



MINUTES OF THE 161st MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANAUARY 24, 2025

The 161st meeting (Emergent) of the Board of Management of the University was held in blended mode on 24.01.2025 at 12.30 p.m. in the Board Room, VCO Block, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor I/c	- Chairperson
2.	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, JS (HE), MOE	- Nominee, Secretary, MOE
3.	Prof. Ram Shanker Kureel	- Member (Virtual)
4.	Shri K A Badarinath	- Member (Virtual)
5.	Prof. Ashok Sharma	- Member (Virtual)
6.	Prof. Alka Dhameja	- Member
7.	Prof. K S Arul Selvan	- Member
8.	Dr. V.P. Rupam	- Member
	Dr. Alok Chaube, Registrar, Admn.	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar, Shri Milind Thatte, Shri Manish Sabharwal, Prof. K.K. Aggarwal and Dr. Bansh Gopal Singh, Members could not attend the meeting. Dr. J.D. Gangwar, Finance Officer and Director, Academic Coordination Division were invited as special invitees.

Shri Anand Kumar Soni, Deputy Registrar (Governance) was present to assist the Board.

At the outset, Dr. Alok Chaube, Secretary, BOM/Registrar welcomed all the Members of the 161st Meeting of the Board of Management (Emergent). Thereafter, Prof Uma Kanjilal, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the Board also welcomed all the Members of the Board, especially Prof. Alka Dhameja, Professor of Public Administration and Dr. V.P. Rupam, Additional Director (Student Registration Division), as newly appointed members of the BOM who were attending the meeting of the Board for the first time.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, placed on record the appreciation of the efforts made by the Former Vice Chancellor/Chairman, BOM Prof. Nageshwar Rao in

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overall growth of the University and taking the University to new heights during his tenure. She listed some of the many milestones achieved by the University under the leadership of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, former Vice Chancellor of BOM, as under:

- The University was awarded A++ Grading by the NAAC;
- The University was exempted from the application of the University Grants Commission ODL Regulations, 2017 and the University Grants Commission Online Regulations 2018;
- More than 22 modules of SAMARTH were activated;
- The University started online registrations from January 2020;
- Over 200 new ODL programmes were launched;
- The University became a major contributor in the category of the online programmes by increasing the tally of online programmes from 3 in 2020 to 45 presently;
- MOOCS on SWAYAM platform increased from 11 to 291;
- The fresh registration increased from 6,53,056 in 2017-18 to 7,53,181 in 2023-24;
- IGNOU created record number of Ids on ABC and uploaded credit points;
- Channel Based Counselling in regional languages started and around 8000 counselling sessions have already been done so far;
- Enrolment of International students increased from over 400 to around 4900;
- Online programmes are now on offer in 21 African countries and Afghanistan through e-Vidyabharti and e-Arogyabharti (e-VBAB), a project of Ministry of External Affairs, GOI;
- Three months' online basic Hindi Awareness programme to Foreign nationals is being offered in collaboration with ICCR and CHD. 615 participants from 80 countries have been benefitted under this programme;
- Automation in examination system introduced;
- Innovation and Research activities fostered during his tenure;
- 5 distinct MBAs duly approved by AICTE were launched;
- Mobile app was started for the students and till date around 25 lakhs downloads have taken place;
- GOAL Guyana programme launched.
- Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates for all the programmes were distributed through Digilocker and Blockchain.
- Prof Nageshwar Rao also took significant steps towards translating programmes in regional languages as a move to make higher education

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more accessible in Indian languages and mother tongue. IGNOU has collaborated with AICTE to translate MBA courses in 12 Indian languages. Further, the Chairperson on behalf of the BOM placed on record the appreciation of the efforts and contribution made by the outgoing BOM members, namely, Prof. Shubha Gokhale and Dr. M. Shanmugham, Sr. Regional Director.

