Sujata Dutta Hazarika	30.05.2015
10.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Kolkata/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Ajay Kumar Behera	20.05.2020
11.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Cochin / Regional Services Division	Dr. Jalaja Kumari	18.05.2020
12.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Karnal/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Amit Kumar Jain	25.05.2020
13.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Karnal/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Dharam Pal	17.05.2020
14.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/	Dr. Jayesh Patel	30.05.2020

		Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Delhi/ Regional Services Division		
15.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Nagpur/ Regional Services Division	Dr. K Sasicoumar Brumot	23.05.2020
16.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Shillong/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Lalchharliani	16.06.2020
17.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Shillong/ Regional Services Division	Dr. N Samungao Singh	04.05.2021
18.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Vatakara / Regional Services Division	Dr. Prameela O	15.05.2020
19.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Centre for Online	Dr. Ashish Kumar Awadhiya	04.08.2022

		Education (COE)		
20.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Bhagalpur/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Sarah Nasreen	15.05.2010
21.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Trivandrum/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Priya Pradeep (MS Priyamol)	17.06.2020
22.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Hyderabad / Regional Services Division	Dr. P.M. Sowjanya	10.07.2017
23.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Jodhpur/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Rupali Srivastava	11.05.2021
24.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Jodhpur / Regional Services Division	Dr. Muakhtyar Ali	20.04.2021
25.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director	Dr. Rajeev Kumar	25.05.2020

		(Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Darbhanga / Regional Services Division		
26.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre/ Regional Services Division	Dr. Vinita Katiyar	23.05.2020
27.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Aligarh / Regional Services Division	Dr. Mohd. Safdare Azam	19.05.2020
28.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Siliguri / Regional Services Division	Dr. Pravin Pralayankar	30.05.2020
29.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Lucknow / Regional Services Division	Dr. Kirti Vikram Singh	18.05.2020
30.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs.	Dr. Asha Upadhyay	20.05.2020

		8000/-) at Regional Centre, Jammu / Regional Services Division		
31.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Guwahati / Regional Services Division	Dr. Md. Baniyammuddin	20.05.2020
32.	28.10.2022	Promotion from Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 11) to Assistant Director/ Assistant Regional Director (Academic Level 12) (pre-revised Stage 2 to 3, AGP Rs. 8000/-) at Regional Centre, Deoghar / Regional Services Division	Dr. Saroj Kumar Mishra	03.05.2021

BM 152.2.3 (C) Minutes of the Selection Committees and final list of selected candidates for the post of Assistant Registrar (OBC-NCL)

The Board noted that the posts of Assistant Registrar 21 (UR-13, ST-01, OBC-05 and EWS-02) were published vide Advertisement No.58/2020/Admn in the Employment News dated 28th November, 2020. The final list of selected candidates prepared by the Screening Committee, in order of merit, alongwith recommendations of the Selection Committees for the post of Assistant Registrar (UR 13, ST 01, EWS 02, and PwD 02) was placed before the Board in its 151st meeting held on 22.08.2022 for consideration. The Board approved the same and accordingly offer letters to all 18 candidates had been sent. All the candidates had given their consent. Police verification process was going on.

The Board further noted that for the appointment made under OBC category, some candidates approached the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi by way of various Writ Petition viz., WP (Civil) No.6946/2022 titled "Neeraj Verma vs IGNOU & others", WP (Civil) No.6973/2022 titled "Kunal Yadav vs. IGNOU & others" (both disposed of vide Order dt.18.5.2022), WP (Civil) No.7027/2022 titled "Bhagirath vs. IGNOU & others" (Disposed of vide Order dt.18.5.2022), WP (Civil) No.9519/2022 titled

“Bhagirath Saini vs. IGNOU & others” (Disposed of vide Order dt.2.9.2022). The University has complied with the directions issued by the Hon’ble Court in all the above quoted Writ Petitions issued from time to time. Hence, the opening of envelopes containing the minutes of the Selection Committee/Screening cum Evaluation Committee in respect of OBC category has been kept in abeyance till date.

Further, a fresh Writ Petition has also been filed bearing No.13297 titled “Jatin Verma vs. IGNOU & others wherein notices have been issued to the University vide Order dt.13.9.2022. The Writ Petition has come up for hearing on 31st October 2022. The next date for hearing is fixed on 9th January 2023.

BM 152.2.4 After detailed discussion, the Board resolved to open the envelope of the first four candidates in order of merit for four posts (out of total five posts) of Assistant Registrar, recommended by the Selection Committee under OBC (NCL) category, as follows:

Date of the Meeting	Positions	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee	Remarks/Application No.
05.05.2022	Appointment to the post of Assistant Registrars (OBC-NCL-04) in Level-10 of 7th CPC, Pay Matrix (56100-177500)	1. Narender Kumar	202010027781
		2. P. Venkata Bhargav	202010003924
		3. Manjeet Kumar	202010012331
		4. Nishant Ranjan	202010043338

Decision on one position was kept pending on account of the Writ Petition bearing No.13297 titled “Jatin Verma vs. IGNOU & others” pending before the Hon’ble Court.

