

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2003 AT
11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, BLOCK - 8,
IGNOU CAMPUS, MAIDAN GARHI, NEW DELHI - 110 068.**

The following were present:

- (1) Prof. H.P. Dikshit, Vice-Chancellor - Chairman
- (2) Shri D.C. Pant
- (3) Prof. N.R.M. Menon
- (4) Dr. N.S. Ramegowda
- (5) Prof. N.K. Ambasht
- (6) Shri Y.N. Chaturvedi
- (7) Prof. C.L. Anand
- (8) Prof. Manohar Lal
- (9) Prof. B.S. Saraswat
- (10) Dr. C.K. Ghosh

Shri Vikram Chandra, Registrar - Secretary

Shri S.P. Gaur, Joint Secretary, MHRD attended the meeting on behalf of
Shri S.K. Tripathi, Secretary, MHRD.

Shri Pawan Chopra, Secretary, MOI&B, Shri J. Veeraraghavan, Dr. H.C.
Pandey and Shri L.N. Jhunjhunwala could not attend the meeting.

Prof. S.C. Garg, Pro Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU attended the meeting as a
Special Invitee.

Shri T.K. Kaul, Assistant Registrar (VCO), was present to assist the
Chairman.

Before taking up the agenda items, the Chairman welcomed the members
to the 74th Meeting of the Board of Management. The commencement of
proceedings of the meeting started with the presentation of the **PREAMBLE** by
the Chairman.

PREAMBLE

I have great pleasure in welcoming you all to the 74th meeting of the Board of Management and I place before you for your kind consideration and information certain observations, issues and plans to solicit your views, cooperation and support.

I am pleased to report that the 14th Convocation of the University was successfully organized on February 22, 2003. Our recommendations to the Visitor for award of the Degree of Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) (Honoris Causa) on Sir John Daniel and Padma Vibhushan Dr. K. Kasturirangan for the Degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) (Honoris Causa) were approved by the Visitor and the honorary degrees were conferred on them. Besides these, a total of 81,931 students received certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-graduate diplomas and post-graduate degrees.

In the last meeting I had briefly reported our concerns for declining enrolment of students in IGNOU. Several new initiatives and efforts were made meanwhile, and I have great pleasure in reporting to you today that in spite of the fact that nearly 55% of our students were in IT courses and there has been a decrease by nearly 50% in the number of such students (due to a general declining trend of enrollment in ICT courses in our country), our overall enrolment has gone up and we have nearly one million students in our system. Thus, it is satisfying to observe that IGNOU alone is providing education to nearly 10 percent of the total number of students in the country.

Our Programme of Disseminating knowledge through radio and television broadcasts is going ahead. Seven FM radio stations located in different parts of the country have already become functional and another 13 will be functional within the next few months. Three television channels under *Gyandarshan*, devoted exclusively to education, are being run by us from our studio in this campus as a collaborative initiative of IGNOU, MHRD and several leading institutions in the field of education in the country like IITs, NCERT, UGC and others. As the National University, we envisage a major future role for us and I am very pleased to inform you that as a follow up to a meeting convened under the Chairmanship of Prof. Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Science and Technology and Department of Ocean Development, Govt. of India, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has very recently decided to launch a dedicated satellite to provide extensive ICT support to meet the future requirements for education alone. **This is a path-breaking and visionary decision for which we would like to compliment the MHRD and ISRO.** This will be another major area of our future intervention in coordinating, sharing and developing necessary software to support learners at all levels. With these capabilities, we see an

important role for us in contributing meaningfully in supporting continuous upgradation of knowledge and skills in different sectors through lifelong learning to meet the challenges arising from tough competition and dynamic developments. In this connection, I would like to draw your kind attention to an important statement made by Dr. K. Kasturirangan Chairman ISRO during his visit to IGNOU on February 22, 2003.

"At the core, both ISRO and IGNOU share a common vision, which is to realize 'Educated India'. It is this vision that gave birth to our national space program; it is the one which inspired our young men and women to achieve unparalleled feats of excellence in space and again it is the same vision that presents the challenge of the highest order for current generation. In facing this challenge, symbiotic linkage between organizations such as ISRO and IGNOU is an inevitable necessity. IGNOU is a trailblazer, in the India's quest for establishing a knowledge-based society in the 21st century. It is more than an institution, it is a movement, for the cause of education and knowledge. Whether in reaching out to the vast multitudes of people, who are unable to access formal educational systems or in the integration of the best of knowledge and skills through national and global networking using the most advanced techniques, IGNOU's future role will be that of frontiers."

- Extracts from the address given by Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, ISRO during the 14th Convocation of IGNOU.

We have to realize that we are under serious scrutiny and watch, and although there is a general appreciation of ODL, still there is a small cross section of our society, which continues to doubt our ability and capability. Contrary to this, we may like to reproduce following extracts from the address of the Minister for HRD, Govt. of India delivered recently at the inauguration of Eklavya Channel on January 26, 2003.

