



MINUTES OF THE 156TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JULY 12, 2023

The 156th meeting of the Board of Management of the University was held in blended mode on 12.07.2023 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	- Joint Secretary, MOE
4.	Prof. Ram Shanker Kureel	- Member
5.	Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar	- Member
6.	Shri Milind Thatte	- Member
7.	Shri Manish Sabharwal	- Member
8.	Prof. Bansh Gopal Singh	- Member
9.	Prof. K.K. Aggarwal	- Member
10.	Prof. Ashok Sharma	- Member
11.	Prof. Shachi Shah	- Member
12.	Prof. Shubha Gokhale	- Member
13.	Dr. M. Shanmugam	- Member
	Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar, Admn.	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Shri K.A. Badarinath, Members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-Vice Chancellor attended the meeting as Special Invitee.

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

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Members to the 156th Meeting of the Board of Management. He informed that the President of India in her capacity as Visitor of the

University has nominated five Members to the Board of Management, namely, Prof. Ram Shanker Kureel, Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar, Shri Milind Thatte, Shri Manish Sabharwal and Shri K.A. Badarinath. The brief of the members is narrated below:

1. **Prof. R. S. Kureel** is the first Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture and Forestry, Chhattisgarh. He is also former Vice-Chancellor of Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi. He has also served as former Director of the Institute of Horticulture Technology, Greater Nodia, U.P. and Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture & Technology, Ayodhya, U.P. He is also the Founder Vice-Chancellor of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore.
2. **Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar** is the former Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Women's University, Bijapur. Member, MNR University, Hyderabad. Prof. Chandawarkar is the Chief Advisor – Quality Assurance for B V V Sangha, Bagalkot, a leading group of over 153 educational institutions. Prof. Chandawarkar has had an opportunity to serve in crucial capacities at a National and State Level on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Govt. of Karnataka, Dept of Higher Education, Bangalore and the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bangalore.
3. **Shri Manish Sabharwal** is Vice-Chairman, TeamLease Services Limited, Bengaluru. Earlier, he was Managing Trustee, The New India Foundation, Bangalore; Chairman, Board of Governors, National Institute of Technology, Patna; Chairman, Board of Apprenticeship Training (South and North), MHRD, Managing Director, Hewitt Outsourcing Services (Asia); Managing Director, India Life Pension Services, Mumbai. He is also Member, Governing Board, Neev Academy, Bangalore; Member, Governing Board, NCAER; Columnist, The Indian Express; Member Advisory Board, Gaja Capital; Member, General Council, Mayo College, Ajmer; Member, Central Advisory Board on Education, MHRD and etc.
4. **Shri Milind Thatte** is Founder Director of TEER and Vayam, Nashik. Shri Thatte is also Member to National Commission for Scheduled Tribes; FRA Working Group; Principal Investigator to CFRR-FRA and PESA, New Delhi; Member, Steering Committee of Maha-CAMPA, Govt. of Maharashtra Revenue & Forest Department, Nagpur. Shri Thatte is the Governor nominated Member to the Tribes Advisory Council, State Govt. of Maharashtra, Member, Expert Committee on FRA, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Apart from the above, Shri Thatte is also a Script Writer and Consultant. He received many Honors and Awards.

5. **Shri K. A. Badarinath** is Director and Chief Executive at Centre for Integrated and Holistic Studies (CIHS), New Delhi. Shri Badarinath is a multi-talented person (i.e. Journalist, Visiting Faculty, Blogger, Writer, TV Commentator, Research and Passionate Teacher). Apart from this, he is known for incisive analysis, investigative reporting and insights, having worked with popular media outfits. His core research interests involve the economic development, international relations, governance and accountability.

The Chairman of the Board especially welcomed the new members and sought their valuable guidance and support in the future endeavors of the University. Except Shri K.A. Badarinath, other Visitor nominees attended the meeting of the Board for the first time and were introduced to the other members of the Board. The Chairman also introduced the other Members of the Board to the new Members. The Chairman also gave a brief account of the distinguished positions held by Dr. Ram Shanker Kureel, Shri Manish Sabharwal, Dr. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar and Shri Milind Thatte to other members of the Board.