The Chairperson also highlighted the following achievements since the last BOM meeting, as under:

- The University was awarded 1st rank amongst the ODL Institutions in the NIRF rankings 2024.
- The University enrolled 533378 new learners in the July 2024 admission cycle, which is about 4.5% higher than the enrolment in July 2023. In addition, 416923 learners of UG/PG Programmes have re-registered in their next semester/year in the July 2024 session, taking the total student load in July 2024 to 950301.
- Around 9600 learners have enrolled in the 44 Online Programmes offered.
- As many as 161 learners have availed the Lateral Entry facility to enroll directly in the second year of the PG Programmes in the July 2024 session.
- In fresh admission, female participation has reached 288397 which is 54.07% of the enrolment, the highest so far.
- The participation of SC and ST students is 98868 (SC – 64322, ST – 34474) which is 18.5 % of the total enrolment. The participation of all the disadvantaged groups put together (SC, ST, OBC, EWS) is as high as 62.49%.
- Participation from rural and tribal areas is 291651 which is 56.48% of the total enrolment.
- About 133345 (25%) of the learners enrolled in July 2024 have opted for digital study material in place of printed material. Earlier this figure was around 20%.
- In July 2024, the contribution of UG and PG Programmes is 83.1%. Diploma and Certificate programmes have contributed the remaining 16.9% (PG Diploma+Diploma – 13.35%, Certificate – 3.55%)
- The University has launched 5 specially designed skill-based Bachelor Degree Programmes for the Agniveers of the Defense Forces. In July 2024, 2788 Agniveers from the Indian Air Force have enrolled in these programmes. From January 2025, the Agniveers of the Indian Navy shall also be enrolling in these Programmes.
- The University is offering a specially designed Certificate Programme to the teachers of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) for building their

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competencies, since July 2022 admission cycle. In July 2024, 1022 teachers of NVS have enrolled in the Programme.

- The University is actively participating in the E-Vidyabharati Scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India under which it is enrolling learners from 21 African countries and Afghanistan. In July 2024 382 learners from Afghanistan have been enrolled. The total number of learners enrolled under the Scheme is 4080.
- The University has implemented FYUP from January 2024, and as many as 23 undergraduate programmes have been launched under the FYUP Framework.
- The University has launched 43 new programmes (including FYUP programmes) in January and July 2024.
- The January 2025 admission and re-registration cycle has commenced from 12th December 2024. The admission portal of the University has been connected with UGC through an API for implementing the DEB ID in the admission process. In the last 5 days, more than 80,000 prospective learners have registered on the admission portal and about 20,000 have submitted their application along with their DEB ID.
- The average percentage of marks of the learners (July 2024) in the qualifying examination was 64.68%. More than 14500 learners have scored 90% and above in the qualifying examination.
- The MBA programme of the University has been translated in Odia and the same has been launched by Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji on 21st January 2025.

The Chairperson then informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management was convened primarily to consider some urgent time bound matters including the recommendations of the 108th Finance Committee meeting recommending the Audited Annual Account of the University for the year 2023-24 etc.

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

Item No. 1 To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Finance Committee at its 108th meeting held on January 10, 2025

BM 161.1.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. Dr. J.D. Gangwar, Finance Officer presented before the Board the brief recommendations of the Finance Committee made in its 108th meeting held on January 10, 2025. The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

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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 108th Meeting considered the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2023-24 audited by the Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure) and recommended for approval of the Board of Management. A copy of Minutes of the Finance Committee is placed at **Appendix**.

After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the 108th Finance Committee at its meeting held on 10.01.2025 including the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2023-24. 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 also approved the revised estimates for the FY 2024-25 and Budget Estimates for FY 2025-26.