“मैं इन्दिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय को इस बात के लिए बधाई देता हूँ कि वो जिस प्रगति से, जिस तेजी से इस प्रकार के आयोजनों को कर रहे हैं उससे देश की शिक्षा के लिए उनका बहुमूल्य योगदान हो रहा है। उसके लिए मैं उनको बधाई देता हूँ और विश्वविद्यालय के सभी प्राध्यापकों का और उन तमाम मित्रों का जो इसमें सहयोग दे रहे हैं उनका हार्दिक अभिनंदन करना चाहता हूँ कि वो इस काम को बड़े मनोयोग से करने में लगे हुए हैं।

दूसरी बात मुझे इस दिशा में ये भी कहनी है कि एक मानसिकता जो हमारे देश में घर कर रही है वो ये है कि शायद दूर शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता हमारे सामान्य विद्यालयों की तुलना में कम है। मेरा अनुभव यह नहीं है। मेरा अनुभव है कि यह शिक्षा कई बार विद्यालयीन शिक्षा से अधिक महत्वपूर्ण और गुणवत्ता वाली होती है। इसमें तो जिसकी रुचि है, जो पढ़ना चाहता है उसके लिए उपलब्ध है और वो ध्यान से मनोयोग से पढ़ सकता है, बार-बार पढ़ सकता है। और मनचाहे समय में पढ़ सकता है। सभी लोगों से विशेष कर मेरे सामने हमारे विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग के अध्यक्ष बैठे हुए हैं उनसे मैं ये अनुरोध करूँगा कि वो इस बात को देखें कि इस सर्व सुलभ शिक्षा के द्वारा दी गई उपाधियों और सामान्य शिक्षा जिसको हम फॉर्मल एजुकेशन कहते हैं उसके द्वारा दी गई उपाधियों में कोई अन्तर नहीं माना जाना चाहिए। दोनों में समानता हम जल्दी से जल्दी स्थापित करें।”

- Extracts from the Inaugural address of the HRM delivered on January 26, 2003.

In another inaugural address delivered at the Meeting of all the State Secretaries of Education convened by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India on January 29, 2003 the Minister for HRD again highlighted the capabilities and importance of education through distance mode as follows:

“मेरा एक सुझाव ये है कि आप अपने-अपने राज्यों में इस बारे में गंभीरता से विचार करें। दूर पद्धति से जो भी शिक्षा दी जा सकती है उसको कैसे अधिक से अधिक उपयोग में लाएँ। अभी 26 तारीख को हमने तकनीकी शिक्षा का भी चैनल “एकलव्य” के नाम से शुरू किया और उसमें तकनीकी शिक्षा पूरी तौर पर दी जा सकेगी। बाकी ज्ञानदर्शन के अर्न्तगत कई अन्य टेलीविजन चैनल आपके लिए उपलब्ध हैं। ज्ञानवाणी के अर्न्तगत कई FM Radio Channels भी उपलब्ध हैं।

- Extracts from the Inaugural address of the HRM delivered on January 29, 2003.

ये लोगों की मन की भावना दूर होनी चाहिए कि जो कुछ **Distance Education** से है वह **sub-standard** है वो ठीक नहीं है। जो कुछ सामान्य विश्वविद्यालय में बैठकर पढ़ाया जा रहा है, वही ठीक है। दूर-दृष्टि और दूर-व्यवस्था से जो पढ़ता है वो अपने हिसाब से पढ़ता है तो उससे उसकी प्रकृति और प्रवृत्ति अलग है। वो नहीं जा पा रहा है इसलिए पढ़ता है। इसलिए ये न माना जाए कि ये निम्न स्तर का है और वो उच्च है।”

- Extracts from the address of HRM in the Meeting of all the State Secretaries of Education convened by the Ministry on January 29, 2003.

Complementing the success of ODLS in our country Sir John Daniel ADG, UNESCO and former Vice Chancellor of the UKOU observed as follows on February 22, 2003.

"The Indira Gandhi National Open University is leading this revolution in higher education, which is why I am so proud to be here. This revolution means that in higher education big is now beautiful. I was delighted to see that in the PowerPoint slide presentation about the University the first slide says 'IGNOU – the World's Largest University'. That is a wonderful achievement. Even more importantly, you have not only made higher education available to more people, you have brought learning to people who could not previously aspire to it because of where they live or who they are. Your success does not end there. You have also raised the quality of higher education, not just at IGNOU and in the open universities, but across all of higher education. Because of the scale and diversity of your academic and professional programmes, you are India's largest producer of quality academic material and this material now improves the quality of teaching and learning in all universities. The Government of India, more than any other government in the world, has recognised this by putting the expansion of distance education at the heart of its policy. Operating a university of this massive size is a major academic, managerial and administrative challenge. I congratulate the Board of Management, the Vice-Chancellor and the staff for the modern and effective way in which they run IGNOU, not the least challenge being the increased annual enrolment targets that you have to meet. However, as I said earlier, big is beautiful and bigger is even more beautiful. That is why IGNOU is leading the 21st century revolution in higher education."

In response to a decision taken at the meeting of Heads of States of SAARC Countries, we conducted a two-day conference of Heads of Distance Education Institutions of SAARC countries in collaboration with the External Affairs Ministry, Govt. of India and SAARC Secretariat in November 2002. The conference led to the setting up of the SAARC Consortium of Open and Distance Learning (SACODiL) to be set up in IGNOU for a period of 3 years with the Vice-Chancellor, IGNOU as the Chairman of the first Board of Governors of SACODiL for a period of 3 years. A copy of the minutes of the deliberations is enclosed as **Appendix – 1**.

Besides our collaboration with WIPO, Geneva, the MHRD has recently approved our proposal to set up a National Resource Centre for IPR Education and Research through Distance mode, which is being placed as a separate item in this meeting.