Thereafter, Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Pro-Vice Chancellor gave a brief introduction of the University activities through a Powerpoint Presentation before the Board for kind information of the new members to understand the University activities, objectives & vision etc. The members applauded the overall development and growth of the University and appreciated the Vice Chancellor and his whole team for their sincere efforts being made in the recent past. They assured the Chairman for support in attaining greater heights of academic glory and strengthening the University system including the online initiatives.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were presented before the Board:

Item No. 1 **To confirm the minutes of 154th meeting of the Board of Management held on February 27, 2023 and to note the Action Taken Report thereon**

BM 156.1.1 The Board was informed that the Minutes of 154th meeting of the Board of Management held on 27.08.2023 were circulated to the members of the Board on 16.03.2023. A comment had been received from Prof. Shubha Gokhale, Member on the BOM Resolution BM 154.42.2 regarding the “UGC Guidelines for Engaging Professor of Practice in Universities and Colleges” for implementation in the University, which reads as under:

BM 154.42.2: “The Board decided to engage a maximum of 10 parsons i.e. 05 persons from Industry, 02 from Own Resources and 03 on honorary basis in the areas as per requirement of the University.....”

Prof. Gokhale suggested that the above sentence be replaced by “*The Board decided to engage a maximum of 10 persons of which 05 will be Funded by Industry, 02 will be from University’s own Resources and 03 will be on Honorary Basis, in the areas as per the requirement of the University....*”

BM 156.1.2 The Board agreed to the suggestion made by Prof. Shubha Gokhale and directed to amend the above BOM Resolution accordingly.

The Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Board in its 154th meeting was also presented before the Board.

The Board also advised to submit the updated status of certain decisions of 154th meeting in the next meeting.

BM 156.1.3 The Board confirmed the minutes of its 154th meeting held on 27.02.2023 and noted the action taken report thereon.

Item No. 2 **To note the confirmation of the minutes of 155th meeting (Emergent) of the Board of Management held on May 08, 2023 and to note the Action Taken Report thereon**

BM 156.2.1 The Board noted the confirmation of the minutes of 155th meeting (Emergent) of the Board of Management held on 08.05.2023 and Action taken Report thereon.

BM 156.2.2 As regards item No.4 regarding issue of offer letters to waitlisted candidates against the posts of Assistant Professor, Sociology (UR) and Assistant Professor, English (UR), the Chairman apprised the Board that the University has just received a letter No.F.5-6/2023-DL dt. 04.07.2023 from Ministry of Education (**Appendix 1**) wherein it was informed that DoPT OM No.41019/18/97/Estt.(B) dt. 13.06.2000 is still operative and Autonomous Bodies are free to adopt these guidelines, if they so desire.

The Board deliberated the whole matter again and agreed to the aforesaid MOE letter and directed to issue the offer letters to the waitlisted candidates for teaching posts following DoPT guidelines in the matter.

Item No. 3 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting the Extra Ordinary Leave of Three years to Dr. Pema Eden Samdup, SOH for**

enabling her to join as Senior Advisor, Open Distance & E-Learning, at Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia, Commonwealth of Learning, New Delhi

BM 156.3.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in granting the Extra Ordinary Leave of three years to Dr. Pema Eden Samdup, SOH for enabling her to join as Senior Advisor, Open Distance & E-Learning, at Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia, Commonwealth of Learning, New Delhi.

Item No. 4 To ratify the action taken by the Vice chancellor in granting the Extra Ordinary Leave (on personal grounds) to Dr. Rohini Sharma Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor, SOHS for a period of three years w.e.f. 12.06.2023

BM 156.4.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice chancellor in granting the Extra Ordinary Leave (on personal grounds) to Dr. Rohini Sharma Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor, SOHS for a period of three years w.e.f. 12.06.2023.