Item No. 2 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing/giving charge of Directors of School/Division/Unit**

BM 161.2.1 The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in appointing/giving charge of Directorship of Schools/Divisions/Units 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	Prof. Jaideep Sharma Professor, SOSS	Research Unit	28.06.2024 (A/N) to till further orders
02	Dr. Sonia Sharma Associate Professor, SOTHSM	School of Tourism and Hospitality Services Management (SOTHSM)	01.07.2024 to 30.06.2027

Item No. 3 **To ratify the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in extending the period of suspension and payment of subsistence Allowance to Dr. Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor, Discipline of Management Studies, School of Management Studies in respect of a criminal**

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offence under section 376 & 506 (FIR No. 443/2022) and to consider the legal opinion and recommendations of the Committee therein for further decision on the matter

BM 161.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that a case is under investigation against Dr. Saurabh Jain, Assistant Professor, SOMS 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 on 05/07/2022 for a period exceeding Forty Eight hours. Therefore, in terms of Sub Rule (2) (a) of Rule 10 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 which is applicable for University's employees, 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 and Office Order in this regard was issued vide No.473 dated 11.07.2022.

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. Thereafter, the Vice Chancellor had constituted a Suspension Review Committee vide letter 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. On the recommendations of the Suspension review Committee, the suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain had been extended for 90 (Ninety) days w.e.f. 15.05.2024 till 14.08.2024 or till the review of the Legal Opinion of External Subject Expert by the Suspension Review Committee, whichever is earlier, takes place by the Competent Authority. During the extension period, the subsistence allowance is being released in accordance with existing rule position.

It was further informed that the Board in its 157th meeting held on 26.09.2023 decided to seek the legal opinion on (i) whether his services can be terminated since he is not a confirmed employee of the University, and the University needs to fill up the post, and (ii) whether, University should continue to pay the subsistence allowance to him since the legal case is an individual affair of the person and not related to University affairs and also the fact that the case is likely to continue for a long time. The Legal opinion sought by Legal Cell, IGNOU from Advocate Sh. Ganesh Ashok Khemka dated 27.05.2024 wherein it was opined that "*...the University decides to dispense with Mr. Jain's services, the same would be permissible in law. However, to thwart any future litigious action, it would be prudent to not specify any stigmatic reason..*". The legal opinion sought on the

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matter was placed before the BOM in its 159th meeting held on 19/06/2024. The Board directed to review the entire matter including further continuation of Dr. Saurabh Jain in the services of the University or payment of subsistence allowance to him, by a Committee. The Board also directed to place the matter alongwith recommendations of the Committee in the next meeting.

A Committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Registrar, Admin. The Committee met two times on 03.09.2024 and 05.09.2024 to review the entire matter and recommended as below:

"In view of the non extension of the suspension order of the said official beyond 14th August, 2024, the Committee recommends the reinstatement of the suspended official, to avoid the unnecessary payment of subsistence allowance and recommends that the disciplinary proceedings be initiated with due urgency and concluded promptly.

It is further recommended that the confirmation of the suspended official may be subject to the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings. Additionally, if the suspended official is convicted by the Court at the end of the criminal proceedings, the University may take further actions. The earlier orders issued by the University under the departmental proceedings may be reviewed, and appropriate orders may be issued based on the said conviction".

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor approved the extension of suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain for a further period of Six months w.e.f. 14.08.2024 (15.08.2024 to 14.02.2025) or till a final decision of the Board of Management, whichever is earlier along with payment of subsistence allowance as per rules. Meanwhile, vide letter No.IG/TA/1/1040/2021 dated 16.01.2025, Dr. Saurabh Jain was asked to provide updated status and order sheets of ongoing legal proceedings against him at District & Session Judge, Saket Courts for placing the same before the BOM for their consideration. In response, he has informed that the matter is sub-judice and next date of hearing is on 27.01.2025.

BM 161.3.2 The matter was discussed at length. After detailed deliberations, the Board decided as under:

1. To revoke the suspension of Dr Saurabh Jain and allow him to join back his services in the School of Management Studies;
2. Dr Saurabh Jain will remain on probation till the final disposal of the Case in the Court of Law. He will not be given any annual increments during this period.

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3. To initiate the disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Saurabh Jain. The Vice Chancellor was authorized to issue Office Memorandum containing Charge sheet and appoint Inquiry Officer as per requirement.