We also need to give greater focus to train the agriculture workers which contribute to 70% of employment in our country. This sector is being handled mainly by small farmers with poor skills. We can foresee a new area of our meaningful intervention by combining teleconferencing, radio counseling, television broadcast systems now

available with us for extensive use for ODLS in the country. We have pleasure in informing the BOM about a favourable response from Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) to use distance education mode for agriculture extension programmes in collaboration with IGNOU. We seek the approval of the BOM to take further steps in this direction including launching of a new channel for agriculture education, extension and rural development in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India and ICAR. A copy of a proposed document for our future intervention is enclosed as **Appendix – 2**.

Peer Review Committee Meeting

IGNOU is a National Open University. It is a national resource centre which has to provide leadership, set up a role model and promote quality distance education. Following the general practice of continuous assessment and accreditation of such systems, which are unique and of national significance and importance, the BOM in the 73rd meeting constituted a committee for Peer Review of the system under the Chairmanship of Prof. G.C. Pande, President-cum-Chairman, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. The other members of the committee were to be appointed in consultation with the Chairman. We are pleased to mention that the following committee has been constituted for peer review:

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| 1. | Prof. G.C. Pande, President-cum-Chairman, IIAS, Shimla | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Prof. S.K. Khanna, Former Chairman, AICTE, Delhi | - | Member |
| 3. | Prof. T.M. Srinivasan, Former Dean of Faculty, IIT, Kanpur | - | Member |
| 4. | Prof. B.P. Khandelwal, Director, NIEPA, Delhi | - | Member |
| 5. | Prof. C.L. Anand, Former Vice-Chancellor, Arunachal University. | - | Member |

Shri D.C. Pant, Pro-Vice Chancellor, IGNOU to assist the committee.

The first meeting of the committee has already been held and the peer review work has already started.

As you know, IGNOU is a vibrating system, which has attracted a lot of interest from some of the finest institutions in the country and Governments abroad. The University was visited by Minister level delegations from the Governments of Uzbekistan, Armenia and Malaysia. Another delegation from Government of Afganistan also visited us. In general MOCs precede signing of Memorandum of Understanding, which show joint interest and possibilities of collaboration. We generally bring MOCs for approval of the BOM when we are sure of outputs of a successful collaboration. Proposal for collaboration and cooperation with other governments is in the process of formalization.

South Asia Foundation (SAF), which is a non-government organization promoting the cause of education and development in SAARC countries has also approached IGNOU for the development of 2 programmes, each of 4 credits, with a total financial support of US\$ 36,000. We intend to respond positively to this request.

On a request received from Foreign Service Institution (FSI), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (copy enclosed as **Appendix – 3**) we just started preliminary discussions on possible collaboration between FSI and IGNOU. We wish to explore further the possibilities for future collaboration.

Deutsche Welle is a well-known organization in Germany and we have received license from them to telecast software developed by Deutsche Welle for a period of 2 years (till April 2004). I place before you the letter (copy enclosed as **Appendix – 4**) of intent received from Deutsche Welle regarding development of the DW's training centre in collaboration and cooperation with DWFZ and IGNOU for meeting the training requirements of staff members, experts of government, public and private radio and television organizations, etc. located in developing countries. As mentioned in the communication, DWFZ is a department of the broadcaster Deutsche Welle, which receives its mandate and the major share of its funds from the Government of Germany.

The Khadi Village & Industries Commission (KVIC) has shown keen interest in developing linkages with IGNOU for training of rural artisans. An MOU to be signed with KVIC is in the process of finalization. After finalizing the formalities, an MOU is proposed to be signed sometime in the month of March 2003.

At the end of his preamble, the Vice-Chancellor and the members of the Board congratulated Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon who has been honoured with 'Padmashri' award and Prof. N.K. Ambasht, who has been honoured with an award of 'Centenarian Sewa Ratna'.

The Board of Management considered the various issues arising from the preamble of the Vice-Chancellor. The Board appreciated the efforts being made by the University and endorsed the MOUs/MOCs and proposed plans and initiatives for further action which may be needed to implement the proposals mentioned in the preamble. While appreciating the proposed collaboration with RCP Narohana Academy of Administration of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Board desired that similar possibilities should be explored for collaboration with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussorie and similar other organizations. It was also suggested that the University should explore the possibility of making the Gyan Darshan programmes also available through cable operators. The Board also decided that in view of the growing significance of Gyan Vani and Gyan Darshan, Electronic Media Production Centre of IGNOU should be supervised by one of the Pro-Vice Chancellors for its more effective functioning across the different units of the University and beyond.

The agenda items were then taken up and the following decisions were arrived at:

ITEM NO. 1

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 73RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2002 AND TO NOTE THE ACTION TAKEN THEREON

BM 74.1.1

Minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the Board held on October 25, 2002 were taken up for confirmation. It was brought to the notice of the Board that after circulating the Minutes, the University received comments from Joint Secretary, Ministry of HRD vide D.O. letter No. F.5-102/2002-Desk (U)(A) dated 9-12-2002 which was duly responded by the Vice-Chancellor through his D.O. Letter No.IG/Admen(G)/BM-73/2002/1195 dated 19-12-2002.

BM 74.1.2

With regard to the decision taken by the Board of Management under Item No. 10 on the recommendations of the Establishment Committee for appointment of persons after the age of 65 years, it was suggested that while the University has noted the observations of the Ministry on the issue, since the Open and Distance Learning system is still in its infancy, and is growing very fast the University may need experts and experienced functionaries managing the student support services in the system to be retained or to be employed even after this age. Thus, the University may under extremely special circumstances employ or retain the services of experts/functionaries even after attaining the age of 65 years on such terms and conditions as the Board may permit and for such specific job as the Board may decide.