Item No. 5 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing/ giving charge of Directors of Schools

BM 156.5.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointment/giving charge of Directorship of Schools to the following Teachers as per details given below:

#	Name of Teacher/Academic & their designation	School/Division/Centre/ Unit/Cell	Period of Appointment/ Charge given
01	Dr. Deepanwita Srivastava, SOFL	School of Foreign Language (SOFL)	28.04.2023 to 27.04.2026
02	Dr. Harish Kumar Sethi, SOTST	School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST)	06.06.2023 to 05.06.2026

Item No. 6 To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Bishnu Mohan Dash, Associate Professor, SOCE for relieving him from the services of University w.e.f. 10.04.2023 (A/N)

BM 156.6.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting

the request of Dr. Bishnu Mohan Dash, Associate Professor, SOCE for relieving him from the services of University w.e.f. 10.04.2023 (A/N)

Item No. 7 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Anika Sulania, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences, SOHS for relieving her from the services of University w.e.f. 07.07.2023 (A/N)**

BM 156.7.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Anika Sulania, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences, SOHS for relieving her from the services of University w.e.f. 07.07.2023 (A/N)

Item No. 8 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Manish Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOCIS for relieving him from the services of University w.e.f. 24.01.2023 (A/N)**

BM 156.08.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in accepting the request of Dr. Manish Kumar, Assistant Professor, SOCIS for relieving him from the services of University w.e.f. 24.01.2023 (A/N).

Item No. 9 **To apprise the status report on the following:**
(i) Grievances received and disposed off on CPGRAMS Portal and iGRAM Portal
(ii) Vigilance cases pending in the University; and
(iii) Parliamentary Assurances pending in the University

BM 156.9.2 The Board noted the status report on the grievances received and disposed off on CPGRAMS Portal and iGRAM Portal. The Board suggested that the concerned Divisions/Schools of the University viz., Student Evaluation Division, Student Registration Division, School of Education and School of Continuing Education be directed to expedite the disposal of grievances on CPGRMS and iGRM Portal.

The Board also noted the status of the vigilance case closed after 154th BOM held on 27.02.2023 and that there is only one pending vigilance case which is under process in the University.

The Board was informed that there was no parliamentary assurance pending in the University.

Item No. 10 **To report the MOU between IGNOU and RCI for promotion of Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation programme through ODL mode regarding**

BM 156.10.1 The Board noted the MOU signed with RCI (**Appendix 2**) for promotion of Special Education and Disability Rehabilitation programme through ODL mode.

Item No. 11 **(I) To report signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IGNOU and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) for the Development of a Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management**
(II) To report signing of Renewal and Amendment Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IGNOU and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), GoI

BM 156.11.1 The Board noted the signing of:
(i) MoU with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) for the Development of a Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management
(ii) Renewal and amendment MOU with the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), GoI.

Item No. 12 **To apprise the current status of Disposal of 16 residential flats purchased from West Bengal Housing Board to provide the residential facilities to the employees working at IGNOU RC Kolkata**

BM 156.12.1 The Board noted the current status of Disposal of 16 residential flats purchased from West Bengal Housing Board to provide the residential facilities to the employees working at IGNOU RC Kolkata.

Item No. 13 **To consider the re-constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee, a Standing Committee of the Board of Management**

BM 156.13.1 The Board approved the re-constitution of the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) and re-nominate the following members on Grievance Redressal Committee:
(i) Prof. Uma Kanjilal - *Chairperson*
(ii) Prof. Madhulika Kaushik, former Director, IGNOU
(iii) Prof. Bansh Gopal Singh, Member BOM
(iv) Registrar (Admn.) - *ex-officio as Convenor*

Item No. 14 To consider and approve the draft Research Promotion and Incentive Policy

BM 156.14.1 The Board was informed that in pursuance of the National Education Policy 2020, the University has prepared a draft Research Promotion and Incentive Policy which envisages to encourage an environment of research in the University and to give due recognition to quality of research undertaken by the teachers and the academics of the University only through incentivizing research papers published in peer-reviewed and high impact factor journals and Authored/Edited books/Chapters written in books published by reputed national and international publishing houses.

BM 156.14.2 After deliberations, it was opined that comments/suggestions should also be invited from teachers and academics before finalization of the Research Promotion and Incentive Policy for implementation in the University. The Board directed to place a comprehensive policy in this regard before the Board after incorporating the comments/suggestions.