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(A) The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that the Appointment letters to the selected candidates for the above teaching posts be issued.

(B) The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Promotion Orders under CAS be issued.

(C) The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the Appointment letters.

The Board directed to issue the minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 3 TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY AS DIRECTED BY CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION VIDE ITS O.M. DATED 20/10/2022 ON ALLEGATION 16 - “THE WORK FOR CONSTRUCTING THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY ON THE IGNOU CAMPUS WAS AWARDED TO THE PRIVATE FIRM M/S KEWAUNEE SCIENTIFIC CORPN. INDIA (P) LTD. FOR AN AMOUNT OF RS.31,59,342/- AND TO THE PRIVATE FIRM M/S KEWAUNEE LABWAY INDIA PVT. LTD. FOR AN AMOUNT OF RS.20,73,644/- WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE OPEN TENDERING PROCESS

BM 152.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. The Board was informed that the Cenral Vigilance Commission (CVC) vide its Direct Inquiry Report dt.14.5.2010 in respect of complaint against Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, the then Vice Chancellor established 20 allegations regarding financial irregularities and violation of rules. The matter pertains to Allegation 16 i.e. “*The work for constructing the Chemistry Laboratory on the IGNOU Campus was awarded to the private firm M/s Kewaunee Scientific Corpn. India (P) Ltd. for an amount of Rs.31,59,342/- and to the private firm M/s Kewaunee Labway India Pvt. Ltd. for an amount of Rs.20,73,644/- without following the open tendering process.*”. The CVC observed the following:

“It is evident from the facts on record that the work relating to furnishing of Chemistry Lab, LPG Gas Piping and vacuum piping and electrical works amounting to Rs.52,32,986/- (40,15,843/-+10,67,143+1,50,000/-) was awarded to M/s Kewaunee Labway India Pvt. Ltd. on his rates without preparing proper estimates, without framing detailed specifications of items, without calling for quotations in a fair, competitive and transparent manner, without verifying reasonability of rates etc. Thus, the detailed procedure for execution of works as prescribed in Chapter-5 of General Financial Rules (GFR) have been violated by the Chief Project Office of IGNOU. The Firm had failed to complete the work within the stipulated time, and the work was delayed. Thus the purpose of work on urgency basis got defeated. For the aforesaid lapses, MHRD/VC, IGNOU to initiate action against concerned units for not following the procedures.”

The Board noted that the Ministry of Education vide its letter

dated 10/03/2021 requested CVO, IGNOU regarding Allegation 16 “the enquiry conducted by the Commission revealed that the work relating to furnishing of Chemistry Lab, LPG Gas Piping and vacuum piping and electrical works amounting to Rs. 52,32,986/- was awarded to M/s Kewaunee Labway India Pvt. Ltd. on his rates without preparing proper estimate, without calling for quotations in a fair, competitive and transparent manner, without verifying reasonability of rates etc. Thus, the detailed procedure for execution of works as prescribed in GFR has been violated by Chief Project Office of IGNOU. No Comment on this allegation was made in the report of the Committee constituted by the IGNOU. Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), IGNOU is requested to fix the responsibility for violation of GFR and furnish FSA”.

The Board was informed that Vigilance Cell vide its letter dt.17.8.2022, after obtaining the necessary information from Administration Division, intimated CVC describing therein the facts of the case. In response, CVC vide its OM dated 20.10.2022 advised CVO, IGNOU to obtain views of Disciplinary Authority and refer the case to the Commission for its advice within 10 days positively. Accordingly, on the basis of the above CVC findings and as per records available in the CMD files and responses to the questionnaires administered to CPO (CMD) and the then Director, School of Sciences, Vigilance Cell, IGNOU observed the following:

- i) The team of faculty of School of Sciences (SOS) and members of CMD visited the Chemistry lab at South Campus of Delhi University and found the work done by *M/s Kewaunee Labway* satisfactory. Accordingly, it recommended the execution of work of Chemistry Lab at SOS, IGNOU by the firm. The proposal dated 11th June 2009 of the firm along with the formal offer letter, price list, layout plan and designs were initiated by the Director, SOS which was approved by the then VC with the instructions to CMD for urgent necessary action.
- ii) The Direct Inquiry of the CVC had observed that “the Finance and Accounts Division accorded its concurrence on the sole responsibility of the CPO for technical justification and reasonability of the rates and procedures adopted keeping in view the academic schedule and loss to the students.”
- iii) The Direct Inquiry of the CVC also observed that ex-post

facto approval of the Works Committee was obtained by the CMD for a total sum of *Rs.52,32,986/- (40,15,843/- + 10,67,143 +1,50,000/-)*.