BM 74.1.3

Comments were also received from Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Member regarding Item No.BM 73.18.1 and BM 73.25. The Board noted the following corrections as proposed by the member and resolved to incorporate the same:

- (i) BM 73.18.1 – The words “offered by LIC” be included after “proposal” in the first line of resolution.
- (ii) Item No. 25 - Three suggestions (i), (ii) and (iii) were put-forth for consideration of the

Board as given in agenda notes. The Board, however, approved the alternative (i) with inclusion of the word "favourable" under Clause (c) as given below:

- (i) (a)
- (b)
- (c) Based on the **favourable** recommendations of the Committee, the Vice-Chancellor may place the matter before the Board of Management for its consideration and approval whether or not to renew the term of appointment of the incumbent.

BM 74.1.4

The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Board of Management and noted the action taken thereon. A copy of the Statement giving the schedule on revision of courses was circulated for information of the members. Shri Gaur appreciated the seriousness with which the University took action on the observations conveyed by the Ministry of HRD.

ITEM NO. 2

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE - CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING DR. PANJAB SINGH AS PROFESSOR UNDER STATUTE 13(1).

BM 74.2.1

The Board noted with appreciation the initiative under taken by the University for establishment of the School of Agriculture in pursuance to the decision taken by the Board in its last meeting and ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing Prof. Panjab Singh as a Professor in the University under Statute 13(1) and in fixing his pay in accordance with the Pay Fixation Rules of Government of India as adopted by the University as also in providing residential accommodation commensurate with his status.

BM 74.2.2

On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, the Board approved the appointment of Prof. Panjab Singh as Director, Centre for Extension Education, with immediate effect for a period of three years or till he attains the age of 62 years whichever is earlier.

ITEM NO. 3

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN SANCTIONING EXTRA-ORDINARY LEAVE (EOL) TO DR. R. NANDYAL, READER IN ENGLISH AND DR. RAKESH VATS, READER IN HINDI

BM 74.3.1

The Board ratified the action by the Vice-Chancellor in sanctioning Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to Dr. R. Nandyal, Reader in English for a period of one year with effect from 3-1-2003 and Dr. Rakesh Vats, Reader in Hindi for a period of two years with effect from 26-12-2002 (AN) to enable them to take up assignments in Taiz University, Yeman and Beijing University, China, respectively.

ITEM NO. 4

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN ENTRUSTING THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION TO PROF. B.S. SARASWAT, DIRECTOR, ACADEMIC COORDINATION

BM 74.4.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in entrusting the additional charge of the post of Director, Planning & Development Division to Prof. B.S. Saraswat, Director, Academic Coordination, temporarily, with effect from 23-1-2003.

ITEM NO. 5

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR IN APPOINTING THE DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF COMPUTER & INFORMATION SCIENCES

BM 74.5.1

The Board ratified the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in appointing the following Directors of Schools from the dates mentioned against each :

S.No.	Name of the Professor	Director of the School	Period of Appointment
01.	Prof. Gracious Thomas	School of Continuing Education	From 1.1.2003 to 31.12.2005
02.	Prof. Manohar Lal	School of Computer and Information Sciences	From 3.1.2003 until further orders.

ITEM NO. 6**TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY AGAINST THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED IN THE RECRUITMENT OF JATS IN THE YEAR 1995-96****BM 74.6.1**

The Board ratified the action taken by the University, on the recommendations of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) against the following officers involved in the irregularities committed in the recruitment of JATs in the year 1995-96 as under:

S.No	Name of the Officer	Punishment
1.	Shri K. Laxman, Joint Registrar	Reduction of pay to lower stage (by one stage) in the time scale, from Rs.18,200 to Rs.17,750 for a period of three years and six months with effect from 30-12-2002. The official will earn increments during the period of reduction.
2.	Shri Jagdish Singh, Section Officer	Reduction of pay to lower stage (by two stages) in the time scale, from Rs.8,500 to Rs.8,100 for a period of three years and six months with effect from 30-12-2002. The official will earn increments during the period of reduction.

BM 74.6.2

In so far as the action in the case of Shri M.S. Chauhan, ex-Assistant Registrar is concerned, the Board noted that the files/papers were called for by the Ministry of HRD and the action will be taken as may be advised by the Ministry.

ITEM NO. 7**TO REPORT THE MATTER OF EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF DEPUTATION IN RESPECT OF SHRI VIKRAM CHANDRA, FINANCE OFFICER****BM 74.7.1**

The Board noted the grant of extension in the period of deputation in respect of Shri Vikram Chandra, IA&AS, Finance Officer for a further period of three months till 31st March, 2003.

BM 74.7.2

The Board also noted that Shri Vikram Chandra has been holding additional charge of the post of the Registrar

since 19th November, 2001. It was decided that the charge of the post of the Registrar be entrusted to Prof. A.S. Narang, Professor, School of Social Sciences with immediate effect.

BM 74.7.3

The Board placed on record its appreciation for the services rendered by Shri Vikram Chandra as Finance Officer since 14-12-1998 (AN) and additionally as Registrar since November, 19, 2001.

ITEM NO. 8

TO RATIFY THE ACTION TAKEN ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CADRE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT ON ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION CENTRE (EMPC)

BM 74.8.1

The Board considered the recommendations made by the Committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to consider the report of the Cadre Review Committee of the Electronic Media Production Centre (EMPC) in its meeting held on 10th January, 2003 as contained in **Appendix - 5**, and ratified the action taken by the University in initiating the process of filling of the vacant posts, in compliance with the decision of the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi in respect of CWP 3122/98.