Item No. 15 To consider the report of the Inquiry Officer in respect of delay in submitting the inquiry report by Sh. Aseem Kumar, Inquiry Officer & Assistant Registrar, EMPC and presently Deputy Registrar, F&A Division in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Shri Rakesh Dhaniya, Assistant, School of Engineering and Technology

BM 156.15.1 It was informed that pursuant to the decision of the Board of Management taken in its 149th meeting, an Inquiry Committee had been constituted under Prof. Sumitra Kukreti, Pro-Vice Chancellor on 21.07.2022 for finding facts in the light of the explanation submitted by Sh. Aseem Kumar, Inquiry Officer and presently Deputy Registrar, F & A Division regarding delay in submitting the Inquiry Report in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Shri Rakesh Dhaniya, Assistant, School of Engineering and Technology for his mis-conduct of Bigamy.

BM 156.15.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board directed that the Inquiry Report alongwith his response be submitted before the Board in the next meeting.

Item No. 16 To consider the matter related to CAS of Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik, Deputy Director, RC - Kolkata in view of his representation for retaining him at RC Kolkata

BM 156.16.1 The Board was informed that the University had considered the CAS application of Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik, Deputy Director, RC Kalkata for promotion from Stage 4 to Stage 5 i.e. to the post of Additional Director and he was invited for interview before the Selection Committee held on 20th April, 2022. Meanwhile based on his interaction with the Selection Committee, vide his mail dt. 30th April, 2022, he submitted his representation requesting not to transfer him from Regional Centre Kolkatta citing a few grounds.

The recommendations of the Selection Committee were placed before the Board of Management in its 149th Meeting held on 26.05.2022. The Board in respect of his CAS decided that “Promotion Order in respect of Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik may be issued after withdrawal of his representation for not transferring him out of Regional Centre Kolkata and receipt of a satisfactory clarification from him for the same.” He has given clarifications on these queries.

Now the Board was informed that Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik has now been transferred to RC-Agartala as Regional Director.

BM 156.16.2 The Board, keeping in view the withdrawal of his representation dt. 30.04.2022 regarding his retention at RC Kolkata and his subsequent transfer to RC Agartala, approved to issue him offer letter in view of the CAS application of Dr. Biswajit Bhawmik for promotion from Stage 4 to Stage 5 i.e. from Deputy Director to Additional Director.

The Board directed to issue Part-Minutes in this regard for issuing the offer letter in view of the CAS application of Dr. Biswajit Bhawmik for promotion form State 4 to Stage 5, accordingly.

Item No. 17 **To consider and ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in approving the Minutes of the Suspension Review Committee to review the suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor, Discipline of Management Studies, School of Management Studies in respect of a criminal offence under section 376 & 506 (FIR No. 443/2022) and payment of subsistence Allowance to him.**

BM 156.17.1 The Board was informed that a case is under investigation against Dr. Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor, School of Management Studies in respect of a criminal offence under section 376 & 506 (FIR No.

443/2022) by Police Station, Neb Sarai, New Delhi-110068 and Dr. Saurabh Jain had been detained and was in custody of Delhi Police w.e.f. 05.07.2022 for a period exceeding Forty Eight hours. In terms of Sub Rule (2) (a) of Rule 10 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, Dr. Saurabh Jain was deemed to have been suspended with effect from the date of detention i.e. w.e.f. 05.07.2022 until further orders. The matter was reported to BOM in its 151st meeting held on 22.08.2022.

Vide letter dated 09.11.2022, Dr. Saurabh Jain, informed the University that he got bail on 05.11.2022 by District & Session Judge, Saket Court.

According to the CCS Rules, 1965, a Suspension Review Committee has been constituted vide letter IG/TA/1/1040/ 2021/12981 dated 12.12.2022 for the purpose to review the suspension of Dr. Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor and pass orders for either extending or revoking the suspension. The Committee has submitted its report wherein it is recommended that the suspension of Dr. Saurabh Jain may be extended for another six months, since, a criminal case registered against him is still pending before the District & Session Judge, Saket Courts. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the Vice Chancellor and the suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain has been extended for another period of six months vide Office Order No.77 dt. 16.02.2023.