- Item No. 4**
- (I) To report the matter of entrusting the charge of Registrar, Student Evaluation Division (SED) to Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, Centre for Online Education (COE)**
 - (II) To report extension of term of Dr. Vidya Bhagat Negi as Officer on Special Duty in Student Evaluation Division**

BM 161.4.1 The Board noted that the charge of Registrar, Student Evaluation Division has been given to Prof. Shachi Shah, Director, COE. The Board also noted the extension of the term of Dr. Vidya Bhagat Negi as Officer on Special Duty in SED.

- Item No. 5** **To report the extension of panel drawn up by Departmental Promotion Committee in respect of officials for promotion to the Group-A positions**

BM 161.5.1 The Board noted the extension of panel drawn up by DPC in respect of officials for promotion to Group-A positions for a further period of 06 more months w.e.f. 27.12.2024 or till the conduct of a fresh DPC meeting whichever is earlier.

- Item No.6** **To consider the Minutes of Screening cum Evaluation Committee/ Selection Committee for promotions of Teachers and Academics under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)**

BM 161.6.1 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 Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers as per the "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" along with subsequent amendment thereto under 6th CPC, and Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Teachers and Ordinance on Career Advancement Scheme of Academics 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" under 7th CPC duly approved by the Visitor. The recommendations

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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:

#	Date of Screening-cum Evaluation/Selection Committee	Position(s)	Name(s) recommended by the Selection Committee/ Screening cum Evaluation Committee	Due date of eligibility
1.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Discipline of English in the School of Humanities (SOH)	Dr. Malathy A.	28.12.2018
2.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Professor (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Discipline of English in the School of Humanities (SOH)	Dr. Pema Eden Samdup	30.04.2015
3.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Professor (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Discipline of English in the School of Humanities (SOH)	Dr. Mridula Rashmi Kindo	31.03.2022
4.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Professor (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Discipline of Sanskrit in the School of Humanities (SOH)	Dr. Devesh Kumar Mishra	31.12.2023
5.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Associate Professor (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Professor (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Discipline of Sanskrit in the School of Humanities (SOH)	Dr. Pushpa	27.01.2024
6.	22 nd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Professor (Senior Scale /Academic level 11) to Assistant Professor (Selection grade /Academic level 12) in the Discipline of Russian in the School of Foreign Language (SOFL)	Mr. Shivaji Bhaskar	09.08.2020
7.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Producer (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director	Dr. Amitosh Dubey, EMPC	15.09.2023

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		(Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Electronic Medial Production Centre (EMPC)		
8.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Student Registration Division (SRD)	Dr. Yasmin, SRD	03.06.2023
9.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Prameela O, RC Vatakara	15.05.2023
10.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Kirti Vikram Singh, RC, Lucknow	18.05.2023
11.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Moni Sahay, RC Delhi I	03.05.2019
12.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, RC Raipur	24.05.2023
13.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Anamika Sinha, RC Lucknow	30.05.2023
14.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Ajay Vardhan Acharya, RC Jodhpur	16.05.2023
15.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. N R Rajendra Prasad, RC Pune	25.05.2023
16.	23 rd January	Promotion from Assistant Regional	Dr. Lal	16.06.2023

	2025	Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Chharliani, RC Shillong	
17.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Amit Kumar Jain, RC Karnal	25.05.2023
18.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Sandeep Gupta, RC Jammu	15.05.2023
19.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Hemamalini H.C., RC Bangalore	30.05.2023
20.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Rita Chauhan, RC Delhi II	19.05.2023
21.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Shyni Duggal, RC Delhi II	13.05.2023
22.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Kasturi S. Pesala, RC Bangalore	30.05.2023
23.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. M. Shanmugam, RC Bangalore	23.05.2023
24.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Subash Ranjan Nayak, RC Bhopal	19.05.2023