ITEM NO. 9

TO REPORT FOR APPROVAL THE SANCTION OF THE PROJECT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

BM 74.9.1

The Board noted the sanction received to establish the Distance Learning Resource Centre for Intellectual Property Rights and the grant of Rs.76.5 Lakhs from the Ministry of HRD (BP & Copyright Division), Government of India for the purpose. The Board decided that this should be developed as a National Centre for Intellectual Property Right is an important and emerging area.

ITEM NO. 10**TO REPORT ON 14TH CONVOCATION HELD ON
FEBRUARY 22, 2003****BM 74.10.1**

The Board noted with appreciation the Report on the 14th Convocation of the University held on February 22, 2003, at the University Headquarters and at its Regional Centres, simultaneously.

BM 74.10.2

The Board also noted with pleasure the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) on Sir John Daniel, Assistant Director General, UNESCO, Paris and degree of Doctor of Science, (Honoris Causa), on Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chairman, ISRO.

ITEM NO. 11**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT
TO CLAUSE (6) OF STATUTE 1 OF THE
STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY****BM 74.11.1**

The Board approved the amendment to Clause (6) of Statute 1 of the Statutes of the University as indicated below and resolved to forward it to the Visitor for his assent:

Existing provision	Proposed amendment	Provision after amendment
(6) If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he is unable to perform his duties due to ill health or any other cause, the senior-most Pro-Vice-Chancellor, shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, and if there is no Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Senior-most Director shall perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor until the new Vice-Chancellor assumes his office or until the existing Vice-Chancellor attends to the duties of his office, as the case may be .	Add the words 'Professor from amongst the Directors of the Schools' after word senior most and delete the word 'Director' after the word senior most.	(6) If the office of the Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant due to death, resignation or otherwise, or if he is unable to perform his duties due to ill health or any other cause, the senior-most Pro-Vice-Chancellor, shall perform the duties of the Vice-Chancellor, and if there is no Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Senior-most Professor from amongst Directors of the Schools shall perform the functions of the Vice-Chancellor until the new Vice-Chancellor assumes his office or until the existing Vice-Chancellor attends to the duties of his office, as the case may be .

ITEM NO. 12

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE
AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS TO THE
PROVISIONS OF –**

(a) CLAUSE (6) OF STATUTE 5

(b) CLAUSES (1)(VII) & (X) OF STATUTE 9; AND

**(c) CLAUSES (1)(V) & (VI) OF STATUTE 10
CONCERNING THE POSITION OF
REGISTRAR ON VARIOUS AUTHORITIES.**

BM 74.12.1

The Board approved the amendment to Clause (6) to Statute 5, Clauses (1)(vii) and (x) of Statute 9, and Clause (1)(v) and (vi) of Statute 10 of the Statutes of the University as indicated below and resolved to forward it to the Visitor for his assent:

Existing provision	Proposed amendment	Provision after amendment
<p><u>Statute 5(6):</u> Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be</p> <p>(i) the Secretary to Board of Management;</p> <p>(ii) the Member Secretary of the Academic Council;</p> <p>(iii) the Member-Secretary of the Planning Board.</p>	<p>Delete the words, 'the ' and ' Secretary' under Clause (ii) & (iii)</p>	<p><u>Statute 5(6)</u></p> <p>Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be :</p> <p>(i) the Secretary to the Board of Management;</p> <p>(ii) Member of the Academic Council;</p> <p>(iii) Member of the Planning Board.</p>

Existing provision	Proposed amendment	Provision after amendment
<p>Statute 9 (vii)</p> <p>A Registrar, designated by the Board of Management shall be the Member-Secretary of the Academic Council</p>	<p>Statute 9 (vii)</p> <p>Existing provision be substituted by the following:</p> <p>“Director, Academic Coordination Division shall be the Member-Secretary of the Academic Council.</p> <p>Add a new Clause 9(x). Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be a member.</p>	<p>Statute 9 (vii)</p> <p>Director, Academic Coordination Division shall be the Member-Secretary of the Academic Council.</p> <p>(x) Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be a member.</p>

Existing provision	Proposed amendment	Provision after amendment
<p>Statute 10 -The Planning Board</p> <p>1(iv)Five persons who are not employees of the University, to be nominated by the Board of Management, for their expertise, one each of the following areas of specialization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Management; (b) Learned profession; (c) Education; (d) Distance Education; and (e) Commerce and Industry. 	<p>To add sub-Clauses (v) & (vi) after Sub-Clause (iv) as given hereunder:</p> <p>1(v)Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be a Member.</p> <p>1(vi) The Director, Planning & Development Division shall be the Member Secretary of the Planning Board.</p>	<p>Statute 10 -The Planning Board</p> <p>1(iv)Five persons who are not employees of the University, to be nominated by the Board of Management, for their expertise, one each of the following areas of specialization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Management; (b) Learned profession; (c) Education; (d) Distance Education; and (e) Commerce and Industry. <p>1(v)Such of the Registrars as is designated by the Board of Management shall be a Member.</p> <p>1(vi) The Director, Planning & Development Division shall be the Member Secretary of the Planning Board</p>

ITEM NO. 13**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO
STATUTE 4(1) AND STATUE 12(2) OF THE
STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY****BM 74.13.1**

The Board approved the amendment to Statute 4(1) and Statute 12(2) of the Statutes of the University as indicated below and recommended it to the Visitor for his assent:

Sl. No.	Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendment	Provision After amendment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	<p>Statute 4(1) - The Directors</p> <p>(1) Every Director shall be appointed by Board of Management on the recommendation of</p> <p>(i) the Vice Chancellor, in case the candidate to be appointed is already a teacher of the University; and</p> <p>(ii) a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose, in case the candidate to be appointed is from outside the University.</p> <p>“Provided that</p> <p>(a) A Director of a School shall be appointed from among the Professors of the School by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(b) The rotation of directorship among the disciplines of a school be kept in view while making the recommendation; and</p>	<p>The words ‘of a School’ from existing clause(c) be deleted and this clause be titled as (d). The following sub-clause be added as (c).</p> <p>"(c) The Director of STRIDE and the Director, Regional Services Division shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor from amongst the Professors in STRIDE and the Regional Directors in Professors' scale, respectively."</p>	<p>(1) Every Director shall be appointed by Board of Management on the recommendation of</p> <p>(i) the Vice Chancellor, in case the candidate to be appointed is already a Teacher of the University; and</p> <p>(ii) a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose as per the qualifications prescribed by the Board of Management in each case.</p> <p>“Provided that</p> <p>(a) A Director of a School shall be appointed from among the Professors of the School by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(b) The rotation of Directorship among the disciplines of a School be kept in view while making the recommendation; and</p>

<p>(c) a Director of a School shall hold office for a period of three years and that he shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p> <p>(2) Every Director shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University: Provided that one of the Directors shall be in charge of the administrative affairs of the teachers.</p> <p>(3) The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Director shall be prescribed by the Ordinances:</p> <p>Provided that a Director shall retire on attaining the age of sixty years.</p> <p>(4) A Director shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.</p>		<p>(c) The Director of STRIDE and the Director, Regional Services Division shall be appointed by the Board of Management on the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor from amongst the Professors in STRIDE and the Regional Directors in Professors scale, respectively."</p> <p>(d) a Director shall hold office for a period of three years and that he shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p> <p>(2) Every Director shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University: Provided that one of the Directors shall be in charge of the administrative affairs of the teachers.</p> <p>(3) The emoluments and other conditions of service of the Director shall be prescribed by the Ordinances:</p> <p>Provided that a Director shall retire on attaining the age of sixty two years. (*)</p> <p>(4) A Director shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.</p>
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Sl. No.	Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendment	Provision After amendment
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	<p>Statute 12(2) :</p> <p>(i) Each of the Selection Committees for appointment to the post of Professors, Readers, Lecturers, and the academic staff shall consist of the following members, namely:</p> <p>a) Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>b) A Pro-Vice Chancellor or the Director of the School concerned nominated by the Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>c) A person nominated by the Visitor; and</p> <p>d) Three Experts not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor in such manner as may be specified in the Ordinances.</p>	<p><u>Sub clause (b) be replaced by:</u></p> <p>(b) Pro-Vice Chancellor associated with the School/Division/Centre nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p><u>The following sub clause be added as (e)</u></p> <p>e) Director of the School/Division/Centre concerned/Professor of the Discipline nominated by the Vice-Chancellor</p>	<p>Statute 12(2):</p> <p>(i) Each of the Selection Committees for appointment to the post of Professors, Readers, Lecturers, and the academic staff shall consist of the following members, namely:</p> <p>a) Vice Chancellor;</p> <p>(b) Pro-Vice Chancellor associated with the School/ Division/Centre nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>c) A person nominated by the Visitor; and</p> <p>d) Three Experts not in the service of the University to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor in such manner as may be specified in the Ordinances;</p> <p>e) Director of the School/ Division/Centre concerned/Professor of the Discipline nominated by the Vice-Chancellor</p>

BM 74.13.2

It was clarified that under Statute 4, the appointment is made by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Selection Committee for Directors other than Directors of Schools and on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor for Directors of Schools from among Teachers on a well established system of rotation.

BM 74.13.3 (*)

The Board also took note of age of superannuation of Directors as 62 years as per Government of India Orders and approved the amendment to the relevant Clause.

ITEM NO. 14**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF (I) SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND (II) THE SCHOOL OF LAW AND AMENDMENT TO STATUTE 10A****BM 74.14.1**

The Board approved the proposal for establishment of the following Schools in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of IGNOU Act:

- (i) The School of Agriculture
- (ii) The School of Law

BM 74.14.2

The Board further approved the amendments to Statute 10A to accommodate the provisions of the two new Schools, to be placed at Sl.No.10 and 11 there under and resolved to obtain the assent of the Visitor, to the amendments to the Statute 10A as under.

Existing Clause	Proposed amendment	Clause after amendment
Statute 10A (1) The University shall have the following Schools of Studies, namely: 1. School of Humanities; 2. School of Social Sciences; 3. School of Sciences; 4. School of Education; 5. School of Continuing Education; 6. School of Engineering & Technology; 7. School of Management Studies; 8. School of Health Sciences; 9. School of Computer and Information Sciences; and 10. Such other Schools as may be set-up by the Statutes	Insert the following as Sl.No 10 and 11 after the deleting the word 'and' appearing against Sl.No. 9 and renumbering the existing Serial No. 10 as Sl.No. 12: "10. School of Agriculture 11. School of Law; and	Statute 10A (1) The University shall have the following Schools of Studies, namely: 1. School of Humanities; 2. School of Social Sciences; 3. School of Sciences; 4. School of Education; 5. School of Continuing Education; 6. School of Engineering & Technology; 7. School of Management Studies; 8. School of Health Sciences; 9. School of Computer and Information Sciences; 10. School of Agriculture 11. School of Law; and 12. Such other Schools as may be set-up by the Statutes

ITEM NO. 15

TO CONSIDER THE MATTER RELATING TO COMPLAINT ON PLAGIARISM OF TEXT MATERIAL

BM 74.15.1

The Board considered the matter relating to the complaint on plagiarism of text material by the faculty and desired that action in accordance with CCS/CCA Rules be initiated against Dr. R. Nandyal, Reader, School of Humanities and the Charge Sheet may be issued by the competent authority.