BM 156.17.2 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in accepting the recommendations of the Suspension Review Committee and extend the period of suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor, School of Management Studies for another period of six months in respect of a criminal offence under section 376 & 506 (FIR No. 443/2022). However, the Board also directed to seek the legal opinion for taking further action in the matter.

Item No. 18 **To consider the matter related to Shri M Rajamannar, Deputy Director, EMPC regarding his pre-planned overstay at his Home Town (on medical grounds) while availing LTC (Home Town)**

BM 156.18.1 The Board was informed that the matter related to Shri M Rajamannar, Deputy Director, EMPC regarding his pre-planned overstay at his Home Town (on medical grounds) while availing LTC (Home Town) was placed before the Board on its 154th meeting held on 27.02.2023. The Board opined that Sh. M. Rajamannar has misused his official position as

well as LTC provision and leave provision and decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against him.

The Board noted that in accordance with the decision of its 154th meeting, a Chargesheet Memorandum under Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 has been issued to Dr. M. Rajamannar vide Memorandum No.F.IG/TA/1/515/05/950 dated 26.04.2023. The Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated and an Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer have been nominated vide Office Order No. 291 dated 26.06.2023.

BM 156.18.2 The Board noted that the disciplinary proceeding against Dr. M Rajamannar has been going on and the final outcome of the Inquiry shall be placed before the Board in due course.

Item No. 19 **To consider the Report of the Committee constituted to examine the matter related to release of Final Terminal Benefits and Pension to few EMPC officials**

BM 156.19.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that while considering the proposals for concurrence of the final terminal benefits and pension on retirement, the Finance & Accounts Division had raised certain issues with regard to the promotion of Shri. Sanjay Saxena, Shri. B. P. Gupta and Dr. Daljeet Sachdeva, former Deputy Directors of EMPC. The matter was placed before the Board in its 149th meeting held on 26.05.2022 and the Board decided that a Committee be constituted by it to examine the matter holistically including the release of final terminal benefits and pension in respect of Shri Sanjay Saxena, Shri BP Gupta and Dr Daljeet Sachdeva who have retired and Shri K Venkatraman, Producer. The Board had also decided that since the officials already superannuated and it would not be appropriate to hold back the retirement dues indefinitely. The Board approved the action taken by the University, as an interim measure, in release of provisional pension of Rs 50000 per month, Rs.10 lacs towards retirement gratuity and Rs 15 lacs towards leave encashment in respect of Shri Sanjay Saxena. In other 2 cases, namely, Sh Binod Prasad Gupta and Dr Daljeet Sachdeva, the Board approved a provisional pension of Rs.50000 per month and Rs.10 lacs towards retirement gratuity. The Board also decided that the above retirement benefits shall continue till a decision is taken on the report of the Committee and would be adjusted towards final payment of the same.

The Board was apprised that keeping in view of Board's resolution, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee vide Notification IG/ACD/BOM-149/2022/11898 dated 21.07.2022 to examine the matter holistically including the release of final terminal benefits and pension in respect of Shri. Sanjay Saxena, Shri. B. P. Gupta, Dr. Daljeet Sachdeva, Ex. Deputy Directors of EMPC and also to examine the matter related to promotion of Shri. K. Venkataraman, Producer, EMPC. The Committee went through the statutory provisions in the IGNOU Act & Statutes, UGC Regulations for appointment and promotion of the teachers & other academic staff applicable in the instant cases, various relevant BOM decisions and examined each of the referred cases. The Committee submitted its Report which was placed before the Board for consideration.

BM 156.19.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the Report of the aforesaid Committee (**Appendix 3**).

Item No. 20 **To consider the status of recruitment to teaching and Academic posts in the University alongwith status of backlog vacancies for SC/ST/OBC/EWS etc.**

BM 156.20.1 The Board noted the status of recruitment to teaching and academic posts in the University alongwith filling up of backlog vacancies for SC/ST/OBC/EWS etc.