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25.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Savita Panwar, RC Chandigarh	12.05.2023
26.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Priya Pradeep/ M.S. Priyamol, RC Trivendrum	17.06.2023
27.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Assistant Regional Director (Selection grade /Academic level 12) to Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Saroj Kumar Mishra, RC Patna	03.05.2024
28.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Anshuman Upadhyaya, RC Bhopal	05.09.2023
29.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Dheerendra Pratap Singh, RSD	12.04.2021
30.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Mirza Nehal Ahmad Baig, RC, Saharasa	01.05.2021
31.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Santosh Kumar Panigrahi, RC, Bhubaneswar	23.11.2021
32.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Regional Services Division (RSD)/ Regional Centres (RCs)	Dr. Sarah Nasreen, RC, Bhagalpur	15.05.2016
33.	23 rd January 2025	Promotion from Deputy Director (Stage 4/Academic level 13A) to Additional Director (Stage 5/Academic level 14) in the Student Evaluation Division (SED)	Dr. Siddhant Kamal Mishra, SED	01.05.2018

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- BM 161.6.1** The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees/Screening cum Evaluation Committees for CAS of Teachers and Academics. The Board confirmed this Item for implementation and directed that Promotion Orders under CAS be issued accordingly.
- Item No. 7** To consider extension of validity period of advertisement for various teaching and academic posts advertised vide (i) Advertisement No.2/ACD/2022 dated 31.12.2022 (Employment News dated 7-14 January 2023); (ii) Advertisement No.1/2023/ACD dated 28.02.2023 (Employment News dated 11-17 March 2023); (iii) Advertisement No.2/ACD/2023 dated 15.10.2023 (Employment News dated 21-27 October 2023) upto 31.07.2025)
- BM 161.7.1** The matter was discussed at length. Keeping in view that there are several posts for which screening has been completed and only Selection Committee is pending, and a regular Vice Chancellor is yet to be appointed, and the Board approved the extension of validity period of following Advertisements upto 31.07.2025 to complete the selection process for various teaching and academic posts:
- (i) Advertisement No.2/ACD/2022 dated 31.12.2022 (Employment News dated 7-14 January 2023);
 - (ii) Advertisement No.1/2023/ACD dated 28.02.2023 (Employment News dated 11-17 March 2023); and
 - (iii) Advertisement No.2/ACD/2023 dated 15.10.2023 (Employment News dated 21-27 October 2023).
- Item No. 8** To consider and approve the draft 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) to offer work-based Bachelor of Business Administration (Services Management) Programme
- BM 161.8.1** The Board approved the draft 'Renewal and Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)' with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. (MKCL) to offer work-based Bachelor of Business Administration (Services Management) Programme.

Item No. 9 **To consider and approve engaging Prof Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA as OSD in CIQA post her retirement from services of the University**

BM 161.9.1 The matter was discussed at length. The Board keeping in view the ongoing activities relating to the second cycle of NAAC Accreditation, NIRF rankings, implement NEP 2020, quality assurance practices and documentation as well as academic audit of the University etc., approved the proposal for engaging Prof Manjulika Srivastava, Director, CIQA as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in CIQA after her retirement from services of the University for a period of six months w.e.f. 01.02.2025. She will be paid a fixed remuneration and transport allowance as per rules and would not be entitled to any other allowance.

Concerns were raised by representatives of teachers and academics, especially whether this practice would also be available to other faculty members post their retirement since they are also performing their duties well and how would the University respond to such requests, if received. In response, the Vice Chancellor informed that the concerns are well taken, however the present arrangement is being proposed keeping in view the emergent requirement of applying for next cycle for NAAC accreditation, NIRF rankings, NEP implementation etc. It should be taken as an isolated case and not a precedence. The Vice Chancellor also informed that during her engagement she will not occupy any regular post and the engagement should not be considered as any reappointment or extension of services. It is rather an engagement purely on contract basis to utilize her services in the best interest of the University.

Item No. 10 **To consider and approve extending the offer of appointment to the waitlisted candidate from the reserved panel against the one unfilled post of Regional Directors (UR-08)**

BM 161.10.1 The Board noted that since the validity of panel, which is one year, has expired on 2nd January 2025 and accordingly, Board did not agree to extend the validity of panel and decided not to offer the post to next waitlisted candidate. The vacant post may be advertised alongwith other vacant posts in future.

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The Board confirmed the above items and directed to issue the relevant extracts to the concerned Units for taking necessary action.

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


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Chairperson