ITEM NO. 16

TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF A MEMBER ON THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL UNDER CLAUSE (1)(IV) OF STATUTE 9

BM 74.16.1

The Board approved the nomination of Prof. S.B. Ghosh on the Academic Council under Clause (1)(iv) of the Statute 9 of the Statutes of the University.

ITEM NO. 17

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE MADE VIDE ITS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2002

BM 74.17.1

The Board approved the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for Group 'A' officers made by the Committee in its meeting held on 10th December, 2002 to promote the following officers to the next higher post as shown against their names, with effect from the date on which they join their respective posts:

- (i) Shri N. Sundaram - Joint Registrar
- (ii) Shri M.S. Negi - Joint Registrar
- (iii) Shri Ashok Kumar - Joint Registrar
- (iv) Shri D.K. Tetri - Joint Registrar
- (v) Shri Ravi Mendiratta - Senior Software Engineer

BM 74.17.2

The Board also restored the post of Joint Registrar, hitherto held as Joint Director, MPDD.

ITEM NO. 18

**TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION
COMMITTEES FOR APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTORS/ PROFESSORS**

BM 74.18.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations made by the Selection Committees in meetings for appointment of Directors/Professors/Adjunct Professor and others, as under:

4th December, 2002

- (i) Promotion to the Post of Professor (SOHS) under CAS.

Dr. S.B. Arora, Reader – w.e.f. 17-08-2000

- (ii) Placement in Selection Grade (SOET) in Civil Engineering under CAS.

Shri S.K. Vyas, Lecturer w.e.f 4.8.2000

- (iii) Dr. Subhasis Maji was not promoted to the post of Professor in Mechanical Engineering (SOET) under CAS in accordance with the recommendation of Selection Committee.

14th January, 2003

- (i) Dr. H. Sudarshan was approved for appointment as Adjunct Professor in School of Health Sciences for a period of 3 years.

23rd February, 2003

- (i) Prof. Beena Shah was approved for appointment as Director, Planning & Development Division for an initial period of 3 years.
- (ii) Dr. Ved Goel, was approved for appointment with a basic pay of Rs.20,000 p.m. as the Director, International Division for a period of 3 years or until attaining the age of 62 years which ever is earlier.

24th February, 2003

- (i) Prof. B.S. Saraswat was approved for appointment as the Director, Academic Coordination Division for an initial period of 3 years.

25th February, 2003

- (i) The post of Professor in Mechanical Engineering (School of Engineering & Technology) could not be filled-up as none was found suitable by the Selection Committee.

ITEM NO. 19

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PURCHASE COMMITTEE MADE VIDE ITS 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH MEETINGS HELD ON 22-11-2002, 10-12-2002 AND 8-1-2003 RESPECTIVELY

BM 74.19.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Purchase Committee made vide its 27th, 28th and 29th Meetings held on 22-11-2002, 10-12-2002 and 8-1-2003 respectively.

BM 74.19.2

The Board specifically approved the following recommendations of the Purchase Committee:

- (i) **27th Meeting - Item No. 2** - Procurement of 14 Transmitters for Gyan Vani FM Radio Stations from M/s. Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) for Rs.5.53 Crores approximately.
- (ii) **28th Meeting – Item No. 2** – Purchase of Computers and Printers for Virtual Campus and North-East Projects and the EMPC from M/s. Samtech Infonet Ltd. and M/s. PCS Industries Ltd. for total value of Rs.2.51 Crores and Rs.1.25 Crores split in Tender-1 and Tender-2.
- (iii) **28th Meeting – Item No. 6** - To further negotiate the cost of Transmitters from M/s. Iberica De Components before opening of the L/C in their favour.

- (iv) **29th Meeting – Item No. 3** – Purchase of 14 Transmitters for Gyan Vani Stations from M/s. BEL at a cost of Rs.41,22,995/- per Transmitter with 5% Customs Duty payable on Rs.39,20,000/- per Transmitter only. (vide (i) above)
- (v) **29th Meeting – Item No. 5** – Purchase of 10 Diplexers under Gyan Vani Projects from M/s. Teracom at a cost of US\$ 4,34,300 (FOB).

ITEM NO. 20

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 11TH MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2003

BM 74.20.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Student Support Services Committee made in its 11th Meeting held on February 15, 2003.

BM 74.20.2

The Board noted the establishment of the Regional Centre at Raipur, Chhattisgarh and joining of Ms. Jaysree Menon Kurup, as Regional Director In-charge with effect from 6th January, 2003. The Board was informed that the negotiations are going on with the Union Ministry of Labour for establishment of a Regional Centre in the premises of one of their Training Institutes at Mumbai.

ITEM NO. 21

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE MADE IN ITS 33RD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2003

BM 74.21.1

The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee made in its 33rd Meeting held on February 27, 2003.

BM 74.21.2

The Board specifically approved the recommendations of the Establishment Committee with regard to the counting of the past services rendered by the following officials in their parent departments/organizations subject to conditions imposed by the Establishment Committee:

- (i) Shri Arjun Chawla, Chief Project Officer

- (ii) Shri O.P. Bangia, Assistant Registrar
- (iii) Mrs. Chuni Kaul, Assistant Registrar
- (iv) Mrs. Shanta Laxmi, Section Officer

BM 74.21.3

The Board also approved the redeployment of the Drivers as Jr. Assistant-cum-Typists subject to the fulfillment of the following eligibility conditions:

- (i) The Drivers with higher secondary/ equivalent qualifications shall be taken as JAT, initially.
- (ii) The seniority of the drivers in the JATs cadre, will be counted from the date of their switch over to the said cadre.
- (iii) They will carry the scale of pay granted to them, under the upward movement scheme which will be personal to them.
- (iv) They will become eligible for promotion as Assistants only according to their seniority in the cadre of JAT, fixed under Clauses (ii) above and only on fulfilling the prescribed eligibility conditions for such promotion.

ITEM NO. 22

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE NET QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

BM 74.22.1

The Board approved the incorporation of the NET qualifications for the post of Assistant Regional Directors/ Assistant Directors, provided that those who have submitted their Ph.D. Thesis by December, 2002 shall be exempted. It was also decided that as per UGC's circular for Lecturers, those candidates who submitted their Ph.D Theses before December 31, 2002 will also be eligible even if they are not NET qualified. The Board, however, desired that the University may initiate the process for formulating policy for conduct of examinations, in consultation/collaboration with UGC and consistent with the job requirements under the Open and Distance Learning System. The Vice-Chancellor may constitute a committee to examine the matter.

ITEM NO. 23

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DISCUSSION WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 23RD JANUARY, 2003, WHEN THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE COULD NOT BE HELD FOR WANT OF QUORUM

BM 74.23.1

This Item was taken up with the Item No. 27.

ITEM NO. 24

TO CONSIDER THE MOU TO BE SIGNED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN RESPECT OF THE INSTITUTIONS/ ORGANISATIONS INDICATED THEREIN

BM 74.24.1

The Board approved the following draft MoUs/Agreements/Memorandum of Collaboration to be signed / to be entered into by the University:

- (i) Agreement for institutional cooperation between the Candian Human Rights Commission, the National Human Rights Commission of India, and the Indira Gandhi National Open University (as nodal agency).
- (ii) Memorandum of Collaboration with RCVN Narohana Academy of Administration, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal.
- (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between IGNOU and NIC for Computer Literacy Programme in the North Eastern States of India.

ITEM NO. 25

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO DELEGATE THE POWER OF SANCTIONING CHARGE ALLOWANCE TO THE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR OFFICERS HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE

BM 74.25.1

The Board delegated the power for sanctioning Charge Allowance to the Vice-Chancellor in respect of officers entrusted with additional charge under FR 49.

ITEM NO. 26

TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO RECTIFY THE DESIGNATION OF DR. W.A. KHAN WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 5-5-2000

BM 74.26.1

The Board approved the proposal to rectify the designation of Dr. W.A. Khan as 'Programme Officer' in place of 'Producer' which was inadvertently recorded in the Minutes of the meeting of the Selection Committee held on 5-5-2000.

ITEM NO. 27

TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO M/S. VIVID INDIA ADVERTISING AND MARKETING AGENCY TOWARDS FABRICATION OF A TABLEAU FOR REPUBLIC DAY PARADE, 26TH JANUARY, 2003

BM 74.27.1

The Board was apprised regarding payments to be made by the IGNOU for the Republic Day Tableau. The work for the preparation of tableau from the concept design stage was assigned to IGNOU by the Ministry of HRD. The Ministry selected the name of the agency to whom the work was to be awarded. After deliberating on the issue, the Board suggested that the University may evolve a procedure to release the payments to the agency. In this connection, the Board also noted that the Republic Day tableau on behalf of Ministry of HRD for the year 2001 was prepared by Educational Consultants of India Ltd. (EdCIL). As such, the University may work out the reasonable cost for the designing and construction of tableau on the basis of the payments released by EdCIL last year.

BM 74.27.2

The Board also decided that the University should discuss with the tableau maker to arrive at reasonable cost which should not exceed 10% of the amount paid by EdCIL for the tableau of the year 2001 and release the negotiated cost as final payment.

ITEM NO. 28

**TO CONSIDER THE MATTER REGARDING
BEHAVIOUR OF DR. M.V. LAKSHMI REDDY,
LECTURER (SENIOR SCALE) IN EDUCATION**

BM 74.28.1

The Board went through the details relating to the behaviour of Dr. M.V. Lakshmi Reddy, Lecturer (Senior Scale) in Education and resolved that disciplinary action in accordance with the CCS (CCA) Rules be initiated, and the Charge Sheet be issued by the competent authority.

ITEM NO. 29

**TO APPRISE THE FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE
ISSUE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART-B
SCALES IN RESPECT OF COMPUTER
OPERATORS, JUNIOR ENGINEERS, ETC.**

BM 74.29.1

The Board noted the continued follow up action being taken by the University in the matter of implementation of Part-B Scales in respect of Computer Operators, Junior Engineers, etc. and strongly desired that the Ministry of Human Resource Development may expedite the approval of the proposal in the interest of the University.

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

H.P. DIKSHIT