Item No. 21 **To consider the proposal to surrender three Gyan Vani FM Radio Stations at Bangaluru, Jalandhar and Thiruvananthapuram**

BM 156.21.1 The Board was informed that the Board in its 145th meeting held on 25.10.2021 approved the discontinuation of the eight Non-Operational GyanVani FM Radio Stations including Patna (in addition to earlier discontinued 17 GyanVani stations) and e-auction GyanVani FM transmitter equipment, as the transmitter infrastructure of GyanVani stations had outlived its useful life, economically not-viable for its repair & maintenance and were operating either at very low power or become non-functional since 2014. Further, the Board in its 149th meeting held on 26.05.2022 also approved discontinuation of the Varanasi and Pune GyanVani FM Radio Stations. The Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) of the University is receiving frequent requests from each AIR station to repair transmitter modules, Diesel Generators and other related equipment i.e. Air-Conditioners, etc. from the operating GyanVani FM stations. Usually repairing cost involved is very high/not feasible due to

the non-availability of spare parts.

It was further informed that this issue was placed in Technical Purchase Recommendation Committee (TPRC) of EMPC meeting held on 03.05.2023 (**Appendix 4**). The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the GyanVani Review Committee and further recommended the alternate delivery mode. Keeping in view of utilizing the funds for new media delivery, the Committee recommended that the GV FM Stations may be closed in phased manner. Accordingly, the following three GV FM stations may be discontinued and rest of the seven GV FM Stations may be continued to operate with the existing infrastructure:

#	Name of the station	WOL number
1	Bengaluru	FMC-13/1
2	Jalandhar	FMCR-29/1
3	Thiruvananthapuram	FMCR-34/1

The Board noted that outreach of Gyan Dhara, an internet/web based Radio of the University having its better reach has proved to be more effective for the stakeholders.

BM 156.21.2 The Board deliberated the matter and approved the discontinuation of GyanVani FM Stations at Bengaluru, Jalandhar and Thiruvananthapuram and directed that their transmitter infrastructure be removed from AIR premises.

Item No. 22 **To consider the proposal of installing the statue of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in the premises of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU**

BM 156.22.1 The Board, as a tribute to the Vision and Mission of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, approved the proposal of installing his statue in the premises of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU Hqrs.

Item No. 23 **To consider the Minutes of Selection Committee for recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professors on direct recruitment basis**

BM 156.23.1 The Board was informed that the University had advertised the posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor Advertisement No. 2/ACD/2022, dated 31.12.2022 (Employment News dated 7-14 January 2023). The last date of receiving online application was 07.02.2023. 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 against the posts of Assistant Professor in the Discipline of Psychology in the School of Social Science (SOSS), Discipline of Health Science in the School of Health Science (SOHS) and Discipline of Translation Studies and Training in the School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST). 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 July 2023	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, Discipline of Psychology (ST-01) in the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/- 1,82,400/-)	1. Neha Benada <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Grace Lalkhawgaihi
12 th July 2023	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, Discipline of Health Science (OBC-01) in the School of Health Science (SOHS) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/- 1,82,400/-)	1. Suman Kumar Bharti <u>Waiting list</u> Nil
12 th July 2023	Appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, Discipline of Translation Studies and Training in the School of Translation Studies and Training (SOTST) (OBC-01) in the Academic level 10 of 7 th CPC (Rs. 57,700/- 1,82,400/-)	1. Ram Kishor <u>Waiting list</u> 1. Gopal Yadav 2. Sweety Yadav

BM 156.23.2 The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed to issue Part-Minutes in this regard for issuing the Appointment letters to the selected candidates for the above teaching posts accordingly.

Item No. 24 To consider the recommendations of the Supplementary Departmental Promotion Committee meeting for Group-B (Non-

Academic) posts held on 04.07.2023 regarding amendment in IGNOU R&P Rules 2010 with respect to the qualification for the post of Senior Technical Assistant

BM 156.24.1 The Board decided to refer the recommendations of the Supplementary Departmental Promotion Committee regarding amendment in IGNOU R&P Rules 2010 with respect to the qualification for the post of Senior Technical Assistant to the R&P Review Committee for its consideration.

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

Sd/-
(Nageshwar Rao)
Chairman