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MINUTES OF THE 164th MEETING (EMERGENT) OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON JANUARY 07, 2026

The 164th meeting (Emergent) of the Board of Management of the University was held in blended mode on 07.01.2026 at 02.30 p.m. in the Board Room, VCO Block, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068

The following were present:

1.	Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Vice-Chancellor	- Chairperson
2.	Shri Mrutyunjay Behera, JS (HE), MOE	- Joint Secretary, MOE (virtual)
3.	Prof. Meena Rajiv Chandawarkar	- Member (virtual)
4.	Shri K.A. Badarinath	- Member (virtual)
5.	Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das	- Member (virtual)
6.	Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti	- Member (virtual)
7.	Prof. Ashok Sharma	- Member (virtual)
8.	Prof. Deeksha Kapur	- Member
9.	Prof. Alka Dhameja	- Member
10.	Dr. V.P. Rupam	- Member
	Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Registrar, Admn.	- Secretary

The Secretary, Ministry of I & B, Shri Ram Shanker Kureel, Shri Milind Thatte and Shri Manish Sabharwal, Members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations.

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

At the outset, Prof. Jitendra Kumar Srivastava, Secretary, BOM/Registrar welcomed all the Members of the 164th 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 of Management. She especially welcomed Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, as newly appointed member of the BOM who was attending the meeting of the Board for the first time. The Chairperson gave brief introduction of Prof. Chakrabarti to the Board and introduced him to each member of the Board.

The Chairperson then informed that the Emergent meeting of the Board of Management was convened primarily to consider some urgent time bound matters.

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 110th meeting held on January 07, 2026 including the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the Financial Year 2024-25**

BM 164.1.1 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 110th meeting held on January 07, 2026. The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

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 110th Meeting considered the Annual Accounts of the University for the year 2024-25 audited by the CAG and recommended for approval of the Board of Management. A copy of Minutes of the Finance Committee is placed at **Appendix**.

BM 164.1.2 After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the 110th Finance Committee at its meeting held on 07.01.2026. The Board specifically approved the Audited Annual Accounts of the University for the financial year 2024-25 and 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 2025-26 and Budget Estimates for FY 2026-27.

Item No. 2 **To consider the proposal to surrender Gyan Vani FM Radio Station at Madurai**

BM 164.2.1 The Item was taken up for consideration. The Board while considering the recommendations of the Technical Purchase Recommendation Committee (TPRC) approved the proposal to surrender Gyan Vani FM Radio Station at Madurai keeping in view the current operational status, the expenditure incurred on Prasar Bharati Licensing fee, infrastructure rental cost and WPC licensing fee etc. for FM station vis-a-vis its reach to the learner community and also the old transmitter, non-availability of OEM support, high expenditure and its very narrow reach to the learner community.

Item No. 3 **To consider the Report of the Committee constituted to have an on-the-spot assessment, inquire into the veracity of the complaints received against academic staff, non-academic staff, part-time functionaries, Learner Support Centres (LSCs) and associated academic activities and work centres attached with Regional Centre Patna**

BM 164.3.1 The item was taken up for consideration. It was informed that the University had received certain complaints regarding mismanagement at some Learning Support Centres and the Regional Centre Patna. The Vice Chancellor had constituted a Committee to have an on the spot assessment, inquire into the veracity of the complaints received against academic staff, non-academic staff, part-time functionaries, Learner Support Centres (LSCs) and associated academic activities and work centres attached with RC Patna. The Committee met on 25.08.2025, 17.10.2025 and 30.10.2025 and collected the basic inputs on the issue and also visited RC Patna on 11-13th November 2025. The key observations and recommendations of the Committee on Regional Centre Patna, IGNOU LSCs at RC Patna, Work Centre at MEDI, Term End Exam centres and on IGNOU employees posted at Regional Centre, Patna were placed before the Board.

BM 164.3.2 The Board considered the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee and directed the following:

(1) A Senior Regional Director be posted at Regional Centre Patna immediately to look into the irregularities and to start sorting things out within a time frame.
(2) Concerned staff of Regional Centre Patna who were found responsible for irregularities be transferred.
(3) A Nodal Officer may be appointed from IGNOU Hqrs. to monitor all the activities of RC Patna on regular intervals in consultation with the Director, RSD.

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.

Uma Kanjilal 7/1/26
(Uma Kanjilal)
Chairperson