BM 152.3.2

The concluding observations of the CVO and his opinion is narrated below:

- The activities containing financial implications should be planned well in advance giving sufficient time to execute the work as per GFR by calling of tenders/bids as applicable.
- The prescribed procedure in GFR should be followed strictly.
- The execution of work on urgent basis without calling of tenders/bids should be avoided and resorted to only in exceptional circumstances. The particular GFR rule should be quoted while seeking the administrative approval of the Competent authority/Financial Concurrence. The Finance & Accounts Division should ensure that the financial concurrence be accorded in consonance with the GFR rules. The Division responsible for execution of the work should ensure that the provision contained in the GFR should be followed in letter and spirit.
- The reasonability of the rates/prescribed procedure in GFR is the essence of any financial activity which should always be followed prior to award of the work and substantiated with documentary proofs.
- Financial approvals as per delegation of the financial powers should be obtained before initiating the work. The practice of obtaining of ex-post facto approval should be avoided.

For this procedural/administrative lapse, administrative warning may be issued to the CPO (CMD). In addition to this, an advisory to all Divisions/Schools/Units/Cells/Centres on the above points as a systemic improvement may also be issued.

BM 152.3.3

After detailed deliberations, the Board agreed to the opinion of the CVO (CVC) and directed the CVO (IGNOU) to forward the opinion of the disciplinary authority to CVC for further action.

The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE FOR FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITY ON CONCERNED OFFICIAL FOR DELAY IN MAKING PAYMENT TO M/S UNIQUE ENGINEERS PVT. LTD., TOWARDS AMC FOR VRV TYPE (AIR CONDITIONERS OF DAIKIN MAKE) INSTALLED AT BLOCK NO.15 UNDER THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION (CMD)

BM 152.4.1

The Board was informed that a Committee was constituted by the Vice Chancellor headed by a Pro-Vice Chancellor for fixing the responsibility on concerned official of the Construction & Maintenance Division (CMD) for delay in making payment to M/s Unique Engineers Pvt. Ltd., towards AMC for VRV type (Air conditioners of Daikin Make) installed at Block No.15 under the maintenance and supervision of CMD. The Committee had submitted its Report.

The Board considered the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee. The Board noted the findings of the Committee as under:

- Out of the total amount of Rs.39,98,286 a sum of Rs.9,37,750.00 was paid for the period 24.4.2015 to 23.10.2015 (for 06 months) and Rs.13,95,529.00 for the period from 25.10.2015 to 24.01.2017 (15 months) however, the balance payment of Rs.15,81,599/- was kept pending for more than 3 years without any effective or productive correspondence with the vendor on this count..
- Even the reminders of the vendor M/s Unique engineers Pvt. Ltd., were simply filed without any marking or the action to be taken on the subject. The above 2 factors show that the claim of vendor after completion of their work were ignored without any legitimate reasons. This could lead to any adverse dimensions both legally and financially.
- To avoid such set back though the Competent Authority was kind enough to order for release of payment, however laxity of the offers of the CMD viz. Er. Sudheer Reddy, Er. U.P. Sharma, Er. Rattan Singh and Er. Satish Sharma (now retire) involved in the process and its monitoring could not be ruled out.

The Committee was of opinion that an Advisory to CPO, Er.

Sudheer Reddy, and the warning letter to Er. U.P. Sharma, and Er. Rattan Singh may be issued who were involved in monitoring and processing of the said work respectively and were responsible for delay in releasing the payment of the agenda i.e. M/s. Unique Engineers Pvt. Ltd. with a proviso that if the same trend continues the responsible officer/s may be liable to fact Disciplinary action for the same.

BM 152.4.2

The Board was of the opinion that the mandate of the inquiry committee was to conduct the inquiry against each charge and not to recommend the quantum of penalty. After detailed deliberations, the Board decided to refer the matter back for conducting inquiry afresh.

The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the Minutes in this regard.

ITEM NO.5

TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF FOUR MEMBERS ON THE WORKS COMMITTEE, A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE BOM UNDER CLAUSE (3) OF ITS COMPOSITION

BM 152.5.1

The Board nominated the following persons on the Works Committee under Clause (3) of its composition:

1. Shri P.K. Garg
ADG (E) (Retd.), CPWD
2. Shri N.L. Singh
ASDG (Civil) (Retd.), CPWD
3. Er. Kamlesh Kumar
Former Addl. Director General (Civil), CPWD
4. Shri R.K. Kakar
Member, Advisory Council, DDA

The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue the Minutes in this regard.

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

(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman